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THE INSPIRED (AND INSPIRING) SCRIPTURES

by General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe

John Wesley, writing on the inspiration of the Bible, gave two conclusive proofs that the Scriptures were inspired of God.

1. They could not be the invention of good men or angels, for they neither would nor could make a book and tell lies all the time they were writing it, saying, "thus sayeth the Lord," when it was their own invention.

2. They could not be an invention of bad men or devils, for they would not make a book that commands all duty, forbids all sin, and condemns their souls to hell in all eternity.

Therefore, reasoned Mr. Wesley, they must be divinely inspired.

St. Paul knew this to be so. And because it was true, he fearlessly declared that men everywhere could trustingly follow its teachings. What other book is there that can "make thee wise unto salvation," teach doctrine, reprove and correct, and instruct in righteousness?

Moreover, the Scriptures are an indispensable help to finding a holy heart and maintaining a holy life—"that the man of God may be perfect" (2 Timothy 3:17). Even as we are led into the gracious experience of entire sanctification through scriptural teaching, we shall be able to live the consistent, consecrated life of Christian perfection only as we are steeped in the Word of God.

The Psalmist, David, realized from bitter experience

that one must have God's Word closer than the bookshelf or the library table. It must be written upon the tablets of the heart if it is to give instant aid for immediate needs. "But I cannot memorize scripture," someone says. In the longest chapter in the Bible (Psalm 119) David gives some advice from his own life on committing God's Word to memory.

First, "I will meditate in thy precepts" (verse 15). Meditation takes time. But you cannot find one great Christian who has not deliberately made time for private devotions. Someone asked C. A. Tindley the secret of the building of his great 7,000-member congregation in Philadelphia. Said Tindley, "I have made it the rule of my life to be in my study every morning at five o'clock for two hours of meditation in the Word and prayer. That is the secret!"

Second, "I will not forget thy word" (verse 16). Quote and requote the promises. The finest silver tarnishes with disuse. The sharpest sword keeps its edge only by constant whetting. If you have not been working at the job of scripture memorization, why not begin today?

The Bible is a personal letter from your Heavenly Father. Treasure it above every earthly possession. Hide its truths and promises away daily in the secret closet of memory. It will make this day and every day a better day. □



by MORRIS CHALFANT

Wallace Speers, a businessman, was standing in New York's Penn Station one Friday afternoon when an unshaven ex-convict walked up to him and said, "You look friendly," and proceeded to tell him the sad story of his life.

When he finished, he looked at Mr. Speers for a moment. "Will you do something for me?" he asked. "You know, there's not a soul in the world who cares if I live or die. Would you mind thinking about me for a couple of weeks? If I could know there was someone somewhere thinking about me as a human being, why—it would be worth a million dollars to me."

With that, the man slipped into the crowd. Mr. Speers started after him, but the man had disappeared.

"I've been haunted by that man's loneliness ever since," Mr. Speers later told a friend. "How many others there must be like him, lonely and unloved, in the crowds we see every day!"

The desire to feel someone cares about you is not peculiar to a lonely man in a railroad station. It haunts all of us—from the little boy watching his classmates choose up sides for a game in the schoolyard to the old man in the sanitarium who rolls his wheelchair over to the window during visiting hours to see if that hoped-for car will turn in the driveway. Deep within each of us is the continuing hope that someone somewhere really cares.

Fanny Edna Stafford listened intently to her pastor's sermon. A sentence in his message went like an arrow to her heart: "The great need of this weary world is to know that somebody cares and understands!"

Late that Sunday night the pastor's message lingered in her thoughts. So deeply impressed was she with the thought of God's love and concern for His children that she resolved to put the truth into a poem.

God Really CARES

That night and the following day she wrote her poem "Somebody Cares":

*Somebody knows when your heart aches,
And everything seems to go wrong;
Somebody knows when the shadows
Need chasing away with a song.
Somebody knows when you're lonely,
Tired, discouraged, and blue;
Somebody wants you know Him,
And know that He dearly loves you.*

We have a High Priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses (Hebrews 4:15, NIV). God understands the broken heart. Has tragedy struck like lightning? Have all the moorings been broken, casting you adrift at the mercy of the angry waves? Is your heart wounded and bleeding? God understands whether you are weak or strong, when you are right or when you are wrong.

Wilfred Grenfell, the great medical missionary to Labrador, tells of a day when he saw a fishing vessel with a distress signal flying. He put out a boat and found an 18-year-old girl on the schooner, who had shipped aboard as a cook. A few days earlier she had given birth prematurely to a baby boy and was at the point of death.

Dr. Grenfell saw that medical help could not save her. Her life was slipping away. He spoke to her gently of the Christ who said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," and she found the peace that passes all understanding.

He said, "We laid her tenderly away on a headland jutting out into the Atlantic, and from its summit one could see far across the restless waves. Over the grave I planted a rude wooden cross on which were carved the compassionate words of Jesus, 'Neither do I condemn thee.'"

Jesus suffered for us and endured many sore afflictions while here in the flesh. He is keenly aware of our temptations and the cruel trials that pierce us to the quick. Knowing "how it feels," He will ever keep His loving promise, "I will not leave you comfortless."

Christ is willing to accept you at your best or at your worst. God understands you. He will lift your burden with the tender hand of love.

*Jesus knows all about our struggles;
He will guide till the day is done.
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus.
No, not one! no, not one!* □

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AWAKENED

I was awakened by your August 15 article "Pornography: We Are All Victims."

I decided the problem with the *Herald of Holiness* is that it is read mostly by Christian people. This year when I renew my subscription, I will buy a subscription for at least one unsaved person, and I challenge your readers to do the same.

*Shirley Bernier
Preston, Connecticut*

EDITORIAL COMMENDED

Please let me congratulate you on your excellent editorial on page 17

of the September 1, 1986, issue of the *Herald of Holiness*. Under the title, "Dress Addressed," you wrote the best brief treatment of the subject I have ever read. It was a very timely, up-to-date handling of a significant matter for Nazarenes to consider. May it be a guiding star for many readers.

*Ralph Earle
Kansas City, Missouri*

WELLMAN APPRECIATED

I wonder if anyone else appreciated Wendell Wellman's three articles on "tongues" as I did. They were simple, practical presentations of truth and logic that should help

any Christian struggling with the issue, and most do at one time or another.

I want to thank Rev. Wellman. I'm using his articles as part of my resource material for a Sunday School class where the issue came up, and I felt it needed to be handled. We set aside our regular curriculum for three Sundays, and Wellman's articles were the basis for my outline.

*Nina Beegle
Kansas City, Missouri*

DISTASTEFUL ARTICLE

I feel it is my Christian responsibility to write and let you know how

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AT THE ALTAR WAS CROWDED

by J. WILMER LAMBERT

My first altar was a plank borrowed from the lumberyard. I knelt on some straw that was strewn over the grass. I shall never forget that altar. It remains a sacred memory. At the close of the tent meeting, the plank was returned to the lumberyard, but now it had been stained with tears, some of those stains were mine.

The first altar was crowded. It was crowded with praying people. Some of them were seekers like myself and others were pray-ers who had come to help us find victory.

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Recently in a church where I had just preached, I knelt to pray with seekers at the altar. This altar was also crowded. In fact, it was hard to find a comfortable place to kneel. The flower stand and the monitor speakers were in the way and had to be pushed aside. The mikes for the singing group were also in the way. I stood up to go to the other end of the altar to pray with a young man, and the Communion table, which was being used as a sacramental altar, blocked my path. The altar was crowded all right, but crowded with things.

Every church should take a look at its altar and consider its purpose, its use, and its prominence. The altar used to be considered a mourner's bench where seekers prayed and wept their way to victory.

Church furniture manufacturers are selling us Communion rails that are really not functional for our use.

The altar should be the focal point of our worship. We need to guard the sacredness of the altar. It can be violated by enthusiasm for programming or by our desire for aesthetic beauty. Seekers praying while draped over the altar are far more beautiful than flowing ferns and leftover funeral flowers.

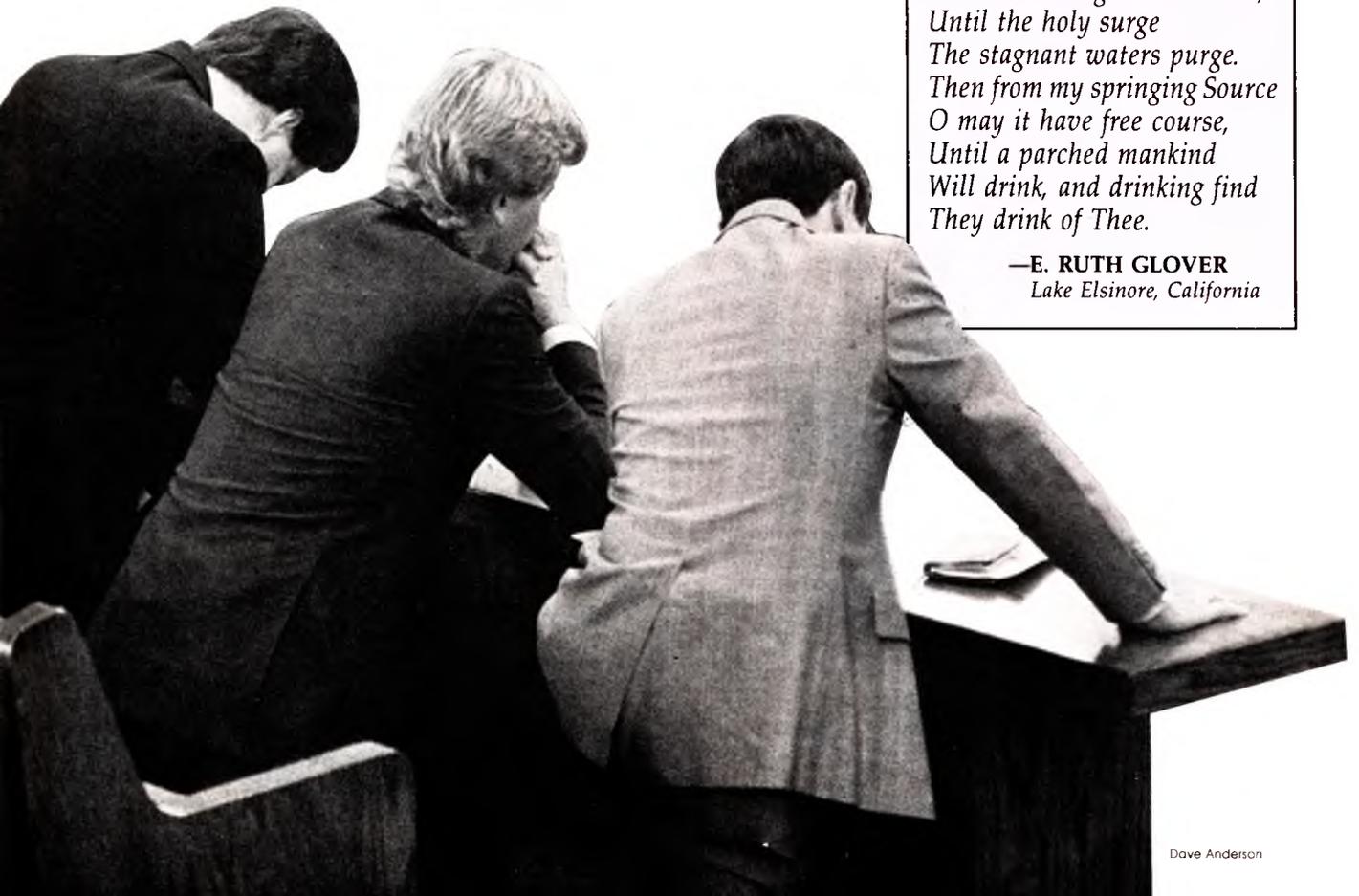
Yes, I like crowded altars, but the crowded condition should be from praying people and not from furniture and things.

