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AN EDITORIAL

IT WOULD APPEAR that there are two attitudes among us regarding tradition. There are those who seem to be so attached to the customary that they fail to grasp the realities of either the present or the future. On the other hand are those who discard tradition altogether, thus cutting themselves off from the past and what it could teach them.

A great many people in our society reflect a "live and let live" attitude toward traditions. This has not decreased the problems with which we must struggle; a growing divorce rate, increased use of abortion for birth control, and the heavy use of drugs and beverage alcohol are conspicuous examples. Had there been more respect for traditional moral concepts, these would not be the tough issues they have become today.

To be sure, blind devotion to tradition can be stifling, especially when performance is emptied of its meaning. Yet, this would appear to be the lesser concern of the two extremes. Those who hold this position probably represent a minority among us.

Christians are, of course, appalled and rightly concerned over the evils that endeavor to invade our homes, destroy our marriages, and cripple our churches. What should we do? We deplore the attitude of those who have cast their convictions to the wind and nominate themselves as examples for the rest of us to follow.

Yet, we find ourselves fighting an uphill battle to keep not only our youth but also ourselves from following destructive trends.

Many people insist that nations with strong traditions have found them to be great unifying forces in the time of crisis. Surely the same could be said of the church as well. One question is if it is not wise for certain traditional patterns of worship, music, and even preaching to be maintained. So-called contemporary approaches to public worship have often lacked depth and, consequently, have failed to meet the spiritual needs of the participants. But here we must show wisdom, for as has been noted, some traditional worship concepts are meaningless and shallow to the modern mind.

Somewhere in between the extremes there must be a guiding principle to assist us in today's

world. The Word of God surely provides the directive we need. Because the Bible contains the Living Word—Christ, who is himself eternal—the answers we seek will be both traditional and contemporary. Adherence to all God has to say will reveal a healthy respect for the past as well as an ability to face today.

Applying the Word of God to daily experience becomes an adventure in faith and living. The opportunities are numberless: worship expressed in loving God with all the heart, mind, and soul; respect for the Ten Commandments; concern for one's neighbor and his rights; the preservation of the Christian family unit, with all that this would include in attitudes of morality and fidelity—just to name a few. "Anchored to the Rock, but geared to the times," is a slogan of recent vintage that perhaps says it all. □

TRADITIONS: GOOD OR BAD?

THE WORD OF GOD PROVIDES
THE DIRECTIVE WE NEED.



by General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson

WHERE'S DAD?

by DENNIS L. APPLE



Jerry Bushey

BOY, that sure would be nice," said Jason, a typical 10-year-old, who just sat down cross-legged in front of the TV. As he watched, Opie, the little boy on the screen, took his fishing pole and joined his dad, Andy, as they walked down a familiar path toward their favorite fishing hole. "And I don't care about fishing so much, but it sure would be nice to have a dad put his arm around me like that and walk down the road."

Jason is just one of 12.6 million children who live with a single parent, usually the mother, in America today. The increase in single-parent families is one of the most striking social developments of the past generation. More than 19 percent of families with children are now headed by a single parent. For Blacks, that figure is more than double.

Jason's mother struggles in her "battle for bread" and feels defeated and exhausted most of the time. Single parenthood contributes enormously toward poverty and dependency on welfare. In 1979 the median income of families with children headed by single Black women was only \$6,610 or about one-third the \$19,961 figure for all U.S. families. The income for families headed by a white female is only marginally better.

This is a growing problem. In 1960, 84 percent of the population lived in households headed by a married couple, consisting of parents, children, and other relatives. By 1970 the proportion of American living in these "mom and pop" households had dropped to 82 percent, and in 1980 to 73.5 percent. Demographers are predicting that by 1990, 25 percent of the nation's children will be living with one parent. The price paid by the children is high. A national magazine recently quoted a survey of 8,500 elementary and high school students in 15 different schools around the country. The survey indicated that one-parent children showed substantially more absenteeism, truancy, discipline problems, suspensions, expulsions, and dropouts.

What is the responsibility of the church here? Paul reminds us that we are to bear one another's burdens. And we are exhorted, "Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased" (Hebrews 13:16, NIV). Our response to

this scripture may lead us to respond in practical ways. We could start a food pantry and clothing room in our church. In nearly every church there are senior adults who are looking for meaningful work that can benefit others. These senior men and women can take the lead in gathering goods, organizing the program, and supervising the distribution to the needy.

In order to help with emergencies that call for cash, many churches budget a certain amount for a benevolent fund or use the midweek offering exclusively for this need.

Because of the growing financial pressure, Jason and his mother, along with his two sisters, moved in with his grandmother. Jason must grow up in a world without a significant man in his life. He is scolded by his mother and grandmother for his "roughhouse" ways and is told to follow the example of his sisters. It is easy to see why Jason feels so lonely when he sees a man play catch or go fishing with another boy. In response to this need, churches are beginning to form "Big Brother" or "Big Sister" type programs. Spending an hour or two with a child on a regular basis can be of inestimable value.

Today, while you are reading this, thousands of children like Jason are being told of their parents' separation or divorce, not to mention those who have lost a parent by death. In the tears and trauma that follow, one of their main questions will be: "What will happen to me?" Let's reach out in a spirit of compassion and help the Jasons walk down the road.

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SOLID SUPPORT

I am writing in reference to the article "Unwanted Divorces—Unhealed Victims" in the June 1 issue.

As I read it I wept, because I am one of those victims. However I wept with joy also because I've been one of the privileged, as my church, pastor and people alike, have stood with me and continue to show their love and support. I don't know where my children and I would have turned had it not been for their love and support. Thanks for the article; it helped us as victims and I'm sure it set some of our great Christian friends to thinking and acting upon the task that is ours to love and help others. I'm a proud member of Decatur, Ill., First

Church of the Nazarene. I thank God daily for my great family that loves me.

*Hope Garrett
Decatur, Illinois*

LOVES THE "HERALD"

I am a Methodist who was born again into the family of Christ almost three years ago. My grandmother sent me a subscription of your magazine which I have been receiving for two years. I can't tell you how much I love your magazine and how it has helped me to grow. I especially enjoy "The Answer Corner"; that's the first thing I turn to. You always answer fairly, and it encourages me to search out the Scriptures for myself. As much as I like to keep each issue, I realize how they could be used to witness to unsaved friends, so I

give them away, along with a prayer each time that that person will be blessed as I have been. Please keep up the good work and God bless you.

*Sharon Andrus
Williamsport, Pennsylvania*

HIGH TIME

The *Herald of Holiness* is a versatile and comprehensive diet of spiritual reading. I trust everybody will carefully read the editorial by Dr. Jerald D. Johnson in the March 1 issue titled "It's Time to Let Our Voices Be Heard." Yes, it is *high time!* The consequences of "social drinking" beverage alcohol should be taught in our Sunday School classes and thundered from our pulpits.

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ASK HIM!



by JOHN W. MAY

WHEN THE DISCIPLES found Jesus praying one day, they requested, "Teach us to pray." The discourse that followed was especially fitted to their needs and the needs of God's people today.

In addition to the model prayer, Jesus expounded on vital attitudes and issues concerning prayer relationships that would fulfill "the promise of the Father."

Entire sanctification, or the

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baptism with the Holy Spirit, must be diligently sought when we are awakened to our heart's need for holiness. As born again people walk in the light, they become aware of their need for "something more," but they must make themselves active candidates for the mighty baptism. It does not occur automatically or as a matter of course.

We must prayerfully turn the controls of life over to the Father. No one can really pray the Lord's Prayer experientially until he is willing to go "all the way" with God; to "let go and let God." The words may be easily parroted, but putting them into practice is quite another matter. The prayer lesson is made up not only of requests to God but also responsibilities of men; to forgive others as we desire to be forgiven, for example.

Seekers must ask persistently. It is like approaching a neighbor for bread at midnight, after he and his family are in bed, Jesus said. Importunity demands that we keep asking, seeking, and knocking until he comes to the door and hands out the loaves we want to borrow. Jesus is not saying that the Father must be coaxed but that half-hearted seeking will not avail. Reservation, mental or otherwise, will block the coming of the Holy Spirit. Seeking must be consistent and earnest.

As He closed the discourse Jesus said, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13). Our Heavenly Father is superior in wisdom and goodness to the best of earthly fathers. But this does not mean that the Holy Spirit will be automatically conferred upon us. We must ask, seek, and knock. As our children ask clearly and definitely, so must we ask Him. As we would not give a stone for bread, or a serpent for fish, or a scorpion for an egg, neither will He disappoint His children. "For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (v. 10).

Prayer should be definite. Let us be specific about what we seek.

Let holiness be called holiness; entire sanctification be called entire sanctification. Vague terms lead to confused experience.

According to Jesus, our requirements are not greater than the Father's resources. The expression He uses is "how much more." So great is His power, so deep His love, that there can be no viable comparison.

Paul used a similar language in Romans 5 using the words "much more." There is the "much more" of salvation (v. 9), of reconciliation (v. 10), of divine giving (v. 15), of victorious living (v. 17), and of abundant grace (v. 20).

The sanctifying experience is available to believers everywhere, undeniably and overwhelmingly. It is a gift of God. It is a gift for living, not only for dying. It is a definite gift that calls for decisive action on the part of God and man. The Spirit himself is the gift we seek; not the *gifts* of the Spirit. Too many seek a blessing rather than a Blessor; a gift instead of the Giver. It is a gift of love. God loves His children more than we do ours and His resources are adequate for their needs. He wants to sanctify us; it is His will, as 1 Thessalonians 4:7 states. It is an overwhelming gift ("how much more") waiting to be given ("ask Him"). □

RENEWED

*I had run out
of time,
of patience,
even of love.
I did not know HIM,
but HE knew me.
HE was working hard
to bring about an
introduction.
HE accomplished it.
Now thanks to HIM,
I have time,
I have patience,
I have love.*

—OPAL SANDRA WATKINS
Harrisburg, Illinois

LIQUOR'S THIRST FOR



by HAROLD IVAN SMITH

I SELDOM READ business-related magazines, but on a recent flight to Kansas City I leafed through *Business Week*. I was struck by a headline titled "Liquor's Thirst for a Younger Market." The article described changes in the American drinker's tastes in the last decade. The report focused on a rather pessimistic meeting of the Wine and Spirit's Wholesaler's Association last March. The article reported:

(1) Consumption of alcoholic beverages by Americans increased "a scant" 1 percent, to 452 million gallons (2.1 gallons for every American), a decline from 1979's growth rate of 1.1 percent.

(2) Statistics show that Americans are sipping more wine than distilled spirits. The market people blame the economy; people are more willing to pay \$4.00 for a bottle of wine than \$10.00 for whiskey.

(3) The market will be dramatically affected as the baby-boom generation moves into "the prime liquor consumption age" of 25 to 44. The report noted, "In general, these consumers weaned on soft drinks, thirst for a lighter, sweeter, more exotic, and more mixable drink than their elders. This has

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helped catapult wine and white goods sectors (vodka, gin) to the forefront" of a competitive market.

To put the report into perspective, we must examine 1970 sales figures. In one decade, consumption jumped from 369.9 million gallons to 452 million gallons, an increase of almost 100 million gallons, or 800 million pints.

In the same time period, the increase among wine consumption skyrocketed. Wine sales jumped from 267.4 million gallons in 1970 to 476.0 gallons in 1980, or over 200 million gallons. If you have a budding mathematician in your household, have him take the width of a gallon container and multiply it by 476 million and see how many times that line would cross America.

As a result of the slow expansion, the wine and liquor industries are locked in a stiff challenge for more store display space, advertising, and purchasing. How will they respond?

1. *A greater emphasis on marketing.* Intensive market research will be conducted to understand the purchasers. Then, a blitz of sophisticated advertising in national and specialized magazines will be designed to appeal to the baby-boomers. There will be increased "in-store" merchandising: coupons, contests, and "attractive" displays.

For example, the Buckingham Corporation, which manufactures Cutty Sark (which declined in sales 12.1 percent; but, before you rejoice, remember customers are not buying less but *something else*), will spend \$8 million in additional advertising for this one brand. According to *Business Week*, the new ad campaign will feature personalities who "tell people to be a leader, not a follower." As one senior vice-president reported, "We're telling people not to drink what others drink but to drink what you want" and it's only a step to "and as much as you want" if the consumption is going to increase.

Another distiller, Somerset (Johnny Walker Red), will budget 12 percent more, hoping its product will climb in the ratings. They intend to use year-round gift-wrapping complete with greeting card, an item long influential in Christmas sales.

2. Marketing will also focus on the college buyers. Producers want to develop marketing schemes that show liquors and cordials (such as Bailey's Irish Creme) are "compatible with pot" (according to one spokesman, The Paddington Corporation is reportedly working on a wine-based cordial that could be advertised on television) "and pot is as much a competitor as other types of liquor."

Two quotes from the report were significant: (1) "Liquor marketers need all the help they can get . . ." and (2) "Wine is so fashionable, the boom will continue no matter what."

How shall we respond?

First, our traditional standard on alcohol must be

A YOUNGER MARKET

reshared with each generation; it cannot be taken for granted. While we have fought TV advertising for liquor, we have allowed the alcohol beverage industry the privilege of underwriting major league athletics through auxiliary revenues. The enormous salaries athletes earn cannot be paid through gate receipts.

Consider the cleverness of advertising. There is a generation of middle-aged men whose "stars and heroes" are retired athletes. Yet, those men are making an advertising comeback by "pitching" (ad industry word for promoting) "Lite" beer, which is "less filling" and has fewer calories.

Do they really have to advertise on TV, when so many programs are punctuated with drinking that models the behavior? Consider the number of hours children are exposed to TV. Is the idea of the sociability of drinking effectively communicated?

Secondly, we need to expose our children and teens to the subliminal messages of advertising. Take a popular magazine. What percentage of the ad space is purchased by full-color alcohol-beer-wine advertisements?

Try a project. Take the number of magazine pages in an issue (say 92 plus 4 pages for back and cover). Now, go through and cut out all the ads. Tally the page count.

Now, go through and underline in the articles all references to drinking or pictures with individuals drinking. Then read aloud the copy lines on the ads.

The ads speak to issues such as intimacy, friendship, fun, warmth. No one is drunk or lewd or obnoxious. Rather, they're laughing, smiling, touching. In fact, many of the ads are warmly romantic.

