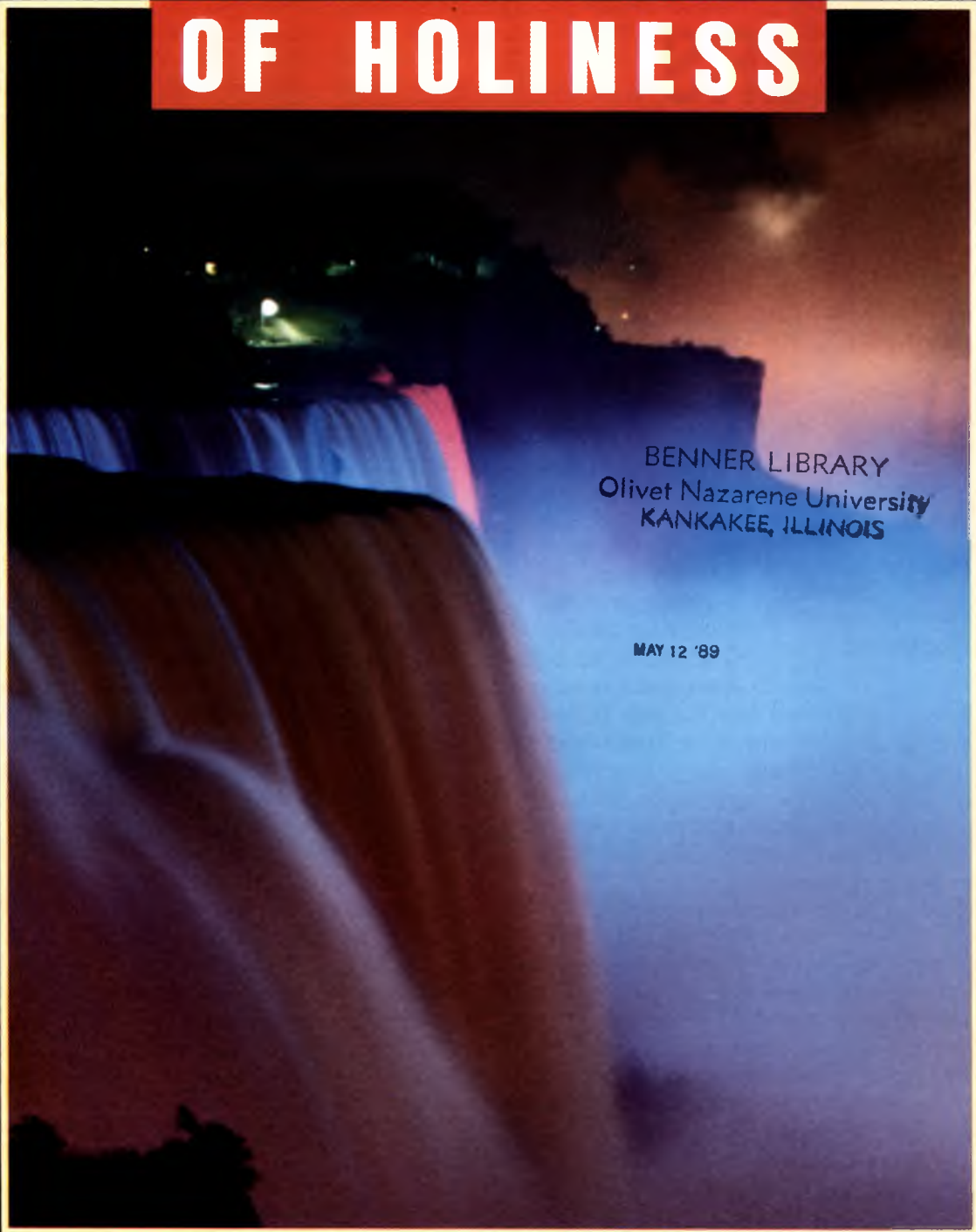


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THE PRIORITY OF EVANGELISM

AN IMMORTAL SONG

WALK TO LIVE . . . LIVE TO LOVE

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

MINISTERS UNDER FIRE



JERALD D. JOHNSON
General Superintendent

Nineteen eighty-eight may well be remembered as the year of ministerial exposé, especially in the United States. The secular world has made a lot of noise about each of these revelations. At times it has appeared that some people have referred to these tragic events as justification for their own sins. The fallout has been devastating in many

respects. Likely we have not seen the end. Without a doubt, there will be more said in the media before it is over. There is always another story, or rumor, which provides fodder for a report to be printed or televised. But for the Christian community, it is time to put it all behind us. Ministers of the gospel have been under fire long enough.

It is always easy to criticize the one who stands before us Sunday after Sunday. After all, our pastors really are human. The man in the pulpit operates in a fishbowl shared by all who live in the parsonage. Often the pastor's spouse and children are required to live above what we expect from other church families.

There are instances where the stress has become unbearable. Pastors have reluctantly left the ministry for secular work.

We strongly affirm that the clergy have a mandate to uphold the integrity of their calling. In the Church of the Nazarene, our *Manual* clearly defines the qualifications for our ministers. This is not a call for com-

promise. Intellectual assent to our doctrine, as well as a testimony of personal experience of entire sanctification, is required. An exemplary life-style is both implied and mandated.

The church has the ability to reveal breakdowns at any of these points. We don't need the media to do the work for us. We have both the capacity and the will to discipline our own. We are tempted in our day to succumb to false reasoning that if one or two have fallen, probably many more are guilty. This kind of suspicion may lead to rumor mongering. Before long, permanent damage is done. A pastor's reputation is soiled, if not completely ruined. What a tragedy, especially when it could have been avoided.

Keep faith in your minister. Remember, his, or her, very presence in your congregation reflects commitment, sacrifice, years of preparation, and genuine love and concern for you. When he comes into your pulpit he enters it alone, but with an assurance of the presence of the Holy Spirit himself. Your pastor is on call 24 hours a day. This, in itself, speaks of his dedication to serve you.

The office of pastor is a God-ordained assignment that deserves the utmost respect. Expressions of appreciation for your minister may be overdue. Laypersons would do well to learn what their church is doing, financially, for their pastor. If it is consistently on the conservative side, then changes on the church board may be necessary.

Actively support your minister. Don't always wait for official action by the church to express love to the parsonage family. Find ways to do it yourself.

Let's keep the minister front and center in our church and in our communities. Treat him with respect and dignity. Our ministers really are God's special gifts to the church. **H**

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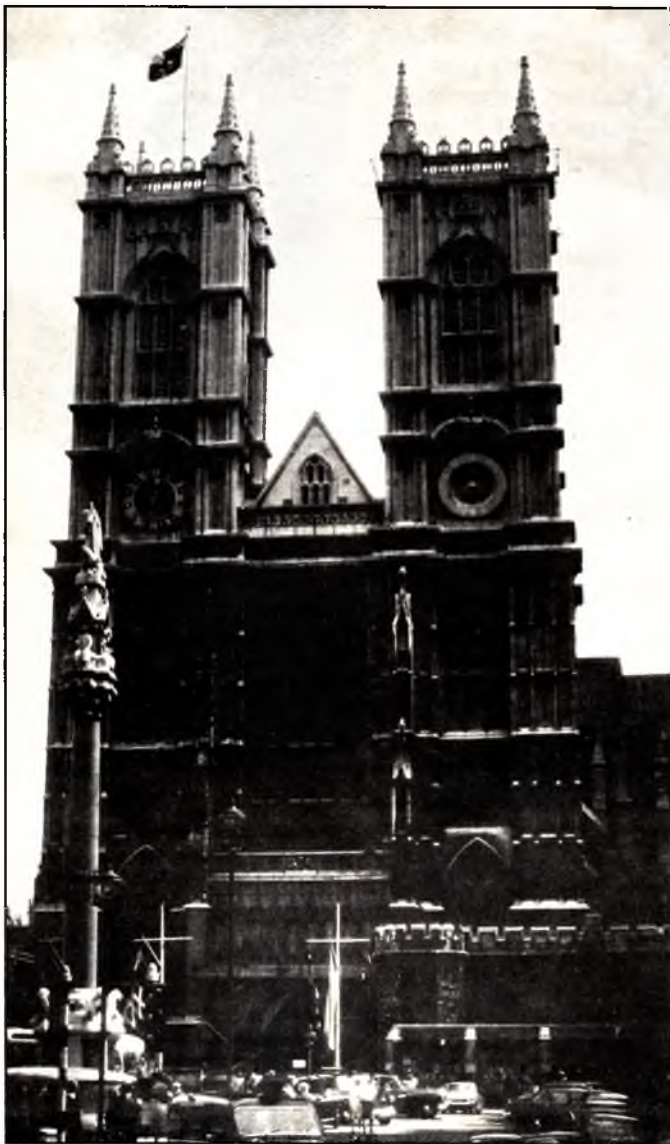
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The Priority of Evangelism

Making Christ known and loved must be a continuing commitment of life.



A party of tourists was being shown through Westminster Abbey one day when an old lady interrupted the guide. "Young man! Young man! Will you stop your chatter for a moment, and tell me—has anyone been saved here lately?"

A strange silence came over the astonished and perhaps embarrassed tour group. Saved in Westminster Abbey? But why not? Isn't that the primary business of the church?

With all the demands made upon us today, however, it is easy to get our priorities out of order. That's why the church needs continually to be reminded that we are the Body of Christ, and as His Body on this earth we are called to live in the body as He did. Evangelism thus becomes the controlling purpose in a properly functioning group of believers, for it was the controlling purpose of our Lord's body—the only reason that the eternal Son threw off the robes of glory and took upon himself the form of our flesh.

In our dullness at this point, we may actually reflect the blindness of the onlooking religious gentry at Calvary. They derided Christ for not coming down from the Cross and saving himself (Mark 15:31). What these self-centered worldlings failed to recognize is that Jesus had not come to save himself; He came to save us. He came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). He came "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

Any church that is living in the fulness of His Spirit will know this and will be actively seeking to win the lost. Pentecost makes this clear. It is true that a passion for souls is one fruit of revival, but it is also apparent that this love grows as we become involved in the work. A church that does not go out into the world to press the claims of the Kingdom would not know revival if it came.

Evangelism, in this sense, might be called the spiritual thermometer of the church. When the body of believers is sick, the evangelism program is usually the first thing to stagger. Custom and pride will keep other programs going long after their purpose is forgotten. Yet that part of the church activity which is not expressing the Savior's love for lost men and women is simply out of touch with the gospel. How tragic when the concern for fellowship, civic improvement, intellectual attainment, social welfare or some other secondary consideration becomes the controlling passion of church life.

This confusion of priorities is doubtless one of the most bewildering problems confronting the Christian community. It is not easy to keep first things first in the church, but it is even harder to face the consequences of not doing so. The harsh truth is that whenever evangelism is relegated to an incidental place in the congregational program, the church begins to die, and unless something happens to reverse the trend, eventually the church will become extinct. The church can continue only as the people of God, through His Spirit, reproduce their life in each succeeding generation.

This does not happen by accident. We must aim at the target to hit it. The sentimental idea that somehow evangelism will take care of itself provided we live good lives has a subtle way of lulling us to sleep. On the other hand, a constant whirl of activity in the church is no assurance that people are being converted. Crowds may come to the Sunday services, large building programs may be completed, big budgets may be raised, tremendous energy may be ex-

pend in many worthwhile things—and evangelism may still be missing. Making Christ known and loved must be a continuing commitment of life. This must be done corporately as a body, though finally it comes down to each member of the church.

John Vassar was a bit eccentric but a kindly gentleman who used every opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus. One day while waiting in a hotel lobby for a friend, he engaged a very fashionable lady in a conversation about the Lord. She was thunderstruck by the boldness of His approach. Suddenly the man appeared for whom Mr. Vassar was waiting, and he was called out of the room.

In a moment, the lady's husband came in. "There has been an old man here talking with me about religion," she said.

"I would have told him very quickly to go about his business," responded the husband.

"Oh," she answered. "If you had seen him, you would have thought that he was about his business."

Should not the same be said of us all? I am not suggesting that we should follow the approach of Mr. Vassar, or anyone else, but that the compulsion to get out the gospel should characterize our lives. We are the Church of Christ, and as He was sent into the world, so he sends us. Where we are constrained by His love, and seek first His kingdom, we will keep His priorities in order. **H**

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THE HUB OF THE HOME

G Campbell Morgan's four sons all became ministers. At a family reunion, a friend asked one of the sons, "Which Morgan is the greatest preacher?" While the son looked at his father, he replied, "Mother!"

A mother's place in the family is very special. Her duties are too numerous to list. Her responsibility can only be fulfilled with God's assistance. Every successful Christian mother, therefore, must have a place of prayer that she visits frequently.

One of the best-known songs of all Christendom is "Amazing Grace." A praying mother made it possible for us to sing this song today. The author, John Newton, was reared by a mother who believed in the worth of prayer. In his teen years, John rejected God and became very wicked, but he could not forget the prayers of his faithful mother. She prayed until her son, who was a sailor, met the Savior. "Amazing Grace" is his testimony.

I cherish the memory of my mother making her way to the secret place of prayer.

There were six children in my family, and we grew up on a small 22-acre farm in the southern hills of Indiana. I can recall coming home from school many times to find there were only seven plates on the dining room table instead of eight. After asking Mother about the other plate, I learned that

she would not be eating the evening meal with my father and the six of us children.

After the table was set and things were in order, I would see my mother slip out the side door and make her way up over the grassy knoll that led to the back part of our small farm. Since those were the days before our family enjoyed air conditioning, we would often eat the evening meal with the window open when the weather permitted. While eating, we could hear Mother's prayers echoing from the red clay hillsides as they ascended to heaven.

Some precise, cultured persons may sneer at such action today, but my family never sneered when they heard those prayers. We realized that was where Mother met with God in her secret place. It was holy ground. At those meetings she poured out her heart to the Creator of this universe.

It was a place where her doubts were dissolved, her fears were forgotten, and her resources were restored. There she basked in the presence of God's love. To Mother, God was more than just a historical figure; His presence was real to her.

One day, out of curiosity, I made my way back to the vicinity where Mother often prayed. I found the spot where she met with God. She had constructed a crude altar from some discarded lumber and rusty nails. I felt

as if I were standing on holy ground. I could visualize her kneeling at that altar as tears of concern fell to the ground.

Mother was not perfect. She made many mistakes and fought many battles. However, she knew the worth of prayer and the importance of dwelling in the secret place. This may be a good reason why all six of her children are attempting to serve the Lord.

In these days of hurry and scurry, we need more mothers who will take the time to petition God on behalf of their families. Mother, your children are depending on you. Don't fail them.

What greater memory could a mother leave for her children than that she was a person of prayer? Years from now the weekly allowance your children received will not be significant; but the amount of time you spent in prayer for them will be of utmost importance.