Thank God for a church with an altar where sinners find God and people can make life-changing commitments. The altar is placed in front of the church, just below the pulpit. What an ideal place for God and man to come together. □

Artesian Well

*O Lord, the river deep in me—
So silent and so still—
Cause it to overflow
And rising, let it go until
The stream runs free.
O Lord, unstop the well
Until the living waters swell,
Until the holy surge
The stagnant waters purge.
Then from my springing Source
O may it have free course,
Until a parched mankind
Will drink, and drinking find
They drink of Thee.*

—E. RUTH GLOVER
Lake Elsinore, California



Keep in Step with the Spirit

by JOHN W. MAY



As a boy I enjoyed walking with a brother-in-law. He was tall, erect, and walked with long strides. He taught me how to lengthen my stride, swing my arms, and to keep in step. That is what Paul exhorted the Galatian believers to do when he said, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25). The NIV puts it, "Let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Beyond the crisis of sanctification is a daily walk with God. Holy people are not to weave, wobble, or wash out. If we live in the Spirit, it must show in our faith and practice.

To keep in step is to mind the checks of the Spirit. The word *walk* means to form a line, keep in step, march. The highway of holiness has many exits and beckoning secondary roads that must be resolutely passed by.

The Holy Spirit, who is given to us as a guide, will direct us as we travel. Isaiah said that the people of God will hear a voice behind them saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it" (Isaiah 30:21). The leadership of the Holy Spirit is sure, His paths are straight, and the destination is certain.

The checks of the Spirit are guardrails along the holiness highway. They are safeguards to keep us from straying. We need to be constantly on the alert to catch them lest we get out of line.

I once had an automobile with a tendency to "road walk." The moment I took my eyes off the road, or my hands momentarily from the wheel, it would begin to meander in one direction or another. Holy living requires constant attention to, and acceptance of, the checks of the Spirit.

Many have ignored the pricks of conscience, the restraining tug of the Holy Spirit, the Voice behind them, only to get into immediate spiritual difficulty. The same Spirit that cleanses also checks and controls.

Keeping in step with the Spirit requires that we mind the challenges of the Spirit. He is not a tyrant whipping us into line or driving us, but a winsome Voice urging us on to our highest potential.

This means that we will bear the fruit of the Spirit. Paul lists these as love, gladness, peace, forbearance, gentleness, goodness, faith, humility, and control of self. These nine graces are found in the attitudes and lives of the truly sanctified. All of them call for stretching ourselves to be and do better, and all of them challenge us to reach our spiritual potential.

There is no telling the depths of Christian experience and the extent of Christian evangelism when a person frees himself from earth's ties to walk in the Spirit. It is more than Neil Armstrong's small step for man, it is a giant leap in holy living. So many live so far beneath their spiritual potential! To march with the Spirit is to move in right directions to enlarged vistas of Christian life and service.

To keep in step with the Spirit, the sanctified must also maintain close communion with the holy God. To walk in the Spirit is to follow His leadership, and not to run ahead or lag behind. We must stay in daily communion and fellowship.

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The prophet Amos indicated it was impossible for two to walk together except they were in agreement. A wrong philosophy of life, a bad attitude, an assertion of selfish interests and aims outside the will of God will break the beautiful but fragile threads of communion in the tapestry of the sanctified life.

As it is possible to submit, follow, and please the Holy Spirit, it is possible to grieve Him as well by straying. Holiness is sustained by keeping in step with God's will, even when it is contrary to our plans or personal ideas.

Two disconsolate disciples walked the road to Emmaus after the Crucifixion, discussing the tremendous happenings in recent hours and trying to find rhyme and reason in the loss of their beloved Leader. Just then a stranger accosted them and asked what they

were discussing that made them so sad. Cleopas and his friend enlightened the stranger on the tragic events, including the mystifying news of the empty tomb. At that the stranger berated them for their lack of belief and expounded the law and the prophets to them on the subject. By this time they had reached their village and they invited him to spend the night with them. At meal time, Christ revealed himself to them and disappeared. Their reaction was to marvel, "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way . . . ?" (Luke 24:32).

Cold hearts result in cold feet. The greatest deterrent to backsliding is a burning heart, and the greatest force for evangelism is a burning tongue. This may only be attained by keeping in step. Keeping in step results in victorious living and successful service. □

"LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG"

An honest, transparent person doesn't have to spend time devising ways to cover his tracks. His very openness frees him to bear a positive influence upon others. He never has to take an oath, as it were, to confirm his words because his very life is that witness.

Jesus demonstrated this when He was before the Jewish high priest after His arrest. Caiaphas questioned Him about His followers and His teaching. Our Lord's reply was: "I have spoken openly to the world. . . . I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret" (John 18:20, NIV).

Although trust is the child of honesty, by reason of sin humans are adept at building barriers of distrust in their social environment. This barrier takes the form of a secretive or furtive life for dishonest or deceptive persons. In the social environment, the result is unease and discord. Often a group cannot quite identify the cause for unease, but by some collective awareness the group knows that something is amiss.

On the other side of the ledger, people who live in openness don't have to worry about the barrier. St. Paul said as much in Ephesians 5:8-14: "Live as children of light



by NEIL E. HIGHTOWER

(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the dis-

obedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is the light that makes everything visible" (NIV).

The light of real character eventually reveals what we are. There is an apt saying, among English-speaking people, which describes what is being said here: "let the cat out of the bag."

This expression means "to reveal a secret," and originated in the failure of a trick. Long ago English fairs were primarily trade events to which farmers and merchants brought their goods to barter or sell. Pigs were brought to the fairs in sacks. That way, the farmer didn't have to worry about having to chase stray pigs.

Sometimes an unscrupulous person took advantage of this practice by putting a cat in a sack, and selling it as a pig. When a buyer insisted on looking into the bag, or if by accident the cat escaped, that "let the cat out of the bag."

So it is that our real character will somewhere be exposed in the light of unexpected experience, or in the sudden light of God's revealing grace. What we are can't be hidden. The Word of God says: "For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:14, NIV). □

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Did You Vote “NO”? Why?

by AN ANONYMOUS PASTOR'S WIFE

Renewal vote time is not the favorite season of the year for most pastors and their families.

In the early years of our ministry we always received unanimous recalls, and I didn't give the matter much thought. I assumed that as long as a church was doing well and the parsonage family lived right, laymen felt a sense of loyalty to the man they had called to be their pastor. But after receiving a few negative votes across the years, our family began to look at recall time with a little more solemnity.

As I grew older, with a greater need for security and acceptance, and saw good friends voted out of their churches for what seemed like minor reasons, I probably became a bit paranoid. I found myself saying, "Honey, don't preach about 'this and that' because it'll make 'so and so' mad, and they may vote against us." I became a baby-sitter, of sorts, trying to make sure no one's feelings were hurt.

As the day for recall comes around, the devil really works on the pastor's family. Sleepless nights and endless soul-searching take their toll. You quote the words of Jesus from the Cross, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). You recall Paul's opposition and the martyrdom of the early disciples.

Still you wake up in the middle of the night with sweaty palms and a fear of rejection by the people you are trying to serve.

Now, I know there has to be a system of balances, and pastors can't be palmed off on people unwittingly. I'm not a policymaker with all the answers, and I'm sure our method works better than most, or we would have revised it by now. It is, however, a tool Satan uses to humiliate pastors and divide congregations.

Why do people vote "no"? I'm sure there are any number of good reasons, but I think the list might include the following.

He's just not the kind of pastor our church needs. Be more specific. Is it because he's different from the last pastor? Does it have anything to do with the section of the country he's from? Is it because he's more, or less, conservative than you are? Is he too reserved, in your opinion? Or too outgoing? Is it because of the way the pastor and wife dress? Because he plays golf occasionally?

He's made too many changes around here. This may be a legitimate gripe if the changes have hurt the church. But before you vote "no" for this reason, carefully consider the changes. Did the board vote for them? Do you really want to go back to the old building you had before you constructed the new one? Why? Do you dislike the rotation system on the board? Why? Do you dislike the pastor's emphasis on youth? Mission? Community involvement? Why? If all answers tend to point to you, the reasons may be selfish ones.

"His program hasn't worked," you say. Would it have been successful if you had prayed, boosted, and supported.

He didn't help me when I needed it. At times, this may well be true. Some of it might have been unavoidable. It's impossible to be several places at the same time. The pastor may not know who's having surgery when. On occasion, a family crisis in the parsonage may take precedence over even a hospital visit or a funeral home call. He does take vacations too. In larger churches, it's difficult to be all things to all people all the time.

By the way, not wanting to be unkind, how have you helped the pastor and his family lately? They have problems just like you do, you know. Do you pray for him daily? Do you encourage him, tell him you appreciate his sermons? Do you invite him and his family out to dinner so he can get to know you better? Do you go to him personally with your needs and ask him to pray with you? Do you shake his hand on Sunday morning or does he have to hunt you up to ask how you're doing? Most needs ministered to by pastors are those that are brought to him personally.

I've prayed about it, and the Lord told me to vote "no." Are you sure it was the Lord? This is a dangerous stance, especially if God hasn't given the pastor and the rest of the congregation the same message.

The reasons for voting "no" might be many.

"He's been here too long."

"His children are bad examples."

"He's gone too much."

"He's catering more to the new people."

Pastors and their families are definitely not perfect. They live in bodies that get tired, have minds that for-



get. Admittedly, they sometimes err, but they need to be loved and appreciated just like laymen do.

If you are considering voting "no" on your pastor this year, would you do the following?

1. Pray about it again. Not once, but daily. Open your heart to God to see if your reasons are selfish ones.

2. Consider your expectations of a pastor. Write down how many hours a week you think he should spend in prayer and sermon preparation, visitation, staff meetings, community and district affairs, office administration (including newsletters, bulletins, the monstrous flow of paperwork), counseling (remember funerals, weddings, church membership classes, etc.). Include all the social functions you expect him to attend. Add up the hours now. Is it 90? 100? Perhaps more? The pastor has only 24 hours a day too. In many churches, even long working hours do not give a lot of time per member per week. There must be a core of staff members and volunteers to do much of the ministering. Remember, the pastor is not a hired hand, but the leader of the church.

3. Make your "no" vote a private matter. Voting on a pastor is different from politics or electing officers for a community club. You and he both prayed much before he was called to your church. In the final analysis, God should be the one who leads him somewhere else. If God told you to vote "no," He can do the same for those who sit in your favorite pew and even for the other members of your family.

4. Since church unity is one of the keys to Kingdom building, and surely you want that, honestly ask yourself the question, "Will my actions promote harmony in the church, or division?"

5. When the pastor is voted back in, consider the fact that you may have been wrong, and ask God to help you be the pastor's friend. He really does need you.

Our days of being voted on are not over, but I want to thank all the wonderful people in our congregations who've always voted us back in, who believed in us in spite of our humanness, who accepted us, and prayed for us until the day we left. We love you. □

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Because You Gave... MOVING NAZARENES SERVICE KEEPS FAMILIES IN CHURCH

by BEVERLY BURGESS

It was a cold day in March when Nancy Clark's plane touched down in Minneapolis. Nancy was on her way to conduct a cross-cultural communications workshop in the Lowell Church of the Nazarene in Massachusetts when she landed in Minneapolis that day.