For example, in the July 27 issue of one magazine, across from an article on Merrill Womack, the burn-scarred gospel musician, is a full-page ad with "good ol' J.R." promoting Black Velvet. A few pages prior, history was rewritten in a beautiful photographic ad featuring a New England village. The copy line read, "America meant a new start. And the men who landed here started a world with new goals, new customs, *even a new whiskey.*" Three other full pages are devoted to announcing two sweepstakes.

If we only point out the evils of liquor and not the cleverness of the advertising, we've missed an excellent opportunity to teach abstinence.

Increasingly, there has been a subtle motivation. "This is what a man drinks!" or "I'm successful, guess what I drink?" People buy an image as well-defined in their minds as the product. Advertising stimulates the world of fantasy and strokes a need for wholeness. Advertising only has to hint at masculinity and a million men will buy.

We know the realities that are not part of the liquor ads; there is another side. And we have every right to talk about that.

Paul wrote, "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ" (Colossians 2:8, NIV). The nation's advertising firms are collecting fantastic retainers to come up with new propaganda, to tempt the younger market to a *lifetime* of consuming. Some readers are years away from the legal age to drink, but are still prime targets for slick advertising now. Thus, the ads become an investment for the industry.

Thirdly, something must be said about the "new Evangelicals" whose standards seem to be soft on wine but hard on liquor. Our standard of abstinence will be confronted by the "it's OK" of new Evangelicals and the moderate temperance of old Evangelicals, which will be difficult to counteract.

Our position will be in a vise between the two alternate standards. We must be articulate and precise.

The alcoholic beverage business is large and powerful; it has friends in government and the media. In the Thanksgiving offering, Nazarenes will give \$8 million for world evangelism. Yet, Cutty Sark will increase its advertising budget by that amount to raise its rank from 18 in sales.

Remember, "Liquor's thirst for a younger market" is for *our* teens and young adults. □

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Camerique



CALM IN THE MIDST OF CANCER



by LINDA HUDSPETH LOETSCHER

GOD CALLED my husband and me to the ministry in the middle years of life. My husband's previous training was in aeronautics. We had returned to college to get his degree in religion. It was his senior year. Time seemed so short and so precious.

How I looked forward to the days ahead of full-time Christian service. It had been the desire of my heart since childhood. As anticipation of such a tremendous responsibility began to fill our lives, I felt the tug of the Holy Spirit pleading, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8). With this continuous prompting, I vividly remember those days of prayer and supplication.

Lord, I'm not satisfied to be mediocre. I want to be all You would have me to be. I feel so unworthy, so inadequate, to counsel and to lead such a great people. I do not know what our future holds, but I know who holds our future. Give me the patience of Job, the faith of Abraham, and the love and compassion of Christ. I plead for Your will in my life above everything in this world—not my will, but Your will be done.

In May 1980 I began having severe cramping and internal bleeding. Having worked in the medical field approximately 15 years, I was aware of the fact that these were among the first signs of cancer. Falling on my knees in desperation, I cried, "Lord, I don't want to die, I have too much to live for. Our ministry has just begun. My husband's sister just passed away with cancer. I cannot put him through this again. He needs me. My family needs me."

I could think of a hundred reasons why I did not want cancer. Then God reminded me of my previous prayer and commitment. How could I forget? Not one thing can come to me unless He allows it. I had served God long enough to know that He never makes a mistake, that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

I believed I was called according to His purpose. I was born to glorify the name of Jesus. If I had

cancer, God had a purpose, and His will would be sufficient for me. With these thoughts of acceptance, I began to face reality.

My faith was strong. As David of old, there had been bears and lions in my past. I knew God's power for Goliath was still available.

How could I doubt? "With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27). Healing from God was mine for the asking. But I serve a Savior who is all-wise. I do not know what is best. Therefore, I could only pray, *Lord, if it be Thy will, please heal me, but more than divine healing, I plead Thy will be done.*

I knew God had the power to heal if He willed. If not, I knew the alternative—tests, hospitalization, surgery, chemotherapy, prolonged suffering, family hardships, and eventually, death.

I felt such a distraction would not only postpone, but possibly preclude my husband's ministry. He needed my support to complete his education. I could not see putting my family through the hardship of a long drawn-out illness. The financial burdens could be tremendous and, eventually, to no avail.

Due to my commitment, the needs and concern for my family, and my unquestionable faith in God, I chose to conceal my health problems until my husband had completed his education. But by November 1980 the discomfort and inconvenience could no longer be concealed. Knowing my condition was serious, we returned to our home state. There our family was near and we could have the physicians of our choice.

I'll never forget the sweet peace and calm that held me steady as my surgeon confirmed the news, carcinoma of the rectum and colon. "How do you feel about this?" he asked.

With a smile I could say, "My life is committed to God. I have a lot to live for, a lot to die for. What ever God wills, I can accept."

"I don't think you understand. I'm talking about a colostomy, possible ileostomy, a real adjustment for someone your age."

"I know we can put red bows and lace on a colostomy and go right on."

Realizing I was an obvious waste of time, he pursued his demanding schedule.

As I look back at those following three months, it seems as though it were a dream. There were three major surgeries involving a colostomy and an abscess. I assured my physicians it was just a test of their intelligence, although I was well aware it was out of their hands at times.

The pain became so unbearable I literally prayed to die. Then, too sick to talk, too sick to pray, too sick to care for the things of this world, I began looking forward to death. I began looking forward to heaven. No more pain. No more worries. No more heartaches. All fear was gone—just a longing in my heart to be with Jesus.

It was then that God seemingly lifted the curtain of death and began to restore my health. Disappointment filled my heart as my strength was renewed; a disappointment of coming back to the cares of this world, after being so close to the tranquility of

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heaven. I realized I had dying grace, but what I needed was living grace. It was the love of my family and friends that restored my will to live. They rallied to my side, assuring me that their need for my life was more important than my own desires. The greatest possession life offers is the investment in the lives of others. Of all my endeavors the richest fulfillment I have ever known came from such an investment. Several weeks after returning home, I received a letter from a friend stating that due to the influence of

my life over the years, and especially my attitude toward my illness, she had accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. What joy filled my heart as I thanked God for the opportunity to be used for His glory! Many things were accomplished through my illness, but the joy of a new name written down in heaven far exceeds any pain or sacrifice that could possibly come from a committed life.

Thank You, Jesus, for the valley I walked through today. □

NAZARENE ROOTS



Early photograph of Rest Cottage in Pilot Point, Texas, which served as one of many refuge homes for unwed mothers supported and operated by Nazarenes. J. P. and Minnie Roberts are pictured on the right.

REST COTTAGE, PILOT POINT, TEXAS

"During the year 1902, while living on a farm in Oklahoma, God burdened my heart for poor fallen girls . . . In the latter part of the same year my now sainted wife and I were privileged to hear an address delivered by Rev. Seth C. Rees on 'The Power of the Gospel in the Slums' . . .

"Shortly after this I placed my farm and belongings on the market and the Lord sent buyers and everything was sold. He plainly led us to Pilot Point, Texas, where Rev. W. L. Rogers extended to us a most cordial welcome. After spending three days in fasting and prayer, my wife received a definite call to Rescue Work . . .

"With the promises of God to rest upon, the

Home was formally opened Feb. 1, 1903. God has in a marvelous way blessed the work. Many precious erring girls have been saved, sanctified, and healed.

"After a short blessed experience as matron of the Home, my precious wife was promoted to glory. Sister Minnie Lindberg, who had managed the Chicago Rescue Home, came to be matron of this Home. Within a year she became my wife and has stood bravely by my side, sharing with me the privations, trials and testings connected with such a work.—In His name, J. P. Roberts, Supt." (From the *Holiness Evangel*, March 1, 1908.) □

STEVE COOLEY, Director of Archives



CHRISTIANITY AMID HEATHEN RAGE

by IVAN A. BEALS

THE PSALMIST ASKED, "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?" (Psalm 2:1). Throughout history, the rulers of people that denied God have often conspired to wipe out religious worship.

During the past generation, the Communist Party swept into power in Russia—on the heels of the bloody Bolshevik Revolution—in November 1917. Since then, millions of Christians and Jews under the Kremlin rule have been harassed, arrested, imprisoned, or slain for their religious beliefs. But faith still persists there.

Communist leaders Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin denounced religion as a socially harmful "illusion." In Lenin's words, "Religion is a sort of spiritual moonshine in which the slaves of capital drown the image of man and their demand for a life more or less worthy of human beings."

The Soviet founder further declared the idea of God consisted of "filth, prejudices, sanctification of ignorance and stupor on the one hand, and of serfdom . . . on the other."

Such atheists deny that religion supplies any universal human need. They claim it thrives only as a vermin element of the hostile class system. A classless society thus acts to exterminate it. Education

and socioeconomic forces released by the revolution cause the toiling masses to break free from the "fetters of religion."

Despite an occasional relaxed stance, the Soviet regime still pursues its goal to eliminate all "religious remnants." Its church policy has vacillated between attacks on all churches and clergy, on the one hand, and attempts to "sovietize" and use them for their own political ends, on the other.

The Kremlin takes legal action, politically and economically, against every religious group and all believers. Churches and sects are distinguished in terms of their political compatibility with and usefulness to the state. The regime rewards collaborators and punishes opponents.

Nevertheless, "Religious belief is growing amazingly, despite intensified atheistic propaganda," says Rev. Blahoslav Hruby, editor of a documentary journal, *Religion in Communist Dominated Areas*.

Christianity Today cites current estimates that about half of the 268 million Soviet citizens are non-religious, and about half are religious. Almost 37 percent, or 100 million, are labeled Christian. An estimated 70 million are Russian Orthodox, the rest are Armenian Orthodox, Roman Catholic, or Protestant. Another 11 percent are Moslem, and 2 percent are Jew or Buddhist.

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Union, estimates weekly church attendance there to be 20 percent of the population. This is reported to be four times more than in Great Britain. In America, 41 percent of the public attend church weekly.

Evangelist Billy Graham was recently invited to Moscow by Patriarch Pimen, primate of the Russian Orthodox Church, and by the leadership of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the USSR. May 9, at a Sunday 8 a.m. service, Graham preached to nearly 1,000 in Moscow's Central Baptist Church. Hundreds more gathered on the sidewalk, where they sang hymns. Observers said about one-third of those in the service were "un-churched."

Dr. Graham also preached that same morning at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Epiphany. Over 1,000 people stood throughout that moving three-hour service.

Zealous Communist oppression has not extinguished religion. Some experts even say believing Christians in Russia outnumber Marxists, despite the 65-year attempt to impose a totally atheistic state.

The regime continues to hamper Christianity's free progress by restricting religious activity to church worship. They ban classes for the young, require government registration, coupled with the onslaught of godless teaching.

The registration requirement has divided Protestants into two camps. About 500,000 are in the registered All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. Other independent Baptists and Pentecostals who refuse to register are illegal. Their secret presses and meetings are often raided. Their leaders and members are plagued, imprisoned, and charged with anti-Soviet activity.

Christians elsewhere in the world face a different danger. Concerned people are aware something has gone wrong with our Western culture. Christian influence has been seriously challenged. A vast segment of our society seems as insensitive as a group of frogs used in an experiment. They were placed in a pot of water, where they leisurely swam around. The water was brought to a slow boil—so gradual that they all died without even trying to get out.

In like manner, many well-intentioned people have been lulled into a false security because of present religious freedom in America and in other democratic nations.

Earlier this year, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Russian exile living in Vermont, issued some solemn warnings. He observed that the danger facing 20th century humanity does not come from a certain nation or leader. "It arises from the universal evil represented by communism." The line dividing good and evil passes through every human heart. Without divine wisdom and strength, mankind is unprepared and too weak to oppose the Communist evil that overcomes and defies more intelligent thinking.

Solzhenitsyn further warned Western society of its wastefulness. Many avoid work, and practice hedonism and atheism, with pleasure as the highest good and self as god. Our society is sorely beset by drugs and is being paralyzed by terrorism. Increasingly,

we spend our energy and lose spiritual health—without which we will surely die.

This "falling away" is not happening through "pressure from the Kremlin." But because of our spiritual weakness, we are allowing ourselves to be pushed into the grave dug for us by Communism—a worldwide agent of heathendom.

The world has never been a friend of divine grace—it has ever flaunted open rebellion against God. Throughout history, mankind has been required to exert utmost devotion to do God's will. Our only hope is to anchor our faith in His salvation through Jesus Christ.

Christianity ever stands on the brink of disaster. But it was founded on Christ, the solid rock. Living and working from that foundation, the Church will conquer all the raging foes. Whether the evil powers are fostered by Russian Marxism or American secularism, true religion is hampered. Jesus Christ seeks disciplined disciples—sturdy, faithful, loving folk to witness in His holy name.

Yes, Christianity thrives amid heathen rage, despite every power that denies God and His salvation. But these trying times remind us our Lord declared, "Night is coming, when no one can work" (John 9:4, NIV). □

GOD'S PROMISE

*When no pleasant ray of sunshine
falls upon the chilly ground;
When the gentle, fragrant blossoms
are nowhere to be found;
When the cheerful birds of summer
have long since flown away;
I will joy and comfort give you,
I'll be with you in that day.*

*When the night is fast about you
and your soul cries out in fear;
When it seems all friends have left you
and you hear no word of cheer;
When the hope you've had has fallen
like a wave into the sea;
I will free you from fear's prison,
I will hold you tenderly.*

*When your silent tears have fallen
like a day of endless rain;
When your lips have lost all praying
and you're weighted down by pain;
When your cup holds no sweet water
and tomorrow seems so far;
I will strengthen you and heal you,
I am with you where you are.*

—SUSAN H. SLATER
Ventnor City, New Jersey



Greg Leatherman

STRENGTH COMES FROM WEAKNESS

by G. WEATHERLEY

MUST WE BE ROBUST, vigorous, and strong to serve God? We should all like these qualities, but some of us do not have them. Can we then still work effectively for God? All depends on whether the compensating factor is operating.

Elizabeth Boice had been a devoted Sunday School teacher until illness confined her to her house permanently. How could she serve God in her weakness and limitations? She obtained a supply of tracts to give to her visitors. She prayed as earnestly before giving a tract as she had before giving her Sunday School lesson. She gave her visitors valued counsel as well as suitable tracts. This giving helped Ann Stiede overcome a domestic difficulty, let Roy Hughes solve a personal problem, and guided Kathleen Kemp to leave a false sect and become a Christian.