History proves that godly mothers make a great difference in any home. Such mothers are the hub of the family unit, special people in a special place. As a Jewish proverb says, "God could not be everywhere, and so He made mothers." **H**

BY MARK ECKART

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“SO BUILT WE THE WALLS”

I want to tell you how God has blessed Friendship Church of the Nazarene. The early days were filled with struggle; but God had shown me what the church would be like, and I kept trusting in His promises.

In 1936, as a young woman, I worked for a Mrs. Martin, who talked to me about the Lord. Through her testimony I came to know Christ as my Savior and Lord. Later, I was able to witness to my husband and sister, and they were saved.

After a while we needed a place to worship. I asked Mrs. Martin if there was a Church of the Nazarene where blacks could attend. She helped by writing to the board, and this was when our church was born in my heart.

The Lord gave my husband the name for it—Friendship. We were happy with that name because we wanted always to be friendly to everyone who came through our doors. We wanted to possess all the qualities a friend should have according to the Lord Jesus Christ. I recall often the words spoken by my husband about friendliness.

The first Sunday School was started in my home. In 1954 we had 4 members, and in 1955 there were 35. The first church we organized was located at 1341 Richard Street, South Memphis. Things began to change, and it seemed that Friendship Church would not survive.

We had ups and downs from 1955 to 1973 and even closed the church

for three months in 1973. My husband died in 1970. Pastors came and went, but through it all God was faithful. One day I sat thinking about how good the Lord had been to me and how much I owed Him. I paid my tithes, but what about my time?

I began the minister's course of study and became a qualified teacher under the Christian Service Training program. The Lord enabled me to be "Teacher of the Year" in 1963, and I received a number of other awards.

In 1973 the Lord blessed us with a wonderful pastor, Brother Griffin, who showed real love for us. The church responded with appreciation and began to grow. I recall that his first message was on prayer. He told us how important it was to spend much time in prayer. God worked many miracles under his ministry, and Brother Griffin said he never wanted to leave Friendship. After his wife's death, however, he felt that he could not remain, and we were without a pastor again. After a while the Lord sent Brother and Sister Rufus Sanders to us.

The vision given to me by the Lord became a reality. On August 5, 1984, at 3 P.M., Friendship Church dedicated its new building to the Lord.

What a joy it is to see the church growing with lovely people who love the Lord! They are willing to work and help bring the kingdom of God to the hearts of men, women, and children. Recently, when our pastor was sick for three months, most of that time in the hospital, we all banded together and worked untiringly. The Lord is supplying all our needs. Our budgets are all paid. We are reaching out to help others. Among other things, we give food each month to the needy.

I love the Lord with all my heart. He saved me, sanctified me wholly, and put a mind within me to do His complete will.

I raised a niece, whom I love very much. When I see her and her family at worship in our church, what a thrill it is! Both she and her husband have been saved, baptized, and brought into the church. Such victories make all the work, prayer, and sacrifice worthwhile. **H**

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“A Keen Sense of RUMOR”



A Sunday School teacher asked each one in her class to recite one verse of Scripture. One little boy responded as follows: “Go ye into all the world and spread the gossip.”

Someone has appropriately defined a gossip as “A person with a keen sense of rumor.” The jokes about gossipers are endless—and, unfortunately, so are the gossipers!

Perhaps the tendency to gossip is hard to overcome because gossip seems to be such a satisfying way to pass time. But to gossip is to bolster one’s own puny ego at another’s expense. What makes gossip so grossly unfair is that the person being talked about can offer no defense at all. To gossip is to enjoy a coward’s occupation.

Malicious gossip comes from a heart that is diseased with envy, jealousy, and hatred. It is the product of evil thinking.

All gossip is not malicious, however. Some is simply thoughtless chatter, but it too is harmful and offensive to others. We need to guard our words lest a story that is repeated brings sorrow and a ruined reputation to another. “Running folks down is a bad habit, whether you are a motorist or a gossip.”

Someone advised: “It is well to remember that mansions in the sky cannot be built out of mud thrown at others.”

Next time you have someone over, see how many times he (or you) uses what I call “gossip starters”—those little phrases that make us lean forward in our chairs to hear the next tasty morsel. “Did you hear about . . .”; “Isn’t it awful about . . .”; “Would you believe . . .”; “Now, promise you won’t repeat this, but . . .”; “Do you know what I heard today . . .”; “Everybody’s talking about it . . .”; “I guess it’s no

secret, so I can tell you . . .”; “I know he wouldn’t mind my repeating this . . .”

At least twice in the New Testament we are commanded to “speak evil of no man.” Paul also tells us to “be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves” (Romans 12:10, NIV). The next time we start our loquacious chatter, let’s be honest enough to ask ourselves: “If I were listening to that about me, would I be offended?” If so, then let’s discuss something safe like the high price of gas these days.

There was a time when gossipers were prosecuted in the same way as common criminals. In 1644, Betsy Tucker of Virginia was sentenced to the dunking pool because of “words” she said to her husband. Today we punish a safe robber, but the reputation robber goes free.

Most people will agree, at least in principle, that it is wrong to gossip. Gossip is a devil’s brew of suspicion, half-truth, and downright falsehood. Therefore to speak it violates the ninth commandment. It is no excuse that the gossiper did not know the falseness of his tale. It is quite enough that he passed it on without knowing whether it was true.

But there is another side to the matter of gossip. The receiver of stolen goods is as bad as the thief. Therefore the person who listens to gossip is as guilty as the person who peddles it. As Charles H. Spurgeon said, “Learn to disbelieve those who have no faith in their brethren. Suspect those who would lead you to suspect others.”

We can make a far deeper wound with the tongue than with a dagger. Solomon says, “The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts” (Proverbs 18:8). He repeats the warning in Proverbs 26:22.

Remember, *talebearing is associated with the vilest of sins!* More is said in the Bible about the evils of gossiping than the sin of drunkenness. Beware, then, of being a tattler and a busybody!

Knowing Jesus as Savior should make a difference in the way you speak. So instead of dissipating your spiritual power through a “multitude of words,” prayerfully guard your tongue today and lock your lips against all sinful talking!

*I did it again today—
I guess I’m in a rut;
I missed an opportunity
To keep my big mouth shut!*
Anonymous

BY MORRIS CHALFANT

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LIFE ON THE BOUNDARY

with Ken Key, President of Key Industries

Ask Ken Key about the competitive world of the furniture industry. In rapid-fire order he can give the reasons why oak should be used in place of poplar in some types of furniture, discuss the most advanced methods for drying lumber, the difficulty of providing sufficient capital for a growing company, and the unending race to keep up with the competition.

Ken is a big Alabaman who, after graduating from the University of Alabama in 1956, used his parents' Sears credit to buy a turning lathe for \$52.00 to start a woodshop. Eventually he transformed those humble beginnings into a modern, automated factory that employs 85 people and grosses about \$2 million a year. Key Industries owns large timber reserves and operates its own sawmills and dry kilns. The company produces milled furniture parts that it sells to large furniture manufacturers.

But if you speak with Ken more than a few minutes, you will discover that making furniture isn't his compelling interest; compassionate ministry is. In fact, he is now in the process of reorganizing his company so that in four years he can volunteer all of his time to work with Steve Weber and the Office of Compassionate Ministries.

Ken and his wife, Wynelle, have three adopted children: one son, Chris, age 20; two daughters, Chantiel, age 23, and Monique, age 28, both of whom are married. Ken and his wife are members of the Jasper, Ala., Church of the Nazarene.

Boundary: Ken, in what way did your Christian parents contribute to your success in business?



Key: Monetarily, they contributed next to nothing. My father was a hard-working block layer and a tree trimmer with a third grade education. We lived in a small town, and I was probably the poorest child there. But my parents did contribute the most important ingredient—a good heritage; they taught me integrity.

Boundary: We sometimes hear that in business there has to be a dual ethic, one for business and one for your private life. Is this true?

Key: No. There does not need to be a dual standard. When I first entered business I was determined to make an honest living, and I have. A businessman does not have to be crooked. When I tell a person something, I try to deliver. Early in my business when I began buying timber for my sawmill the word got

around that Ken didn't know what he was doing because he took too much time counting and measuring timber. But I did know what I was doing. I was trying to deal honestly with my suppliers. I refused to cheat a person on the amount of timber he had delivered, and that made me look rather foolish. But after a while word got around that I was dealing honestly with those who hauled timber to my sawmill.

Boundary: Have you ever lost business because of your integrity?

Key: Yes I have. I have had purchasing agents request kickbacks. Because I refused to go along I lost that company's business. But my response has always been, "I am not for sale."

Boundary: What advice would you give to young people who are entering the business world?

Key: First, set realistic goals. Second, turn stumbling blocks into stepping-stones. You are going to make mistakes, but turn those mistakes into something profitable.

Boundary: Among your business associates, how do you bear witness to Christ?

Key: Actually, I am reluctant to collar people and force my testimony upon them. Rather, when the door opens I just tell my story; I just tell people where I came from and what the Lord has done for me. I am accepted in my city as a Christian businessman. People know what I am. Sometimes I am forced into a situation in which I am asked to do things contrary to Christian values. But I simply don't have to do what is wrong. With God's help I can conduct myself within the framework of Christian values.

Boundary: Does a person have to choose between a successful business and his family?

Key: No. If you are in business, you don't have to neglect your family. If you do, you have lost everything. A person must take care of his family, and the best place to start is by marrying a Christian; then there will be some problems that you simply won't have to go through. You can wipe out some problems by starting out correctly.

Boundary: How did your interest in missions develop?

Key: In 1974 I attended a Men in Missions Conference in Indianapolis. At that time I was "pulling out all the stops" to expand my business. I had companies in Panama and was involved in about 18 corporations. Also, I was neglecting my family. Simply put, I was "chasing the dollar." But in the Indianapolis conference the Lord asked me, "Why don't you work for Me a while?" I went home and sold

some businesses, gave some away, and kept one—the Key Manufacturing Company—as a financial base. Subsequently the company experienced its greatest growth, and this happened at a time when the national economy looked bleak.

During this time I also recommitted myself to my local church. In 1978 I became involved with Steve Weber in Haiti. I went down to help put pews in a church. While there I was so offended by the poverty and tragedy that I have been into Haiti 30 times on missions of mercy and relief. I found a ministry, a way to help. The church gave me an opportunity to apply my expertise as a businessman to the needs of people. I bought an airplane and wore it out flying in raw material that Haitian Christians then turned into crafts. On the return trip I brought back finished products that could be sold in the U.S. This was a means by which they made a living. But even this wasn't enough for me.

So I established a little organization called Missions Unlimited, which could serve as a vehicle for channeling food into Haiti to feed 15,000 children. In those days this Alabama furniture manufacturer learned much about rice and beans—I already knew how to eat them, but I didn't know how to buy and ship them.

Boundary: Obviously you are heavily committed to ministries of compassion; what motivates you?

Key: It is simple, Jesus was compassionate. He loved children.

Boundary: Why is the Church of the Nazarene so important to you?

Key: I want you to understand that my first love is Christ. But the Church provides for me a means by which I can serve the Lord. **H**

BY AL TRUESDALE

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BECAUSE YOU GAVE

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LOVING IS GIVING

Mrs. Minnie Voigt was in love . . . she had a romance going for missions in Fairbury, Nebr.! Mrs. Voigt was one of my parishioners and a widow who lived at the outskirts of our small town. In order to support herself she raised chickens and sold eggs; but in the main, she did housework for people in the community.

Mrs. Voigt was frequently ill and suffered almost constantly from an inflammatory virus disease characterized by the eruption of small blisters on her legs. As a result, she seemed to walk haltingly or lamely.

She was devoted to her family and to her church and prayed for her young pastors and encouraged them in their plans to become missionaries. She would often say, "Maybe if I pray hard enough, it will help you and Mrs. Owens get to the mission field." It did, Mrs. Voigt, it did!

Mrs. Owens and I made an agreement with our church board, an agreement to the effect that the Fairbury church

would be a "10 percent" church for world evangelization; and monthly payments toward the General Budget were to be paid before all other obligations.

From her meager earnings, Mrs. Voigt not only paid her tithes but also gave generously to the Easter and Thanksgiving offerings for missions. How moving to see her wipe from her eyes tears of sheer joy because she had been able to give to missions! She would say to her pastor, "Maybe what I gave today will help you and your wife reach the mission field someday." It did, Mrs. Voigt, it did!

Although years have passed, I remember vividly and with inspiration how Mrs. Voigt would approach the altar of our church, limping as she came, breaking the seal of her Alabaster box and pouring out her coins into the cardboard "Alabaster church." After the service, with her eyes dancing, she would say, "Maybe what I gave today will help you build a church on the mission field someday." It did, Mrs. Voigt, it did!

And your gifts, added to Minnie's, have helped many reach the mission fields and build churches. It's called falling in love with Jesus. **H**

BY DON OWENS

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AN IMMORTAL SONG

Rock of Ages” has been one of Christianity’s favorite hymns for over 200 years. It is among the first hymns that many remember singing. Authorities on hymnody remind us that it has appealed to the poor as well as the rich, the down-and-out streetwalker as well as kings and queens.

In the little book by W. Thornbury Clark, *Hymns That Endure*, published in 1942, are stories that illustrate the popularity of this simple little song that millions have come to know and sing. For instance, there’s the story of a derelict who was seen on a New York street. Once he had known wealth, friends, and hope. Now, shuffling along aimlessly, he had decided to take his life. Then as he passed a mission hall, there came some words that were once familiar to him as a boy. How often he had heard his mother and father sing:

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.*

Overcome by the simple but thrilling words, he entered the mission hall, and while sitting there a new life began.

Once again, the man remembered that God’s love was sure and that all would be well. Leaving the little mission, he was able to return to the streets ready to fight sin and defeat.

Many others along the way have been inspired by “Rock of Ages.” The far-ranging influence of it was related by Mrs. Lucy Seaman Bainbridge who, with her husband, made a tour of the world to study Christian missions. In China they found a little woman whose life had been one of misery and drudgery. Without knowing about Christ and His hope she had tried to earn enough “merit” to keep from being transmigrated into the next life as a dog or a cat. She attempted this by digging a well 25 feet deep and approximately 15 feet across with her bare, weak hands. Now an old woman, she had told the Bainbridges how she had come to know Jesus and His gospel of salvation. The three joined hands and sang:

*In my hand no price I bring;
Simply to Thy Cross I cling.*

In other lands around the world this hymn has been translated into countless other languages and sung by millions who have come to know Jesus Christ as the “Hope of the World.”

And the great and the mighty have loved the hymn. Prince Albert, Consort to Queen Victoria, repeated the words of the song constantly as he lay dying and was quoted as saying: “For if in

this hour I had only my worldly honors and dignities to depend upon, I should be indeed poor.”

William Ewart Gladstone, one of England’s greatest political leaders and prime minister during the reign of Queen Victoria, loved the hymn. At his funeral its solemn beauty resounded throughout Westminster Abbey.