While she was waiting to change planes she called Judy Millard who is extensively involved in ministry to Southeast Asians at Minneapolis First Church. Nearly in tears, Judy told Nancy that 19 of their Cambodian friends, one of whom had just been elected to the Cambodian church board, were moving to the Boston area. She didn't know what would happen to them, or whether she would ever see them again. She wondered if they could maintain their Christian walk without a church to help them.

"When are they arriving in Boston?" Nancy asked.

"Their plane will arrive at 11:59 P.M., Saturday, March 15," Judy answered.

"Judy, do you know where I'm going right now? I'm on my way to Boston. We will find a church to take them in."

As Nancy was concluding the workshop in Lowell, Mass., she learned that the two Cambodian families Judy was so concerned about would be arriving, not in Boston, but in Lowell.

That was especially good news because, thanks to Moving Nazarenes Service, there was a work already begun for Cambodians in Lowell. Kim Leam, who was with the team of 22 who began the work in Columbus, Ohio, in the summer of 1985, had moved with her family to Lowell. Pastor Doug Spearman, associate at Lowell First Church, followed up the notice immediately, locating the Leam family and allying them with the church.

Two other Cambodian groups have been formed on the New England District because someone cared enough to send information to the Evangelism Ministries office in Kansas City. Equally important were the pastors who received Moving Nazarenes notices and contacted the new people soon after they arrived.

Because you gave to General Budget, Moving Nazarenes, a service of Evangelism Ministries, has kept many Nazarenes and friends of the church from becoming displaced persons in new locations. The toll-free number, 800-821-2154, makes it easy to report moving families. □

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YOU GAVE..."**
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H. Armstrong Roberts

ENDING ABORTION LEGALLY

by EUGENE M. McELYEA

Abstion on demand became legal in the United States as the result of a Supreme Court decision in 1973 styled *Roe vs. Wade*. In that act the Supreme Court overturned all of the prevailing laws of

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50 states together with the prohibitions contained in the Common Law of England. The right of a child yet-to-be-born to life was severed from the Constitution, and his personhood was erased and declared no longer entitled to the protection of law.

Several years have passed and 20

million lives have now been consumed in this newest and greatest tragedy of the 20th century. Society is increasingly concerned as to what can be done legally to end this terrible holocaust.

Basically there are only two ways in which the problem may be legally solved. First, the Supreme Court in the proper case might reverse its own decision. This is not as remote as it might seem since later decisions of the court have shown a change in the voting pattern of judges in favor of that result. The Supreme Court has later reversed dozens of its decisions. Impending changes in court personnel could then turn the balance once again in support of the right of personhood for the unborn child, assuring its right to life.

A second and more permanent solution would be a constitutional amendment restoring personhood rights. This major undertaking would require support of two-thirds of Congress and action by three-fourths of the various state legislatures.

We have learned from past experience that amending our Constitution isn't an easy task. We know that only three Supreme Court decisions have been overridden by amendments. The Eleventh Amendment was adopted to limit suits against the various states in federal courts by citizens of other states or nations. The Sixteenth Amendment overrode a decision declaring an individual income tax law unconstitutional. A ruling in the *Dred Scott vs. Sanford* case declaring the slave not to be a person precipitated the adoption of the antislavery amendments (13th, 14th, and 15th) following the American Civil War.

Pro-life advocates who hope for the adoption of a constitutional amendment must be aware of other realities. Among the most important of these are:

1. The constitutional amendment we adopt *must* restore personhood and the basic civil right of life to the unborn child. In this respect the recently considered and rejected "Hatch Amendment" in the U.S. Senate was woefully inadequate. This amendment sought to overturn the *Roe* case without restoring to the unborn their inalienable right to life. Those seeking an

amendment are likely to get only one opportunity to amend the Constitution. It is imperative that the amendment adopted solve the problems once and for all.

2. Leaving the solution to the states is unacceptable. As we could not during Civil War days live half-slave and half-free, neither can we allow parts of America to be safe havens for legalized murder.

3. Sufficient public outrage has not yet been aroused to move our public institutions. Congress has not been adequately convinced of the deep-seated revulsion for current abortion practices resident in the hearts of Christian Americans. National public opinion reflected in current polls shows that Americans may be about equally divided on this issue. Even the Senate in rejecting the so-called Hatch Amendment divided almost equally. Many state legislatures as presently constituted contain hos-

tile majorities with respect to pro-life issues.

Obviously, then, facing these realities and difficult hurdles, it is our hope that the Supreme Court itself may soon act to end the killing resultant from its great social experiment. As one member of the court has recently stated, "The *Roe* decision is on a collision course with itself." This fact alone augers well for the hope that the court may reverse itself, admit that a great judicial miscarriage has occurred, and restore a measure of morality to America.

Until that day occurs or until complete victory is won, there can never be any effective substitute for the active and prayerful concern of every professing Christian to the end that this holocaust shall cease. Constructive action in support of our prayers is essential as we strive to stand up for righteousness in our day and era. □

Needle Points

Irritations come like painful jabbing of needles, punching holes through tender flesh.

But pain can bring joy.

Needles can hold wool, bright strands of color for God's handiwork.

Needles can stitch a likeness of Jesus into the fabric of a trusting heart.

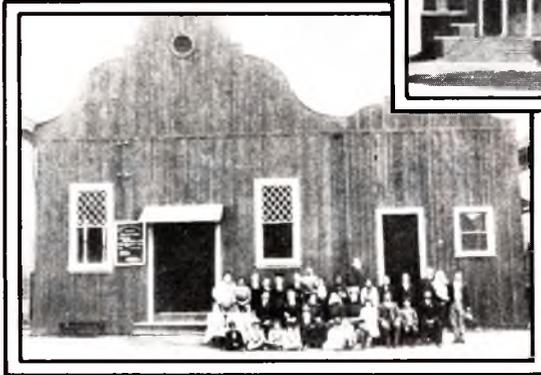
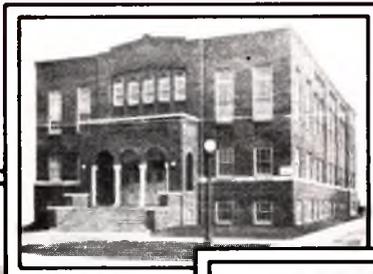
—MARILYN BLACK PHEMISTER

Pawnee Rock, Kansas

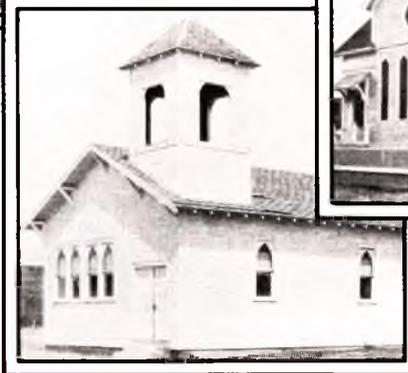


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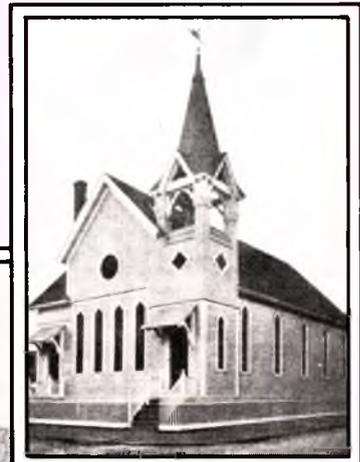
Champaign, Ill., First Church, 1929 ▶



▲ Hispanic church in Los Angeles, early 1900s



▲ The People's Evangelical Church, Providence, R.I., in the 1930s, dating to 1890s.
◀ Midwest Heights, Wyo., Church, 1932.



LEAVES FROM OUR ALBUM—ARCHITECTURE AND FAITH

The architecture of local churches is strongly influenced by regional tastes. While Nazarenes may believe and act similarly, a good cross-section of photographs will generally show that their worship has taken place in settings whose aspect may differ widely, even within the same culture.

The Nazarene Archives has collected hundreds of photographs of local churches that document this diversity. Those represented here show the "Nazarene face" in several different locales, generally at about the same time period. *STAN INGERSOL, Archivist*



▲ Galveston, Tex., First Church, 1935



(Above) Part of the congregation outside of warehouse. (L.) Altar scene at one of the revival meetings.

NEW LIFE IN AN OLD TRAIN YARD

It seemed an unlikely place to have a city-wide campaign. No one had even considered it. But other resources had been exhausted, and it seemed God was “pushing” in the direction of the abandoned train warehouse of the Ferrocarril Belgrano in the city of Rosario, Argentina.

There were many unfavorable factors. It was not centrally located. It was drafty and cold, the lighting was poor, the acoustics in the tin building were not conducive to a good public campaign, and there were no chairs or benches.

On the other hand, God seemed to be saying, “This is the place.” It was government property and legal permission had to be acquired, so a trip to Buenos Aires was in order. Some were skeptical but just a short time before the campaign was to begin the approval was given. No one dreamed that the campaign would result as it did.

The Nazarene evangelistic team,

by **ALETA HARRIS**

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“Jesús Vive y Obra Hoy,” with Rev. Florentino Bauzá and Rev. Bruno Radziszewski had prepared well. Counselors had been trained, materials prepared, and all backed by members of the six Nazarene churches who were fasting, praying, and believing God for a harvest of souls.

Rosario is one of the major cities of Argentina and the work of the Church of the Nazarene began to take root there years ago. Pastors Eduardo Urraco, Roberto Gonzalez, Carlos Bammatter, and Rubén Perez had good churches—growing

churches—but they saw the need of their city and their people, and they knew Rev. Bauzá and Rev. “Radi” well.

So they forgot about the fact that the train yard was not centrally located. They ignored the cold, put in a few lights, believed that God would make His message clear in spite of poor acoustics, and brought in a few rough benches. They believed God for a miracle.

Each service was a new experience. By the time the month-long campaign was over there were 59

baptized; 60 babies dedicated; 200 pounds of idols, pornographic and occult literature burned; 500 average attendance nightly; and 54 home churches projected.

But the most exciting experiences were watching the 1,087 who found a personal, loving Savior waiting for them with open arms when they turned to Him for salvation; and the 227 who sought and found a deeper walk as they experienced entire sanctification.

The sounds that reverberated in the Belgrano Train Yard in Rosario

will continue to echo in the lives of those who heard the message, not only in the campaign services but also from those who shared that message outside of the services.

Rosario will never be the same. The church has made an impact on many among its teeming millions. There is still much to do, and the Nazarenes in Rosario are seeing that it gets done. They are grateful for the evangelistic team who coordinated the efforts and preached the message, but eternally indebted to the One who gave them life. □

A dedicated Christian mother, 84 years of age, was advised by her doctor to have an operation to correct a stomach ulcer. She had some discomfort from it, but even at her age she was active in her church and in the home. But following the doctor's advice, she thought it best to have the nagging problem corrected.

Her family gathered about her bed in the hospital the night before the surgery. She was radiant in her faith and said to them: “Don't worry about me, I can't lose! If I come through the operation satisfactorily, I'll have my dear husband, my children and grandchildren still with me. If I pass away, I'll be with Jesus, my wonderful Savior. So you see, either way, I can't lose!”

What an affirmation! No fear, no dread, no apprehension, for she was in the hands of the Lord who “doeth all things well.”

It so happened that the “simple” ulcer turned out to be the tip of a cancer pervading her stomach and adjoining area. She went to be with the Lord in just a few days, but her loved ones found their sorrow miti-

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I Can't Lose

by RAYMOND C. KRATZER

gated by the remembrance of her words of faith: “I can't lose.”