In his early Christian days, Paul wanted health and vigor to serve God. To his great disappointment, he found that he had an affliction that he called his "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). Its pain hindered his work, impeded his movements, and frustrated his preaching plans. It affected his eyes so he could not see well. It reduced him to such weakness that his enemies ridiculed him, calling his personal presence contemptible. In his sorrow he prayed earnestly that God would remove it. The Lord didn't. A second and third prayer did not change his condition.

The Lord's last refusal, however, did bring with it an explanation: "My grace is sufficient for thee." Paul then had nothing to fear from his disability, because the Lord would support him with a personal, individual share of divine resources.

The Lord added: "My strength is made perfect in weakness." Divine strength is exerted most in those

who know they are weak in themselves. These covet God's power more than those who feel adequate. The greatest human weakness calls for the greatest working of divine strength. The feeble instrument highlights the divine power in a way that a perfect instrument never could. This divine power is the compensating factor.

Paul concludes, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Corinthians 12:9). The divine power had spread as a tent over the human weakness and completely covered it. This power alone can enable us to do God's will in our world. Paul welcomed his weakness and drew attention to it (v. 11). Indeed he rejoiced in it. He triumphed with a power not his own.

Elizabeth summed up three years of work. "My weakness had prevented me from serving the Lord as I used to do, but His power in me has brought more blessings to others than when I was perfectly fit. Perhaps the Lord has worked in me because my limitations are so obvious that the credit for the work must go to Him."

The vital factor in our work for the Lord is the operation of His power, not our strength.

The sweep of God's power is unlimited. One psalmist affirmed: "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God" (Psalm 62:11). The God revealed in the Bible is the God of power.

Divine power is always active. One Greek word for power (Ephesians 1:19) gives us our word *energy*. It primarily means "being at work." In the New Testament it is always used of supernatural power.

This unique power works in us today. Yet it is not given that we may draw attention to ourselves or bring glory to ourselves. Nor do we receive it that we may use it to dominate or manipulate others. Rather,

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it is spiritual power that enables us to do God's work when it would be impossible otherwise.

This power is closely linked with the coming of the Holy Spirit. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you," Jesus promised (Acts 1:8).

Divine power will fill us with hope when disappointment afflicts us. Then we shall "abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost" (Romans 15:13). The strength of the opposition to our service could fill us with despair. God's power can raise our spirits so high that we are filled with hope. No situation is hopeless while God's power fills our lives. Instead of being dejected we can face the future with a buoyant hope.

Divine power will enable us to serve God in spite of all our inability and weakness. While experiencing the limitations imposed by prison life, Paul wrote: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). Paul had just enumer-

ated his disabilities. Some were related to the Christian ministry generally and others such as poverty and lack of freedom, were closely connected with his present position. Even so, he could still work for God by the power he received through his relationship with the Lord. God's power at work in a man is the secret of his ability to do what is beyond his natural skill.

How do we obtain this power? Through our fellowship with the Lord in a life of complete obedience to His will. When we spend time in His presence we prepare ourselves to receive power. We are strengthened with power in the inner man through the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 3:16); strengthened with all might according to God's glorious power (Colossians 1:11). As we wait on the Lord and seek this power, He will give us all we need.

Robust health is valuable, but effective service does not depend on it. The power of the Lord in our lives is the secret of effective service. □

PICTURE YOURSELF laughing deeply, loudly, and joyously! You struggle to inhale, your "timbers shaking," and finally regain your composure.

You've just participated in one of the most fascinating relationships spoken of by the Bible and modern medicine—laughter and health.

Mark Twain, in *Tom Sawyer*, writing about an old man laughing so hard that he shook from head to toe, says that "such a laugh was money in a man's pocket, because it cut down the doctor's bills like everything." It has been a long-standing folk belief that humor and laughter is good for you. But longer ago, God told us in His Word that "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (Proverbs 17:22). God has known from eternity the benefits of a sense of humor and the ability to laugh.

The medical profession has documented cases of outstanding recoveries from depression, collagen disease, catatonia, and emotional problems. Even in cases of stigmatizing medical conditions (disfiguring injuries), the helpful effect of laughter is documented. Also, geriatric medicine has concluded that most all healthy elderly patients have at least one thing in common—a good sense of humor.

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**HAVE
A
GOOD
LAUGH**

by ED FELTER



Raymond Moody, M.E., in *Laugh After Laugh, The Healing Power of Humor*, says that humor promotes healing by rallying the will to live. Laughter has within it a liberating element, lifting the spirit of the patient to regain wholeness.

Solomon's advice is as new and

modern as psychosomatic therapy. There is really no estimate of value to be placed upon the cheerful, laughing spirit. The merry heart acts as a clarifier and invigorator of the mind. It lubricates the wearing machinery of business and daily care. A merry, humorous thought will bring life and recreation to the physical, while a dark thought has power to work disease into the bodily frame.

The design of Christianity is to fill the human heart with joy. Jesus said, "These things have I spoken unto you . . . that your joy may be full" (John 15:11). Christianity is the best physician to the body because it deals with the condition of the soul and spirit. This is not to imply that all will be well for the Christian physically. However, if illness does come, we know that our merry heart has been taught and guarded by the Holy Spirit, and faith keeps us from the suspicion that in our illness, God has failed or that the Scriptures are untrue.

Isn't it marvelous that God gave us this insight that, if heeded, would give greater spiritual and cosmic perspective on the world and ourselves, and thereby harness the positive power of a sense of humor to cope with the uptight world we live in?

Go ahead! Have a hearty laugh, and let Jesus' joy fill your heart and being with healing and wholeness. □



SERVING CHRIST IN THE COMBAT ZONE

by W. E. McCUMBER

AL BATES, better known to scores as “Brother Al,” has an intriguing, challenging, and dangerous ministry. A member of our Cambridge, Mass., church, he conducts a street ministry to people in a tough area.

His “turf” is Boston’s notorious “Combat Zone,” a downtown red-light district where vice of every kind abounds—especially prostitution.

Eager to share Christ with anyone who will listen, Brother Al’s primary concern is for the prostitutes. For them he has a twofold goal, to get them away from “the dope-pushers, pimps, and johns” who exploit and control them, and to help them find Jesus as Savior and Lord.

The Combat Zone is rough territory, and few are willing to walk its streets as a challenge to its inhuman traffic and rotten life. Al Bates knows that a walk through this human wasteland puts his life on the line. He has been cursed, threatened, and stoned. Those who profit financially from the rackets that flourish there would rather see him dead than alive.

Nevertheless, encouraging results keep him busy in his “walk of faith” through the area daily. Many of the girls quit the streets and find decent jobs. Some have dared to appear on radio and television programs to testify to changed lives and fresh hopes.

Here is a sample of correspondence which gives Al Bates heart for his task:

Dear Brother Al,

I think I should write you this word of encouragement, for I know that your ministry at times can be very discouraging.

I was one of the girls you talked to in the Combat Zone. I was a prostitute and a drug addict . . .

All that life is behind me, praise God! God let me get stuck down in Puerto Rico with no way to get back, got me away from drugs, and let me see His glorious light . . .

After nine months, and a lot of rice and beans, which made me fat and healthy, God allowed me to go back to my parents’ home in Massachusetts. God has blessed me with a wonderful job and is using me there to witness for Him . . .

I thank God for sending you.

Some excerpts from other letters:

Dear Al,

I never told you this, but you helped me get my life together, you were more than a friend to me . . . you were sent straight from heaven . . . I stopped using drugs, and now I work in a bank, and I owe thanks to you and God for not giving up on me and showing me the way . . .

Dear Al,

I want to thank you for trying to share Christ with me . . . Even though I spoke to you for just a minute, I knew Jesus was reaching out His hand to me through you . . .

I worked in the Combat Zone for five years, living a horrible life of sin, but praise the Lord, I’ve been brought out of that darkness into a new world of light.

The “Combat Zone Ministry” reaches others, too.

RESOURCE

*"Ah, you are lonely? Let me share my love."
I looked, and what I found upon the shelf
Was just a paste-and-glitter model of
Agape. I was desolate myself.*

*"So you are fearful? Let my courage be
A well exhaustless where we both may
draw."*

*But there was not enough to hearten me;
I quailed before each enemy I saw.*

*"If you are weak, then I have strength for
two."*

*But when I put my shoulder to the load,
I could not lift it. All that I could do
Was barely drag myself along the road.*

*O Holy Spirit, Source of all supply—
My strength, love, courage, all I need and
more—*

*Forgive my self-sufficiency, for I
Have nothing till I draw it from Your store.*

—LOIS B. EADES
Dickson, Tennessee

Like "John the Heckler," who used to bother Al Bates, until the Lord saved him. Like "Tony the Pimp," who helped destroy girls' lives for eight years, until his heart was "captured" by a Christian young woman.

Brother Al dreams of an expanded ministry to the lonely, depressed, alcoholic, and exploited people of the Combat Zone. Specifically, he is praying for

- An automobile. He presently walks from 25-50 miles in a day, impeded by equipment he must carry.
- Financial resources to make possible the operation of a 24-hour center where desperately needy persons can get food, clothes, shelter, and counseling.
- A telephone "hot line" to help reach men and women involved in dope, crime, and prostitution.
- People to help in this outreach ministry.

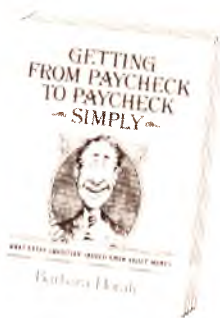
His ministry has commanded the respect of policemen, radio station managers, and area pastors of various denominations. Few men are willing to venture where he does, and hundreds in that blighted area need his ministry. Pray for Al Bates and his Combat Zone Ministry, Box 45, Everett, MA 02149. The kind of people he is reaching were personally helped by Jesus Christ when He was on earth! □

Book Brief

GETTING FROM PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK—SIMPLY



BARBARA HORAK,
author



family does. From the practical viewpoint of a housewife and mother, she begins a step-by-step process to help the reader understand the reasons behind his or her financial problems and get control of the situation.

Is there a way out of financial struggles? Mrs. Horak believes God can help you work your way out. No matter how tightly into a financial tangle you have tied yourself, this book will show you how you can get out of debt and stick to a "financial diet" long enough to save for future emergencies and needs. The author slaps our hands for overspending, but she also shows us how to plan luxuries into our budget. From "Getting Your Act Together for IRS" to "Why Am I Still So Poor?" the chapters are brim full of important and timely advice.

One of the cartoons in the book shows a man hiding behind an easy chair to escape the demands of his bills and checkbook, both screaming—"Pay me!" "Balance me!" If you sometimes feel like the man in the cartoon, or know somebody who's caught in a financial tangle, this book is for you. It's designed to bring our finances under control. □

Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City
To Order, see page 23.

WHO NEEDS THIS BOOK? Almost everyone! Making the paycheck stretch from payday to payday is getting harder all the time, and we all need all the help we can get.

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the editor's STANDPOINT

THE SET FACE

I've been reading a biography of poet Gerard Manley Hopkins by Paddy Kitchens. She tells how, as a schoolboy, he was ridiculed by other students for reading the New Testament every night. He persisted, despite their scorn, for he was keeping a promise to his mother. One of his classmates, says Kitchens, remembered him as a boy "with his face always *set* to do what was right."

A face set to do the right—that should characterize every follower of Jesus Christ. It was true of the Master himself, even when the cost of doing right was the Cross. Luke tells us that "when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem" (9:51). "Received up" is a reference to His crucifixion. From that cross, which He perceived as the Father's will, nothing could swerve Him.

His disciples wanted Him to avoid the Cross. When He clearly predicted His coming sufferings, Peter protested vehemently: "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you" (Matthew 16:22, RSV).

When He was hanging on that gallows, His enemies taunted Him, saying, "Save yourself, and come down from the cross!" (Mark 15:30, RSV). He came to save us, and that meant giving himself, not saving himself. No measure of agony could keep Him from doing the will of God for the good of mankind.

How well the poet Hopkins carried out his youthful commitments to the right, I leave to history and God to judge. None of us can claim to have done the right without any deviation or failure from that course. Jesus Christ, alone, fulfilled all righteousness without the slightest deflection from moral rectitude. All who follow Him, however, should set their faces to oppose evil and do good, trusting Him for forgiveness and strength.

Our commitment to right must not flinch from crosses. A face set to do right is on a collision course with the world. Even when right is persecuted, let there be no question of which side we are taking. □

HOLY TIME

"God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it." The first thing God sanctified, so far as we can learn from Scripture, was a portion of time. God's action invested the day with special purpose. When that purpose is honored by people, the day is attended with blessings.

God knows more about us in a second than we can learn about ourselves in a century. If He designed a Sabbath for man, that means we *need* a Sabbath. To ignore God's purpose invites physical and spiritual disaster.

The Sabbath was sanctified as a day of rest. Man wasn't meant to be a perpetual motion machine. He needs respite from toil, a break in the routine of that labor by which he earns his bread and peanut butter. But the Sabbath was sanctified by God's action, not by man's inactivity. Resting without communing with God violates the Sabbath. Just lying around isn't keeping the Sabbath holy.

Sabbath worship reminds us that God, and He alone,

is our Creator and Savior. To reflect upon His mighty work in fashioning the universe, and upon His mightier work in redeeming our lives, opens fountains of gratitude and looses streams of praise. Love for God and all He has made and redeemed is strengthened when we give our bodies and souls a weekly Sabbath.

"The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath," Jesus said. We cannot sanctify the day; God has already done this. But we can keep the day holy, which exerts a sanctifying influence upon us. It is man, and not the day, that needs to be sanctified.

There are other means of grace by which the sanctification of human life is carried forward. All of them, however, lose their impact upon our lives when the Sabbath is ignored or profaned. If your soul is lean, check your Sabbath habits. You will likely find some reasons for the impoverished condition of your soul there. Keep the Sabbath, for it's God's way of keeping you. □

Any church worth its salt will have its quota of hypocrites. A counterfeit argues the existence of something real and valuable. In the U.S.A., no one is printing counterfeit three dollar bills.

NAILED

Something about me seems to attract pens. They often come in my mail, with advertising printed on their barrels. I'm writing these words with one that says: "If both numbers match telegram, you could be an instant winner of \$50,000 cash." I don't recall who sent it, but I wasn't even a gradual winner of 50 cents.