In times of tragedy and great peril the words of “Rock of Ages” were there to comfort and reassure. When General J. E. B. Stuart, a Confederate cavalry commander, was mortally wounded in the battle at Yellow Tavern, he was taken to a hospital in Richmond. As he lay dying he asked that “Rock of Ages” be sung at his bedside. And when the steamer *London* sank in the Bay of Biscay in 1886, a group of its passengers stood on deck and sang “Rock of Ages” as they went to their death.

Little did the composer of “Rock of Ages” think that his plain little song would be sung 200 years after he wrote it. Born at Farmham, Surrey, England, on November 4, 1740, Augustus Montague Toplady must have been a serious, studious child. At the age of 16, while visiting relatives in Codymain, Ireland, he attended an evangelistic preaching service that was being held in a barn.

The preacher had little formal education. Some say he could hardly read or write. The critics in the congregation considered the little man and his sermon a failure. To many the whole service was a failure. Only one awkward, unpromising boy was converted. But the humble preacher was working for God, and service for God is never a failure when given so devotedly. The unpromising convert became an educated man, receiving his education at Westminster School and Trinity College of Oxford University. At 22 he was ordained to preach for the Church of England. In addition to serving as a minister, he was a prolific writer and editor. As editor of *The Gospel Magazine* he published his masterpiece “Rock of Ages” in 1776, a year that gave our nation the Declaration of Independence and to the Christians of the world a song that still resounds with a basic Christian message.

The great song continues to endure. Indeed, it seems to have become a favorite of all Protestant churches. A quick check reveals that it is in most hymnals that are being used in our churches: Baptists, Methodists, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterians, Episcopalians. A hymn book without “Rock of Ages” in it is almost inconceivable. **H**

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Phoebe Palmer

MOTHER OF THE HOLINESS REVIVAL

Could have graced a throne, or filled the office of a bishop, or organized and governed a new sect. . . . Whoever promotes holiness in all this country, must build upon the deep-laid foundations of this holy woman." wrote a leading minister upon the death in 1874 of Phoebe Palmer of New York City. A century later, M. E. Dieter argued in his history of *The Holiness Revival of the Nineteenth Century* that "the quiet discourse and boundless activity" of Mrs. Palmer "became the major impetus in setting off a world wide [holiness] movement."

Phoebe Palmer was born in New York City on December 18, 1807, into a family steeped in Methodist spirituality. Her father, an Englishman from Yorkshire, had been converted in his native country in the latter phases of the Wesleyan Revival, and rich family piety shaped Phoebe's early social en-

vironment. Religiously inclined since childhood, she knelt with husband Walter C. Palmer, a physician, during the Allen Street Methodist Church revival of 1832, pledging her life to the promotion of holiness. In 1835 Sarah Lankford, Phoebe Palmer's sister, united the women's prayer meetings of Allen Street and Mulberry Street Methodist churches. Two years later, Phoebe testified to the sanctifying grace and afterward emerged as the leader of the prayer meeting, now known as the Tuesday Meeting for the Promotion of Holiness and held in the parlor of the Palmers' home. In 1839, men were admitted to the Tuesday Meetings, and Mrs. Palmer's circle widened to include Methodist bishops, theologians, and ministers, as well as lay men and women. Soon the cradle of renewal gently rocked all of American Methodism.

The path from prayer meeting to pulpit was gradual but sure. In the 1840s, Phoebe and Walter Palmer began an itinerant ministry that took them from churches to camp meetings and conferences throughout the Northeast. Conventional and inordinately modest, Phoebe Palmer insisted that her talks were not "sermons"; she styled them, rather, as "exhortations." Simply put, she preached. Drawn into his wife's expanding network of activity, Walter Palmer periodically put aside his medical practice to travel and assist her ministry. In time, he also gained repute as a lay preacher, though his fame never exceeded that of his wife's.

Phoebe Palmer played a major role in the holiness movement's expansion to national and international scope. Her impact was increased by her writing and editing. Her articles appeared in Methodist organs such as the *Christian Advocate and Journal*, and books

from her hand appeared after 1843. Among the leading ones: *The Way of Holiness* (1843), *Faith and Its Effects* (1848), and *Promise of the Father* (1859). Publications extended her influence into Southern as well as Northern states and into Canada, where the Palmers ministered personally in 1857. In 1859, the couple assumed a transatlantic role as the British Isles became the scene of their labors for the next four years. Upon their return to the United States, they purchased the *Guide to Holiness*, the leading American journal of the higher Christian life, and Phoebe was its editor from 1864 until her death a decade later. The immense popularity of the *Guide to Holiness* during her tenure as editor greatly stimulated the rise of the broader Wesleyan-holiness press.

Her broad influence was exerted in still other ways: through the New York Female Assistance Society for the Relief and Religious Instruction of the Sick Poor, of which she was the corresponding secretary from 1847-57; through the Methodist Ladies' Home Missionary Society, in which she was active; and on a host of influential people including Frances Willard, leader in late-19th-century temperance reform; Englishwoman Catherine Booth, cofounder (with husband William) of the Salvation Army; and on the circle of Methodist ministers, including Rev. John S. Inskip, who founded the National (now Christian) Holiness Association in 1867. To her, more than any other personality of her century, the holiness movement owes its existence.

Three of Phoebe Palmer's children died in infancy; she raised the other three to adulthood. But all who have received Christian nurture in Wesleyan-holiness churches are her heirs and grandchildren in the faith.

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Dr. David Hynd

There have been many “firsts” in the life of Dr. David Hynd.

He established the first hospital in Swaziland, back in 1925, when Western medicine was something as foreign to people of the protectorate of Swaziland as aliens from the moon. The hospital was named Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital and built on land near the town of Manzini donated by the government.

“We started really from the long grass,” recalled Dr. Hynd. “We had to build everything ourselves. Building supplies arrived by donkey wagon from the railway line in Mozambique.

It took us two years just to build the hospital.”

He established the first nurses’ training college at the same hospital, where the very first Swazi nurses were graduated. They became the first people in three southern African protectorates—Swaziland, Bechuanaland, and Basutoland—to study for and receive full nursing certificates.

He established out-patient clinics in rural Swaziland and manned them

with his newly trained nurses. He established primary and secondary schools on the mission grounds. He and his missionary colleagues established the first teachers’ training college in the country.

“We began to see the need for Swazi teachers. There were no Swazi teachers at that time. Ms. Margaret Latta came out to train Swazis in education, and the teacher training college was established in 1931. We were continually raising the standard until now the Nazarene Teachers’ Training College is training students for university.

Until 1954 it was the only teacher training institution in the country.”

Dr. Hynd was instrumental in establishing the first branch of the Red Cross in Swaziland, in 1932. He even began the country’s first leper colony.

All of these “firsts” sprang from a decision he and his wife, Agnes, had made just after their marriage in Scotland in 1918. It was as if their adventurous life together—and its many accomplishments—had been charted and coursed long before they set foot on the African continent.

“Just at the end of the first World War, I heard about the need for a doctor in Swaziland. That was in 1918, just after my marriage. Government had promised our mission 35 acres of free land—for medical, educational, and religious purposes. When we heard about this, my wife and I thought about it and decided that we would make this our lifework.”

When that decision was made, he enrolled in medical school at Glasgow University and completed his studies in 1924. Just one year later, in June 1925, the Hynds arrived in Swaziland.

ready to treat the sick, educate the uneducated, and spread Christianity. They pursued all three avenues with an effort of such grand, sustained vigour and enthusiasm so as to make all of these outstanding “firsts” happen.

“There was such a wide open field. I set about trying to fulfill the purposes for which we had been given the land,” said Dr. Hynd.

The foundation of everything has been, of course, his religion—and his undying commitment to helping human beings.

In fact the strongest first impression of this towering man—he stands six feet tall—is of uprightness, correctness, and steadiness. There is a feeling of intense moral rectitude, a clarity of character that only comes from a clear conscience and honest living, and which is reflected in his extraordinarily lucid eyes.

He attributes his long life—93 years old and in near perfect health—to his attitudes toward God and fellow human beings. “I don’t smoke. I don’t drink. And I try to keep a conscience void of offence to God and men.”

Born in Perth, Scotland, on October 25, 1895, Dr. Hynd remembers his youth as full of Sunday School sessions and Christian meetings. His parents’ strongest influence, he says, was their religious vocation. The son of a railway worker and one of four children, he says he became a committed



Dr. Hynd and a leper patient.

March, 1947—Dr. Hynd receives “Commander of the Order of the British Empire” from King George VI; to their left stand Sir Evelyn Baring (HC), Princess Margaret, Queen Elizabeth, and Princess Elizabeth.



Christian at the age of 12 years.

His father-in-law and pastor, Rev. George Sharpe, was another person who greatly influenced his life. It was he who led the young David to missionary work.

And he has had the same sort of persuasive sway over his own three children. All three have followed in their father's footsteps, choosing careers in medicine and pursuing a life of service to people. His son, Samuel, served as medical superintendent of the hospital his father founded and now has a private clinic in Manzini. His firstborn daughter recently retired as chief nursing officer of Glaxo Laboratories in England. And his last born daughter also recently retired as medical superintendent of a provincial hospital in Barberton, South Africa.

Dr. Hynd saw through the entire development of the Nazarene Mission Station and hospital, bringing it from infancy through teething stages to maturity. Starting from scratch in a land that was unaccustomed to modern medical techniques was not an easy task. "It was very difficult to get started because our chief competitors were traditional doctors. But we succeeded chiefly through our surgical work. You could do some spectacular work in surgery. And then patients would go home and spread the word. All aspects of our work have developed from practically nothing. It's been a slow process, but it has been successful."

Throughout his 36 years as head of the mission and medical superintendent of the hospital, he was assisted innumerable times by King Sobuza II. They became close friends; and the king frequently called upon Dr. Hynd to attend to his family members' medical problems. Dr. Hynd has brought most of Sobuza's children into the world.

Dr. Hynd retired from hospital work in 1961. But today, at the age of 93, he remains remarkably active. He still serves on about 10 different committees, including the Red Cross (of which he is still acting as medical adviser), the Workmen's Compensation Medical Board, the Swaziland Bible Society, the Swaziland Refugee Committee (of which he is secretary), and youth committees.

And he has been honoured numerous times with an amazing array of awards and medals—1935, King

George V Silver Jubilee Medal; 1947, King George VI CBE Medal; 1953, Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal; 1968, King Sobuza II Independence Medal; 1982, Medal of the Royal Order of King Sobuza II; 1987, LLD Doctor of Law from University of Swaziland.

He cites the two most important events in his life as his marriage to Agnes Sharpe in 1918 (Mrs. Hynd passed away in 1982) and when he was taken on as a missionary by the Church of the Nazarene.

And he sums up his rather extraordinary life in a rather simple way—"I feel very satisfied. Many of the things I have set out to do I have seen accomplished. I've always had good assistants and colleagues, backed by a good church. Without them none of this could have happened." **H**

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A Blessed Heritage

*You are brand-new, my precious daughter,
And I want you to early know about your heritage.
Fifty years ago today, another little girl was born.
Her father was alcoholic and abusive;
she picked cotton in the fields to live;
and disease made her an object of pity and ridicule.
But her father's degradation did not touch her;
the deprivation did not consume her substance;
and the disease could not cripple her spirit.
Out of the blackness of that pressure
God created the diamond that is your grandmother.
She is not rich or beautiful or wise
as the world counts wealth, beauty, and wisdom,
but the love chapter of the Bible is about her.
Patient, kind, not proud, not easily angered,
she always trusts and she always hopes.
When she prays, God puts His other work aside
and gives His undivided attention to her petition.
This I believe for I have seen signs and wonders.
Never have I heard an unchristlike word
nor seen an unchristlike deed in her.
My highest prayer for you, my daughter, is this:
"Grant, O Lord, that my daughter might have
my mother's character without her tribulation,
but if not,
grant still my mother's character to my daughter."*

*Shirley Jean Mercer—Charlotte Denise Mercer
1938—August 1—1988*

—WILLIAM BRADFORD MERCER
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A WALKING MIRACLE

My wife, Amelia, is a walking miracle. That she has survived the many physical problems encountered since childhood is a tribute to God's healing grace and her courageous spirit.

She was born in Nashville during a February blizzard. When her mother went home, baby Amelia remained in the hospital for several months. During this time she was unable to utter a sound, but God answered prayer and she was soon with her family.

When Amelia was three, doctors discovered tumors on her hips. She underwent surgery to remove the tumors and part of her hip bones.

At age four she was struck by two automobiles. Her mother was walking home from work, and her baby-sitter said, "Here comes your mother." Before the baby-sitter could grab her, Amelia ran into the street toward her mother, who was on the other side. A car struck her, knocking her into the air. When she landed, another car, moving in the opposite direction, struck her also. She was rushed to the hospital with severe skull fractures and badly broken hips. God helped her and the family during a long hospital stay.

During her seventh and eighth years Amelia was stricken with rheumatic

fever. For a while doctors had little hope that she would recover, but the Lord had other plans for her.

She got along quite well until she was 15. She had a recurrence of rheumatic fever, paralyzing her from the waist down. A big brother's arms and a wheelchair were her only transportation. Doctors thought she would be crippled for the rest of her life, but her faith in God once again brought healing.

Amelia was afflicted with a rare blood disorder at age 17. Either doctors were puzzled by its nature or they would not tell the family what it was. They gave the family no hope for her recovery, but once again the Lord touched His stricken child.

At 18 she had spinal meningitis and was in a deep coma for days. She had wearied of the constant struggle to survive and was reconciled to dying. However, during her coma the Lord sent an angel to say to her, "The Lord has a plan for your life. You will get well, and someday you will bear children." Amelia thought children were God's greatest gift, but she never expected to become a mother.

I began dating her when she was 19. She had a serious heart condition, and our dates were sometimes interrupted by sudden attacks of illness. The night before our wedding I had to rush her to the hospital because her heart was acting up. After we married it was not unusual for me to come home from work to take her to the emergency room because of her heart condition. Some seven months after we got married our church had a healing service. Amelia went forward for prayer, and God touched her that night.

After this her cardiologist examined her and dismissed her, writing on her chart, "Healed by a miracle." Amelia had testified to God's healing touch, and while he didn't understand that, he agreed that something wonderful had happened.

Our first child was born in March 1973. Amelia's delivery was uncomplicated.

For seven years after Amanda Marie was born there were no major physical problems in our family. While pregnant with our second child, however, trouble returned. The baby was late and doctors decided to induce labor. Four long, cruel days of labor took a severe toll on Amelia's body. The doctor told me and her mother that she

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was going to die in spite of all their efforts to save her.

The people of the church I pastored began to pray. A few hours later the baby was delivered and doing fine. After the doctor delivered little Adam he went to his office and there yielded his heart to Jesus Christ. His parents later called and told Amelia that her faith had won their son to the Lord.

"I would go through all the pain again if it meant winning someone to Christ."

Amelia said, "I would go through all the pain again if it meant winning someone to Christ."

A year after Adam's arrival, Amelia had another recurrence of rheumatic fever. Her heart valves were badly damaged, but once again the Lord brought her through.