The great apostle Paul echoed this same assurance of God's adequacy when he said: “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21). He was saying in substance: “I am a creature of two worlds, earth and heaven. My

predominant relationship is Christ. While on earth His invisible presence sustains me, and when I go to heaven I shall see Him face-to-face.”

Too often good Christian people view death as a deep, dark river that must be faced with foreboding. But it should not be so. Certainly no one looks forward to the severance of soul and body, and launching out into the unknown. But Jesus has removed the sting. He has gone through the tomb and has left a light behind.

The venerable apostle John, at perhaps 90 years of age as he faced his departure from this life, said: “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2).

Does this sound like a Christian saying: “All I can see is the dark river!” No! It is the thrill of coming adventure in God's eternal world, an almost youthful challenge in which he is aware that “though the outward man perish,” yet the inward man is renewed and touched with eternal blessedness.

When we belong to Jesus, we can't lose! Believe it! □

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS CAN PLANT CHURCHES TOO

Why can't we have a Church of the Nazarene in Pella, Iowa?" the handwritten note said. It was dated November 1982.

District Superintendent Forrest Whitlatch pondered that question, but not long. He called the one Nazarene family in Pella, Lester and Marilyn Alscott, and arranged to meet them and talk about why not.

The reasons were strong ones. In 1847 Domine (meaning pastor) Henrick Scholte brought a sizable group of people to this south central Iowa location from Holland and named it Pella; in English, "City of Refuge." There were already nine Reformed Churches of America in this Dutch town of 8,500. How could a community with such a history, so strongly churched, be penetrated by the Nazarenes? The Methodists could not do it in 1858; why should we expect to now?

Interestingly, digging around in Pella's history it was discovered that in the autumn of 1858, Dr. Phineas F. Bresee was sent by the

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Dr. and Mrs. Forrest Whitlatch in front of Pella (Iowa) Memorial Building where services were first held for what became a Diamond Jubilee church. Pella Church of the Nazarene was organized on October 23, 1983, the denomination's 75th anniversary year.

by NINA BEEGLE

Methodist church to pastor a small church in Pella, called a half station.* He was there for two difficult years in which he struggled to keep the work existing among the Dutch element and the nearby presence of a Baptist college, which claimed most of the English-speaking minority in the little town.

But as Dr. Whitlatch sat across the table from the Alscotts in a little Dutch restaurant in Pella, he sensed their desire and devotion and "Why not?" became "WHY NOT!"

In December Dr. Whitlatch and Margaret returned to Pella to investigate possibilities for planting a new church. They drove around the town, and on the west side of the town square a likely looking Memorial Building blinked at them. "Now that's a possibility," he said to Margaret, and jumped out of the car to phone the lady in charge.

"I'll be right over," she said. "I'll meet you there."

It was an attractive auditorium with seating for about 125 and all the accoutrements needed for a church setting, including a piano.

"We'll rent it to the Nazarene church for \$35.00 a week," the lady said. "Here's a contract. If you decide to go ahead, just sign it and mail it back."

"Thank you," said Dr. Whitlatch.

"I'll think about it and let you know," and he started for the door.

"I got to the threshold," he recalls, "and I felt impressed to go back and clinch the arrangement."

"Ma'am," he said, "we want to start a church. I want to sign this contract right now, and we'll start the first of January." The Whitlatches drove back to their home in Oskaloosa and began preparations for the first worship service of the new church.

With personal invitations by the one Nazarene family and an announcement in the local newspaper as the only advertisement, the Whitlatches arrived at 9:30 A.M. on a cold January 9, 1983. The service was announced for 10:30, but a lady was on the doorstep an hour early, waiting to get in.

They moved the piano into place, set up seats, and prepared for the worship service. By ten o'clock, 17 people had gathered, and at 10:30, 41 awaited the first words from the new man of the anomalous congregation.

Dr. Whitlatch called his advisory board together that week and asked, "Fellows, would you mind if I just took off about six weeks and, except for essential district business, Margaret and I could be church planters for a while and see

The new church building in Pella, Iowa. (Inset) Rev. Dave Childers, pastor of the Pella church.



what we can do in Pella?" With the blessing of the advisory board, for six weeks they spent most of their energies and time holding services and building interest in Pella. In early spring they turned Sunday services over to a supply pastor, and in April, Rev. Dave Childers came to pastor the new mission church.

Meantime, the Whitlatches had an unusual opportunity to sell their home in Oskaloosa, 16 miles away. Just one year after the surprising note of inquiry from the Alscotts they moved to Pella. Margaret's Dutch heritage was a natural bridge to the community.

By July, just three months after David Childers arrived, the church was totally self-supporting. The Iowa District had made a down payment on a parsonage from their church planting fund, but the new church picked up the monthly payments along with pastoral support, including benefits.

The townspeople looked on with some apprehension as this non-traditional church blossomed and became a viable part of their community; but acceptance came rather quickly.

"They put me on the spot several times," said Pastor Childers, "with questions like: 'How do you manage to make it here?' to which I replied,

'With Bible preaching, good music, storehouse tithing, and satisfied customers.' The people who came to us were looking for a message of full salvation and victorious living." More than half the congregation are of Dutch heritage.

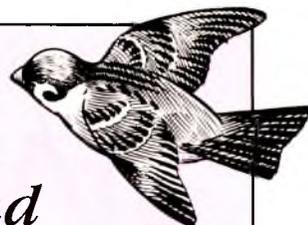
October 23, 1983, was Jubilee Sunday in the Church of the Nazarene, commemorating its 75th anniversary. The Pella group chose that memorable day to become a fully organized church with 27 charter members and a congregation of 80.

On June 16, 1985, 106 people gathered for the first service in their new \$250,000 church building. Cor Holleman, superintendent of the church in the Netherlands, with his wife, Miép, was on his way to General Assembly in Anaheim, and on that significant day preached the first sermon in the new building for Pella Church of the Nazarene.

With such an unlikely beginning, Pella Church of the Nazarene has prospered. The evidence of God's blessing is seen in their 1985 total budget raised of \$76,405, compared with \$38,674 in 1984.

All of this proves something else. District superintendents can plant churches too. □

**Phineas F. Bresee: A Prince in Israel, by Rev. E. A. Girvin (Kansas City: Nazarene Publishing House, 1916).*



The Wind Beneath My Wings

Earth bound, I, aware of flight and yet afraid to trust untested wings.

A gentle nudge, the nest abandoned and flight begins, yet faltering flight.

But then blows wind from on high needed power providing I am lifted to the heights.

I have found I must depend upon the Wind beneath my wings.

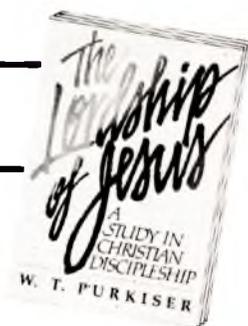
—BUD REEDY
Oxford, Pennsylvania

Book Brief

THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS



W. T. PURKISER
author



Jesus Christ is Lord. We sing about it. We testify to it. We recite scriptures emphasizing it. And it is perhaps the earliest Christian creed. Yet, how many 20th-century Christians really comprehend the deep meaning behind this simple statement?

In days gone by, almost everyone had a person they addressed as "lord," whether you were a slave, a loyal subject, or a dutiful wife. Nowadays, however, the word

is seldom used outside of religious circles. We independent creatures refer to no man as "lord." So perhaps the impact of the word's meaning is lost in today's language.

Dr. W. T. Purkiser refreshes the meaning of the word *lord* as it relates to Christ in his book *The Lordship of Jesus*. This small book, as the statement it seeks to define, speaks volumes concerning the characteristics of Jesus as Lord.

For the one seeking salvation, it tells of the redemptive qualities of Christ's Lordship. To the "born-again" comes the discovery of consecration and sanctification through the establishment an internalization of His Lordship in our lives.

Jesus is Lord! "Christians can and do believe much more," Dr. Purkiser states. "They can never believe less."

Through the pages of *The Lordship of Jesus*, a deeper understanding of this important truth is sure to enhance your spiritual walk. □

—Susan Downs
Owego, New York

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the editor's STANDPOINT

NO GOLDEN AGE

Myth making seems endemic to mankind. When people become part of the church the process of myth making does not come to a screeching halt. Sometimes it goes forward with a jammed accelerator.

Some create the myth of a golden past. As they bemoan the problems, failures, and defects of today's church, they talk as though the early days were well-nigh perfect.

The bald truth is, the Church of the Nazarene does not have an 18-karat past. Conflicts and divisions have always plagued the church, and attempts to solve them were not always kosher. I personally knew a district superintendent who dared a pastor to step around the corner of the church and settle a difference of opinion with fists.

The myth of a golden future allures some. They are confident that another generation of leaders, with better education, advanced techniques, and larger budgets, will solve our vexing problems and produce a sounder, purer church. Microchip ecclesiasticism will usher in a millennium!

PAIN, PAIN, PAIN

Last night was long and miserable. I could not sleep. I could neither lie down nor sit up. All I could do for five hours was walk the floor in agony. Sleepless hours I usually spend reading or writing, but the pain was too intense, too unrelenting, to permit anything creative. I paced and hurt and prayed—but the severe pain robbed even prayer of coherence.

Long after morning came, well into this day, the agony abated. I dozed a while, read a while, and now I attempt to do some writing, all the time watching, like a hunted animal, for the return of pain.

Can pain at that level serve any good purpose? Surely one doesn't need pain that long and deep as a danger signal, an alarm to warn of a breakdown somewhere in the system.

A measure of pain, I have learned, can sharpen awareness, can focus effort, can challenge one to endure and triumph. But pain that takes your work from your hands, makes human concourse impossible, and even steals intelligence from prayer—has it any value to bestow, any enriching contribution to supply?

Don't bank on it. Our severest problems arise out of sin, not ignorance or poverty. This side of the resurrection, sin in the heart, clay in the feet, and wood in the head will challenge the church with continuous troubles to strive against.

A few even attempt the myth of a golden present. They deal with problems by denying those problems exist. They cope with defects by pretending all is well. Stained-glass filters cannot finally protect us from the glare of reality.

The church, yesterday, today, and tomorrow, contains some who are backslidden, some who are immature, some who are carnal, and none who are perfect. The church, throughout its history, is a collection of saints-in-process. It has no golden age in this world. Our challenge is constantly to improve and to encourage others to improve. We cannot expect perfection, but we must not be daunted by imperfections. To be and do our best, and keep trying to make that best better, is the service we owe to the Lord and one another. □

Perhaps. It does accent human frailty and increase one's sense of utter dependence on God. It does enhance one's sympathy for those who are frequently or constantly victims of suffering. And it does make a future painless world more alluring than ever before. Yet, even these values are reflected on afterward. At the time the whole consciousness was filled without margins with pain, pain, pain. Thank God that such experiences are intermittent.

Somewhere, right now, someone is treading a floor in pain too acute for words to describe. Pain is one of the common elements of human existence in this fallen world. We should be profoundly grateful to God for those whose learning and skill have produced measures of relief from pain. And we should be deeply empathetic with those who are in the cruel clutches of pain.

"There shall be no more pain." May the Lord hasten the day of fulfillment for that glorious promise! □

A GUEST EDITORIAL BY KENNETH VOGT

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE HITS HOME

It has been announced that 2.5 million Americans and 300,000 Canadians are now judged to be victims of this silent thief that destroys the brain functions. A.D. is now what polio and diabetes were in another generation before polio vaccine and insulin were discovered. It seems to be even worse and more hopeless. The cost to care-givers and institutions is a whopping \$50 billion annually. It is predicted 1 out of 10 seniors, 65 and older, and their families, will be victimized.