The other day a fellow handed me a pen at a camp meeting. It's shaped like a nail, a golden spike, and on it is printed, "Jesus was nailed to the cross for you. What have you done for Him?" That compelled some serious reflection.

I should do something! Such love requires a response. Human gestures of love obligate. The kindness of others demands gratitude and reciprocity. How much more does the divine love that held Christ on the Cross, suffering under the burden of our sins! If someone died to add a few years to my earthly life, I would want to return love and express thanks by filling those bonus years with worthwhile activity. Jesus Christ died to give me *eternal* life.

Such love challenges me to live at my best for His glory.

I can't do enough. No measure of gratitude and service can equal or repay His sacrifice for us. Such love, as an old hymn puts it, "demands my soul, my life, my all." When I have given these, however, I am still an eternal debtor, so far short are they from reflecting the full measure of His devotion to me. If the most I can do is less than He deserves, let my heart consent to do all I can for Him!

I want to do more. The clear, painful, embarrassing truth is, I have not always done what I could have, and should have, in response to His crucified love. The cross of Christ shames my poor record of service and praise. When I think of His death-demonstrated love, I want to draw a veil over the past, so little have I done for Him. In my heart there is a sob, a hope, a prayer that today and tomorrow will find me more earnestly and passionately engaged for the One who died to save me. □

HYPOCRITES

Dr. Luke tells of a time when Jesus "was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath." Present was a woman suffering from an affliction that made it impossible for her to stand erect. "And he laid his hands on her; and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God." The synagogue president objected to the healing; to him it was a violation of the law against working on the Sabbath. Jesus responded by calling him "hypocrite."

The presence of hypocrites didn't keep Jesus away from church! In every community there are some who excuse themselves from worship services because of hypocrites in the congregation. The alibi is usually hypocritical itself. Any church worth its salt will have its quota of hypocrites. A counterfeit argues the existence of something real and valuable. In the U.S.A., no one is printing counterfeit three dollar bills. We are in bad shape if nothing is going on in our churches that the devil wants to counterfeit.

Hypocrites in the church didn't keep Jesus from working miracles, either. He healed the hurting woman right under the critics' noses. I remember a

board meeting where the state of the church was being discussed. Some argued that we couldn't have revival or growth until every member of the church was honest. Nonsense! If only perfect churches could have revivals, we wouldn't need revivals. If only perfect churches could grow, all would be stagnant. When a group of Christians are concerned, obedient, and believing, the Lord isn't going to withhold blessing from them because there's a phoney in the crowd.

I was in a revival meeting where the situation was so bad that a full board couldn't have been elected without waiving some *Manual* requirements. The biggest four-flusher in that church was the Sunday School superintendent. The pastor and I prayed, fasted, and believed God, along with a few humble saints. I preached the truth, "no holds barred." The Spirit broke proud, stubborn hearts and the altar overflowed with weeping penitents. Right in the middle of them, blubbing and confessing, was that superintendent.

I hope the devil finds something worth counterfeiting in your church. □

I especially appreciated the article titled "The Mockers," in the October 15, 1981, issue, by William Goodman.

Keep up the good work.

Effie Isgrigg
Nampa, Idaho

MURDERER FORGIVEN

I will make my story as brief as possible. Four years ago my brother was murdered. When I was told, I had just a blank reaction. Then I was told how he was killed. You would have had to know George, for he was kind and gentle. He loved little children. To this day I don't know why the man killed him.

I won't go into the details, for it would take too long. The most

important things happened within three days of my brother's funeral. I had an empty feeling inside that I didn't like, for it was becoming bitterness. I had never felt this way toward anyone before. I needed to talk to someone, but no one knew how I felt. The morning of my brother's funeral I slipped away from everyone. I don't know why, but I found myself at my church's altar. I began to cry and I poured myself out to God. I heard Him say, "Martha, I went through agony for man. I even carried the load of the world on My shoulders. I was crucified, dead, and buried. Yet I forgave man of his sin while still on the Cross. Can't you forgive this man?"

I said, "Yes, Lord," and I don't regret it. God used this time to

draw me closer to Him. I even prayed that the courts would not give the death sentence to this 18-year-old man. I still pray that God will reach him, that his soul will not perish.

God can do this much for me; I can go all the way for Him.

Martha Way
Adrian, Georgia

FAMILY FOUND

I'm an inmate of the Indiana Reformatory. I wanted to thank you for a wonderful magazine. It started my interest in the Lord, and now I'm active in the Christian activities here. The Lord has really blessed me with brothers and sisters out there, and here! Once again, thank you.

Tom Robinson
Pendleton, Indiana

JUST IN TIME

by BESSIE ROBBINS

I WAS STARTLED when my husband entered the parsonage in the middle of a busy morning, saying, "Don't you think that we should go try to talk to Bill about his soul?" It wasn't as if my brother were just across town. We were in the Chicago area and Bill was in his home in Kentucky.

I had tried on different occasions to talk with Bill about his spiritual need, but his response to me had been, "I'm not at all afraid to die. I've been very close to death before and was not afraid." I had not been able to get beyond that; however, Bill had learned recently that he had a malignancy and only a short time to live. Would this make a difference in his attitude? We had to know.

We left almost immediately and drove to Owensboro, Ky., where we spent the night. Early the next morning we drove the remaining 30 miles and found Bill and his wife sitting in the backyard of their little home. I was shocked when I saw how wasted and wan he looked, but his face lit up when he saw us. We exchanged greetings and visited briefly, then I said, "Bill, we have come for one purpose—to help you find the Lord and forgiveness."

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

I knew that God had truly led us when he responded, "I am ready."

My husband explained very simply the plan of salvation, then urged him to pray. My heart ached for him when he answered, "James, I don't know how to pray." My husband told him to follow him in prayer, and led him in a prayer for forgiveness.

Bill followed him, much as a little child would. God heard the prayer, and Bill was marvelously transformed! There was no doubt about it. (His wife later told us that he began to read the New Testament I left him, and he wanted to pay his tithe—something he would have opposed bitterly before he found the Lord.) We rejoiced with him, then returned home with hearts filled with praise to our Lord for His mercy and faithfulness.

I kept in close touch with Bill during the weeks following, sending each week helps for his Christian growth. In a few months we got a call, telling us that he was in the hospital and might not make it through the night.

We arrived at the hospital to find that he could no longer talk with us, but I held his hand and assured him that Jesus Christ would go with him through the valley of death and there was nothing to fear. The nurse standing by my side assured me that he was hearing me, and he made a real effort to respond. As he breathed his last, I was keenly conscious of God's presence and praised Him again for His mercy. I will never be able to comprehend it, but how I do appreciate it! □

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES



Herbert H. Gilroy, Sr., has been named president of Grand Valley Manufacturing Company, Titusville, Pa. He assumed his duties there May 1. He and his wife, Doris, have relocated in Titusville.

Gilroy had served at Wirtz Manufacturing Company, Port Huron, Mich., for eight years as vice-president of industrial relations. Previously, he was industrial relations director for Presto-Lite Wire Divisions, Port Huron, Mich., working there for 31 years. Gilroy is president of Gilroy Corporation, with a retail division which includes Caro Tru-Value Hardware and Sports Shop, Caro, Mich., and also H. H. & R. Associates Consulting firm.

Herb has been very active in civic organizations, and served the local and state government in many capacities. Herb and Doris are members of the Caro, Mich., church. They have five children: Carol, of Port Huron, Mich.; Herbert, Jr., of Caro; Robert of Caro; Cheryl of Kankakee, Ill.; and Bonnie, also of Caro. □



Dr. Joe J. Keen, who served as vice-president in charge of the University of Colorado at Denver from 1969 to 1972, was selected by UCD alumni and friends to receive the 1982 UCD Mack Easton Distinguished Service Award at commencement ceremony on May 15, 1982.

The Mack Easton award was established by the UCD Alumni to recognize outstanding service to the Denver campus. Easton was dean of the CU Extension Division during the time UCD's future was first being shaped.

Keen is remembered by the UCD community for his outstanding service and dedication during his term as vice-president of the then University of Colorado Denver Center from 1969

to 1972. During his tenure, the institution achieved full accreditation, organized a new College of Undergraduate Studies (academically autonomous from the Boulder Campus), and received a number of grants relating to urban-oriented instructional activities.

Born in Tonkawa, Okla., he grew up in the Pacific Northwest and completed undergraduate education at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Ida. He has the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Colorado and has done postdoctoral study at the British Museum in London.

Together with his wife (Dera Mitchell, NNC, 1952-54), Keen owns and operates retirement centers in Arkansas and Nebraska. The Keens are members of the Rogers, Ark., church where he serves on the Board of Trustees and teaches one of the adult Sunday School classes. □



Terry Osborne, administrator of Clovis, N.M., Nazarene School, has been selected as one of the *Outstanding Young Women of America* for 1981. Terry was recognized for her leadership in the founding of the school and serving as its administrator, as well as community involvement.

She has been active in Clovis First Church as Sunday School teacher, bus pastor, choir member, and school board member. She is also teaching classes at Eastern New Mexico University.

Terry is married to W. Mack Osborne. They have two daughters. □

Student officers for the 1982-83 school year have been elected at Northwest Nazarene College, and were inducted May 7.

Chosen to serve as president of ASNNC (Associated Students of Northwest Nazarene College) is **Tim King**, a junior religious education major from Salem, Ore. The executive vice-president elected to assist King and chair the student Senate is **Scott Keller**, a junior social science education major from Oakridge, Ore.

Robert Sherwood, a junior presem-



Receiving a plaque from *Bread* editor Gary Sivewright (r.) is John Hay, superintendent of the Indianapolis District. Indianapolis was the first district in the 1981-82 campaign to reach its 20 percent increase in *Bread* subscription sales. The plaque reads: "Because they believe in holiness literature for their teens, *Bread* magazine honors the Indianapolis District for meeting their subscription goal." Other districts to receive plaques to date are: Northern California, West Texas, Southwest Oklahoma, South Carolina, and South Florida.

inary major from Nampa, was elected social vice-president, to organize student activities. The ASNNC business manager, who will handle a budget in excess of \$80,000, will be **Jeanette Witt**, a junior accounting major from Nampa. **Carla Buckmaster** will serve as secretary. She is a sophomore exploratory major from Yakima, Wash. □

Marietta Smith was selected as one of the *Outstanding Young Women of America*. She was nominated for her work in the elementary music classroom by the music coordinator of Jefferson County Schools, Lakewood, Colo.

Marietta is the wife of Randy Smith. They and their four-year-old daughter, Tira Saree, are presently living in Bourbonnais, Ill. □

TNC ELECTS STUDENT OFFICERS

Trevecca Nazarene College's student government officers for the 1982-83 year have been elected. Their names and positions are as follows:

Darrell Wright, president, Poland, Ohio; Rocky Jenkins, executive vice-president, Monticello, Ky.; Bev Adams, executive secretary, Crossville, Tenn.; Melvin Taylor, executive treasurer, Mount Pleasant, Tenn.; Celeste Thompson, vice-president of Trevecca Intramural Association, Smyrna, Tenn.; David Caldwell, vice-president of social life, Nashville; Lloyd Brock, vice-president of religious life, Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Jeff Brinkman, *Darda* editor, Nashville; and Tom Felder, *Trev-Echoes* editor, Columbia, S.C. □

THEY SERVED

ONE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVEN YEARS

June 15 was a pleasant day for 60 Nazarene Publishing House retirees to return to 2923 Troost for a period of fellowship, reminiscing, and strolling through the premises to see what had changed and how many were still working that they knew. Some traveled as far as 300 miles for the occasion. Others who couldn't come sent greetings. Colleen Cornwell, director of personnel, who planned and coordinated the afternoon's activities, reported messages from the Frank Carlsons in Ohio, the Forest Otts in Florida, and Ruth Case in California. The perspective from retirement years brings healthy optimism to those who continue to work to glorify God and expand His kingdom on earth through the power of the printed page. □



The Heritage Building was the first gathering place. Bud Lunn spoke briefly to the group, thanking them for coming and reminding them that their service for God and the church was appreciated. Then he requested Dr. W. T. Purkiser (seated at the extreme l.) to bring a short devotional message. Dr. Purkiser was in the city to meet with the History Commission for a final review of his manuscript, *Called unto Holiness: The Second Twenty-five Years*. This new book will be released during the 1983 anniversary year.



Leading the group from the Heritage Building to the main plant for refreshments were Ray Neisler (l.), Henry Allen, Velma Knight, and Anna Lea Knight. Ray, former NPH engineer, was recovering from a broken hip.



"Signing in," something done rather often when employed, is Irene Whitcack. At the far left is Ruth Hedberg, still working part time, chatting with Ray and Iona Neisler and Willa and Bill Allen. The number of years of service was entered for each person attending, and the total number represented was 1,111 years.



The Oasis, the employees' cafeteria, was not in existence when many of this group were eating lunches at their place of work. It was a double treat for them to see the new area and also to enjoy their refreshments in the comfortable surroundings. Earl Berry and George DeGears headed the line. Twila Byler came from Newton, Kans., to be a part of the occasion. Bob Stringfield (in the plaid jacket) can be seen in the background.



A job was waiting for these people. Many pictures taken over the 70 years of NPH existence were not properly identified for archives. Combining the pleasure of recollection, they walked with pencils in hand, writing names and identifying occasions for future reference.



Arch Edwards (r.), who still works two days a week, is 76 years young and has actually worked at NPH continuously for 62 years. He started work at the age of 14 while still in school. Arch is pictured with the oldest retired employee present, Mr. P. H. Lunn, who will be 94 on September 29. The wall picture over the shoulder of Arch is of Mr. M. Lunn, who managed the affairs for the publishing house over 40 years and also served concurrently as general treasurer from 1928-45. Before leaving, many enjoyed visiting the areas in which they had served.



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THE KING'S SCRIBES CELEBRATE FIRST YEAR'S SUCCESSES

Dr. Albert Harper, international director of writers' clubs for the Church of the Nazarene, was guest speaker at a recognition banquet honoring 11 Bethany, Okla., writers whose work has been published in the past nine months. The banquet was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brasher, members of Bethany First Church.

Organized August 29, 1981, with 14 members, the King's Scribes have met monthly in the Learning Center of Bethany First Church. The group has grown steadily. Forty-three people attended the banquet.