In December 1985 Amelia had open-heart surgery to replace a mitral valve. She recovered well and got along fine until March 1988, when she suffered a stroke, caused by a blood clot striking the brain stem. She was not paralyzed, but her eye and hand coordination was disturbed. She staggered when she walked, and her speech was also affected. She underwent four months of therapy for motor skills and speech. She is now active again in her normal routines as a pastor's wife.

What's next? I don't know, but I do know that God is faithful and loving. He helped us through times when there were no human grounds for hope, and we face the future trusting in His words: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong" (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). **H**

Walk to Live... Live to Love

My husband and I were speaking at a Laymen's Retreat and loving it. The setting was the beautiful Canadian Rockies. There were fun-loving believers, friends we hadn't seen in years, and fellowship with the Walt Lanmans.

Walt Lanman is the Northwest district superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene. For many years we have observed how he and his wife, Faye, have lovingly led their charges of committed believers. Sensitive spirits, decisive discernment, and strong leadership have made them truly effective in the work of the Kingdom.

They were both very open and enthusiastic about our message of physical fitness and personal fulfillment in Christ. They agreed that a healthy lifestyle that adds energy to your days and years to your life is an important issue for growing disciples.

In the last session of the retreat, Rev. Lanman addressed the group: "Several years ago I began having symptoms of heart disease. To my dismay, and to the chagrin of my doctors, I was unable to take medication to control high blood pressure. I was told that exercise was my only option. Since then, Faye and I have made it a practice to walk several miles every week. Ladies and gentlemen, I am here to tell you that I literally *walk to live*."

In the hush of the moment, my mind raced. I sensed in the audience a surprise that gave way to an alarmed tension. Many of the retreat participants could attribute their very salvation to God working through the Lanmans in some way or another. Others had seen the effectiveness of their humble servanthood. I looked at the sea of faces riveted on this man of God and thought, "Walt Lanman walks to live . . . and he lives to love."

Later, I reflected on how important it was for Walt to walk. He is so needed, seemingly almost indispensable. I thought, "Keep walking, Walt, keep walking."

And then God's Holy Spirit quietly reminded me that you and I are just as important. In fact, we're almost indispensable. There are people who need us, circumstances only we can impact, and acts of love designed by God for us alone to perform.

It is foolish to care for our bodies out of pride or the insecure need to be physically attractive. We care for our bodies so that we can be effective tools in the hand of a loving God. And in order to be His hand extended we must first of all *be alive*, and then we must have the *vitality* to act.

Keep walking, Walt, keep walking. **H**



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A Nazarene Mother Teresa



I've done what the Lord called me to do when I was approximately five. I've always loved children, so I have liked that part of my work." This is what Ruth Matchett said to me in June of 1988, after her 41 years of service as a Nazarene missionary nurse in Africa.

Hundreds of children were malnourished, diseased, unwanted by their mothers and fathers. Most of them were babies from birth to two, mostly, and some were older. Sometimes there were 25 or so at a time to care for.

Matchett has kept hundreds of children in her own home at her own expense. She ran a clinic all day (from 8:00 to 5:00), which was her main work during most of the years. She was also on call on the weekends and at nights, for she was the only registered nurse at Thabeng in South Africa for 17 years. "If I had an irritable baby," she said, "I'd tie it to my back and go about my duties in the clinic, with both hands free."

"I was officially assigned as a nurse," she said. "Much of the children's work was done on the advice of government social workers of the area. It was a need. Especially was this so if twins were born. One would be considered a baby and the other an animal. They would often neglect one until it would die, unless someone took it. But that superstition in the culture is changing now, as people become Christians."

When Matchett assisted with the birth of triplets, she took them, and they are now 17 and of excellent promise.

"I had them in my home for five years, and then hired church women to build a four-room, mud-and-stone hut and hired men to roof it, where their mother and father, at different times, have lived and cared for them partially." This has been at her own expense. She has also reared a boy who is now 13.

Adoption was rare. "I was able to arrange only one adoption in all the years," she said.

The unwanted, it seems, were always welcome at "Sister" Matchett's. She paid for help at home and also personally gave the children much care. She gave them their bottles at night—as many as 25 babies under two years old at a time. She had help until ten o'clock and after five in the morning but had the entire care through the night hours of babies lying on 3' x 6' grass mats all over a large bedroom in her home.

Matchett was able to start nine preaching points, which have so far become four churches—doing the preaching herself. One man was converted at one of the shade-tree preaching points, called to preach, attended a Nazarene Bible school, and was a pastor until his death.

With all this extra ministry, you would suppose that Matchett would not have had time for the one-month annual vacation permitted missionaries earlier, or the three-week ones now permitted. You would be right. She took one or more vacations during her first term, while serving at the Swaziland hospital in Manzini. But while she was for 17 years the only registered nurse at Thabeng, she was only able to take annual vacations of one to three days or so. "I didn't have any need to go away, and I didn't see the need of spending the money," she said. She added, "I don't remember ever having a full vacation except in 1954 when I took a group of missionaries to Victoria Falls."

She took her regular furlough of a year for the first term; and after that, furloughs of only three and four and five months. "I enjoyed my work, and I wanted to get back," she said.

After the years 1947-51 at the Manzini hospital in Swaziland, she served at Stegi in Swaziland a year; then, at Acornhoek in the Republic of South Africa, where she taught nursing for 9 years and was in charge of the operating room. At the Thabeng clinic she served 17 years (1964-80); in the Homeland of Gazankulu (1980-84); then again these past 4 years at Thabeng.

"Any regrets?" I asked her.

"No, not at all," she replied. "I've liked my work. It was not only with children. The clinic had 18,000 outpatients the first year and 34,000 last year. We always had a maternity ward, and I delivered thousands of babies."

Matchett plans to retire after the furlough that began in March 1988 is finished; and she has made arrangements for the four teenagers she has reared. Her local church at Fort Recovery, Ohio, is helping her with living quarters at present; and she hopes to live in that area near friends and relatives.

Much like the world-acclaimed Mother Teresa is this missionary of unstinting service—Ruth Matchett, who was called at "approximately five," and who has been doing God's will ever since. **H**

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Chaplains Ann and Andy



The story of this husband-and-wife chaplaincy team began when Ann was a junior at Eastern Nazarene College and Andy was a naval aviator based at the Brunswick, Maine, Naval Air Station. Andy was also a special agent for the FBI.

Two years after Ann and Anderson Rearick were married, Andy was transferred by the FBI to New York City, the last place in the country they would have chosen.

Nevertheless, they both became involved in their church's local and district functions, typically giving their all in service. Ann was chairman of the district Christian Life and Sunday School, serving as lay delegate to conventions and general assemblies. She was the first woman on the Board of Trustees of ENC. She still serves the general church on the Enduring Word Curriculum Committee.

On their way home from district assembly in 1975, Andy turned to Ann and asked, "What would you think if I were to take early retirement from the FBI and we were to take a small church on the New York District—somewhere where they couldn't afford a full-time pastor—and give it our best effort?"

Ann wasn't surprised, but her answer surprised Andy: "That's what the Lord told me we were to do two years ago. I've been waiting for you to answer the Lord's call."

With the encouragement of the late Jack White, then district superintendent, Andy received his local preacher's license from the East Rockaway Church and took the home course of study. In December 1977 the Rearicks began their first pastorate at Massapequa Park, a struggling little church on Long Island, which had been without a pastor for three years out of the past five. Now it is a thriving church with two pastors: Anderson and Ann Rearick, Ann being the associate pastor.

Andy was ordained in 1983, and responding to an ad

placed in the *Preacher's Magazine* by Chaplaincy Ministries in Kansas City, he contacted the local Civil Air Patrol (CAP). In 1986, he was appointed chaplain for Squadron 8 of the New York Wing. Andy works mostly with about 35 teenage cadets interested in careers in aviation, space, or the military. Ministry enters in through his monthly "Moral Development" discussion classes in squadron meetings, which he opens and closes with prayer.

He also has opportunity to minister to senior members of the squadron and to the community on special assignments dealing with search and rescue or with local disaster.

Ann was ordained in 1986 and began working toward a master's degree in pastoral counseling at ENC. One of the course requirements was a unit of clinical pastoral education, which she took at a local hospital. She so impressed her instructor that he asked her to apply for the position of Protestant chaplain for the Nassau County Juvenile Detention Center under his jurisdiction.

In 1988 Ann was officially appointed as chaplain for NCJDC, which houses between 45 to 60 juveniles, 11 to 16 years of age. She conducts worship services at the center and does personal counseling. She wears the clerical collar to be instantly recognized as "the chaplain," not a general staff member. Just mixing with the inmates and staff, she often hears, "Chaplain, do you have a minute?" Some of her most productive ministry happens during those times.

The rest of the story of this unusual, if not unique, pastor-chaplain team cannot be told here. It will be written in the lives of these teenagers and others who are influenced for Christ by their far-reaching ministry. **H**

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WOEBEGONE WIDOW

In my home church was a widow with a teenage daughter. They faithfully attended the services, and that widow became a chronic seeker after holiness.

To keep the wolf from the door the widow kept cows in the field. Every morning, every evening, she hand-milked that dairy herd. Now, any woman who rises before dawn to milk cows and who struggles to raise unaided a teenager, knows about sin. She doesn't need any seminars on carnality—she could teach one.

Consequently, this widow hungered for victory over a corrupt and volatile heart. Nearly every time the pastor preached on holiness, she went to the altar of prayer.

But she didn't pray. She didn't even kneel. She sat on the altar, rested her hands in her lap, and looked woebegone and defeated. We loved her and empathized with her, so we would gather around her, pray for her, witness to her, and quote scriptures to her, trying vainly to stimulate her faith.

In response, she would cry gently, shake her head in disbelief, and repeat mournfully, "It's too good to

be true. It would take an angel to live a holy life in this world."

No, it doesn't take an angel. It takes a man or woman cleansed by the blood of Christ and filled with the Spirit—not superior men and women, or men and women placid by nature, but ordinary mortals made of the same mud as you and I. The power for holy living in an unholy world is not summoned from our inner store of native capacities. It is furnished by the indwelling Holy Spirit, who is so named because He both *is* holy and *makes* holy.

No measure of human resolution and effort can effectually counter sin. What we require, and God provides, is a cleansing and energizing divine in origin, effectual in operation, and available to faith. Trusting, not trying, is the way into holiness of heart and life. Such cleansing and control are promised in the Bible, and what is promised to us there is gloriously possible.

God can sanctify wholly even a cow-milking, girl-raising widow.

SHORT STAY

"Few and evil," lamented Jacob, "have been my days." Few? He was then 130 and would live 17 more years before dying peacefully. Evil? God had blessed him with great wealth, a large family, and long life. I don't think we would employ Jacob's terms to assess his life.

In young manhood Jacob had been a con artist, victimizing his own father and brother to advance personal ambitions. It's a wonder someone hadn't killed him before 30, much less 130.

But everything is relative. His days were few compared with his fathers'—Abraham reached 175 and Isaac 180. And Jacob carried a great sorrow in his heart, the death of his beloved Rachel. Added to that, he had lived for years with the crushing grief of a missing son presumed dead. These factors caused Jacob to feel his days were "few and evil."

Life on earth is short at its longest. It races by, the pace accelerating as one gets older. No one is exempt from trouble, grief, and pain. Everyone has unhappy experiences, brought on by their own folly or imposed by others. Everyone, concentrating on such negative elements, could recite a litany of "few and evil."

Whatever our lives have been like, if we follow Jesus Christ the "few and evil" of earth will give place to the many and good of eternity. He gives eternal life, and while it begins in the moment He becomes our Savior, in the world to come it will be free from all that blights and shadows human joy in this world.

I've heard people say, "Who would want to live forever?" They are thinking of continued existence accompanied by illness, pain, heartache, and frustration. The quality of life beyond death that Christ assures will be infinitely rewarding. Anyone in his right mind would desire it.

Heaven's life robs death of sting, even early death. The excitement and fulfillment of life there exceeds the best of anything we have experienced here. When people go to heaven we can mourn only for ourselves, never for them. "Remember to whom they have gone," said Chrysostom, "and do not sorrow overmuch."

EPITAPHS AND DESTINIES

Thomas Jefferson designed his own tombstone and composed his own epitaph. It reads:

Here was buried
Thomas Jefferson

Author of the Declaration of American Independence
of the Statute of Virginia for religious freedom
and Father of the University of Virginia

Jefferson regarded these as his major achievements
and for them he wanted to be remembered.

Jefferson died on the 50th anniversary of America's independence. His memory is honored by lovers of political freedom everywhere, however much they may disagree with his political, religious, and social viewpoints.

Other men have also designed their grave markers and authored their epitaphs. What no man can do is determine his eternal destiny. God alone is Judge of all mankind. His verdict alone decides heaven or hell for every person. What we think of ourselves, what others think of us, will not determine our ultimate fate. He *knows* us, and He will say "Come" or "Depart" at the final judgment.

SOME HELPFUL BOOKS

From time to time I have been asked to recommend books that I have found helpful. Within the past few months I have read these that qualify.

When I Tread the Verge of Jordan is a series of highly readable lectures on holiness by Denis Applebee, a British preacher associated with World Gospel Mission. Applebee revives a neglected theme—Israel's crossing of the Jordan into Canaan as symbolic representation of the New Testament experience of entire sanctification. While much of his interpretation is standard, some of his perspectives vary from the traditional. Especially interesting is his treatment of the "old man."

Reuben Welch writes for preachers in *Preaching from Second Corinthians 3 Through 5*. His opening sentence observes, "More of the real, human Paul is revealed in 2 Corinthians than in any of his other Epistles." It would not be amiss to say that much of the real, human Reuben Welch is disclosed in his book. He guides the preacher to an understanding of the passage and its preaching values for today. The book's greatest benefit, I found, is its gentle but thorough probing of the preacher's own soul. Welch

No measure of wealth, fame, achievement, or philanthropy wins heaven. Heaven is settled by pardoned sinners who trusted in Christ alone to reconcile them unto God.

In this life God sets before us two choices. We can repent of our sins and trust in Christ as our Savior, which brings salvation, peace, and life. Or we can alibi our sins, trust in our works, and remain estranged from God forever.

The most impressive deeds for which a man is honored cannot redeem his soul from sin. The noblest sentiments carved upon tombstones cannot guarantee anyone's entrance into heaven. If Jefferson is a resident of heaven, his good fortune was not secured by the Declaration of Independence or by the University of Virginia. It was secured to him by the death of Christ for sins at a lonely outpost of human injustice called Golgotha.

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makes me want to be a better man and a better preacher.

City Streets, City People is Michael Christensen's account of his ministry to inner-city people. He directs Golden Gate Ministries in San Francisco. I picked up the book intending to scan it hastily, but I read it through. I was fascinated and challenged by it. It is the only book I've read that left me wishing I could be young again and just entering upon a career of ministry.

These books are all currently available from NPH or local booksellers.