After two and a half years, through the magnificent Research Department of the University of British Columbia, my wife, Ruby, has been diagnosed as a victim. Everything else has been ruled out. Casual observers in the shopping mall or at church might not notice anything amiss. But I know the forgetfulness, and the frequent moments of irrationality and hallucinations, and the dreadful fears she resists with all her diminished powers but to no avail. The disease is slowly but surely shrinking and tangling her beautiful and efficient intellect.

Why did we consent to go public and become a part of a one-hour television documentary done by Channel 13 in British Columbia? That is a good question, and here are some answers.

For one thing, as people come forward to be part of probing, intensive research, some answers will be found sooner.

Then, again, our openness will help some oth-

ers to quit hiding their painful secret so the Christian community can best share compassion. We have discovered that compassion without any offer of overt helpfulness is a ministry in and of itself. When the documentary was released here, ladies of the church immediately came forward with offers to stay for an hour or two with Ruby on occasions as needed.

Our experience also prompts us to caution others not to label forgetfulness as Alzheimer's. There are reversible forms of dementia that mimic A.D. It is a tragic mistake to label persons falsely. You see, when once the verdict comes down, there is no correcting medicine or procedure available at the present time. Thus, depression, biochemical imbalance, strokes, etc., if labeled in error, would be left untreated.

It is worthy to note that Drs. Gary and Linda Minor (Nazarenes) are devoting their skills and resources to research at the City of Faith in Tulsa and may be contacted at 8177 S. Harvard, Suite 114, Tulsa, OK 74137—phone 918-299-6006.

God's grace is abundant and sufficient for trying times. Without a doubt He is always bringing good out of what we can see only as all bad. Romans 8:28 is tested and found to be true! His presence is sweeter than all the trials. □

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distasteful I felt the article by Sharon Sheppard was.

I am going through a very stressful time in my life and look forward to receiving my *Herald of Holiness*. It is food for my soul and the needed lift.

Our newsstand magazines, newspapers, TV and every media is filled with the material covered in the article. I hope you hear from many others who do not appreciate it in their church magazine.

Lucille Bottcher
Sandpoint, Idaho

THANK-YOU LETTER

I just had to write to tell you how very much the November 15 issue has meant to me.

It has been quite a while that I have found "bits and pieces" of the *Herald* meaningful to me; however, this issue held something for me in every single article.

Thanks to everyone who con-

tributes and to you who edit and publish the *Herald*. What a help it is!

Ruth Ends
Bourbonnais, Illinois

TIMELY REMINDER

I think that J. Weldon McClung's article on Nazarenes and the movies was very timely and carefully written. I would hope that he writes one on the lottery craze that is sweeping our nation.

The provisions of our *Manual* remind me of the ratchet that was on the old Rumley oil pull tractor in use some 50 years ago. The ratchet allowed the flywheel to run in the forward position, but kept it from running backward if the engine backfired. It had one drawback: it went clickety-click all the time the engine was running.

The owner of one of these tractors, weary of the clickety-click, removed the ratchet. Sometime later another person was injured when the engine backfired with no ratchet

to prevent the backward motion. If we ignore the provisions of our *Manual*, people will get hurt too.

When a Nazarene Sunday School teacher bought a lottery ticket in front of the youth group, she hurt a lot of parents. To me, however, the far more serious part of the episode was the hurt it may have done to the youth in her care.

Let's hang on to the provisions of our *Manual*. If we don't, a lot of people will get hurt in the "backfire."

A. Ralph Boxell
Clinton, Missouri

BEST EVER!

Just a few lines to let you know that the Special Issue of the *Herald of Holiness* (October 1, 1986) was the best one I ever read. I could hardly put it down.

Another reader told me she felt the same way about it. I hope all future issues will be that good.

Thelma Reynolds
Homestead, Florida

A Midwife and the New Birth

by SHERYL TEDDER

Personal evangelism was something I thought I could never do! It's not that I'd never had opportunities to share what Jesus had done for me, I just never felt "successful." Success being: SEEING a person "born again" before my very eyes as a result of me leading them in the steps toward salvation. Until . . .

A required course at seminary forced me to get involved in personal evangelism training. Before that semester was over I saw what I'd never seen before, and was I excited! So excited that I said I'd be willing to train others in the HOW of sharing their faith.

It's been 10 years since I first saw God work in someone's life, regenerating their heart by faith, because of planned visitation. It's almost like being a midwife. No one knows just exactly when the baby will come, but the midwife experiences such satisfaction when she helps to deliver a healthy baby. All of her training has been put to good use. Joy is experienced by everyone involved.

Eleven months ago I met a midwife who enjoys her job immensely. Some days Ruby delivers up to seven

babies! She was on duty the week my own beautiful baby daughter was born by cesarean section! Another means of delivery, but a safe and thankful means in an emergency.

Seven months later, I was in that midwife's home and watched as God did it again! A midwife was born again! I saw it happen with my very own eyes. The two people I was training at the time said, "Isn't it special to watch and be a part of such Good News!"

But before I finish this article, remember when I said I'd never felt too successful about sharing my faith because I'd never seen someone come to the Lord through my leading them in the steps toward salvation? Well, during my high school years I struggled with the "how to's" of witness. I didn't get a handle on that until my experience with training, but I did know that Jesus had called me to live a consistent life in Him.

Twelve years after my high school graduation I received a telephone call: "Remember me?" How could I forget Sylvia? Her fun and laughter, her incredible singing voice, and her talent on the sports field! She was the envy of many, and a special friend.

"Your life, Sheryl, was like a flicker of light in my sin-darkened world that said, 'Come back to Jesus!' Seven years after high school, I followed that Light, confessed my sins, and my life was transformed! Today I'm married to a preacher and involved in a full-time music ministry. Thanks for letting the Light in your life shine." Successful? Yes, because of Him! Did I see the conversion? No! But some other midwife did! □

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

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Rachelle De Vore of St. Petersburg, Fla., was selected as one of only 6 students from a school of 1,500 to receive from President Reagan, the Presidential Citation for Academic achievement.

Rachelle is a member of St. Petersburg First Church, serves on the District NYI Council and the District NWMS Council. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Rodger D. De Vore. □



Oliver (Eddie) Edwards was recently honored at the Visalia, Calif., First Church, upon his retirement after 13 years of service as Christian Life chairman. The congregation honored him with special recognition and presented him with a commemorative plaque and love offering.

NAZARENES PROVIDE SUPPLIES FOR THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES

It would take 41 eighteen-wheel trucks to contain the 1.5 million pounds of supplies that were recently sent to three world regions by the Nazarene Hunger and Disaster Fund, according to Dr. Steve Weber, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries coordinator. The shipments from the United States and Canada include clothing, dry milk, cooking oil, beans, maize, and medicines that will be distributed by the Church of the Nazarene in Haiti, El

Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Ciskei, and Mozambique.

The bulk of the supplies (1.2 million pounds) is for the war-torn country of Mozambique where 4 million of its 13 million citizens are threatened with starvation. Mozambique also received the first shipment of Portuguese Bibles and holiness literature to enter that country in 12 years. The literature was made available by NPH and Publications International.

Two of the containers of clothing were the result of efforts by the Moscow, Idaho, church and the Northwest District. Upon hearing of the need for clothing by people in the Ciskei in Southern Africa, Moscow NWMS President Laneve Harris called on members of her church to respond. The call went out to the entire district when Mrs. Harris learned of the need for clothing for the victims of the El Salvador earthquakes.

The Nazarene Hunger and Disaster Fund is a 10% special. Checks should be made to Dr. Norman O. Miller for the Hunger and Disaster Fund. □

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FORM W-4 REQUIRES DETAILED REPORTING

Every employee must file the new Form W-4 with the Internal Revenue Service to establish the amount of tax

to be withheld from pay. Form W-4 demands more detailed reporting than did the previous Form W-2.

Since ministerial employees are not subject to mandatory withholding, they should simply fill out the lines that ask for name, address, and Social Security number. Under the signature line, each minister should indicate that he is a minister and not subject to mandatory withholding. (Ministerial employees file estimated quarterly taxes for both their income and Social Security tax liabilities.)

Lay employees must pay careful attention to the various exceptions Form W-4 incorporates. Lay employees who itemize deductions will be required to estimate adjustments to 1987 income that they anticipate reporting on Form 1040. Likewise, nonwage income, income from another job, and income from a working spouse must be estimated when calculating allowances. To better estimate income and adjustments for 1987, lay employees should review their 1985 and 1986 tax returns.

The deadline for filing the new Form W-4 is October 1, 1987. However, to assure proper withholding for the tax year, persons should file as soon as possible after January 1, 1987.

Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator, Board of Pensions and Benefits USA, emphasizes that church and church agency employers must carefully review each completed Form W-4 to determine if the amount of an employee's withholding tax should change.

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Evangelism trainers and trainees at Philipsburg are shown (l. to r., front row): June Cole, personal evangelism coordinator, Northeast; Verna Cahill; Rev. T. W. Cahill, Sr., pioneer area leader; and Tina Whitmer; (second row) Iva Lou Hilderbrand; Connie Dixon, evangelism coordinator for Philipsburg church; Jim Luzier; Rev. Jim Burlingame, pastor, Kane, Pa.; and Dan Whitmer.

PIONEER AREA SOLD ON PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Rev. Tom Cahill, Central Pennsylvania Pioneer Area leader, relates:

"One of the fellows in our School of Evangelism hauls coal. He delivered coal to a lady about three miles from here and got to talking to her. She was

about 70 years old and a Roman Catholic, but he ended up setting at her kitchen table where he led her to the assurance of salvation in Christ."

Cahill has recently sponsored the area's second School of Evangelism. Schools were held in Ridgway and Johnstown earlier in March.

In this follow-up evangelism seminar, October 29—November 2, six of the Ridgway people who completed the 13-week course after June Cole's initial school last March attended again to sharpen their skills. In a Wednesday over Saturday seminar, people from all over the district were invited to take the training. Two pastors, Rev. Paul Rahenkamp of the new mission church in St. Marys, and Rev. Jim Burlingame of Kane, took the training.

Eight people from Ridgway are now trained and are trainers in personal evangelism. Trainers perpetuate the skill by taking two trainees with them when they make gospel presentation calls. In this four-day effort, eight pre-

sentations were made, netting three professions of faith. These opened the way for five more prospective calls.

Ridgway church supports their two teams of three each, who call on prospects every Wednesday evening, by remaining at the church to pray for them. In a home where one of the teams recently visited, they found the husband and wife at home and led them both to Christ as Savior. They were in church the next Sunday.

In Philipsburg, a new converts' class has been opened, using *Basic Bible Studies*, with five pupils. The church board has decided to sponsor an annual School of Evangelism and to invite other churches in the area. They have appointed an evangelism coordinator, Connie Dixon, who will train other trainers as she assists June Cole part of the time in the region.

Evangelism surveys were done in Philipsburg, Osceola, and Holidaysburg, opening up new prospects in those towns. □

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES MAY REENTER SOCIAL SECURITY

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 has provided a limited "window of opportunity" for persons who previously elected out of Social Security to opt back in without penalty. Ministers may reenter without having to pay SECA taxes on previously exempted earnings.

The Internal Revenue Service has indicated that any minister wishing to revoke current Social Security exemption may do so by writing to his regional IRS Service Center and requesting Form 2031. The letter should state intention to revoke the election made by filing Form 4361. The letter should also include the date the original Form 4361 was filed, the person's legal name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, and phone number. Address the letter to the attention of the Chief Taxpayer Assistance Officer.