"The Scribe's Prayer," written by Mrs. Vivian Stewart for the occasion, was sung by Rev. Gene Chambers, accompanied by Prof. Eleanor Whitsett. □



Dr. A. F. Harper is pictured with officers of the Bethany, Okla., chapter of Christian writers, The King's Scribes: (l. to r.) Lois Stockett Brasher, secretary-treasurer; Shirlene Webb Braswell, vice-president; Prof. Ethel Dickerman, president.



This year, NIROGA celebrates its 10th anniversary. Pictured is the beautiful setting of Glorieta Baptist Convention Center, Glorieta, N.M., where the first Nazarene Invitational Retreat Of Golden Agers was held. Sam Stearman, staff member of Bethany, Okla., First Church, while at a banquet held by El Paso, Tex., First Church, thought senior adults would enjoy having a retreat. In sharing the idea with Dr. Ponder Gilliland, his pastor, the acronym NIROGA was developed and the first retreat was planned and held. The general church first observed the NIROGA held at Glorieta, N.M., September 25-28, 1973. There were 457 people from 27 states in attendance. The following year, the word "International" was substituted for "Invitational," and NIROGA became a denominational program. It has grown until this year over 4,000 senior adults will attend one of six retreats. The three scheduled for September are: Glorieta, N.M., 13-18; Ridgecrest, N.C., 20-24; and Schroom Lake, N.Y., 27—October 1.



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Twelve retired missionaries and graduates of Northwest Nazarene College were honored for their years of missionary service at a recent banquet held in Temple City, Calif. Special speaker Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent and NNC graduate, and emcee Myron Finkbeiner, NNC Alumni executive secretary, led more than 130 missionaries and NNC alumni in honoring them. Shown with the plaques they received (l. to r.) are: John and Lillian Pattee, Louise Robinson Chapman, Lorraine Schultz, Velma Mischke, Elizabeth Cole, Dorothy Davis Cook (whose husband, Ralph Cook, was ill and could not be present), Olive and Gottfred Pearson, and Ira and Lucile Taylor.

BEEBE APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF NURSING DEPARTMENT AT PLC

Mr. Michael Beebe has been appointed chairman of the Department of Nursing at Point Loma College, as of September 1, 1982. Mr. Beebe was employed following a nationwide search for "the finest candidate available," according to Academic Dean Keith A. Pagan.

At the present time Mr. Beebe is in Papua New Guinea completing data gathering for his dissertation. He expects to receive the Doctor of Science in Nursing degree from Indiana University this August. His undergraduate degree is from the University of Missouri and his master's is from Boston University. He has had additional graduate work at UCLA and Arizona State University.

As a nurse, Mr. Beebe has had a distinguished and varied career. He served in the military as a nursing officer and is currently a major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

This is his second trip to Papua New Guinea. An ardent supporter of the missionary efforts of the church, he has given his service to the advancement of medical missions in this area.

Prior to his work at Indiana University, Mr. Beebe taught at the University of Texas and Arizona State University. He has been an active member of the Church of the Nazarene since his conversion a number of years ago.

"Point Loma College is most fortunate in obtaining the services of Michael Beebe," said Dr. Pagan. "He is a uniquely prepared individual, with excellent promise as a nursing educator. His call to full-time Christian service in this capacity is most providential for us. He is a suitable successor to Laura Mae Douglass and Dr. Margaret Stevenson. I believe that he will be the first person in a Nazarene college to have a doctoral degree in the field of nursing." □

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The devil may also have sensed that something spiritually dynamic was

about to happen. The early going was exceedingly rough.

Evangelist Bob Hoots had to drive 21 hours without sleep to get there for the opening service. The worst winter storm in years swept across the South even as Rev. Hoots was driving to Dublin.

Snow and freezing rain greeted the 50 or so first nighters, but Evangelist Hoots "preached as if the house were full," and God began to move in those 50 hearts.

By Friday night the weather had cleared and attendance and enthusiasm were high. Rev. Wise remembers that the Friday night service was "an unusual service with seekers at the altar.

"At the close of the service, we agreed to have an 8:30 prayer meeting the next morning. What a group came—whole families were there. Such fervent praying!"

The spiritual intensity continued through the day. In the evening Evangelist Hoots preached about "praying through like we used to do." When he finished, one of the members of the congregation rose to say he was going to "go home and pray through—something I haven't done in years."

He did and his prayers were answered.

By Sunday morning the sanctuary was full with far more than the usual number of visitors. The altar was full and overflowing at both Sunday services.

"Standing around the platform Sunday night," Rev. Wise recalls, "we decided to continue through the following Wednesday."

From that time on, there was prayer in the church every day either at 7 a.m. or 10 p.m., sometimes with as many as 60 present.

The Nazarene revival was the talk of the town. Even the prayer meetings had visitors from other churches.

On Wednesday it was decided to extend the revival again.

The revival was going great, but Pastor Wise felt the real test would be in Sunday School attendance the following Sunday. It was 23 percent above the normal for that Sunday.

The revival services finally ended, but the revival goes on. The prayer meetings continue.

An additional 22 people have enrolled in the Sunday School; 15 new members were received into the church; finances have improved. A recent Alabaster offering was twice what it had generally been before.

Two months after the revival, Pastor Wise reported: "To date, there is not one casualty . . . all that have been saved are staying true." □



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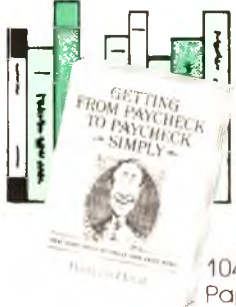


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Special Health Conditions) is supplemented by this new agreement with Vanderbilt.

"Prof. Ralph Leverett was instrumental in helping us work out an arrangement with Vanderbilt where our students, in addition to the generic special education program we already offer, can major in Visual Impairments or Multiple Handicapping Conditions or minor in Speech and Hearing Science," reported Dr. Tom Rosebrough, chairman of the department.

"The three programs at Vanderbilt are so specialized that only a limited

number of institutions can offer them. What Prof. Leverett has initiated for our students is an opportunity which few colleges or universities can match." □

MATLOCK NAMED TO HEAD NNC BASKETBALL

Garry Matlock, an assistant with the NNC basketball program this past year, has been selected as the new head basketball coach. Matlock replaces Terry Layton who resigned last month to take a similar position at Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla.

"I think we've got a good nucleus coming back and that should make it all a whole lot easier," he said. "One distinct advantage is that I know them and they know me. We have a number of kids here who really want to play my style of basketball."

Only two players graduated this year, so Matlock looks to have back the majority of the team that had a 17-13 win-loss record. He expects that nucleus and the addition of incoming transfers and freshmen to improve on that record. "We should be very competitive from the very start," he says.

Matlock will also be in charge of the intramural program at NNC, as well as teaching in the Physical Education Department. □

BNC ALUMNI SELECT RECIPIENTS FOR "B" AWARDS

A retiring educator with 20 years experience and a missionary to Korea were named as the recipients of the 1982 "B" awards, presented by the Alumni Association of Bethany Nazarene College during their banquet held May 15 in the Memorial Student Union Building.

With nearly 400 in attendance, Dr. Paul Rothwell, alumni association president, and J. Michael Crabtree, BNC alumni director, recognized Dr. C. Paul Gray and Dr. Donald D. Owens for their accomplishments over the past two decades.

Dr. Gray, a native of Vilonia, Ark., retired this spring from the BNC Department of Religion, completing 20 years of teaching in Nazarene institutions, and 20 years of service in pastoral/evangelistic service.

Gray joined the BNC faculty in 1970 as professor of religion, and was later named chairman of the Division of Religion and Philosophy. With retirement at hand, Dr. Gray is returning to evangelism, giving an audiovisual presentation on the early days of the holiness movement, and the founding of the Church of the Nazarene.

BNC's second honoree, Dr. Don Owens, received three degrees from the institution: his B.A., Th.B., and M.A., each in religion.

In 1945, the Owenses were given an appointment by the Department of World Mission to open the mission work in Korea. While serving in Korea, he supervised the establishment of local churches, medical programs, and served as founder and president of the Korean Bible College.

Returning to the United States in 1966, Owens joined the BNC faculty while completing his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma.

During the 70s, Dr. Owens served as

professor of missions at the Nazarene Theological Seminary, and authored three publications: *The Church Behind the Bamboo Curtain*, *Revival Fires in Korea*, and *Sing, Ye Islands*.

The Owenses returned to Korea in

1980 to view his pioneer work, which has developed into 150 churches, recording a membership of over 30,000. Dr. Owens currently resides in Manila, Philippines, as regional director for Asia and the South Pacific. □



On its first major tour ever, Point Loma College Brass, a 12-member brass ensemble, departed from San Diego on June 12, 1982, on a 21-day tour of 15 North American cities. Their itinerary includes Dallas; San Francisco, Napa, and Los Angeles, Calif.; Hartford, Conn.; Portland, Me.; New York City; Chicago; Orlando, Fla.; Cincinnati; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Bermuda; Boston; and Brigantine, N.J. Conducted by Charles H. Hansen, assistant professor of music, the Point Loma Brass features its members in the full ensemble and individually as soloists. The trombone/tuba players are also utilized as a low-brass ensemble. Their programming combines the latest music written for brass ensemble as well as traditional sacred repertoire. They have been invited to perform in youth music camps operated by the Salvation Army in greater Chicago and Jacksonville, Fla., and will present sacred music programs in selected Nazarene churches and Salvation Army Corps. A special tour highlight will be performing at Disneyworld in Orlando, Fla. The tour has been undertaken as a self-sustaining project at no cost to the college and the necessary funds are being raised through concerts and special projects.



The Church of the Nazarene was well represented at the 13th annual Mount Hermon Christian Writers' Conference, April 5-10, 1982, near Santa Cruz, Calif. Elaine Wright Colvin was associate director for the week-long event which featured 35 editors and publishers and 300 conferees. Susan Downs, assistant editor of the *Preacher's Magazine*, led a workshop entitled, "The Writing Pastor." Harold Ivan Smith conducted a workshop dealing with the Single Adult Writing Market and gave the keynote address in Tuesday evening's general session. Nazarenes attending the conference are pictured (l. to r.): front row: Lorraine Schults, Temple City, Calif.; Donna Fletcher Crow, Boise, Ida.; Sharon Ferdinand Burns, Castro Valley, Calif.; Susan Downs, Kansas City; Harold Ivan Smith, Kansas City; (middle row) Dee Barrett, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Peggy Lothrop, Stockton, Calif.; Cathy Lawton, Santa Rosa, Calif.; Lois Reedy, Leroy Reedy, Sacramento, Calif.; (back row) Elaine Wright Colvin, Helena, Mont.; Wally Johnston, Santa Monica, Calif.; Lydia Howard, Everett Howard, Temple City, Calif.; and Janet Sherrill, Eagle, Ida.

LATIN AMERICAN OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION BEGINS OPERATION

Latin America, today, is besieged by unrest, revolution, and suffering. In spite of the turmoil, the Church of the Nazarene is making significant strides in responding to the needs of the people. Recently, an important step was taken that will allow the church to more effectively minister to the Latin American community.

June 1, 1982, marked the opening of the Latin American Office of Communications in San Jose, Costa Rica. The office was formally established, with the cooperation of the Division of World Mission and the Division of Communications, at a meeting in San Jose on May 11, 1982.

At this meeting, Paul Skiles, Media Services director; Ray Hendrix, International Broadcasting director; Jerry Porter, rector of the Latin American



Ray Hendrix, Rev. and Mrs. Vasquez Pla, and Paul Skiles look over listener responses received in one week by "La Hora Nazarena."

Seminary; and Juan R. Vasquez Pla, coordinator of the Latin American Office of Communications, worked out the details for establishing the new Communications Office.

They adopted this statement of purpose: "The purpose of the Latin American Office of Communications is to provide the Latin American Nazarene community with leadership training and coordination of resources, for the most effective communication of the full gospel, the edification of the saints, and the upholding of the church, primarily including the use of film and electronic media."

The new Communications Office will continue to work closely with the Latin American Nazarene Theological Seminary in San Jose, Costa Rica, in providing effective program and follow-up for communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Latin America.

Rev. and Mrs. Juan R. Vasquez Pla have rich experience in radio/communications to minister in their new assignment. The Vasquez Plas will supervise production and follow-up for the "La Hora Nazarena" radio broadcast. They will also coordinate communications resources, training, and the diversification of media ministry (radio, TV, etc.) in the Latin American community. The new ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Vasquez Pla in the Latin American Office of Communications will enable the Church of the Nazarene to more effectively develop decentralized, indigenous communications resources among the people of Latin America.

Pray for the Latin American Office of Communications and the Vasquez Plas as they open this new avenue for God's grace in Latin America. □

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Gary Smoot, Rock Falls, Ill.
Peter Thompson, Marysville, Calif.
Brian Updike, Andrews, Ind.
Stuart Wells, Fruitland, Md.
Jeff Young, Alameda, Calif.

The list of winners will be continued in future issues.

ment from the Australasian Nazarene Theological College.

The Palmquists went to New Zealand about 24 years ago to pioneer in that new district. Twelve years ago they began as teachers in the Bible college that serves Australia, New Zealand, and other Pacific islands.

They are shown with their son Charles, daughter Arlene, and her husband, Doug Worsley, with four-year-old Jennifer. The picture was snapped at the retirement party given to honor the Palmquists by the students and faculty of ANTC. The entire Palmquist family has elected to make Australia their permanent home.

Upon their first stop in the United States in Hawaii, a contingent of Nazarene pastors and their wives, along with Superintendent and Mrs. Darrell Teare, gathered to welcome them.

While in Kansas City, the Palmquists visited many longtime friends, the headquarters, the seminary, and the publishing house. They were house guests of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Hamlin, who also have a daughter residing in Australia. □



The Palmquist family

PLC APPOINTS NEW INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA SPECIALIST

Dr. Keith A. Pagan, academic dean of Point Loma College, has announced the appointment of Mr. Virgil Vail as instructional media specialist. Mr. Vail will direct this vital operation located at the center of the campus. He will also work with the faculty in the development of various programs in the area of instructional technology.

Professor Vail is now at Olivet Nazarene College. Formerly, he served at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Ida. He has given over 30 years to Nazarene higher education. His teaching areas are mathematics and physics. He previously served as the director of the Science Technology Center at Olivet Nazarene College.

Mr. and Mrs. Vail moved to the San Diego area in early summer to begin preparation for the fall term. □

FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

DAKOTA

The 14th annual assembly of the Dakota District met at Ellendale, N.D. District Superintendent Thomas F. Bailey, reelected to a four-year term, reported.

Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, presiding general superintendent, ordained Ray L. Booton, Mark H. Holland, James M. Kraemer, R. Eugene Lybarger, John E. Mayes, Stephen Mounts, and Randy Williams.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Warren Koker and Glen Dayton, and laymen Harold Lehrke and Steve Reisdorph.

Mrs. Judy Bailey was reelected NWMS president; Rev. Delroy Bender was elected NYI president; and Kyle Long was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO

The eighth annual assembly of the North Central Ohio District met at Mount Vernon, Ohio. District Superintendent D. E. Clay, completing the second year of an extended term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained Charles Michael Courtney, Ernest Waitman Hager, Michael Montgomery Hancock, Tina Marie Hunt, and Charles Orval Sheefel.

Elders Jack Archer, Ernest R. Rhodes, D.

Eugene Simpson, and John W. Bruce, and laymen Dale Foster, Frank Hyson, L. Thomas Skidmore, and Ronald Thill were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. D. E. Clay was reelected NWMS president; Stephen R. Ward was reelected NYI president; and Melvin L. Thompson was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

EASTERN KENTUCKY

The 31st annual assembly of the Eastern Kentucky District met at Covington, Ky. District Superintendent John W. May, completing the second year of an extended term, reported a new church, Cold Springs Heritage.

Dr. V. H. Lewis, presiding general superintendent, ordained Karl Walter Bender and Herbert Floyd Hall, and recognized the credentials of Charles Foster Lane.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders John Dennis and Earl Pierce, and laymen Lewis K. Edwards and Columbus Hobbs.

Mrs. John W. May, Rev. Vernon Adams, and Rev. Norman K. Phillips were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

CANADA CENTRAL

The 47th annual assembly of the Canada Central District met at Cedardale Camp, Pefferlaw, Ontario. District Superintendent Lorne V. MacMillan, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

Dr. Charles H. Strickland was the presiding general superintendent.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Glenn H. Boyce and William E. Stewart, and laymen Roy D. Austin and Curt Harrison.

Mrs. Lorne V. (Joyce) MacMillan was reelect-



Side One:

Bible Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24—John Corrigan
Bible Study: Consecration and Transformation...

Romans 12:2—Audrey J. Williamson
Doctrine Seminar: Communion of Saints—H. Ray Dunning
Devotional Nuggets—COME YE APART

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ed NWMS president: Rev. Douglas B. Sedore was elected NYI president; and Rev. K. Clair MacMillan was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS

INTERMOUNTAIN

The 70th annual assembly of the Intermountain District met at Nampa, Ida. District Superintendent Hoyle C. Thomas, reelected to a four-year term, reported a new church, Boise Overland.

Presiding General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins ordained Michael H. Allen, Richard A. Jorgensen, and Don F. Trent.

Elders Charles E. Higgins, Clarence J. Kinzler

and Ronald K. Kratzer, and laymen Leon O. Doane, Wally Howard, and Ralph Shoemaker were elected to the Advisory Board.

Jo Kincaid was reelected NWMS president; Michael H. Allen was elected NYI president; and Justin C. Rice was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

CANADA WEST

The 34th annual assembly of the Canada West District met in Brandon, Manitoba. District Superintendent Alexander Ardrey, completing the third year of an extended term, reported two new churches: Rycroft, Alberta; and Winnipeg Maples, Manitoba.

Dr. Jerald D. Johnson was the presiding general superintendent.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Glenn Follis and Daniel Gales and laymen Dale Beckman and Bob Rimington.

Mrs. Darlene Fach, Ross Johnston, and Riley Coulter were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS respectively.

LOS ANGELES

The 32nd annual assembly of the Los Angeles District met at Pasadena, Calif. District Superintendent Paul Benefiel, completing the second year of an extended term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Randal Marc Benefiel, Michael A. Shirley, and Robert E. Smith.

Elders Earl G. Lee, Roger E. Bowman, Ira L. True, and Norman V. Shoemaker, and laymen Howard Wooton, Harold Bell, Carlton Burlison, and Clayton Clark were elected to the Advisory Board.

Lois Ward was reelected NWMS president, Douglas W. Brumbaugh was reelected NYI president, and Norman V. Shoemaker was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

NORTHWESTERN OHIO

The 23rd annual assembly of the Northwestern Ohio District met at Lima, Ohio. District Superintendent M. V. Scutt, completing the first year of an extended term, reported two new churches, St. Marys Community Church and Toledo Community Church.

Dr. William M. Greathouse, presiding general superintendent, ordained Brian Lee Bressler, Robert Eugene Ferrell, Robert William Ralph, Jr., and Dortha Jean Ross.

Elders Ronald Bishop, Paul Aldrich, and Douglas McAdams, and laymen Richard Beckman, David Granger, and Clyde Lotridge were elected to the Advisory Board.

Sue Fox was reelected NWMS president, Daniel Wine was elected NYI president, and Paul Aldrich was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

NEBRASKA

The 70th annual assembly of the Nebraska District met at Kearney, Neb. District Superintendent Jim Diehl, completing the second year of an extended term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Danny E. Goddard, Ronald L. Sullivan, and Gary L. Worthington.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Paul Marshall and Harold Westlund, and laymen Jim Noffsinger and Blaine Proffitt.

Pat Westlund was reelected NWMS president, Steve Sisson was reelected NYI president, and T. Daniel Casey was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

MOVING MINISTERS

KEITH E. ARNOLD to Layton, Utah
DON N. BAKER from Baxter Springs, Kans., to Warsaw, Mo.

LEON E. BLAISE from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to associate, Kansas City Victory Hills

GREGORY O. BULLOCK from student Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Rupert, Idaho

NORVIE O. CLIFT from Tacoma (Wash.) First to Montrose, Calif.

RAY E. HIBBERD from Rupert, Ida., to Council, Ida.

B. L. JAMES from student, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, Colo., to Martinsburg, W. Va.

RUSSEL R. MCCOLLOM from Olivehurst, Calif., to associate, Yuba City, Calif.

CALVIN L. NICHOLSON from Woodward, Okla., to Ontario, Ore.

MICHAEL A. PRINCE from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Kermit, Tex.

RICHARD ROBERTS to Elkton, Md.



The ordination party of the Los Angeles District is shown (l. to r.): District Superintendent and Mrs. Paul Benefiel, Rev. and Mrs. Randy Benefiel, Rev. and Mrs. Michael Shirley, Rev. and Mrs. Rob Smith, and General Superintendent and Mrs. Eugene L. Stowe.



Pictured (l. to r.) is the ordination party of the Northwestern Ohio District: (first row) Mr. Ross and his wife, ordinand Dortha Jean Ross; other ordinands and wives; Robert William Ralph, Jr., Carla Ralph, Robert Eugene Ferrell, Marilyn Ferrell, Barbara Bressler, and Lee Bressler; (second row) Rev. M. V. Scutt, district superintendent; and Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent.



Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, is pictured (l. to r.) with the Nebraska District ordinands: Rev. and Mrs. Gary Worthington; Rev. and Mrs. Ron Sullivan; Rev. and Mrs. Danny Goddard; and Rev. Jim Diehl, district superintendent.

HERMAN E. ROUSE from Montrose, Calif., to Alhambra, Calif.
 HAROLD M. SANNER from Ontario, Ore., to associate, San Jose (Calif.) First
 PAUL L. SLATER from John Day, Ore., to associate, Boise (Ida.) First

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Hopkinsville, Ky., church** will have a 42nd anniversary homecoming on September 26, 1982. All former pastors and members are invited to attend. There will be morning, afternoon, and evening services, with a carry-in dinner. For further information, write to Church of the Nazarene, 709 Country Club Ln., Hopkinsville, KY 42240, or call 502-886-5403 or 502-885-7799. Rev. Melvin L. Wilkinson, pastor.

East Chicago, Ind., First Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary September 25, 1982. There will be special services featuring former pastors as speakers. There will be a time of fellowship for past and present members to reminisce.

An invitation is extended to all former friends, pastors, and members to attend this happy occasion. For further information, or if anyone has pictures or historical facts about East Chicago First Church, please contact: Pastor James A. Morris, 919 W. Chicago Ave., East Chicago, IN 46312 (219-937-9524 or 219-398-4388).

The **McEwen, Tenn., Pine Hill Church** will celebrate its 70th anniversary October 1-3, 1982.

All former members, pastors, and friends are invited to attend or to send greetings to be read. Services begin Friday at 7 p.m. with a Youth Heritage Rally; Lawrence Golden, former pastor, speaking. Saturday at 7 p.m. there will be a Zone Heritage Rally. Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. Talmadge Johnson, superintendent of the Tennessee District, will be the special speaker. There will be a covered-dish dinner after the morning service. For further information write Rev. James E. Boone, Rte. 2, Box 120, McEwen, TN 37101, or call 615-582-3163.

The **Bel Air, Md., church** will celebrate its 50th anniversary October 6-10, 1982. Former pastors—Rev. Nelson G. Mink, Rev. H. E. Heckert, Rev. Neil E. Hightower, and Rev. J. Weston Chambers—will be speaking. A celebration dinner will be held following the Sunday morning

worship service. All former members and friends are invited to attend. For further information contact Rev. Quentin C. Caswell, 2100 Robertson Rd., Bel Air, MD 21014.

The **Modoc, Ind., church** is planning to celebrate its 65th anniversary of organization October 12-17. Plans include a revival meeting with Mr. Jim Green, the son of the first pastor, assisting in the celebration. All former pastors, members, and friends are encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact the church by letter or phone: P.O. Box 97, Modoc, IN 47358; 317-853-5201.

The 40th anniversary of the **Bremerton, Wash., church** will be held October 7-10, 1982. For further information write Pastor Michael Grimshaw, 924 Sheridan Rd., Bremerton, WA 98310 or call 206-377-4432.

Marshall, Tex., First Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary September 12 at 10:30 a.m. with Dr. W. M. Lynch, district superintendent, and at 2:30 with Dr. J. Lewis Ingle, former pastor. There will be a potluck dinner following the morning service. Send correspondence to the church office, 401 E. Burleson, Marshall, TX 75670, or call 214-938-4265.

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

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

GABRIELLA L. BASHAM, 76, died May 22 in Champaign, Ill. Funeral services were conducted in Villa Grove, Ill., by Rev. Richard Wright and Rev. E. C. Gafford. She is survived by 3 sons, John, James, and Paul; 5 daughters,

Florence Millage, Alice Brooks, Joyce Tompkins, Helen Rowe, and Betty Carnes; 27 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 1 brother; and 4 sisters.

NELLIE MAE BECKWITH, 69, died July 2 in Keene, N.H. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robert Paradis. She is survived by two sons, John A. and Thomas A.; two daughters, Jane Comenzo and Esther Bailey; 7 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters.

DORIS BEELER, 72, died July 2 in Canonsburg, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. John and Ferne Kuhn. Survivors include 2 sons, William and Norm; 5 daughters, Mrs. Marvin Beatty, Mrs. Doris Jones, Mrs. Carolyn Myatt, Mrs. Beverly Carawan, and Mrs. Sara Keeler; 16 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

MRS. EMMETT (NELLIE) COWELL FOWLER died May 28 in Boca Raton, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jack Fowler. Interment was in Indianapolis, Ind. Survivors include her husband, Emmett; 2 sons, Rev. Jack and Bruce; 10 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

PENNY L. HILGENDORF, 21, died April 13 in Durand, Mich. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Harold Potter, Ted Lee, and Russell Payne. She is survived by her parents, Edward T. and Mary J. Hilgendorf; three brothers, Larry, Timothy, and Kevin; one sister, Mrs. Ronald (Charlene) Piggott; and one grandfather.

MRS. CELIA B. KANNADY, 93, died June 28 in Collinsville, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Tommy Loving, Russell Human, and Larry Woodward. She is survived by 5 sons, Francis, Herbert, Clyde, Leroy, and Robert; 3 daughters, Mrs. Opal Hilderbrand, Mrs. Mary



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Murphy, and Mrs. Ruth Steidley; 20 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

DONALD E. LINGER died Apr. 16 in Parkersburg, W Va. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. T. James Boshell, William G. Hill, and Roy T. McKinney. Survivors include his wife, Gladys; a son, David; two daughters, Yolanda Jamison and Kathy Linger; five grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

BETTY LOU (COX) LONG, 83, died June 21 in Newport, Ky. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jim Bentley. She is survived by 7 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 1 brother; and 2 sisters.

MISS VERA MARTIN, 73, died June 13 in St. Johns, Mich. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Russell Payne. There are no immediate survivors.

MRS. ORLIN METZGER (EDNA GILLEY), 80, died June 18 in Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robert Clack. Interment was in Kettering, Ohio. Survivors include her husband, Orlin; one stepson, Richard Metzger; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Howard (Mary) Thompson and Mrs. Ronald (Sharon) Ranck; five stepgrandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; and one sister.

MISS DORIS OVENDEN, 70, died June 27 in St. Johns, Mich. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Russell Payne. She is survived by three sisters, Velma Keiser, Alberta Diller, and Virginia Emery.

MRS. LILLIE R. WETZEL, 79, died June 5 at Lavelle, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Delbert Beiber. She is survived by five sons, Elmer C., John Marlin, Roy E., Paul W., and Thomas E.; and two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Naomi) Long and Mrs. Gary (Arlene) Amey.

BIRTHS

to REV. TERRY AND BECKY (ZACHOW) ARMSTRONG, Sapulpa, Okla., a boy, Chad Lane, Apr. 24

to REV. LEON AND BARBARA (HANCE) BLAISE, Kansas City, Kans., a boy, Johnathan Mitchell, June 22

to REV. LONNIE AND KAREN (BECHLER) BULLOCK, Gagetown, Mich., a girl, Kristie Lee, Mar. 23

to EDWARD AND JEWEL (LOWE) CORLEY, Florien, La., a boy, John Nathan, June 28

to ANDY AND KATHY (DIEHL) CRICHTON, Memphis, Tenn., a boy, David Andrew, May 12

to MELVIN AND MARJORIE (BOLEN) CUNDIFF, Sesser, Ill., a girl, Melissa Renee, July 1

to STAN AND JO DOERR, Swaziland, a boy, Benjamin Lee, June 17

to JOHN AND HOPE (PEARSON) FINNEY, Clovis, N.M., a boy, James Brian, June 24

to CHARLES AND JUDY GATES, Republic of South Africa, a girl, Stephanie Ann, June 15

"Showers of Blessing"

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

August 22

"Life's Greatest Lesson"

August 29

"Too Good to Be True!"