Let me mention one more. It is an "oldie," and must be obtained from a library or from a used book store. *Quiet Hints to Growing Preachers*, by Charles Jefferson, has influenced me throughout my ministry. I periodically reread it. In style and diction it is a model for those who would speak and write well. In content, it is one of the most searching, challenging, and encouraging books for the minister that ever came into my hands, and I have read hundreds of them. Anyone who takes seriously its message will be drawn closer to God and to people and will improve his life and work.

THE ANSWER CORNER

Acts 20:22—21:15 seems to have a conflicting message. In Acts 20:22, Paul was compelled by the Holy Spirit to travel to Jerusalem; but in Acts 21:4, Paul is “warned” by fellow believers, “through the spirit,” not to go to Jerusalem. And then in Acts 21:10-12, Agabus “warns” Paul “by the Holy Spirit” what will happen if he goes to Jerusalem. Finally, in Acts 21:15, Paul and his companions got to Jerusalem. My question: Had Paul not gone to Jerusalem, would he have been guilty of disobedience? Or by going to Jerusalem was Paul being disobedient to the Holy Spirit by not heeding the warnings he received from the Spirit through these fellow believers?

I don't think the message here is conflicting or contradictory.

In warning Paul that “bonds and afflictions” awaited him at Jerusalem, Agabus and others were indeed repeating “what the Holy Spirit says.” But in begging Paul not to go to Jerusalem they were going beyond the Spirit's message, reacting humanly and lovingly out of a desire to see their friend spared from suffering.

The problem is 21:4—“they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem” (NASB). The marginal note in this version reads “i.e., because of the impressions made by the Spirit.” I find Adam Clarke's comment judicious: “The Spirit fore-

told Paul's persecutions, but does not appear to have forbidden his journey; and Paul was persuaded that in acting as he was about to do, whatever personal risk he saw, he should bring more glory to God by going to Jerusalem, than by tarrying at Tyre or elsewhere.”

Everything we know of Paul from the Book of Acts inclines me to accept this understanding of the whole passage and of Paul's actions.

When the Spirit forbade him to go to Bithynia he did not go (16:7). When the Lord told him to stay in Corinth he stayed (18:9-11). He was a man given to obedience and links his obedience to the sufferings he encountered in Jerusalem (26:19-23). That such a man, had he received a plain directive from the Spirit to avoid Jerusalem, would have disobeyed, is inconceivable.

What does Paul mean by his statement in 2 Corinthians 4:11—“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men”?

Paul has been discussing gospel ministry and gospel ministers. He has expounded the glory of the former and the integrity of the latter. What he seeks to “persuade men” of is the gospel truth and the necessity of trusting Christ for salvation from sin. He labors to do this in full awareness of coming judgment. But I don't think

his reference to “the judgment seat of Christ” (v. 11) means that Paul preaches persuasively because he is terrorized by the thought of appearing before Christ to account for his ministry. The fear of which he speaks is a profound reverence for the Lord, an awesome respect for Him that incites Paul to live purely and preach honestly. The constraining motive of Paul's ministry is not his fear but Christ's love (vv. 14-15). In the light of that love He wishes to serve the Lord sincerely and to enlist others to do so.

Do you think there is a correlation between empty pews and poor preaching?

Frequently, but not necessarily. No one ever preached better than Jesus, but occasionally He lost His crowd (see John 6:66).

Surveys have shown that people seldom choose a church for the quality of preaching done by its pastor. Most often the choice was determined by the fact that someone from that church befriended and helped the “outsider” during a severe trial.

I'm for good preaching, and still trying to learn how to do it. But we can't blame all the empty pews on the pastor, whatever the defects in his preaching. Too many other factors are involved, many of them directly related to the church members.

LETTERS

COMPROMISES?

It seems to me that a church praying for and expecting revival, and doing all it knows to do to draw closer to God, should be becoming less of the world instead of more like it.

Are we making major compromises on the biblical teaching of serving God or money? How about the Wesleyan teaching of self-sacrifice? Do we justify self-indulgence and worldly practices by saying we have to be relevant to the world? What kinds of values are we passing on to the next generation of Nazarenes? Are good Nazarenes being put on the shelf be-

cause they can't accept what they believe to be compromise?

Change is not bad unless it is in the wrong direction. Are we willing to listen to God and do it His way? The world needs to see genuine holiness in the lives of God's people, and it will become spiritually hungry.

Duane Stephenson
Plymouth, Ind.

AGE RELATIVE

I was interested in the article by M. V. Scutt about “Uncle Harry” in the February 1 issue. I was baffled that anyone should think him old at 69. Age is relative. Of course “Uncle Harry” is an unusual person because he cares and is motivated by his love for God and people.

The age of people in relation to intelligence and activity reminds me of an incident that happened a few years ago when I visited an ailing friend with polio. We discussed the merits of various hearing aids while her little “maid of all work” listened intently.

When I left, the maid followed me to my car. Touching me on the arm, she asked, “Do you mind telling me how old you is?”

“Of course, I don't mind,” I said. “I am 85. Why do you ask?”

“Eighty-five!” she exclaimed, “and you is still in your right mind!”

I know a number of older people who are active in the church. They telephone shut-ins, write notes to those who can't attend service, visit when possible, do errands, and re-

member others in prayer. They are the backbone of the church because, regardless of age, they care.

Jo James
Pasadena, California

UNPASSED

What is wrong with the “new-time religion”? I have been involved with the Nazarene church for 10 years. As a young married man, my wife and I found salvation through the church and have worked in the church since. I constantly hear about the “good old days” when all of the saints use to “run the aisles” and “shout the glory down.” We are constantly reminded that we do not do this anymore. In my 10 years, I have never experienced this type of worship. If it was so good and we do not do it anymore, then what happened? Doesn’t God’s Spirit still operate through His people? It seems the generation before me are

the ones who became lax in this type of worship. Furthermore, this is the same generation that constantly expresses their disappointment at its absence. Since I and people my age have not experienced it, and the older saints have, someone has neglected to pass it along.

Jim Morton
Ladson, S.C.

A PRISONER WRITES

I was convicted of a crime I did not commit about a year ago.

Since then I have written about 25 churches of many denominations. None have written back. Where is the compassion and love of God that Jesus preached about? I admit that when I was not in prison I was as guilty as anyone of not being sensitive to the pains of others.

I am not writing to ask others to write me. I would like to encourage

concerned Christians to call or write the chaplain of a prison near them and ask for the address of one inmate who has professed faith in Christ to correspond with. It would take maybe 15 minutes to write a letter, and it would be encouraging to the inmate. There are many Christians in prison who have no contact with family members. Some have alcohol or drug problems they are struggling with. All of them are loved by God and should be loved by those who love God.

I have faith that God is going to remedy my problem, either through reversal of conviction or through the correct man being caught, or perhaps he will confess. I pray daily for all the people involved in my conviction. I also pray for the victim in this crime and the man who is the perpetrator.

A. Newman
Walla Walla, Wash.

BY ALL MEANS...SAVE SOME

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Mary (not her real name), a woman in her early 50s, sat alone in a darkened room nursing a can of beer. Her mind was in a thick fog. She did not want to admit that alcohol had become her cruel master and she its willing slave.

She pulled back the curtain to catch a glimpse of the colorful flowers she loved so well, but the light blinded her. Angrily she snapped the curtain shut.

“I’m dying for another drink!” she said as she lifted the can to her lips and swallowed the last of her beer. All she craved was more alcohol to drown the deep depression that hung over her like a dark cloud.

Mary had joined the ranks of millions of pitiful alcoholics whom the devil held in his iron grip. But the fervent prayers of a devout mother are never wasted, and the power of God is greater even than the worst addiction. The Lord works in strange ways sometimes to accomplish His purpose.

Mary had a premonition of impending danger. She dreamed that she was in a car that hung precariously on a cliff. A monster in the form of a huge bus pursued her, ready to push the car completely over the cliff. Surely, this is a grave warning from God! she thought. The dream paralyzed her with fear.

Later Mary contracted a dreaded corneal infection. Blindness followed in a few days. Although the future

seemed desperate, the Lord used this severe means to get her attention. With physical sight gone, her spiritual vision became clear. Mary saw herself as she really was in God’s sight.

I shall never forget the scene that took place in my bedroom shortly after my friend became blind. Mary was sitting on the edge of the bed. Suddenly, she burst into tears. “O God,” she sobbed, “have mercy on me and forgive me. I have disobeyed You so long.”

At that moment, the burden of guilt lifted; the chains fell off; God’s matchless grace delivered Mary from the demon drink. A mother in heaven greatly rejoiced. Her prayers were answered at last!

More than five years have passed since that wonderful day of liberation. Mary has not tasted liquor since nor does she crave it. Literally, God has brought “beauty out of ashes.”

The beauty includes a private room in a home for the blind, the loyal support of Christian friends, spiritual nourishment through tapes and Christian radio, and the regaining of the respect and affection of her only daughter.

The words of a familiar hymn express Mary’s sentiments:

Glorious freedom! Wonderful freedom!

*No more in chains of sin I repine!** (Haldor Lillenas)

God, in His infinite wisdom, brought triumph out of tragedy for a woman on the brink of eternity. **H**

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

E. G. BENSON DEAD AT 83



Erwin G. (E. G.) Benson, 83, former promotional director for Church Schools, died late evening, March 29, in a St.

Louis hospital. Death was attributed to complications brought about by pneumonia. Benson, who had suffered from Parkinson's disease, was admitted to the hospital March 24.

Ordained on the New Mexico District in 1932, Benson earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees from

Pasadena College, which also awarded him the D.D. He served at Headquarters from 1947 until 1976.

Funeral services were held in St. Louis and Kansas City. Burial was at Greenlawn Cemetery in Kansas City.

Survivors include Benson's wife, Elizabeth; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Robertson; two sons, David and Ronald; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. □

—N.V.

MUSIC MINISTER SUFFERS FATAL CORONARY DURING EASTER CANTATA

Jim Millar, 34, music minister at Santa Cruz, Calif., church, suf-



The late Jim Millar and daughter Dana.

fered a massive coronary while singing a solo during the Easter Sunday morning cantata March 26. He died three days later without ever regaining consciousness.

A piano teacher who served as part-time music minister at Santa Cruz Church, Millar is survived by his wife, Jann, a three-year-old son, and an 18-month-old daughter. Mrs. Millar is five months pregnant.

A memorial service was held March 31 at the Santa Cruz Church. All of Millar's usable body organs were donated for use by others.

Millar attended Northwest Nazarene College. □

for two years from the date the contributions are received (the remainder of the deposit month plus 23 months).

The Nazarene TSA and IRA Plans provide retirement income for Nazarene ministers and church-employed laymen and are funded by voluntary contributions from local churches, church agencies, and individuals.

Additional information is available from the Pensions Office, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □

NAE CONVENTION FOCUSES ON REVIVAL

"Only a 'change of heart' will enable evangelicals to be extensions of Christ's love and grace both collectively and individually to meet the needs of broken people around the world," said Richard F. Schubert, president of the American Red Cross and a member of Washington, D.C., First Church of the Nazarene. Schubert made the comments at the World Relief Luncheon, March 7, during the 47th convention of Evangelicals in Columbus, Ohio.

The theme for this year's conference was "Revive Your Church, O Lord."

Judy and Bruce Millard of Minneapolis First Church of the Nazarene were honored with the NAE's "Helping Hands Award," one of two such commendations presented at this year's convention. The couple has been involved in ministry to Cambodian refugees since 1982.

Bill Sullivan, Church Growth division director, was reelected chairman of the Evangelism and Home Missions Association Commission of the NAE. Phil Riley, Christian Life and Sunday

PRAYER PARTNERS

PRAISINGS

Praise God for the recent developments in the Soviet Union opening the door for increased Christian ministry. An immediate opportunity for producing radio programs is available in the Ukraine, one of the 15 republics of Soviet Union. Population is approximately 52 million, 90 percent of whom are not born-again Christians. The church also is being asked to consider establishing a production studio in either Moscow or Kiev.

Each Sunday in 1988, 660 new Nazarenes were received into membership in the 3,648 Nazarene churches in World Mission regions. Each week more than six new churches were organized in these regions. The Delhi District (India), for example, increased in membership in 1988 from 296 to 1,661.

PETITIONS

Pray for the Nazarenes in Santiago, Chile, who after months of prayer have caught the vision and accepted the challenge of planting 100 new churches in the Southern Andean Field by 1995. Their inspiration is a result in part of the denominational Thrust to the Cities program.

The Seoul Steering Committee met in March in preparation for Seoul 1991—Thrust to the City of Seoul. It is not too early to pray for this giant step of evangelism.

Pray earnestly that the Lord will shower the Nazarenes in Indianapolis with fresh blessings of His Spirit and a new commitment to fulfilling the Great Commission.

JOHN KNIGHT, Secretary
BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

INTEREST RATES IMPROVED FOR TSA AND IRA PLANS

Effective April 1, all contributions to the Nazarene TSA and IRA Plans will receive 9.15 percent annual effective interest, according to Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA. The new rate on TSA "Option B" accounts of over \$3,500 is 9.40 percent annual effective interest.

The new rates are an increase of 0.25 percent above the rates that were in effect since January 1. Contributions made after April 1 will be credited with the higher interest rate guaranteed



The newest chaplain candidate was sworn in at Fort Drum, N.Y. Shown (second, l.) is David Frazer being congratulated by Nazarene Chaplains Peck and Scharff as well as SFC Sweet (l. to r.), the NCO in charge of all enlisted assistants of the 10th Mountain Division. CH Frazer is now assigned to Fort Stewart, Ga.

School division director, was elected chairman of the National Christian Education Association. John Smee, Mission Services director for the World Mission Division, was reelected to

the board of directors of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary, entered the second year of his two-year term as first vice president of the NAE. □

—N/V



Bruce and Judy Millard receive the "Helping Hands Award" at the 1989 NAE Convention. Those pictured include (l. to r.) the Millards, Paul Toms, and Mark Buntain.



World Relief of Wheaton, Ill., recently recognized the compassionate ministries of the Church of the Nazarene by presenting the Open Hands Award to Dr. Steve Weber. The award is given to church groups in recognition for dedicated assistance to World Relief's ministries to the world's hungry and homeless. Dr. Weber (l.) accepted this award on behalf of the Church of the Nazarene at the National Association of Evangelicals convention from World Relief's executive director, Jerry Ballard (r.), in March in Columbus, Ohio.

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LILLENAS CONFERENCE CONTINUES TO GROW

About 435 pastors, music ministers, and drama leaders from some 30 states registered for the sixth Lillenas Church Music, Drama, and Worship Conference February 9-11. This year's conference drew the largest crowd ever for the event, which is held annually at MidAmerica Nazarene College and Olathe College Church of the Nazarene. This is the only music conference sponsored exclusively by Lillenas, according to Sandy Harmon, conference coordinator.

All workshops emphasized the technical and practical sides of music and drama, according to Paul Miller, Lillenas drama coordinator.

"The common thread we are hearing from both the drama and music workshops is 'practicality,'" said Miller.