No Social Security coverage will be retroactive for the years a minister was exempt. Only earnings on which SECA tax has been paid will be included when his Social Security benefit is calculated.

For churches who elected exemption from paying the employer's portion of the FICA tax, the burden for tax payment shifted entirely to employees. Each employee was then required to file Schedule SE (Form 1040) and pay self-employment tax.

Any church wishing to revoke FICA exemption should also write to its regional IRS Service Center. The letter should state intention to revoke the election made by filing Form 8247. The letter should also include the date the

original Form 8247 was filed, the church's official name, address, and Employer Identification Number. Address the letter to the attention of the Chief Taxpayer Assistance Officer.

After receiving requests, the IRS will return the necessary forms and instructions for completing the revocation process.

Some ministers filed for exemption based on economic grounds and not as a matter of conscience or religious principle. Under the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and effective after December 31, 1986, any minister who applies for exemption from Social Security is required to inform the ordaining, commissioning, or licensing body of his denomination that he is opposed to Social Security. The United States Department of Health and Human Services will then conduct a personal interview with the applicant to confirm opposition on the basis of conscience or religious principle. Even so, the polity and practice of the Church of the Nazarene indicates no apparent basis for a Nazarene minister to request exemption from Social Security.

Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA, advises careful consideration of

the "window of opportunity" to reenter Social Security and regain the valuable disability benefits, life insurance, and medical coverage.

Any questions about revoking Social Security exemption may be directed to the Pensions office, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □



General Eugene Harwell (l.), commanding general of Civil Air Patrol, with Lt. Colonel Troy Sullivan (r.), Alaska wing commander, presents the Chaplain's CAPMAP First Place Award to Chaplain, Lt. Colonel, Mac D. Culver, Alaska wing chaplain. The award is for the most outstanding chaplaincy service of the 52 states and districts in the United States. Culver is pastor of the Chugiak, Alaska, church, and CAP chaplaincy coordinator for the denomination.



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Nazarenes involved in the conference included Rev. Jerry Appleby, pastor of the Pasadena, Calif., Bresee Avenue Church; Rev. Steve Ratlief, mission director, Long Beach, Calif., First Church; and Mrs. Nancy Clark, consultant, Southeast Asian Ministries. □

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CHURCHES PERSECUTED BY BUDDHISTS

The *Wall Street Journal* and *U.S. News and World Report* have recently published reports of anti-Asian ethnic persecution that has arisen across the United States. However, some Asian Christians, including members in at least two Nazarene churches, are experiencing persecution from Buddhist elements within their communities.

According to Dr. Steve Ratlief, North American Asian Ministries coordinator and pastor of New Life Cambodian Bible Church in Long Beach, Calif., the persecution occurs mainly as isolation from their own culture and from those persons with whom they have had long-standing relationships.

"It all goes back to the real darkness of ancient religions that a hex will be put on you or that your children will not prosper if you leave the Buddhist religion," said Dr. Ratlief.

Rev. Roger Devore, pastor of St. Petersburg, Fla., First Church, has seen the newly created Laotian ministry of his church enduring similar persecution.

"We have seen a man actually pay for

a Buddhist monk to come to this country to combat the Christianity of his relatives, but in spite of this kind of pressure, we have not seen any return to Buddhism," said Rev. Devore.

Despite these problems both ministers are quick to point out that their Asian congregations are growing.

"They are so strong in their faith and so beautifully simple in their beliefs that it is very painful to see them persecuted for something that they love," said Rev. Devore. "But the persecution just seems to make them more determined to follow Christ."

"We are experiencing the greatest wave of revival that we have seen in the last five years," said Dr. Ratlief. "In the last 45 days we have seen 30 conversions." □

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THRUST TO CHICAGO CONTINUES

Rev. Keith Bottles, Chicago Central district superintendent, reports that 12 works have been established in Chicago since the thrust to that city began one year ago. Two new works, Uptown Laotian and Uptown Vietnamese, were established in December, with another beginning in January.

"In the last three months we have really seen Chicago Thrust come together," said Rev. Bottles. "The morale among our church planters is very high. It is overwhelming the way the various churches and districts have responded with finances, teen groups, and Work and Witness teams."

A special Christmas party for church planters and their families was held in Chicago, December 19. The West Virginia South District brought two trucks and a van full of gifts ranging from sports coats, shoes, and overcoats to toys. Rev. Bottles added that every church on his district contributed cash or other gifts to the planters for Christmas. □

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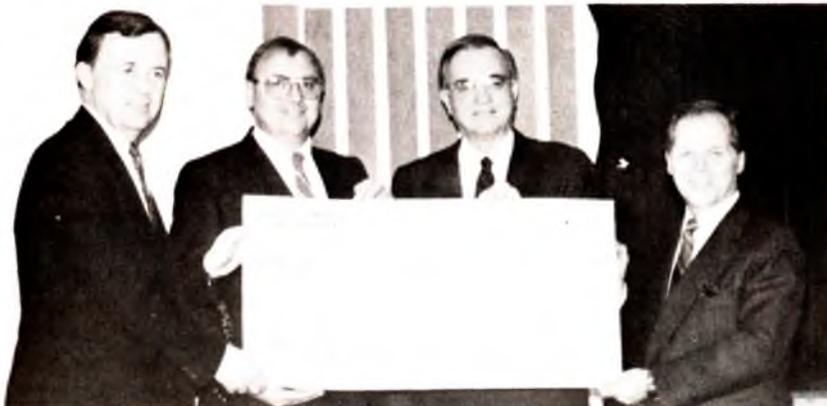
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CALGARY FIRST CHURCH RAISES \$235,000 CASH

Two years ago Calgary First Church was \$3.4 million in debt. At this writing, the church owes about \$260,000 and the pastor, Rev. Daniel Gales, thinks that amount may be liquidated by the time you read this story.

Members of the congregation gave a cash offering of \$235,000 in the morning service, November 9. That offering

came following a three-week, 24-hour prayer chain. Dr. Ponder Gilliland, Southern Nazarene University president and former pastor at Calgary First, was the special speaker for the Sunday morning service.

"It's a modern-day miracle," said Rev. Gales. "First the bank who held a \$2.4 million dollar note forgave us \$1.4 million. Then we were able to sell a piece of property for a million dollars."

The remainder of the debt was handled through sacrificial giving of the congregation, along with a loan made through the Canadian Executive Board. □

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OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES



NEW FACULTY AT TNC

Trevecca Nazarene College welcomes seven new teachers who are joining the faculty.

Dr. Paul Dunn joins the Business Department as professor of business. He has a Ph.D. from American University and has taught at James Madison University, George Mason University, University of Virginia—Northern Center for Continuing Education, and Northern Virginia Community College. He also served as senior planning officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., where he coordinated study programs in management manpower, logistics, and operations.



The Council of Education recently held a retirement dinner for Dr. and Mrs. Mark R. Moore at the Scottsdale Conference Center in Scottsdale, Ariz. At that time, he was presented with a check and a Paul Revere bowl inscribed: "Mark R. Moore, Director, Education Services, Church of the Nazarene 1979-1987, With sincere appreciation for a job well done!—Council of Education." The Council of Education is composed of representatives of the 12 colleges, universities, and seminary of the Church of the Nazarene in the U.S., the British Isles, and Canada.

Dr. William E. Griffin joins the Education Department as professor of education. He has an Ed.D. from Nova University in educational administration and has served as chairman of the Department of Education and director of the Graduate Program in Education at Eastern Nazarene College, superintendent of schools in Delaware, elementary and high school principal, and elementary and junior high school teacher. He will have a major teaching assignment in Trevecca's Graduate Program in education.

Mr. J. Mark Hall will work in Trevecca's Mackey Library as Media Services librarian. He has an M.L.S. degree in library science from Peabody-Vanderbilt and has served at the Nashville Public Library as library assistant and at Vanderbilt University as editorial assistant in the Department of Medical Illustration. His graduate course work includes an emphasis in library computer systems.

Mrs. Deborah L. Hinkle joins the Allied Health faculty as educational coordinator for the Physician Assistant Program. She is a 1982 graduate of Trevecca's P.A. Program and has been working as a P.A. at the Plateau Mental Health Center in McMinnville, Tenn.

Mr. Brian Killian comes to the Music Department as assistant professor of music. He has a M.Mus. in sacred music from Combs College of Music in Philadelphia where he is also working on his doctorate in choral conducting.

He has served as minister of music in several churches and taught music in a Christian school. He will direct the Trebletones at Trevecca and teach various music courses, including organ lessons.

Dr. Gerald M. Moredock will be associate professor of Allied Health and chairman of the Allied Health Department. He is a medical doctor with an M.D. from Indiana University. He has served in family practice and surgery in North Dakota and Montana. He will also be in charge of the College Health Services at Trevecca.

Mrs. Peggy Pobst joins the Business Department as instructor in computer information systems. She is working on her master's degree at Middle Tennessee State University in C.I.S. and has served as programming manager and computer analyst for service merchandise during the past nine years. □

NEW FACULTY JOIN NNC

Nine new faculty members join the staff as Northwest Nazarene College begins its 74th year.

They are Dr. David C. Alexander and Brenda Miller in the Department of Music; Ed Castledine as director of Freshman Academic Program; Robert R. DeCloss in the Department of Mathematics; Steven Heilmer in the Department of Art; Jim Mikkelson in the Departments of English, Philosophy, and Social Studies; Shannon Miller and Roger Schmidt in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; and Myron Murray as the director of Academic Computer Center.

Alexander earned his doctorate in music education at the University of Illinois in August. Brenda Miller has been an instructor at Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, for four years. Castledine has been NNC's associate dean of students since 1982.

DeCloss is the former president of Compu-Source, Inc., of Englewood, Colo., a consulting and software development firm. Heilmer has been an instructor at the University of Minnesota. Mikkelson was a teaching fellow in English and study skills in 1985-86 at NNC.

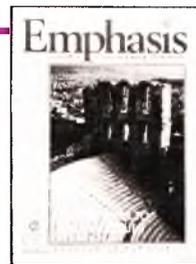
Shannon Miller, a former instructor at Middleton, Idaho, High School, will coach women's track and field. Schmidt, the women's basketball coach, was manager for three years at Pinelov Park, the Northwest District campground at Deer Lake north of Spokane, Wash. Murray has served as director of the Administrative Computer Center at NNC since 1980.

There are also three returning faculty members, a visiting professor, and two teaching fellows.

Returning are Dr. C. S. Cowles in the Department of Religion; Keith W. Drahn in the Department of Speech-Communication; and Dr. Randall Simmons as reference librarian.

Cowles has pastored the Spokane, Wash., First Church for two years. He previously was on the NNC faculty from 1975 to 1984. Drahn, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Oregon, was on the NNC staff from 1982 to 1984.

Dr. Paul Sloan of the College of Idaho will teach sociology under and exchange program with Dr. Richard Stellway. The teaching fellows are Elizabeth Murtland in home economics and Craig Rickett in speech-communication. □



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The 10th district assembly in Portugal was celebrated with the theme of "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." In 1974 there were 2 churches reporting. At this assembly, 12 churches reported. There is an expectation of at least 25 churches reporting by 1995.

Dr. Tom W. Schofield, regional director, presided over the assembly, held November 21-23. District Superintendent Duane E. Srader gave an informative and challenging report.

Mrs. Linda L. Srader, her last time reporting as the district NWMS president, reported success across the district of newly organized chapters, as well as growth in the established chapters. Mrs. Raquel Pereira was honored with being the first Portuguese to be elected to the position of district NWMS president.

Dr. Manuela Vera-Cruz, Board of Christian Life chairman, also brought a stimulating report.