September 5

"God's Finger"

by W. E. McCumber, speaker

NEWS OF RELIGION

NONPROFIT POSTAL HIKE LIKELY IN 1983 BUDGET. Religious publications and other nonprofit mailers face another rate hike October 1 if Congress funds a Postal Service subsidy at the level contained in the budget cleared for President Reagan's signature June 23.

The \$769.8 billion Republican-drafted budget sets initial spending targets for fiscal 1983. It contains \$400 million for the revenue foregone subsidy that permits the Postal Service to offer preferential rates to nonprofit mailers. Exact figures on the amount of increase the proposed level of funding would produce are unavailable, but estimates range from 5 percent for some second-class mailers to nearly 50 percent for some third-class users.

Under the congressional budget process, committees with jurisdiction over the Postal Service retain the option of reallocating funds within their areas so that the revenue foregone subsidy might be funded at a higher level than \$400 million. However, spokesmen for both budget and appropriations committees said that adding funds to the postal subsidy would be "very difficult" since such a move would require taking them from somewhere else in an already tight budget.

On the same day, Congress sent to President Reagan an urgent supplemental appropriations bill containing a \$62 million amendment to restore nonprofit mailers to step 13 of the phasing process for the remainder of fiscal 1982, or through September 30. The amendment was added to the bill in the Senate by Sen. Quentin E. Burdick, D-N.D. and Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Ala. An aide to Burdick said she expects the measure to be passed sometime this summer. □

CIA WILL ACT IF EVIDENCE PROVES USE OF MISSIONARIES.

CIA administrators declared they would take corrective action if anyone presents "hard evidence" that CIA agents are posing as missionaries or involving them in intelligence gathering. CIA director William Casey met June 8 with Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks and Executive Vice-president William R. O'Brien to discuss the agency's position concerning missionary involvement. Casey strongly affirmed the board's position that to involve missionaries in intelligence activities violates the First Amendment to the Constitution regarding separation of church and state.

During the 30-minute meeting with Casey and Director of External Affairs Billy Doswell, Parks also said any CIA use of missionaries "jeopardizes not only the work of missionaries but has the potential of putting them in a dangerous situation and even jeopardizes their lives as well as our being able to stay and work in various countries."

Parks said Casey was "very strong in his affirmation that the executive order by former President Jimmy Carter prohibiting use of missionaries as CIA agents could be carried out." Casey said the use of missionaries as agents is not wise and that the CIA "had not and would not use missionaries." He also affirmed that agents would not pose as missionaries or use mission activities as front organizations. Parks requested the meeting, set up through the office of U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.), because of board concern over "persistent rumors of contact" (by CIA agents) with missionaries. □

TV VIOLENCE LINKED TO AGGRESSION. In a new follow-up study of the 1972 surgeon general's report on television violence, there is overwhelming evidence that violence on television leads to aggressive behavior by children and teenagers.

Prime time and weekend children's television programs are dominated by action, power, and danger. There is an average of 5 violent acts per hour on prime time and 18 violent acts per hour on children's weekend programs. □

to JEFFERY AND NEBBIE (SPENCER) HAYDEN, Littleton, Colo., a boy, Drew William, June 15

to MIKE AND PEGGY (DECKER) HESTER, Oklahoma City, Okla., a girl, Tiffany Dawn, Jan. 20

to REV. JOHN S. AND ELAINE (WALTZ) HOOPER, Buckhannon, W.Va., a boy, John Spencer, Jr., May 23

to DAVE AND MARSHA (GEORGE) KALKANOFF, Crown Point, Ind., twins: a girl, Kristen Lee, and a boy, Kristopher George, June 12

to DUANE AND DONNA (WILLIAMS) KEESEE, Yukon, Okla., a girl, Deanna Carol, June 21

to REV. TERRY AND JOETTA (CLARK) MATTSOHN, Twin Falls, Ida., a boy, Shaun Michael, May 21

to JAMES L. AND JOY ELAINE (HULETT) NUTTER, Catlettsburg, Ky., a boy, Christopher Lee, June 30

to DAVID AND DIANE (SHADE) ORNER, Nashville, Tenn., a boy, Dustin Jonathan, May 13

to GARY AND GRACE SCHERMERHORN, Harrisville, Pa., a boy, Andrew Raymond, June 12

to LAVAL AND CHARMIAN (JONES) SUITER, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Paul Wesley, May 5

to VERNON AND ROBERTA VORE, Papua New Guinea, a girl, Rachel Lee, May 7

ADOPTIONS

by LINDEN AND DARLEEN (KENNEDY) GRAY, Temple City, Calif., a boy, Timothy Linden, born June 29, 1981, adopted May 7

MARRIAGES

DEBORAH LYNN BATES and RICHARD THOMAS POWERS at Napa, Calif., May 29

JANE VINNIE and FLOYD McMILLON at Olathe, Kans., May 29

TERI M. ZOOK and STEVE M. GREEN at Divide, Colo., May 29

MICHELLE SAAVEDRA and MAURICE McMILLON at McAllen, Tex., June 12

ANNIVERSARIES

REV. AND MRS. CARL HARRISON recently celebrated their 50th anniversary in the Waco, Tex., South Manor Church. They were honored by many friends and relatives. Rev. and Mrs. Harrison have two children, Mrs. Clayton (Glen-na) Taylor from San Benito, Tex., and Garry Harrison from Paris, Tex. They also have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Rev. Harrison pastored churches in Texas and Oklahoma until his retirement in Waco.

TOM AND ESTHER TIGHE of Grants Pass, Ore., recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary—twice. Thomas M. Tighe and the former Esther Penner, married in Merced County, Calif., on April 2, 1932, were honored at a surprise party at the Grants Pass church on April 2, 1982. The couple's special milestone was recognized a second time on June 20, 1982, by a reception in the social hall of the Atwater, Calif., church. More than 100 relatives and friends gathered to honor them and to recall highlights of their 50 years together.

Tom and Esther were Nazarenes before their wedding. Tom joined the Modesto, Calif., church in 1927 and Esther joined the Merced church in 1931. They have served in several capacities in the Church of the Nazarene in Merced, East Oakland, San Jose, and Woodlake in California; Elko, Nev.; and their present church at Grants Pass, Ore.

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THE ANSWER CORNER

Conducted
by W. E.
McCumber,
Editor

The following question arose at an interdenominational Prayer Breakfast. I would like your answer and Bible reasons for it.

"When we get to heaven will we see only God, or will we see three persons, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, as three persons?"

In heaven we will see Jesus, the Word of God incarnate. "God is a spirit" (John 4:24), and therefore invisible (1 Timothy 1:7). The glory of God is revealed "in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6). "who is the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15). To His disciples, the Lord Jesus said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). What was true on earth will be true in heaven. We will not see—in the sense of *physically* seeing—three Persons. We will see the triune God revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ, "for in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead *bodily*" (Colossians 2:9). □

Will you please explain Deuteronomy 23:2? Is a bastard and an illegitimate child the same? Why should an innocent child suffer and never be able to enter into heaven?

The Hebrew word translated "bastard" is *mamzer*. It occurs just twice in the O.T. and its specific meaning is uncertain. Some scholars think it refers to children born of incestuous relationships. Others think it refers to children born to cultic prostitutes and therefore dedicated to a heathen god. The legislation is intended to emphasize the holiness of God and His people and the abhorrence of idolatry and immorality.

However, this passage has nothing to do with the person you mentioned. It forbids entrance into "the congregation of the Lord" of *that time and place*, namely, ancient Israel in her civil and

religious gatherings. It places no restrictions upon the Church of Jesus Christ and does not forbid entrance into *heaven* to anyone. Any person who believes on Jesus Christ, whatever that person's origins and background, will be saved. □

I recently heard a minister say that if all the people in the church would get wholly sanctified, all the problems of the church would be taken care of. I believe in the second work of grace, but isn't this a gross oversimplification of the work of the Holy Spirit? He implied that if one were wholly sanctified, he would not get angry, etc. This type of preaching was a real stumbling block to me as a teenager. Why do many pastors in our church so often stress the initial work of sanctification and spend so little time teaching the importance of knowing and obeying God's Word and walking daily in the Spirit?

I think the statement is an oversimplification. It would be truer to fact to say that if all Christians were wholly sanctified, we could create a spiritual atmosphere in which problems could be more easily solved.

All problems do not arise from carnality. Some arise because even people with pure hearts have imperfect heads and, even from motives of love, can do damaging things.

Anger is not sinful *per se*. Our Lord was angry on occasion, yet without sin.

The perfect church cannot exist this side of the resurrection, and we will need the oil of the Spirit constantly to reduce the friction of our personality conflicts, doctrinal differences, mistaken judgments, and foolish actions.

As to your last question, I think many, probably most, of our pastors do stress the Spirit's daily work and our daily walk, without denying or neglecting the crisis experience of cleansing from inward sin. I hope they do, for as one Methodist bishop said, "Life is so daily!" □

Worcester, Mass., First Church recently experienced a fruitful revival with *Evangelist John Cayton*. At least 30 bowed at the altar to be reclaimed, born-again, or sanctified wholly. A class for altar workers and personal evangelists was well attended and helpful. □

—Alton H. Swift, pastor

Burlington, N.C., West Burlington Church recently had a wonderful revival under the Spirit-led preaching of *Rev. Jim Ingles*. His unique minis-

try was used of the Holy Spirit to bring salvation, sanctification, healing, vision, and faith to the church. □

—Darrel J. Kroeze, pastor

Wooster, Ohio, First Church recently closed an outstanding time of revival and renewal within the congregation. Every night people sought salvation and entire sanctification. *Thurl and Mary Kay Mann* presented musical packages and preaching under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. □

—R. E. Gatlin, pastor

Flint, Mich.: West Flint Church recently had an inspiring revival with *Evangelist Ron Roth*. There were many victories around the altar. The church took some giant strides in its spiritual growth. Rev. Roth preached tremendous messages on the Christian life, and on the second coming of the Lord. □

—Robert L. Bush, pastor

Shelbyville, Ill.: The church had an outpouring of God's Spirit during a three-week revival with evangelist and singer *David Franklin*. Originally scheduled for one week, the meeting was extended twice as God honored every service with seekers at the altar. Confessions were made, wrongs righted, many were saved, and more than 20 professed the grace of entire sanctification.

Time was forgotten as, night after night, services continued until 10:30 or even 11:30 p.m. as people prayed, testified, and experienced God's power and healing. Shouts of joy and victory were common. Evangelist Franklin was God's instrument for revival as he followed the leadership of the Spirit in anointed singing and strong evangelistic preaching tempered by a gentle and loving spirit.

Every age level of the church experienced revival with the teens leading the way. Several older adults were saved and sanctified, and Christians of many years experienced a genuine renewal. "The greatest revival I've ever seen," was the universal testimony. □

—Arlin Chesney, pastor

Louisville, Ky.: Calvary Church recently had a revival with *Evangelist Don Ballard*. Rev. Ballard preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In every service there were victories around the altar, people were saved and sanctified and drawn closer to God. The church is growing spiritually. □

—Charles C. Haselwood, pastor

Columbia, Mo.: The church recently experienced a tremendous revival

with *Evangelist Ralph Tucker, Jr.* The average attendance per service for the seven-service meeting was 101. The Holy Spirit moved in the services as 5 people were saved, 12 sanctified wholly, and 6 backsliders reclaimed. The weeks preceding the services were saturated with prayer and faith building for revival. □

—Ron Anzalone, pastor

Nashville: Radnor Church recently had a revival with *Evangelist James Palmer and Larry and Phyllis Richards* from Indianapolis. The Holy Spirit came in every service, with 50 seeking spiritual help around the altar. □

—James Bailey, pastor

Huntington, W.Va.: Central Church recently had a revival with *Evangelist Morris Wilson and Song Evangelists Larry and Pat Neff*. It was "the greatest revival I've ever been in," said charter member Effie Jarrell. Pastor Robert E. Snodgrass opened the Sunday through Sunday services and the slated evangelists took over on Wednesday night. Over 40 people sought Christ during the week. □

—Robert E. Snodgrass, pastor

Jackson, Calif.: The church recently had a successful revival with *Rev. Earl Keena* as evangelist. Rev. Keena's talents as ventriloquist and magician resulted in a number of unchurched children attending the meetings and seeking Christ as their Savior. His messages on faith and holiness inspired a strengthening and deepening of the spiritual life of the church. □

—Chad Orton, Pastor



The Tipp City, Ohio, church recently held a "Holiness Heritage" week. The activities included the showing of the film, *They Cry in the Night*, the life story of pioneer missionary Harmon Schmelzenbach; a trip to the Northwestern Ohio District's Adult Banquet to see D. Paul Thomas as Phineas Bresee in "The Sun Never Sets in the Morning"; and Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent, as special guest speaker proclaiming Christian holiness throughout the week and on Sunday. Pictured (l. to r.) are Pastor Alan R. Dicer; Eugene Smith, song evangelist; and Dr. William M. Greathouse.

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THE CHURCH SCENE

Ground was broken June 9 for the Hillside Manor Christian Retirement Center in McMinnville, Ore. Dignitaries from the city and county and the news media were present.

In an editorial in the *McMinnville Register*, the paper congratulated the First Church of the Nazarene on their relocation on 12 acres beside the Retirement Center and for its vision which included the \$4.5 million project of the retirement center.

Jerry Allen and Orville Neuschwanger, members of the Board of Directors, were also commended for being key individuals in both the church and retirement center project. Pastor John Hicks has announced that Bob Roome, associate pastor and director of Senior Adults, has resigned to work for Hillside Manor in sales.

The Hillside Manor has one- and two-bedroom units that will be offered as lifelong tenancies. The manor will have a central dining area, and each living unit will be furnished with a kitchenette. There will be a chapel, library, sewing room, woodworking shop, greenhouse, and laundry facilities. All units will have either a balcony or patio, and garden plots are planned. With a view of rolling hills, the manor is only two miles from downtown McMinnville. □

MEMO

to church board members:

More and more churches are recognizing their responsibility in providing their ministerial and full-time lay employees with life insurance coverage. Most nonchurch employers have been doing this for years. Through the Nazarene Supplemental Group Term Life Insurance Program, your church could provide an employee up to \$100,000 coverage for as little as \$160 per year, depending upon age and insurability.