Music workshop leaders included Tom Fettke, Joseph Linn, Nan and Dennis Allen, Marilyn Ham, Fred Mund, Hardy Weathers, Lyndell Leatherman, and Terry Baldrige.

This was the second year for a complete drama workshop section in which 80 were registered. Drama leaders included Paul McCusker, Oliver Schwab, and Paul Miller.

The keynote address was presented by Randall Davey, pastor of the Overland Park, Kans., Church. Davey spoke on the influence of the entertainment industry on worship.

Featured artist for the 1989 conference was contemporary Christian vocalist Larnelle Harris. He shared in a workshop session and presented a concert Friday evening to a packed house of about 4,000 persons at College Church. □



Larnelle Harris in concert at Olathe College Church during the 1989 Lillenas conference.



Paul Miller leads a drama workshop at the annual Lillenas Church Music, Drama, and Worship Conference.

L.A. THRUST OPENS DOORS FOR CONTINUED MINISTRY

The emphasis on starting new works in the city of Los Angeles through the concentrated efforts of the Los Angeles Thrust to the Cities has opened the way for the formation of a nonprofit corporation, according to Glen Van Dyne, L.A. Thrust coordinator. Called RESTORE, the corporation will seek to raise funds for the continuance and expansion of the inner-city ministries launched in Los Angeles during the '88 Thrust to Los Angeles.

"RESTORE came out of the concern by the members of the Los Angeles Thrust to the Cities Steering Committee for the new ministries started through the thrust that will require ongoing funding," said Van Dyne. "The focus of these particular new works are the inner-city poor, homeless, and otherwise physically, socially, and spiritually neglected."

The first project targeted to receive funds from the RESTORE organization is Children of the Shepherd, directed by Mike Vasquez. This Hollywood-based ministry started by the thrust focuses on the runaway and throwaway youths who are victims of drugs, prostitution, and gangs living literally in the streets of the entertainment capital of the world. For the past two years, this outreach ministry has dealt with needs among youth in crisis. Regular Thursday night gatherings, which now attract from 150 to 200 young people, provide food, clothes, hygiene materials, and fellowship, along with music and a message.

Thirty-eight works have been started in Los Angeles since the

beginning of the thrust there. Some of the unique inner-city ministries begun during this time have included Exposition Park's Church on Wheels, Central City Community Church, and East Los Angeles Spanish Church.

Among those who have endorsed RESTORE is Jaime Escalante, who attends Pasadena First Church. Escalante was the subject of an article in the January 1989 *Reader's Digest*, as well as the recent film *Stand and Deliver*. A math teacher at East Los Angeles' Garfield High, he took inner-city youth from poor homes and made advanced calculus experts out of them, confounding the National Advanced Placement Calculus Exam personnel.

"I've seen what kids can accomplish with no more than a push through an open door," said Escalante. "RESTORE is offering that open door to kids whose lives have been spent having every door of hope slammed in their faces."

Newspaper advertising and direct-mail solicitation to the public-at-large is one method being used by the RESTORE Corporation to generate support for these inner-city compassionate ministries. An ad campaign began earlier this month in the *Los Angeles Times*.

The board of RESTORE is composed of lay and ministerial leaders—all members of the Church of the Nazarene and approved by the Los Angeles District Advisory Board. Paul Benefiel, Los Angeles district superintendent, is chairman of the board of RESTORE.

For more information about RESTORE, contact the Los Angeles District Office at 1546 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104. □



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EASTER SS ATTENDANCE 17,000 ABOVE PREVIOUS YEAR

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Cumulative figures for the four-week emphasis, "Share His Spirit," indicate 14,499 persons enrolled with 921 new units started. Of these, there were 831 new Sunday School classes, 50 new Satellite Sunday Schools, and 41 new Extension Sunday Schools. The overall average in attendance for the drive was 460,759.

The top five districts in enrollment and new units for the emphasis were:

DISTRICT	NEW ENROLLEES
1. Kansas City	839
2. Northwestern Illinois	501
3. Georgia	495
4. Central Florida	455
5. Illinois	455

DISTRICT	ATTENDANCE
1. Southwestern Ohio	11,019
2. Central Florida	10,426
3. Central Ohio	10,346
4. Oregon Pacific	10,100
5. Colorado	10,006

DISTRICT	NEW UNITS STARTED
1. Central Florida	81
2. Missouri	56
3. Southwestern Ohio	55
4. Kansas City	46
5. Colorado	37

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ANNUAL CHURCH GROWTH AWARDS

The Church Growth Division announced the winners of the Great Commission Medallion and the Silver Citation Award during the recent annual Leaders' Conference in Kansas City.

The Great Commission Medallion is presented each year to the superintendent whose district has excelled in the required four achievement areas. Achievement is measured by the percentage of churches on a given district reaching the established

goals. These percentages are determined and weighted to equalize the importance of membership, Sunday School attendance, and budget payment.

The four areas of achievement and established goals are: *Membership Growth*—a minimum increase of 3%; *Sunday School Attendance Gain*—a minimum increase of 5%; *Budget Payment Record*—100% payment of general, education, pension, and district budgets; and *New Church Organization*—at least one church organized during the assembly year.

The five categories are based on the size of the district and are as follows:

Category I	1-35 churches
Category II	36-55 churches
Category III	56-75 churches
Category IV	76-95 churches
Category V	96+ churches

CATEGORY	DISTRICT & SUPERINTENDENT
I	Canada Quebec Harry A. Rich
II	Southern California D. Maurice Hall
III	Chicago Central E. Keith Bottles
IV	Los Angeles Paul W. Benefiel
V	Central Florida J. V. Morsch

The Silver Citations are presented to the district superintendents who have achieved the

highest percentage gain in each individual area of achievement. This award is without respect to size categories. The 1989 Silver Citation winners are:

CATEGORY	DISTRICT & SUPERINTENDENT
New Church Organization (20.3%)	Chicago Central E. Keith Bottles
Membership Gain (21.5%)	Canada Quebec Harry A. Rich
Sunday School Gain (10.9%)	Southern Florida Robert H. Spear, Jr.
Budget Payment	Western Latin American Raymond Z. Lopez Alaska Roger J. Wegner Hawaii Pacific Darrell B. Teare Canada Pacific Charles Muxworthy Canada Quebec Harry A. Rich Sacramento Walter Hubbard

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THE CHURCH SCENE

The Coquille, Ore., church recently celebrated the final payment of their church facility with a mortgage-burning service. Special guests included Rev. Dan Penn, assistant to the superintendent of the Oregon Pacific District, who delivered the morning message, and Rev. Gene Delbridge, a former pastor of the Coquille church, who delivered the evening message. Ground-breaking for the new building was May 22, 1978, and construction began June 21. Dedication of the new building was held in conjunction with a 40th anniversary celebration of the organization of the Church of the Nazarene in Coquille June 28, 1981. August 28, 1980, just three weeks after the arrival of Rev. Gene Delbridge, the Coquille congregation was stunned by the vandalism and total burning of the top floor of the building. Restoration began in December 1980 and was completed for use on Easter Sunday, April 19, 1981.

In celebration of 10 years of sacrificial giving, the congregation viewed a slide presentation reflecting the progress and restoration of the church, now valued at \$1.4 million, followed by the actual mortgage burning. All ages, from retirees to teens and children, were able to participate as each placed a miniature copy of the mortgage into the flames. The Coquille church currently has 137 members and is pastored by Rev. Mervyn Friberg. □



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In Scotland, Port Glasgow's Church of the Nazarene celebrated two special events. The congregation marked its 64th anniversary and opened their new hall extension February 27. District Superintendent John Paton conducted the dedication ceremony and is shown cutting the ribbon on the stairway leading to the hall. The church pastor, David Edgar (*shown r.*), is pictured with some members of the church board.



Pictured (*l. to r.*) are D. M. Riddle and his sister, Fay Riddle, recently honored as the last living charter members of the Marksville, La., church. Pastor Gary Jones presented the plaques, which were made up and donated by one of the laymen, Capt. Joe Nochta.



Shown is the display for the Alabaster Offering at Muncie, Ind., Riverview Church. Rev. A. Richard Veach is the pastor. Bob Sibery, the Alabaster secretary, was responsible for it. Frances Meyer is NWMS president.



"Forever Easter," a celebration of the resurrection of Christ, was presented by the sanctuary choir at the Glendale, Ariz., church under the direction of Rev. Bob Bolton, minister of music. The orchestra and choir was directed by Larry Sowter. The musical's drama was written and produced by Stephanie Sowter and featured over 40 performers, which included guest actors and live animals. Randy Reiff portrayed the part of Jesus. It was the largest presentation ever performed by the church and involved over 300 people in the church and community. The building was filled to capacity in two services, where 1,400 people viewed this first-time production. Rev. Hylyard Irvin is the pastor.

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"At least a third of those attending the course were pastors of congregations," said Al Truesdale, NTS dean. "We are thrilled



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and report will be submitted to North Central later this spring for official action, according to Dr. Keith Bell, MANC's vice president of academic affairs and dean.

A group of faculty, staff, administration, and students met with Dr. Charles Balcer, chairman of the NCA team April 5 to hear the team's conclusions.

Among the institutional strengths cited by the team were the dedication of the MANC faculty and staff, effective college leadership, campus facilities, the support given by the Church of the Nazarene, a clearly defined mission and purpose, effective budgeting procedures, an ambitious approach to admissions, the construction of Mabee Library, and a well-organized fund-raising effort.

Areas of improvement that the NCA suggested the college continue to address included faculty and staff salary increases, reduced dependency on student tuition and fees for operating costs, and the addition of full-time faculty in selected areas.

The college achieved initial accreditation in 1974, six years after opening its doors—the earliest date a college is eligible for accreditation. □

HIGHTOWER REELECTED AT CNC

Neil E. Hightower was reelected to a four-year term as president of Canadian Nazarene College at the March 1989 Board of Governors meeting. Hightower is presently completing his 11th year as president of CNC.

Prior to his election to this office, he served on the CNC Board of Governors for eight years, five of which were spent as board chairman. He pastored churches from 1951 to 1971. □

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NORTH CENTRAL TO RECOMMEND 10-YEAR EXTENSION OF MANC ACCREDITATION

An evaluation team from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools will recommend a full 10-year extension of MidAmerica Nazarene College's accreditation.

That's the word the college received at the end of a recent NCA visit to the campus. The evaluation team's recommendation

NNC BUSINESS DEPARTMENT HEAD EARNS CERTIFICATION

Milan Kaldenberg of Boise, Idaho, has earned the designation Certified Management Accountant, according to the Institute of Certified Management Accountants. Kaldenberg is head of the Department of Business at

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ICMA, based in Montvale, N.J., will present Kaldenberg a certificate of distinguished performance for one of the top scores in the U.S. on the CMA examination completed in December. He will receive the certificate at the annual conference of the National Association of Accountants in Cincinnati, Ohio, in June.

Kaldenberg recently was appointed chief investigator for the Idaho State Board of Accountancy. He will assist the board in ethics education of licensees, investigations, discipline, and reviews.

Kaldenberg earned an associate of arts degree at Boise Junior College, a bachelor's degree at Idaho State University, a master of business administration degree at Boise State University.

He was a staff accountant for nine years at Touche Ross and Company CPAs in Boise prior to joining the NNC faculty. Kaldenberg and his wife, Karen, have three children: Debbie, 19; Eric, 17; and Brian, 14. □

SNU DUO SELECTED FOR WASHINGTON CONSORTIUM

Two students from Southern Nazarene University have been selected to participate in the academic internships conducted by the prestigious American Studies Program, sponsored by the Christian College Coalition of Washington, D.C., according to Dr. Don Beaver, vice president of academic affairs at SNU.

Named as Oklahoma's representatives for the fall semester of 1989 are Brent C. Eskew, sophomore, political science major from Liberal, Kans.; and Stacey L. Stafford, sophomore, majoring in psychology and political science from Spring, Tex.

This brings the total number of SNU participants to 50 since the conception of the American Studies Program in 1976.

According to Beaver, SNU's former selectees have worked in the offices of the U.S. Congress, International Affairs, and subcommittees including the House Committee on Children, Youth, and Family; the Latin American Program; and the National Republican Senatorial Committee and Presidential Personnel. □

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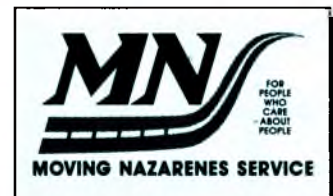
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GENERAL NYI CONVENTION SCHEDULE

The 1989 General NYI Convention will be June 21-24 in Indianapolis. Nazarene Youth International will meet as part of the Division of Christian Life and Sunday School and immediately before the Church of the Nazarene's General Assembly.

Following is a schedule of events at the NYI Convention. It's not too late for you and your youth group or family to plan to attend. For more information or if you have any questions, call the NYI Ministries office at 816-333-7000.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

9 A.M.—Registration

1 P.M.—Christian Life and Sunday School and NYI Convention Opening Ceremonies

2:00—Workshops

Workshops will be held for teens, college/career age, and adult leaders each day. Some workshops will be repeated. Workshop topics and their leaders are listed. Those designated *** will be translated into Spanish.

Teen

Journaling—Fred Fullerton

Getting Along with Parents—Bill Manning

Finding God's Will—Don Diehl

College/Career

Quality Dating Relationships—Lewis McClain

Adult

Easing the Transition from 6th to 7th Grade—Doug Runyan/Fred Sykes

Ministering to At-Risk Teens—Dave Curtiss

Leading a Quiz Ministry—Dan Reinhart

TOTAL Philosophy—Bud Reedy***

Drama Ministry—Dan Dunlop

2:30—NYI Business Session

2:30—Quizzing

3:30—Workshops

Teen

Dating and Love—Jim Diehl

Media/Rock Music—Greg Tucker

Being a Leader—Dale Wine

College/Career

Short-term Missions—Dale Fallon

Adult

Easing the Transition from 6th to 7th Grade—Doug Runyan/Fred Sykes

Ministering to At-Risk Teens—Dave Curtiss

Leading a Quiz Ministry—Dan Reinhart***

TOTAL Philosophy—Bud Reedy

Involving Teens In Ministry—Kendall Franklin

7:30—NYI Service

9:30—Youth Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY JUNE 22

6 A.M.—Fun Run

8:00—Devotions

8:30—Quizzing

8:30—Business Session

10:00—Exhibit Hall Open

11:00—Workshops (***) designates workshops that will be translated into Spanish)

Teen

Dating and Love—Jim Diehl

Media/Rock Music—Greg Tucker

Being a Leader—Dale Wine

College/Career

Vocation/Avocation—Irving Laird

Adult

Ministering to the Secular Campus—Wes Meisner

Ministry to Parents—Rex Person

Planning a Mission Trip—Jim Cooper***

Parenting Your Teen—Ed Robinson

Building Self-esteem in Teens—Dave Curtiss

12 Noon—District Officers' Luncheon

This luncheon is open to anyone who holds an elected or appointed position on their District NYI Council. Ticket orders must be received in NYI Ministries office by June 9. (See order information.)