Elected to the District Advisory Board were Rev. Duane E. Srader, Rev. Jon Scott, Rev. Eduardo Meixieira, Manuel Reis, Rev. João Pereira, Alberto Vicente Ferreira, and Antônio Joaquim Vera-Cruz.

Dr. Eugene L. Stowe ordained Rev. João Pedro Pereira and Rev. Luis Antonio Pereira, the candidate's father, was given the privilege of awarding the certificate to his son. □

—Duane E. Srader, reporter

FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

EUGENE L. STOWE

Mississippi	April 9
San Antonio	May 1-2
Alabama South	May 6-7
Rocky Mountain	June 11-12
Northwestern Ohio	June 19
Maine	June 23-24
New England	June 25-26
Chicago Central	July 10-11
Colorado	July 16-17
East Tennessee	July 23-24
West Virginia South	August 6-7
Iowa	August 13-14
Georgia	August 20-21
Southeast Oklahoma	September 3-4

CHARLES H. STRICKLAND

Sacramento	April 10-11
Central California	April 24-25
Philadelphia	April 29-30
North Florida	May 7-8
Southern Florida	May 13-14
Upstate New York	June 11-12
Northeast Oklahoma	June 17
Northern Michigan	June 24
Michigan	July 8-9
Southwestern Ohio	July 17-18
Northeastern Indiana	July 23-24
Kansas	August 7-8
Virginia	August 12-13
North Carolina	August 19-20
West Virginia North	September 4-5

WILLIAM M. GREATHOUSE

Hawaii	April 8-9
Western Latin American	April 22-23
Southwest Latin American	April 25
Alabama North	April 30—May 1
Canada Atlantic	May 28-29
Canada Quebec	June 2
Canada Central	June 5-6
Canada West	June 11-12
Canada Pacific	June 19-20
Central Ohio	July 15-16
Southwest Indiana	July 22-23
Akron	July 30-31
South Carolina	August 12-13
Kansas City	August 19-20

JERALD D. JOHNSON

Washington Pacific	April 24-25
Northwest	May 1-2
Southern California B	May 7-8
Oregon Pacific	May 15-16
Los Angeles	May 22-23
Intermountain	May 28-29
Kentucky	June 19-20
Nebraska	June 25-26
North Arkansas	July 8-9
Illinois	July 16-17
Houston	July 23
Wisconsin	August 5-6
Tennessee	August 13-14
Northwest Indiana	August 21-22

JOHN A. KNIGHT

Washington	April 8-9
Eastern Latin American	April 11
North Carolina	April 24-25

Louisiana	May 6-7
Central Florida	May 12-13
South Arkansas	May 21
New Mexico	June 3
Arizona	June 10
Dakota	June 25-26
Eastern Michigan	July 10-11
Minnesota	July 22
Pittsburgh	July 24-25
Northwestern Illinois	August 5-6
Dallas	August 14-15

RAYMOND W. HURN

West Texas	April 23
Central Latin American	April 30—May 1
Southern California	May 7-8
Northern California	May 15
Navajo Nation	May 19
Southwest Indian	May 21
Alaska	June 4-5
North Central Ohio	June 16-17
Eastern Kentucky	June 24-25
Northwest Oklahoma	July 29
Indianapolis	August 6-7
Joplin	August 13-14
Missouri	August 20
Southwest Oklahoma	September 3-4

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

HAWAII PACIFIC—April 8-9. Honolulu First Church, 408 N. Judd St., Honolulu, HI 96818. Host Pastor: Larry D. Coen. General Superintendent: Dr. William M. Greathouse.

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JOHN W. BANKS from Tuscaloosa (Ala.) South to Jasper (Ala.) Grace Chapel
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 STEVE P. CHUNN to associate, Hot Springs (Ark.) First
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 JOHN C. COFFMAN from Orwell (Ohio) Grand Valley to Charleston (W.Va.) First
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and received her R.N. degree from Calgary General Hospital. She served as a nurse at the Bresee Memorial Hospital in Tamingfu in northern China and later in the church's work in southern China.

The Pattees have been residents of the Casa Robles Nazarene Missionary Retirement Center since 1972. Besides her husband, Mrs. Pattee is survived by three children, Mrs. Phyllis May White, Mrs. Grace Anne McMeekin, and Robert Glenn.

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CORRECTION

An unfortunate typographical error appeared in the obituary of Rev. Arthur Fay Twist in the December 15, 1986, issue. His name appeared as Fwist, but should have read Twist. We apologize sincerely to all concerned.

DEATHS

REV. BRYAN L. BEATY of Canton, Miss., 58, Dec. 4, Jackson, Miss. Interment: Shelbyville, Ill. Survivors: wife Elnora; daughter Ava Beaty; sons Ken, Rev. Greg, Rev. Randall; two granddaughters; three brothers; two sisters. Ministry: pastored in Florida, Illinois, and Alabama; evangelist 11 years.

GILBERT G. BECKEL, 88, Nov. 5, Bethany, Okla. Survivors: daughters Lola Turner and Vivian Birdwell; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three brothers; two sisters.

SYLVIA IRENE CRUM, 66, Dec. 24, Clearwater, Fla. Survivors: husband Clarence; sons Ronald A. and Dale M.; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two brothers; one sister.

CHESTER E. DEBOARD, 92, Oct. 10, Middleton, Idaho. Interment: Nampa, Idaho. Survivors: wife Fannie; sons Stanley, James, Thomas, Edgar; stepson Clifford Hagood; daughters Alice Downey, Dee Comer, Lois Larson, Lorraine Forsman; step-daughter Iris Evans; 44 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson; 1 brother.

MARY R. DILLON, 71, Nov. 30, Lafayette, Colo. Survivors: brother Warren; sisters Elizabeth Lewis, Shirley Manzanares, Henrietta Van Dyke, Loretta Dillon, Margaret Blanchard.

MRS. MABEL F. DIZMANG, 63, Sept. 8, Pullman, Wash. Survivors: husband Rev. Frank L.; daughters Terry Hull, Katy Owen, Rosemary Dennis, Becky Brauner; six grandchildren; two sisters; one brother.

MRS. MARY EDNA DOUD, 58, Dec. 16, Lawrence, Kans. Survivors: husband Harvey E.; daughter Deborah Sue; son David L.; three grandchildren.

FAIRY BELLE (YONTS) HALL, 80, Jan. 1, Cleveland, Ohio. Interment: Deane, Ky. Survivors: daughters Lula King, Lavada E. Meade, Nancy J. Ferrulli, Sonja Faye Yonts; sons Edward, Estill, Loran, Len, Billy, and Junior; 40 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; 1 brother.

MRS. LULA A. HANCOCK, 96, Dec. 13, Paris, Ill. Survivors: sons Ralph and Earl; daughters Edith Whitknack, M. Marie Major, M. Ellen Graham; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

REV. RALPH A. HERREN, 86, Dec. 1, Carlsbad,

INTEREST IN SPIRITISM INCREASING. The number of followers of spiritism worldwide has risen to more than 100 million.

Andreas Resch, the director of the Institute for Parascience in Innsbruck, Austria, said the center of spiritism is in Brazil, where there are 11 million followers. Great Britain is second and in both East and West Germany there has been a sharp increase in the last few years.

Spiritism is attracting young people in increasing numbers. Fortune-tellers and clairvoyants are in great demand. In Germany, the bishops' conference of the United Protestant-Lutheran Church has recently issued warnings against occult practices of any kind. □

PORN MOVIES IN FAMILY MOTELS. The National Federation of Decency is calling for a nationwide boycott of Holiday Inn because the motel chain is now one of the largest porno cable operators in the nation.

Holiday Inn is among several chains, including Marriott and Sheraton, which offer sex-oriented movies on a "pay per view" basis. Ramada Inns attempted to offer porno movies but withdrew the service after receiving several complaints.

Those wishing to voice their concern can write: Holiday Inn, Attn: Chairman Michael Rose, Holiday Corp., 1023 Cherry Road, Memphis, TN 38117. □

JEWS ESTABLISH FOUNDATION FOR "RIGHTEOUS GENTILES." A Jewish foundation has been set up to help Christians who saved Jews during the Holocaust. Rabbi Harold Schulweis, chairman of the new Foundation to Sustain the Righteous Christians, said that many of the people who will benefit from the new fund are very elderly and in poor health, and are experiencing financial difficulties.

The exact number of non-Jewish rescuers and their whereabouts is not known, although there are 31 such "Righteous Gentiles" living in Israel and receiving pensions from the National Insurance Foundation. □

A RESPONSE TO SAGAN'S "COSMOS." The American Scientific Affiliation (ASA), a 2,100-member organization of science teachers and researchers who are Christians, has produced a guidebook on the teaching of origins and is planning a series of television programs to respond to Carl Sagan's "Cosmos" series.

ASA members believe "Cosmos" presents a false dichotomy between science and religion. Sagan believes that modern science came into being despite religious values. Robert Herrmann, executive director of ASA, said, "Sagan has made dogmatic statements that are pure religion, a kind of secular humanism."

ASA plans five one-hour programs targeted for a general television audience. □

SECULAR PUBLISHERS TO FIGHT PORN REPORT. Gray and Company, the largest Washington, D.C., public relations firm, has been retained by the Council for Periodical Distributors Associations to discredit the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography and to build public support for sexually explicit magazines.

It has been suggested to CPDA by Gray and Company that both long-term and short-term strategies be employed and that an organization be formed that will seek ways of discrediting organizations and individuals who "have begun to seriously disrupt the legitimate business activities of publishers, distributors, and sellers." □

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N.Mex. Interment: Bethany, Okla. Survivors: wife Catherine; daughter Ruth Roper; sons Hillis, Paul, Robert, Ross, 18 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 1 brother; 5 sisters. Ministry: New Mexico, San Antonio, Southeast Oklahoma, and Northeast Oklahoma districts.

CECIL W. STAGNER, 64, Dec. 14, Garden Grove, Calif. Survivors: wife Mary Jane; sons William C., James A., Robert D., David M., Jeffrey T.; daughters Mrs. Judy J. Nutter, Mrs. Susan M. Carter, Mrs. Patricia L. Wolf; 10 grandchildren; 1 sister; 1 brother.

THEODORE (TED) TAMBORSKI, 76, Dec. 18, Alameda, Calif. Survivors: wife Harriett; daughters Gertrude Wright, Doris Jacobson, Rosemary Accosta; sons Theodore, Jr., Wesley; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters; 1 brother.

REV. VENA MARIE WALLACE, 65, Dec. 14, Plant City, Fla. Survivors: husband Rev. J. C. Wallace; son Paul, Sr.; two grandchildren; two brothers; two sisters. Ministry: West Virginia, Kentucky, and Central Florida districts.

