

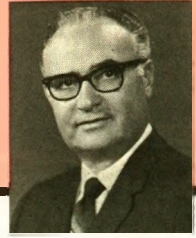
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THE
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There's Death in the Desert

THE MOVEMENT OF A NATION from the slavery of Egypt to the blessings of the Promised Land began with great hope and high expectations.

No one could deny the mighty intervention of God on behalf of His chosen people. The heart of a wicked despot on the throne of Egypt was finally softened toward the slaves and their appeals. Even when he later relented and pursued the Israelites, his plans came to naught and his horsemen floundered in the waters of the Red Sea. When the need for food and water became acute, God again intervened and provided all that was necessary.

But instead of making the wilderness a route to Canaan they decided to make it a permanent dwelling place. They became wanderers, constantly on the move. For 40 years they crisscrossed the desert, always moving but never arriving.

Forty years of wanderings continued until a whole generation had bleached their bones on the desert sands. Only two of the adults who escaped from Egypt lived to see the Promised Land.

In Christian experience, it has always been God's plan for His people to "go on to holiness" as quickly as possible. The Israelites failed because they doubted God. They looked at the

impossibilities of the walled cities of Canaan and chose the desert instead. They trembled with fear at the prospect of facing the giants in the land of promise. These same problems continue to persist in the lives of the unsanctified.

Let us heed the warning of the example of the Israelites. An occasional glance over into the Promised Land is not enough. Failure to go over into the Canaan experience produces aimlessness and frustration. To "follow after holiness" implies a positive, determined, and constant search for the experience of heart holiness. Carelessness, inattention, and negligence can only bring defeat and death.

The Promised Land of perfect love can be ours by crossing over Jordan's waters. Complete consecration, obedience, and faith can save us from death in the desert.

*Why wander in the wilderness,
O fainting soul? . . .*

*By faith cross over Jordan,
Tho' the waves may roll.*

*This charming land of Canaan
Is a land of love. . . .*

*And thro' it we must pass
To reach our home above. □*



Library, Nashville First Church

By Thelma Gomer, Nashville

ENTER WITH ME into a spacious, well-ventilated, and well-lighted room. The walls are lined with bookshelves. Picture an attractive area with fiberglass curtains and beautiful plants that give life to the room.

The bulletin boards not only inform you of the latest releases but the newspaper clippings of current events give you a summary of our church life in a southern city.

Imagine busy people coming and going with books and materials. This thumbnail sketch describes the live, working church library of the First Church of the Nazarene, Nashville, Tenn.

This has not always been the situation. Only a few years ago this same library had its location in a homemade portable bookcase, with a few borrowed books—the beginnings for this library which now contains over 4,000 books. It was a double bookcase, hinged, locked (when not in use), and mounted on rollers so the books could

go to the people much like a small-scale "book-mobile." It held approximately 200 books—most of them ragged and torn.

There are plans being put into motion to renew the use of the old portable library to distribute books to different Sunday school departments.

The church library provides a valuable service to all the congregation. Resource materials are provided from picture books for preschoolers to commentaries and encyclopedias for those doing research in graduate programs.

There is valuable material for the pastor preparing his sermon and the Sunday school teacher or youth group leader preparing a program.

Several extra sets of missionary reading books are provided on a lending basis to accelerate the reading and study program. Books are also provided for sheer reading pleasure.

One of the outstanding features of the Nashville First Church library is the display case just outside the door. It is a part of the room. The displays show different phases of church life such as

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the recent sixtieth anniversary of the Tennessee District, books written by our own authors, pottery made by some of our members, and other subjects of current interest. This display window is changed periodically.

There is no waste of space in the large room which houses the library, for it also provides a storage place for the audiovisual aids, an office for the church's weekly newspaper, the *Nazarene Weekly*. It provides a home for the historical archives of the 75-year-old church.

The successful church library is not geared to any one age-group or interest category. The library caters to all ages. It is furnished with low tables and chairs, and low bookshelves of books for the children's specific use.

There are many new books which interest the teens and youth groups. Recently the new teenage editions of Bible books from *Living Letters* have been provided. These include *Heads Up! Get Smart! Come Alive, Rebel with a Cause!* and *Speak Out!*

The adults find rewarding resources for their spiritual life as well as the opportunity for research and better understanding.

Conditions have not always been easy for the library which we are describing. During a recent remodeling program of the entire church, the bulk of the library books were stored in pasteboard boxes in a room. Undaunted, the library staff set up headquarters on a table under a window in the crowded vestibule outside the sanctuary.

The library, a real part of God's work, went on as usual. You see, it is a ministry. To be sure, it needs a permanent place. Where there is a will ... there is a way!

Start where you are, with a table, making it accessible to people and build with your congregation.