1:30 P.M.—Business Session

1:30—Quizzing

2:00—Workshops

Teen

Journaling—Fred Fullerton

Getting Along with Parents—Bill Manning

Finding God's Will—Don Diehl

NWMS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS

The NWMS Executive Committee recently met in Indianapolis. There they reviewed the activity of the auxiliary for

the past year and finalized plans for the upcoming General NWMS Convention.

Executive Director Nina Gunter reported an increase in membership of more than 20,000 in 1988—the largest single increase



Members of the General NWMS Council's Executive Committee in Indianapolis include (l. to r.) Marion Rich, Barbara Flemming, Lela Jackson, Nina Gunter, and Stephen Gunter.

in history—for a worldwide total of 552,627. NWMS also set a record in giving, with \$34,380,799 raised last year.

The denominational Alabaster Offering program was among the items on the agenda. Alabaster celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. Since 1949, approximately \$35 million has been raised through this method of giving. The money is used to build churches, clinics, parsonages, and schools. Eighty percent goes for assistance in World Mission areas, with the remainder going to churches under Church Extension Ministries.

Plans for this year's general convention include 15 workshops, 4 of which will for the first time be presented in non-English languages. NWMS is also responsible for coordinating the Million Hours of Prayer prior to the conventions and General Assembly and for planning and

staffing the assembly Prayer Room.

"There are hundreds of persons who are going to participate," said Gunter. "We plan to have someone praying in the Prayer Room from the beginning to the end of every session."

The historic altar at which the late General Superintendent R. T. Williams was saved will be set up in the Prayer Room. This same altar is the one at which the members of the Board of General Superintendents are inducted. □

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MEDICAL SUPPLIES FLOWN TO MEXICO CITY

February 24-26, pilot Danny Stephens of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. Shirley DeMolli of Sterling, Ill., flew from Jasper, Ala., to Mexico City to take approxi-

College/Career

Life-styles of the Young and Christian—*Bryan Stone*

Adult

Small-Group Bible Study—*Hal Perkins*
Developing an Outreach Program—*Jerry Kester*
College/Career Ministry—*Lewis McClain*
Recreational Ministry—*Rick Ryding****
Creative Youth Ministry—*Bill Murray*

3:30—Special Seminar for all teens and college age.

In this special session, titled "Sideways on the Straight and Narrow," Susie Shellenberger will help young people develop a heart for evangelism.

Adult

Planning Quiz Events—*Gayle Zinn*
Developing a Camp/Retreat Mentality—*Bill Murray****
How to Organize and Lead NYI—*Bruce Oldham*
Developing an Outreach Program—*Jerry Kester*
College/Career Ministry—*Lewis McClain*
Recreational Ministry—*Rick Ryding*
Leaders' Orientation for Saturday Service Project—*Mark Gilroy*

7:30—Christian Life and Sunday School Service

9:30-11:00—NYI Party at Union Station

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

6 A.M.—Fun Run

8:00—Devotions

8:30—Quizzing

8:30—Business Session

10:00—Exhibit Hall Open

11:00—Workshops

Teen

Peer Counseling—*Leslie Parrott*
Leading a Bible Study—*Hal Perkins*
Getting Along at School—*Susie Shellenberger*

College/Career

How to Be a Christian on a Christian Campus—*Finley Knowles*

Adult

Personal Development of the Youth Minister—*Ted Underwood****
Ministry to Parents—*Rex Person*
Planning a Mission Trip—*Jim Cooper*
Youth Culture—*Mark Gilroy*
Building Self-esteem In Teens—*Dave Curtiss*

1:30 P.M.—CL/SS/NYI Closing Session

3:30—Special Seminar for all teens and college age.

In this session, "A Compassionate Heart," Steve Weber will challenge young people to live a life of service.

Adult

Officiating a Quiz—*Lyle Curtis*
Junior High Ministry—*Paul Baker*
Using Music—*Dennis Hage*
Developing a Camp/Retreat Mentality—*Bill Murray*
How to Organize and Lead NYI—*Bruce Oldham****
Recruiting and Training Volunteers—*Bob Kring*
Making Sunday School Meaningful for Your Teens—*Alan Johnson*
Counseling Teens—*Les Parrott*
Leaders' Orientation for Saturday Service Project—*Mark Gilroy*

5:30—YOUTH IN MISSION Reunion Dinner

All former and 1989 YOUTH IN MISSION participants are invited to attend. (See order information.)

7:30—Christian Life/Sunday School and Church Growth Service

9:30-11:30—NYI Night at the Zoo

This evening includes a special late-night burger fry for youth ministers. (See order information.)

SATURDAY JUNE 24

6 A.M.—Fun Run

8:00—Devotions

9:00—3 P.M.—Service Project—"A Heart for the City"

10 A.M.—Exhibit Hall Open

7 P.M.—Education Service

9:00—Late-Night Concert

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

10 A.M.—Morning Communion Service at Hoosierdome

TICKETS

A package ticket for the special activities (Union Station, the Zoo, service project, and the concert) will be available at the convention site for \$18.00. Individual tickets for each event will also be available at the convention.

To order tickets for any of the three meal functions (district NYI officers' luncheon, \$12.00; YOUTH IN MISSION alumni dinner, \$17.00; or youth ministers burger fry, \$7.00) call the office of NYI Ministries at 816-333-7000.

mately 800 pounds of medical equipment and supplies to the Bethesda A.C. Nazarene Clinic.

The medical supplies were a donation to Missions Unlimited, Jasper, Ala., through the efforts of Mrs. DeMolli. The equipment and clinical supplies were valued at about \$40,000.

The clinic is located on the south side of Mexico City and has an outreach to about 1 to 2 million people. Presently there are two doctors and one nurse donating their time to the clinic. They rely solely on donations from companies, individuals, or help from foreign countries.

Mr. Ken Key of Missions Unlimited organized the arrangements for flying the supplies to Mexico, a 3,000-mile round trip in three days. Missions Unlimited is hoping to purchase an airplane in the near future to be used on continual flights for taking items into needy areas. □



Pictured (l. to r.) are pilot Danny Stephens and Mrs. Shirley DeMolli with the plane and supplies

BOARD OF PENSIONS HEARS ANNUAL REPORT

The Board of Pensions and Benefits USA recently met in Kansas City. In his report to the Board, Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator, told of continued increase in number of persons served.

The "Basic" Pension Plan served 3,283 ministers and widows during 1988, representing an increase of over 6.5 percent.

The total of all pension benefits paid out during 1988 was \$5.25 million, a 5 percent increase over the previous year.

In addition to the regular pension benefit, special "13th month" checks were issued in June and December to all members of the Pension Roll. These checks were made possible by the continued strong support of the Pensions and Benefits Fund by local churches.

The Emergency Medical Assistance Program provided help to 115 parsonage families during the year. □

FOR THE RECORD DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO—July 11-12, noon. First Church, 807 Coshocton Ave., Mount Vernon, OH 43050. Host Pastor: J. Mikel Norris.

CENTRAL OHIO—July 12-13, 12:30 P.M. District Campground, 2708 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH 43229. Host Pastor: Elbert R. Speckien.

MICHIGAN—July 12-13, 7 P.M. Indian Lakes Nazarene Camp, 7926 Central St., Vicksburg, MI 49097. Host Pastor: George Whetstone.

NORTH ARKANSAS—July 12-13, noon. Forest Home, 1922 Race St., Jonesboro, AR 72401. Host Pastor: Kenneth Stallings.

DAKOTA—July 13-14, noon. First Church, 602 13th St. S.E., Jamestown, ND 58401. Host Pastor: K. LaVerne Stinson.

CHICAGO CENTRAL—July 14-15, noon. Kankakee College Church, 200 University Ave., Bourbonnais, IL 60914. Host Pastor: John Bowling.

EASTERN KENTUCKY—July 19-20, noon. First Church, 830 York St., Newport, KY 41071. Host Pastor: Dan Jackson.

COLORADO—July 20-21, noon. First Church, 3800 E. Hampden Ave., Englewood, CO 80110. Host Pastor: Jim Diehl.

ILLINOIS—July 20-21, 4:30 P.M. First Church, 5200 S. 6th St. Rd., Springfield, IL 62703. Host Pastor: Roy E. Rogers.

EASTERN MICHIGAN—July 21. Warren Woods Church, 14300 Thirteen Mile Rd., Warren, MI 48093. Host Pastor: James Mellish.

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO—July 21-22, noon. Springdale Church, 11177 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45246. Host Pastor: Stephen Green.

MOVING MINISTERS

DWIGHT W. BABCOCK to associate, Vidor, Tex.

STEVE E. BOLING from pastor, Marshall (Tex.) First to chaplaincy

WILLIAM F. BRANSON from student, to pastor, Winterset, Iowa

SYLVANUS CARTER from Evansville (Ind.) Trinity to Washington, Ind.

LARRY C. DALE to pastor, Fairbury, Nebr.

ROBERT L. DONHAM from Noblesville, Ind., to Brownstown, Ind.

W. LEE EDWARDS from associate, Seminole (Fla.) First, to pastor, Land O' Lakes, Fla.

DON C. FARNSWORTH from Cortez, Colo., to Medford (Oreg.) Rogue Valley

MICHAEL G. HAMILTON from student, NBC, Colorado Springs, to pastor, Tampa (Fla.) Westside

ROBERT L. KING from Francisco, Ind., to Newberry, Ind.

FREDE. LAEGER from associate, Colorado Springs (Colo.) First, to pastor, New Port Richey (Fla.) First

ROBERT L. MILLER to pastor, Kahului, Hawaii

RICHARD D. MORGAN from Land O' Lakes, Fla., to Stone Ridge (Ky.) Mission

JAMES E. OAKLEY from student, NBC, Colorado Springs, to pastor, Tampa (Fla.) Grace

WILLIAM E. OXNER from pastor, Benton (Ark.) Valley View, to associate, Benton (Ark.) Valley View

H. RUSSELL PARKER to pastor, Springs Valley, Ind.

JOSEPH POLMOUNTER from Millington, Mich., to Flint (Mich.) North

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DONALD S. SCARLETT, JR., from Cedar Rapids (Iowa) First to Martinsville (Ind.) First

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Princeton, Ind., First Church will celebrate its 70th anniversary Sunday, June 18. District Superintendent B. G. Wiggs will be the guest speaker. There will be a

combined service at 10 A.M., and an afternoon service at 2 P.M. Former district superintendents and pastors will take part in the afternoon service. The sanctuary choir and local talent will provide special music, and a celebration dinner is planned. All former district superintendents, pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend this special day, or send greetings and pictures and addresses of past members to First Church of the Nazarene, 303 W. Spruce St., Princeton, IN 47670. For more information, contact Pastor Phil Edwards at that address or call 812-385-4222/4593.

Portland, Ind., First Church invites you to its 50th anniversary celebration. Special services will be held on July 7-9. Northeastern Indiana District Superintendent Oval L. Stone will be the speaker in the Sunday morning worship service. There will be a dinner served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to this celebration. Those who cannot attend are encouraged to send greetings to be read. Rev. William Nelson is the present pastor. For further details please write the church at 920 S. Shank St., Portland, IN 47371.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend **REV. MILTON HARRINGTON** who is entering the field of evangelism. He has been a successful pastor and has a warmth and compassion for people. His ministry is Bible-centered and extremely helpful. He may be contacted at 4005 Little Rock Dr., North Highlands, CA 95660; phone: 916-334-6440.—Walter M. Hubbard, Sacramento district superintendent.

The location of evangelists may be secured through Evangelism Ministries' toll-free number, 800-821-2154.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

RICHARD BROOKS, commissioned song evangelist, 54, died of an apparent heart attack March 22 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee, Ill.

Brooks had directed the Bourbonnais Public Works Department and was currently a sales representative for Fasteners, Inc. He was a member of College Church and sang in the church choir.

Surviving are his wife, Beulah; a son, Rick, of Bourbonnais; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Bill Loftis of Grand Blanc, Mich.; a granddaughter, Kristin; his mother, in Saginaw, Mich.; and a sister, Betty Utley of California.

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JESSE CULBERTSON, wife of retired Nazarene educator Paul Culbertson, died January 16 at a San Diego Hospital from complications relating to pneumonia. A memorial service was held January 19 in Spring Valley, Calif. Mrs. Culbertson was an important part of the Point Loma Nazarene College family where her husband taught history and psychology for many years.

She is survived by her husband and a son, Gary.

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REV. GEORGE HENSEL, JR., ordained elder, 69, died suddenly of a heart

attack at his home in Ironton, Mo. February 15. He started his ministry on the Joplin District and moved to the Missouri District in 1965, where he pastored five churches.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby; 3 daughters, Patricia Fingerhut, Deborah Cowsett, and Thelma Hensel; 2 sons, George III and James; and 14 grandchildren.

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MISS BERTHA PARKER, 81, retired missionary to Africa, died March 10, only days after suffering two strokes. She was a graduate of Canadian Nazarene College (Red Deer, Alta.) in 1937. She sailed for her first missionary term December 1937.

Bertha Parker was instrumental in establishing the Nazarene Teacher Training School in Swaziland. Her entire career was spent in Swaziland. Since retirement in 1972, she lived in Penticton, B.C.

She is survived by three sisters, Jean Parker, Sadie Carmichael, and Dora Husveg; and a brother, J. Fred Parker.

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REV. EVERETT FRANK RUST, 87, of Alva, Okla., died March 13 near Lake City, Fla., as the result of a motorhome fire while he was en route home.

He pastored and evangelized in the south central states for over 50 years in the Church of the Nazarene, after organizing the Kiowa, Kans., church in 1934. With the priority on church work and soul winning, Rev. Rust also farmed and owned Alva Mobile Home Sales.

Survivors include his wife, Opal; one daughter, Mrs. Christine (Carl) Moore of Alva; two granddaughters, Cheryl Gray of Oklahoma City, Charity Moore of Alva; and a foster granddaughter, Dawn Stutzman of Shawnee, Okla.

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REV. JOHN LEO VAUGHN, 84, of Palmer, Alaska, died of cancer February 28. Rev. Vaughn was pastor of the Palmer church, which he organized about a year before his death. He planted churches in Soldotna, Eagle River, and Palmer, all in Alaska. He also pastored in New York, Oregon; Idaho; and Seward, Alaska.

Rev. Vaughn was born August 30, 1904, at Jericho, Vt. In 1926, he married Ella, his wife of 62 years, and they began their ministry in Portville, N.Y.

Survivors include his wife, Ella; his brother, Ray; and two nieces, Laura McKinney and Kay Rickey.

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REV. IRA T. WRIGHT of Flint, Mich., age 88, died March 22 at Hurley Medical Center. He was born in Thackery, Ill., June 17, 1900. Rev. Wright served Nazarene churches in Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. He was employed by General Motors from 1928 to 1938.