BIRTHS

to JOHN C. AND CONNIE (REMOLE) ALEXANDER, Potomac, Ill., a boy, Jeffrey Curtis, Dec. 1

to BRUCE AND AMY (WATKINS) BARNARD, Quincy, Mass., a girl, Elizabeth Jayne, Sept. 23

to DAVID AND BETH (EBY) BARNHART, Nashville, Tenn., a girl, Kelli Elizabeth, Nov. 8

to REV. DAVID AND CATHY (RING) BECKER, Oakes, N.Dak., a girl, Candice Danielle, Dec. 22

to SGT. HAROLD AND CHRISTINE (DEGORSKI) BLACK, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C., a girl, Rebekah Louise, Dec. 20

to REV. JOHN AND JOYCE (STEWART) BRILES, Shinnston, W.Va., a boy, Jesse Stewart, Dec. 16

to REV. DAVID AND WANDA (SMITH) BROWN, Silver City, N.Mex., a girl, Marissa Ann, Nov. 30

to DAVID AND JANET (BOWMAN) HAIGLER, Oxnard, Calif., a boy, Dalton Wade, Dec. 29

to S. ROY G., JR., AND JOAN (LEVITT) HALL, Maple Ridge, B.C., a boy, Royce Frederick John, Dec. 28

to MARK W. AND DEBBIE MILLER, Kirksville, Mo., a girl, Emily Suzanne, Oct. 30

to JUAN AND DEBBIE MORA, Oxnard, Calif., a girl, Sandra Lee, Dec. 14

to KENT AND KATHY PELTON, Lawrence, Kans., a boy, Chauncey Heath, Jan. 5

to JOE AND SANDRA (ADAMEK) WOODS, Indianapolis, Ind., a girl, Stephanie Lynn, Dec. 19

ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. BOWIE DANIEL (VERNA) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 23, 1986, at a reception given in their honor by their 5 children and 17 grandchildren. They were married September 10, 1936, in Pasadena, Calif. Rev. G. F. Webb officiated. Although unable to attend the reception, Rev. Webb sent his congratulations. Also in attendance were Mrs. Esther Hubbard and Mrs. Nora Holder who were members of the wedding party.

Children include Bowie, Jr., Yucca Valley, Calif.; Annie Smith, Redondo Beach, Calif.; Conrad, Redlands, Calif.; Jack, Belton, Tex.; and Douglas, San Marcos, Calif. Mr and Mrs. Daniel are charter members of the Yucca Valley, Calif., church.

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THE ANSWER

CORNER

Conducted
by W. E.
McCumber,
Editor

We welcome questions on biblical and doctrinal matters. The editor is not able to send replies to questions not selected for publication. Address: ANSWER CORNER, *Herald of Holiness*, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

In Sunday School we were discussing Adam and Eve and how God made them. One lady told our class that God created another wife for Adam before He created Eve. I said I never before heard that and as far as I knew it wasn't in my Bible. Her answer was, everything isn't recorded in the Bible, which I understand, but never have I heard about Adam's having a helpmate before Eve. Is that true?

If Adam had a wife before Eve, that wife was neither a woman nor a human being! Eve is presented in Scripture as the *first* woman and as "the mother of all living." That means all human creatures, except Adam, descended from her and Adam. None preceded her but Adam.

It is specifically said that prior to the creation of Eve "there was not found a helpmate" for Adam. He was "alone" so far as human companionship goes. True, everything is not recorded in Scripture, but anything that is recorded there is true. □

Matthew 8:28 speaks of two demon-possessed men in the tombs—"They were so violent that no one could pass that way" [NIV]. Mark 5:2 speaks of only one man in the tombs—"No one could bind him any more" [NIV]. Could you explain this?

As a Christian, I have been asked this question and am unable to answer it.

True, in relating this incident Matthew mentions two demoniacs while Mark—and Luke—refer to just one. I've not found a simpler or better explanation than that given by John Broadus in his commentary on Matthew: "It is an obvious explanation to suppose that one was more remarkable and prominent than the other. Mark and Luke

give more details than Matthew does, and in so doing might naturally take only the more conspicuous case, to render the description more vivid."

Another, more recent, commentary well says, "The best explanation is that Matthew had independent knowledge of the second man."

Some scholars, preferring to let what they call a "contradiction" stand unreconciled, would label the above explanations "nervous harmonizing." I can only say I am not in the least nervous about accepting and repeating them. □

I would really like to know what the significance Lebanon, also the "cedars of Lebanon," hold in the Scriptures. I would very much appreciate a comment on this.

Lebanon was a mountainous area at the northwest boundary of the Promised Land. Historically, Lebanon has formed part of Syria at times, part of the Promised Land at times.

Lebanon means "the white," probably an allusion to the snow-clad higher peaks. These mountains, in Bible times, were heavily forested, especially with cedars, and abounded in game.

The cedars grew to heights of over 100 feet, with base girths of over 40 feet and branch circumferences of up to 300 feet. The wood had a bitter taste repugnant to worms, and was prized for building palaces and temples (2 Samuel 5:11; 1 Kings 5:5-6; 7:1-12; Ezra 3:7). It was also valued for ships' masts (Ezekiel 27:5) and for idols (Isaiah 44:14).

The stately trees became symbols of strength (Isaiah 2:13), of splendor (Jeremiah 22:14), and of glory (Psalm 80:10). For this reason divine judgment upon the country is described as a falling of the cedars.

The wood was used in certain Jewish rituals of purification (Leviticus 14:4; Numbers 19:6).

Today, these Syrian mountains are no longer heavily carpeted with cedars.

What you mean by "the significance of Lebanon" is not clear to me, so this is as far as I can go. □

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The new 6,800 sq. ft. sanctuary of Little Rock, Ark., Calvary Church was dedicated Sunday, October 26. General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe and District Superintendent Donald Irwin officiated at the ceremony. The new sanctuary with balcony will seat 500. The total cost was \$200,000, including furnishing, with an appraised value of \$350,000. The facility is debt-free thanks to the generous and sacrificial pledges and gifts by members and friends of the church. The facility, located on 10 acres, also includes a 12,500 sq. ft. education wing. Rev. Harlie Patterson is the pastor.

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

DETERMINATION PAYS OFF

"The main feature of this revival was the determination of our people to have one," says Pastor Jack Hinton of Sanford, Fla., First Church. The church be-

gan praying several weeks before the scheduled services and, according to Rev. Hinton, "God answered their prayers!"

When Evangelist David Canen and Song Evangelist Paul Qualls arrived, they found a church ready for revival. They were impressed by "the continual high spirit through each service."

Pastor Hinton reports, "The altar calls were good each service. There was

no hard pull to get seekers, and once the altar services ended, testimonies continued past the regular dismissal times."

Seventy persons found spiritual help during the revival, including eight who were sanctified wholly. One 63-year-old lady found Jesus Christ as her Savior for the first time—in only the third church service she had ever attended.

One young man requested prayer for healing at the close of the last service. He had been undergoing therapy for several weeks to no avail. "That last prayer in our last service before we left for home," reports Rev. Hinton, "we prayed for him, believing God healed him that night." And He did. The young man has had no physical discomfort since.

But the results did not end with the revival. The two Sundays following the scheduled services found seekers at the altar in each worship service. Rev. Hinton also baptized 13 new believers in those two weeks.

Rev. Hinton concludes, "There were so many features about this revival that I can't cover them all, except to tell you this; *we had a revival!*"



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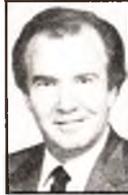
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Thirteen districts paid 100 percent or more of their Pensions and Benefits Fund for the 1985-86 assembly year. The superintendents (pictured), their pastors and local congregations are to be congratulated for “Honoring the Trust.”

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THANKSGIVING OFFERING EXCEEDS \$9,000,000

The 1986 Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism had reached \$9,217,000, as of January 26, according to Dr. D. Moody Gunter, Finance Division director. He added that receipts were continuing to come into headquarters for the offering, which had a goal of \$9,000,000. □

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SIGNIFICANT GROWTH DOWN UNDER



Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent, recently completed the Australia North and New Zealand district assemblies. He reported that North Australia completed the year with a 14% increase in growth. New Zealand also had double-digit growth with an increase of 11.5%.

While in Australia, Dr. Johnson organized the College Church in Brisbane with 21 full members on January 11. □

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MIDQUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM ONLY DAYS AWAY

The Midquadrennial Conference on Evangelism, sponsored by Evangelism Ministries, is expected to attract 4,000 to 5,000 to Roe Bartle Convention Center in Kansas City, February 24-26. Dr. Bill Sullivan, Evangelism Ministries director, says this conference promises to be one of the most challenging ever, with excellent preaching, music, 36 workshops, and evangelism seminars for clergy and laity. The theme for the event is "Evangelize: That the World May Know."

The conference will begin Tuesday evening with special music and a message by Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent. Wednesday morning, speakers will include evangelists Nelson Perdue, Stephen Manley, Richard Strickland, and Charles Millhuff. Special films on different aspects of evangelism will be shown Wednesday afternoon along with messages by evangelists C. Hastings Smith, Robert Taylor, Sybil Holder, and Jim Crabtree. Wednesday evening will feature a musical extravaganza, a film about Thrust to the Cities, a sending service for 200

church planters, and a message by Rev. Tom Wilson, pastor of Salem, Oreg., First Church.

Thursday morning will feature Charles Shaver, Ron Benefiel, Orville Jenkins, Jr., and Tom Nees, respectively discussing personal, ethnic, urban, and compassion evangelism. Workshops will be offered Thursday morning and afternoon. In the afternoon plenary sessions Bill Burch and Jim Garlow will speak respectively on creative and relational evangelism.

The conference will close Thursday evening with a "Camp Meeting Service" featuring a Song Evangelists' Concert, the Great Camp Meeting Choir and Brass Ensemble, personal evangelism interviews, and a closing message by Evangelist Don Pfeifer.

There is no admission charge to any of the services. Housing arrangements should be made as soon as possible. For more information contact Evangelism Ministries at 1-800-821-2154 or 816-333-7000. □

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BUCHANAN TO BE FEATURED AT LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

World-class harpist Greg Buchanan will be among the musicians at the 6th International Laymen's Conference, July 1-5, 1987, in Fort Worth, Tex. Mr. Buchanan is one of the most sought-after Christian performers in America. He is known for his superb musicianship and his Christian life.

Among the other musicians who will perform for the conference are The Speers and Steve Green.

The conference will feature outstanding speakers such as Tony Campolo, Charles Colson, Ann Kiemel Anderson, Dennis Kinlaw, Carolyn Koons, H. B. London, Jr., and Reuben Welch, along with a variety of work-

shops and seminars designed to enhance the ministry of a layperson.

For more information, contact International Laymen's Conference, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □

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CHURCH BEGINS MISSION WORK IN WEST AFRICA



Nazarene missionary Rev. John Seaman left Kansas City, January 6, for Abidjan, the capital city of the Ivory Coast in West Africa, to pioneer the work of the Church of the Nazarene in that nation. His wife, Linda, and their family plan to join him shortly.

"This is a historic day for the Church of the Nazarene," said Dr. Robert Scott, World Mission Division director. "This brings to 84 the number of world areas where there is a Nazarene church presence. It also opens up one of the greatest challenges our church has ever known—planting a holiness church in the predominantly Islamic French-speaking countries of West Africa."

Agricultural missionaries Robert and Sherri Keller will join the Seamans within a few months. Also, Dr. and Mrs. David Falk and Dr. and Mrs. Ron Farris, Nazarene medical personnel, will arrive in West Africa next year as part of the Nazarene missionary team for French West Africa. □

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SCOTT IS COORDINATOR FOR NYC THRUST

Rev. Willis R. Scott, Sr., has been appointed local coordinator for the Thrust to the City of New York. The appointment was made by New York District Superintendent Dallas Mucci and Rev. Michael Estep, Thrust to the Cities director. Rev. Scott will serve as the on-site director for the 1988 Thrust to New York City.

Rev. Scott comes to the post from Orlando, Fla., Colonial Church. He has pastored on the New York, Akron, Eastern Michigan, and Chicago Central districts and served on special assignment to Australia for the World Mission Division. He has been a home mission pastor, evangelist, and was outreach evangelism director for the Akron District from 1970 to 1975.

Rev. Scott is a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College and was ordained in 1957 on the Akron District. He and his wife, Lois, have four children, Willis, Jr., Denise Schaffer, Myra Richardson, and Deborah Berryhill. □

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