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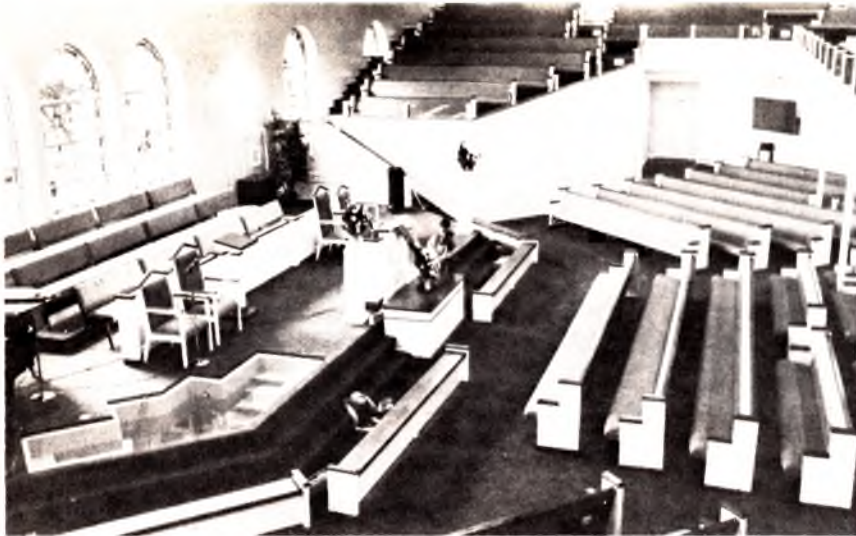
Charter members of the Florence, Ore., church gathered on Mother's Day for this group picture. Rev. Clive Williams began the work in the spring of 1981, and was succeeded by Matthew A. Kindler, a layman from Redmond, Ore., in pastoring the new field. This Easter Sunday the church was organized with 56 charter members. Services are running at and over 100.



El Paso, Tex., First Church presented Bill and Gloria Gaither's "Alleluia" this spring. The 45-voice choir from the Nazarene churches in El Paso accompanied by members from the 62nd U.S. Army Band and the El Paso Symphony Orchestra. The presentation included narration and drama with spoken parts involving people who gave their true-life testimonies of God's work. Pastor David A. Slamp directed the choir and 25 musicians who accompanied the performance. As a result of this music evangelism, El Paso First has seen one saved, baptized, and join the church. Many with no church background are interested in the church and its music ministry.



San Jose, Calif., Cambrian Park Church celebrated its 25th anniversary the weekend of May 1-2, with four former pastors and one former associate present. A buffet dinner was held Saturday evening followed by slides and movies of the past years. Sunday's services included messages by Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent, and Rev. Don Jenkins, both former pastors. Pictured are the charter members present for the occasion. They were given special recognition by Dr. Grady Cantrell, district superintendent. A 25th anniversary resolution was presented to Pastor Ron Crees by State Senator Dan O'Keefe. The choir was made up of past and present choir members, and the day was climaxed with the singing of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." Cambrian Park Church was organized in May, 1957, by Dr. George Coulter, then district superintendent. The first pastor was Paul M. Miller, now with the Nazarene Publishing House.



The Logan, W. Va., church dedicated a new sanctuary on May 16, 1982. The building, in the planning for more than seven years, was built adjacent to present facilities in downtown Logan. The new facility is of colonial design and features a wrap-around balcony with total seating for 650. In addition to the sanctuary, a nursery, choir robing room, office, rest rooms, and narthex are included. The building cost an approximate \$510,000, and has a current indebtedness of \$350,000. The dedication message was brought by Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary; Dr. M. E. Clay, district superintendent, led in the act of dedication; and the Speer Family, of Nashville, provided special music. Rev. B. W. Hambrick, pastor, is now serving his ninth year at the church.



Greenville, S.C., church dedicated its new facilities with D. Moody Gunter, district superintendent, May 23. The church is located on 12 acres of choice property. It contains 18,000 sq. ft., with a seating capacity of 600, 13 classrooms, two spacious offices, and a fellowship hall. The building was built at a cost of \$800,000; the appraised value is \$1,200,000 with an indebtedness of \$290,000. Even amid the building program, the organization of another church was spurred, financial assistance was given to several home mission pastors, and all budgets were paid in full. Ray D. Moore is the pastor.



Four former pastors of Marietta, Ohio, First Church, returned to share in the 50th anniversary celebration. Pictured (l. to r.) are Robert Styers, present pastor, Bernard Younce, George Hazlett, Herman Ward, and Ridgeland Ireland. Rev. George Gribben (not pictured) also returned with his family. Special services were held Friday over Sunday. Returning pastors were guest speakers and the Younce family supplied music. The church also celebrated a new addition to their sanctuary, with seating for 111 more people. The church received 19 new Nazarenes.



Rev. and Mrs. Grady L. Scott were honored recently by the Friendship Class of the Madison, Tenn., church. A beautiful plaque was presented to Rev. Scott commemorating his 57th spiritual birthday. On the plaque was inscribed "57 happy years of serving Jesus." He is the teacher of the senior adults, and also serves on the pastoral staff of the local church. Rev. Ronald Skeeters is the pastor. Pictured (l. to r.) are Mrs. Delores Geisler, Rev. and Mrs. Scott, and J. C. Mitchell.



Pictured is a *Herald of Holiness* "Secretary" pin given to Marguerite Corrie Smith, a charter member of the Broad Top City, Pa., church, in 1939. Rev. H. B. Huffman, pastor of the McConnellston, Pa., church, had held a meeting, organized the Broad Top City church, and appointed Marguerite *Herald of Holiness* secretary. She and her husband Otis are still *Herald* boosters. Otis and Marguerite Smith have been in the evangelistic field of the church for a number of years, as evangelist, singers, and musicians.

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SPEAR ELECTED TO NATIONAL POSITION



Mr. Paul Spear, Nazarene Headquarters Services director, has been elected regional vice-president of the National Association of Church Business Administrators at a national convention of that group in Oklahoma City.

The association is composed of headquarters operations directors from church groups nationwide, with a goal of promoting education and training of church administrators.

Mr. Spear has been a member of the organization for five years. He came to Nazarene Headquarters in 1968 and has served as Headquarters Services director since 1976. □

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NAZARENE WRITERS TO GATHER AT OLIVET

An estimated 150 to 200 writers will gather on the campus of Olivet Nazarene College, August 23-25 to participate in the Nazarene Writers' Conference.

The Nazarene Publishing House sponsors the event, which features seminars, addresses, and workshops for both beginning and experienced writers. A number of Sunday School, youth, and missions editors for Nazarene publications will be present to hold workshops, according to Dr. J. Fred Parker, conference director.

Four nationally known resource persons will participate in the conference, including Dr. James Engle, head of the Communications Department of Wheaton Graduate School, Wheaton, Ill.; Sally E. Stuart, writer and lecturer from Portland, Ore.; Stanley Baldwin, head of Stanley Baldwin Ministries, Oregon City, Ore.; and John Conaway, youth curriculum specialist with the David C. Cook Company, Elgin, Ill. □

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IT'S INDIANAPOLIS IN '89!

The general secretary, B. Edgar Johnson, has announced that final selection has been made by the 1989 General Assembly Site Commission—the winner is Indianapolis!

At a meeting of the Site Commission last September, a preference vote

for site favored Indianapolis, and by motion the general secretary was authorized to negotiate with that city for an acceptable proposal.

Construction is well underway in that city of a \$70 million downtown stadium, which greatly expands the convention center. Completion and use of the new facilities is scheduled for mid-1984.

The new complex will contain a domed, 60,000-seat stadium, and with this convention center expansion will bring the capacity to 300,000 sq. ft. of clear-spanned exhibit space, plus 60 meeting rooms. Three thousand hotel and motel rooms are within walking distance of the center, with 12,000 located throughout the city. □

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ENC RECEIVES KRESGE GRANT

Eastern Nazarene College has announced that the Kresge Foundation has awarded a challenge grant to the college in the amount of \$150,000.

The funds will be used toward construction of the Edith F. Cove Fine Arts Center on the ENC campus. Building operations are already underway on the \$1.4 million project, which will house the departments of Music and Communication Arts. It is scheduled for completion late this fall. □

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DR. T. E. MANGUM DIES

Funeral services were held July 16 in Nampa, Ida., for Dr. Thomas E. Mangum, Sr., a Nazarene elder, physician, and longtime Nampa resident. Dr. Mangum died July 13 at the age of 97.

Ordained in 1917 in Hamlin, Tex., Dr. Mangum moved to Nampa with his family in 1919. His great burden for world missions led him to Northwest Nazarene College with the goal of establishing a first-aid training center there. On January 20, 1920, that goal became reality when the Samaritan Hospital and School of Nursing was officially opened.

From that date until the nursing school closed in 1954, hundreds of nurses were trained in a holiness atmosphere and scores went directly to Nazarene mission fields. Dr. Mangum served throughout those 34 years as dean of the school.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mrs. Emily (Sellman) Mangum in 1959; a daughter, Mrs. Emily Desper, in 1969; and a son, Dr. Thomas E. Mangum, Jr., in 1970.

Dr. Mangum is survived by his wife, Frances, of Nampa, Ida.; two sons: Dr.

J. Robert Mangum of Nampa, a physician and General Board member from 1938 to 1980; and Dr. Paul D. Mangum, of West Chester, Pa., superintendent of the Philadelphia District; two daughters: Mrs. Joan Swim of Nampa and Mrs. Ruth Cahill of Minneapolis; 25 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. □

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SWARTH ESTATE BENEFITS THE NETHERLANDS

Rev. Robert W. Crew, Life Income Gifts Services director, recently presented a check for \$315,000 to Dr. L. Guy Nees, World Mission Division director. The check is a partial settlement of the estate of the late Rev. Dowie Swarth. Rev. Swarth was born and educated in Holland. As a young man, he intended to enter government service; however, he came to the United States where he was soon converted and joined the Church of the Nazarene.

He served as pastor, evangelist, and superintendent of the Alberta, Canada, and Arizona districts. Later he was the pioneer missionary superintendent of the North American Indian District.

Although absent from his native land for more than 50 years, he remained burdened to see the holiness message established among his people. Rev. Swarth was instrumental in making possible the first buildings that began the work of the Church of the Nazarene in Haarlem, Holland.

Upon his death on June 11, 1982, his handwritten will and revocable trust directed that the assets of his estate be used to establish a loan fund from which new churches could borrow funds to obtain property or make improvements or expansions of facilities. He directed that the funds were to be administered by the Advisory Board of the Netherlands District Church of the Nazarene. □

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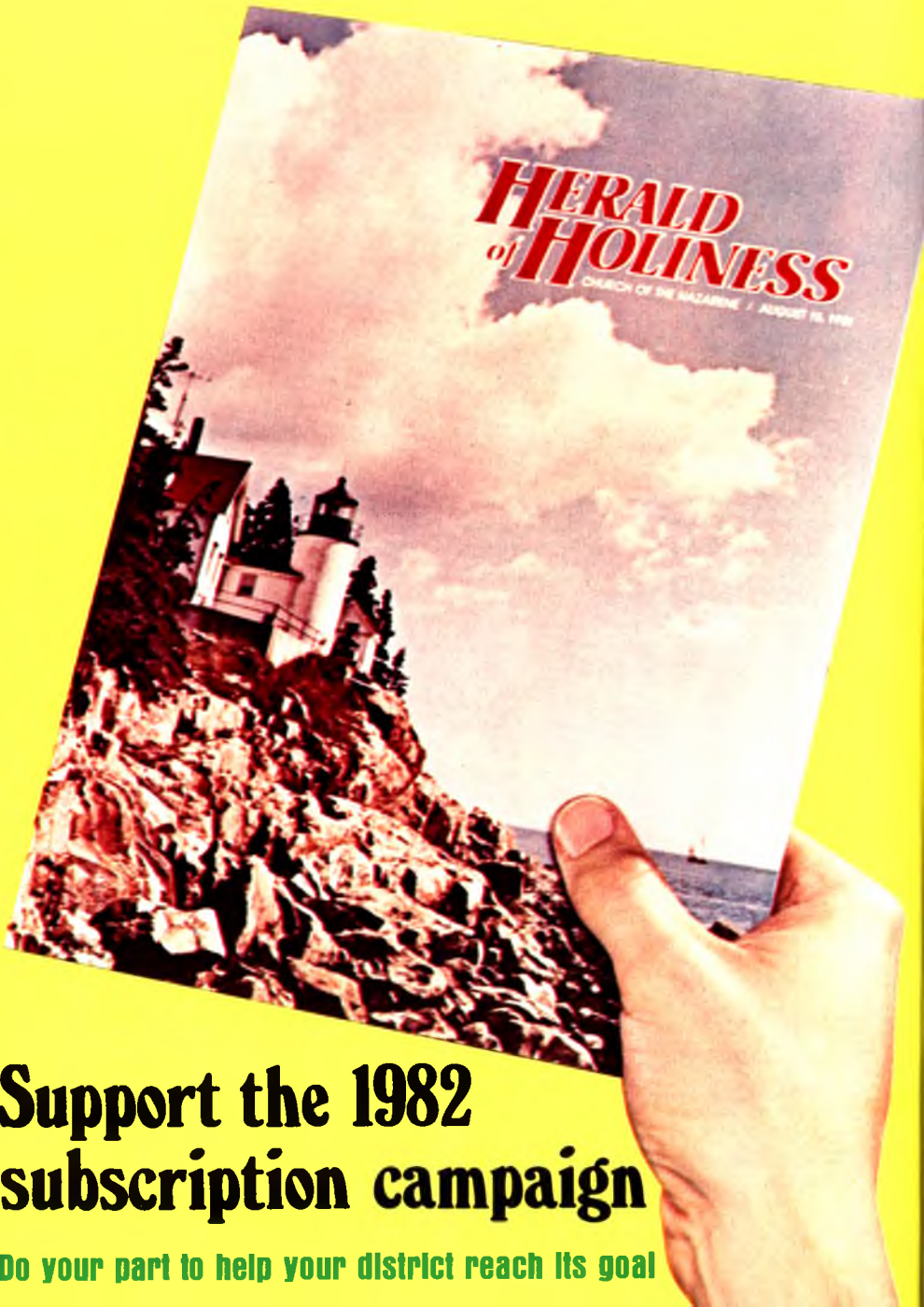
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