Surviving are seven children: Mrs. Georgia Rose of Flint; Bruce of Davison, Mich.; Byron of Charlevoix, Mich.; Richard of Flint; Mrs. Ruth Johnson of Tulsa, Okla.; David of Big Rapids, Mich.; Phillip of Grand Rapids, Mich.; 22 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia I. Wright, January 15, 1986.

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NELLIE BULLOCK, 87, Fergus Falls, Minn., February 27. Survivors: daughter Beverly; sons Leonard, Rev. John, and

Gordon; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and one sister.

ROBERT MONROE, Nampa, Idaho, December 12. Survivors: wife Dorothy; daughters Debbie Winkelman, Patricia, and Sharon Randolph; son Bobby.

EARL THOMAS PERRY, 57, Raleigh, N.C. Survivors: wife Ruth (Wallace) Perry; son Mike; daughter Janet (Mrs. Charles) Ryals; one grandchild; two brothers; one half-brother; one sister; and one half-sister.

MARVIN E. ROBERTS, 66, Pauls Valley, Okla., March 8. Survivors: wife Odessa; daughters Judy (Mrs. C. E.) Rogers and Phyllis (Mrs. David) Hoffpauir; sons Mike E. and Rickey L.; six grandsons; six granddaughters; one brother; and five sisters.

O. A. "DOCK" ROWLAND, 80, Phoenix, Ariz., March 24. Survivors: wife Jessie (Downard Warren) Rowland; son Robert; daughters Darlene Fitzgerald and Betty Vickers; stepdaughters Pat Hendrick and Betty Johnson; and 36 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

JOSEPHINE WILLIS SWITZER, Pasadena, Calif., August 31. Survivors: husband Edward R.; sons Mark and Steve; one grandson; one brother; and one sister.

BIRTHS

to MICHAEL AND KAREN (KENDALL) BARRETT, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., a boy, Logan Linden, January 25 to SCOTT AND CINDY (DEPUGH) DANIEL, Mount Sterling, Ohio, a boy, Connor Scott, March 4

to RALPH AND MARLENA (CUNDIFF) DePETNIS, Johnsonville, Ark., a boy, Kyle Vincent, February 28 to REV. STAN R. AND JAN A. (PARK) ELLINGSON, Dayton, Ohio, a boy, Wesley Ray, March 14

to GLENN AND LORRAINE (MILLIGAN) EVANS, Houston, Tex., a boy, Jonathan Glenn, March 13 to BRADLEY AND MELISSA LEQUIEU, Little Rock, Ark., a boy, Bradley Marion, Jr., March 4

to DANNY AND MARILYN (CUNDIFF) SHOUN, Jonesboro, Ark., a boy, Danny Ross, Jr., March 6 to TOM AND SUE SMITH, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., a girl, Jaimie Dawn, December 21

to JOHN "CHIP" AND LAURA (CLERC) TADER, Olathe, Kans., a girl, Elizabeth Lynn, February 15 to REV. RANDY S. AND LYNN (SWEET) WITBECK, Homestead, Fla., a boy, Matthew Ryan, Feb. 23

ANNIVERSARIES

EVAN AND LaVONNE LEE celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an afternoon reception held at Ferdinand Hall at Nampa, Idaho, First Church, October 30. The reception was hosted by their children, Deanna (Mrs. Ron) Wilde of Elko, Nev., and Kenneth Warren Lee of Nampa. Approximately 400 attended, including their 4 grandchildren.

Evan and LaVonne were married in Caldwell, Idaho, on October 30, 1938, by Rev. Earl Williams. The Lees reside in Nampa, where they are members of First Church.

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CHRISTIAN STUDENTS TO STUDY IN U.S.S.R.

In the first arrangement of its kind, two universities in the Soviet Union have agreed to allow Christian students with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship to visit and enroll for the 1989 summer term. Kiev State University and Kiev State Pedagogical Institute will each host a group of InterVarsity students in July.

"This is the first time a Soviet university has entered into an exchange agreement with a Christian organization," said Dan Harrison, who recently returned from Kiev where he made his final arrangements for the trip. The U.S. students will be matched up with English-speaking Soviet students who will stay with them in university dormitories, share meals together, take classes together, and participate in cultural events together.

The purpose of the trip is to "promote good relationships between Soviet and American young people," according to Harrison, and to act upon the Helsinki Accord and the Soviet-U.S. summit agreement in Geneva regarding cultural exchanges. Harrison said he expects the program to continue into the 1990s as InterVarsity continues to encourage Christian students to study abroad.—E.P. News

CHURCHED KIDS PREFER SECULAR MUSIC BUT CHRISTIAN MUSIC INTEREST GROWS

Christian teenagers prefer to listen to secular rock music, but the number of Christian teens who listen to contemporary Christian music is growing, according to a new survey released in March by InterInc, a regional marketing and church services company.

The survey of 1,100 teens found Christian teenagers are heavy users of radio, averaging more than 3.5 hours of radio listening each day. Nearly 37 percent said they prefer secular rock radio, while 35 percent prefer Christian music formats. Younger teens tended to be heavier consumers of Christian rock than older teens, and males tended to listen to music and purchase albums more than females.

When the teens were asked to name a recent album purchase, Christian albums were cited more than twice as often as secular albums (29 percent versus 12 percent). This represents an increase in Christian music consumption; previous surveys have found a preference for secular music in record purchases.

David Bunker, Midwest vice president for InterInc, noted that since the surveys were done at Christian youth conventions, answers may have been biased toward Christian music products. Still, he says, "These results are good news for the Christian music industry. The penetration into the world of the churched teenager is increasing. This means we are being effective in expanding the market."—E.P. News

CULTS, FUNDAMENTALISTS NOT WELCOME AS NEIGHBORS

Members of religious sects or cults lead the list of "persons we'd rather not live next to" according to a poll by the Gallup organization, but fundamentalists are close behind.

Of about 1,000 adults surveyed, 62 percent said they would not want cult members as neighbors. Next to cults, religious fundamentalists were the most unwanted neighbors, with 30 percent of those polled saying they would not like to have them as neighbors.

By comparison, only 3 percent said they would not like to live next to Catholics, 5 percent for Protestants or Jews, 12 percent for Blacks, and 23 percent for unmarried couples. Fundamentalists also generated the most uncertainty, with 12 percent of those surveyed saying they weren't sure if they would want to have them as neighbors or not.—E.P. News



Dr. B. Edgar Johnson (l.), general secretary, and Bob Foster (r.), manager of the Nazarene Publishing House, place the first 22nd General Assembly bumper sticker on a rear window. It's a good way to recognize fellow Nazarenes on the way to the assembly. The colorful stickers (SI-1988) are available from the Nazarene Publishing House free of charge and while supplies last.

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CL/SS CONVENTION TO FEATURE 150 WORKSHOPS

The 1989 quadrennial General Christian Life and Sunday School Convention will feature 150 workshops, according to Phil Riley, CL/SS division director. The age-group workshops will be offered to those who work with children, youth, and adults.

This year's theme is "From Generation to Generation." Riley said the theme will be carried over into the CL/SS exhibit. It will depict references to the Old and New Testaments, as well as scenes from the London era of Robert Raikes and John Wesley, Pilot Point, and a futuristic approach to how God's Word will be transmitted through modern technology.

The convention opens at 1 P.M., Wednesday, June 21, with a combined service of CL/SS and NYI delegates in Convention Halls D and E. The event, which will feature inspiration as well as information, will conclude Friday afternoon, June 23. About 8,000 persons are expected to attend this first coordinated convention, according to Riley.

The Thursday evening CL/SS Convention service will feature NYI Ministries. A youth choir of 300 to 500 teens will sing. The service is open for all to attend.

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RECOGNITION LUNCHEON PLANNED FOR RETIRED MINISTERS

For the fifth time the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA is sponsoring the traditional Recognition Luncheon in honor of retired Nazarene ministers, spouses, and widows of ministers who are on the "Basic" Pension Roll. The event will take place at the General Assembly in Indianapolis, at 12 noon Friday, June 23.

Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA, says the first banquet was held at the 1972 General Assembly in Miami Beach, Fla. The quadrennial event has been increasing in popularity ever since. A total of 850 persons attended the luncheon in 1985 in Anaheim, Calif.

This event is for all retired Nazarene ministers, spouses, and

widows who are receiving benefits from the "Basic" Pension Plan. Any qualifying individual who has not yet received an invitation may contact the Pensions office directly for more information since reservations are necessary. □

MOTHERS OF TWO HEADQUARTERS DIRECTORS DIE

Ruth Skiles, 86, mother of Paul Skiles, Media International director, died February 6 at an Orange, Calif., hospital. Death was attributed to heart failure.

In addition to Paul, she is survived by two other sons, Albert and Richard; 8 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

As a child, Mrs. Skiles was present at the 1908 Pilot Point organizational service of the denomination.

Ola Wessels, mother of Dean Wessels, Pensions and Benefits Services director, died February 15 at Duncan, Okla., Regional Hospital. She would have been 91 February 18. Death was attributed to complications resulting from pneumonia.

Besides Dr. Wessels, survivors include two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. □

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES ACTIVITIES

Special activities are planned during the General Christian Life and Sunday School Convention for children age six through sixth grade.

Thursday night, June 22, Dale and Liz VonSeggen, along with the V.I.P. Puppeteers from Denver First Church, will present a "For Kids Only" Children's Service. Tickets are free.

During the day, 9 A.M.-4 P.M., June 22 and 23, the children will visit the Children's Museum and Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement. The cost of the two-day trip is \$25.00. This price includes admission, travel, lunch, adult supervision, and a special identification T-shirt and visor.

All activities are limited in number. See the May 1 *Herald of Holiness* issue for further details or write or call: Melodie Rolfe, Children's Ministries Activities Coordinator; 6401 The Paseo; Kansas City, MO 64131; phone: 816-333-7000, ext. 460. □



CHA President Jerald D. Johnson (l.) presents the organization's Distinguished Service Award to Nazarene General Secretary B. Edgar Johnson.

GENERAL SECRETARY HONORED BY CHA

General Secretary B. Edgar Johnson was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the Christian Holiness Association at the organization's 121st annual convention April 19 in Indianapolis. The award was presented to Johnson by General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson, CHA president.

It is awarded by the CHA executive committee to an individual whose life-style exemplifies holiness and who has contributed outstanding service to the cause of Christ as an expression of practical holiness. Only four of the awards have been presented.

"For many years the Christian Holiness Association has been blessed because of Dr. Johnson's active involvement in helping us carry out our assignments," said the CHA president. "His presence on the executive committee for many years and his service as president of CHA have been stabilizing and motivating influences."

The general secretary served as a member of the CHA executive committee for more than 20 years. During this time, he was president from 1974-76, and executive director from 1986-88.

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DEAF INTERPRETATION PLANNED FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Plans are underway to provide deaf interpretation for the hearing impaired at the 1989 General Assembly in Indianapolis. This is the first time this service has been offered at a Nazarene General Assembly.



Rick McClain, pastor of the Nazarene Church for the Deaf in Asheville, N.C., and his wife, Debbie, will coordinate the interpretation efforts.

McClain, who is himself deaf, is a graduate of Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., and Nazarene Theological Seminary.

A special reserved section for the hearing impaired will be provided in the Hoosier Dome for the public services and General Assembly business sessions. Interpretation will be provided for conventions, as well, if personnel can be secured.

Deaf persons should register in the lobby of the convention center. They will receive a special pass that will entitle them to sit in a reserved section of the auditorium.

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PLENTY OF ROOM AT THE INNS

Thousands of rooms are available for Nazarenes who wish to attend the 22nd General Assembly and conventions June 21-30 in Indianapolis. That's the word from General Secretary B. Edgar Johnson who was recently in the capital of the Hoosier state. Johnson and local arrangements coordinator D. Martin Butler met with representatives of the local arrangements committee, housing bureau, the telephone company, hotels, and others to further refine the details for the massive event.

"Although the Indianapolis Housing Bureau has been slow in processing applications for rooms, they have given us assurance that they should soon be caught up," said Johnson. "As of the end of April, only about 3,000 of our block of 6,000 rooms had been taken, so we still have plenty of space.

"We hope that those who have already submitted their applications for housing will continue to be patient. Those persons who would like to rent rooms may find details and a housing application in the April 1 *Herald of Holiness*."

The general secretary, whose office is responsible for coordinating the quadrennial gathering, added that the rooms in downtown Indianapolis are filled. However, there is still plenty of housing within a few minutes of the convention center.

Limited shuttle service is being planned for persons staying along the I-70 corridor.

Nazarenes will find downtown Indianapolis a bright, clean, pleasant place. The area around the convention center is filled with beautiful structures ranging from ultramodern hotels and offices to the historic state capitol building and the renovated Union Station. Traffic flow is brisk on the city's many four-lane streets and interstate highways. A trip from the airport to inside the convention center, during rush-hour traffic, takes less than 20 minutes.

"We believe the members of our Nazarene family will be very pleased with the accommodations in Indianapolis," said Johnson.

At least 90 meal functions have been planned during the conventions and assembly with 20,000 reservations to date. Fifty thousand persons are expected for the Sunday morning communion service in the Hoosier Dome. About 1,000 elders from around the world will participate in the serving of the elements in this special service.

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SUPERINTENDENT WINNING FIGHT AGAINST CANCER



Talmage Haggard, superintendent of the Philadelphia District, is rejoicing following the receipt of test results that indicate there are no cancer cells in the tissue or bone from which a fast-growing malignant tumor was removed in March. As a precautionary measure, Haggard received radiation therapy on the

affected area beneath his right eye.

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TILT IN FULL SWING IN TORONTO

Charles Chaney, vice president of the Home Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed a workshop for church planters during the most recent session of the Toronto Institute for Lay Training (TILT). TILT is an eight-week-end course designed especially to train laypersons for beginning house churches during Target Toronto—the 1990 Thrust to the City of Toronto. The emphasis at the April 6-8 session focused on church growth and church planting.

Other persons making presentations included: Rick Tobias, lecturer on urban ministry at Ontario Theological Seminary; Peter Burkhart, missionary church planter for the Church of the Nazarene in the Philippines; and Michael R. Estep, Thrust to the Cities director.

"I think we are about finished with our preparation and are ready to get down to brass tacks," said Marjorie Osborne, Target Toronto director. "We already have one organized church, two church-type missions, and 11 extension Bible classes operating."

Plans are to begin 100 satellite ministries in the form of house churches across Ontario's capital city during the coming year from which they are hoping to develop at least 10 church-type missions.

"Our ultimate goal is to carry these 10 on to full organization," added Osborne.

The latest TILT session was attended by church planters from New York, as well as Alberta; however, the majority were from Toronto.

In other recent developments, Ian Fitzpatrick, pastor of the Mississauga Bethel Church since 1984, has been appointed Target Toronto Church Extension director and dean of session for TILT. Fitzpatrick began this full-time ministry May 1. He will oversee the development of the 100 satellite ministries.

"Many conversions are being reported in our satellites," said Osborne. "Three persons accepted Christ as their Savior at the recent first meeting of a brand-new house church. We believe we will see many more."

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