An interesting and inspiring means of providing books for the library is through memorial gifts, provided in memory of friends or relatives who are deceased. Perhaps businessmen could sponsor the cost of some book-of-the-month club.

Do not let the large-scale library of a strong church discourage the small congregation from organizing a lending library as an integral part of the church program and of God's work.

Equipment is a part of an alive and working library but only a part. Someone will have a table, a card index, and a few shelves. The challenge is to find a person who will use it as a ministry. Then your library will grow and expand. People will respond to the need.

A spirit of enthusiasm, a dedicated layman to operate the program, and a few books in a box can be the beginning of a great service to your church.

Find someone in your congregation to start the library ministry today. □

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Display case to encourage use of library—Nashville First Church

By Alpin Bowes, *Prairie Village, Kans.*

BOOKS ARE WONDERFUL GIFTS

MY COUSIN faced corrective surgery for a deteriorated hip socket and complications set in that made the recovery painful, uncertain, and lengthy. I sent him a personal note of my concern and a copy of Dr. W. T. Purkiser's encouraging book *When You Get to the End of Yourself*. He told me later how much the book meant to him.

Recently a lovely young niece announced her engagement. A talented girl, just out of high school, she and her fiancé face a future of finding a satisfying vocation and making plans for a home. I do not often see her. How could I express all the

THE NEXT TIME YOU ARE SELECTING A GIFT,

things I would like to tell her about the joys, the ideals, and the problems of joining two young lives in marriage? I sent her a copy of *Design for Christian Marriage* with a letter of congratulation and personal interest.

An acquaintance of the family, brought up in the sophisticated atmosphere of one of the largest state universities, surrounded by agnosticism, found her home shattered by divorce and her future uncertain. In lengthy letters, I tried to penetrate that intellectual sophistication and point her to Christ, but my efforts seemed ineffective. I supplemented these personal appeals with a copy of Catherine Marshall's description of her pilgrimage of faith, *Beyond Ourselves*. It was one woman speaking to another in a more effective way than I could.

There is something personal about the gift of a book. Its selection tells something about the giver—his interests, his values, and his concern. It lasts beyond the life of flowers or candy or clothes or many other customary gifts. A book is a wonderful gift.

It's fun to seek out just the right book for a special friend or close relative. And once in a while, when you happen to find a particular jewel of a book, there is the thrill of a rare discovery. Such was the case when my wife ran across *Faith Is . . .*, with its graduated page sizes in all the colors of the rainbow. She has found many occasions when it has brought comfort, hope, or cheer to someone who needed it.

Gift books should be chosen with the interests of the recipient in mind. A married woman would enjoy *Share My Discoveries* or Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale's *The Adventure of Being a Wife*. *Dare to Discipline* is a helpful book for young parents, and the harried mother of several youngsters would appreciate *Bless This Mess and Other Prayers*.

A set of the *Beacon Bible Commentary* would be a wonderful gift for the graduating ministerial student, and the young pastor would find such books as *Building Today's Church*, *Move Ahead with Possibility Thinking*, and *Studies in Biblical Holiness* helpful in his ministry.

A book as a Christmas gift to your pastor is always a thoughtful remembrance. He would enjoy G. Frederick Owen's *Jerusalem*, a historical and pictorial account of the Holy City (also an excellent gift for anyone visiting Israel), or the vivid and picturesque descriptions of *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*. *The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century*, by Francis Schaeffer, one of the lead-

ing Christian apologists of today, will stimulate his thinking.

Recently I gave a young mother who is a new Christian, and interested in neighborhood Bible classes, a copy of *It's Alive*, one of the best books on this growing interest in small Bible study groups. A similar book is *Caught with My Mouth Open*.

Dr. Richard Taylor's classic, *The Disciplined Life*, is a wonderful book for any young Christian, and a Christian friend would be challenged by *On Tiptoe with Love*.

An older Nazarene will delight in Dr. Wiley's interesting sermons, *The Harps of God*, and Dean Bertha Munro's reminiscences, *The Years Teach*. Her experiences are typical of all our colleges in their earlier days.

When my sons were in school and faced this morally permissive age, I gave them Evelyn Duvall's *Why Wait till Marriage?* A more recent book for the engaged couple is *Sexual Understanding Before Marriage*. Every young Christian will find *The Inevitable Encounter* a helpful book in the area of temptation.

Those who enjoy a good novel will be thoroughly absorbed by *Two from Galilee*, a maybe-it-was-this-way story of Mary and Joseph. A trilogy of Eugenia Price's historical novels are not in paperback: *Lighthouse*, *The Beloved Invader*, and *New Moon Rising*.

Some books are nice gifts for any occasion. The *Leaves of Gold* has been a popular one for many years. Less known, but outstanding in its selection of color photographs, poetry, stories, and prose, is *The Family Album*.

Equally acceptable is a book of daily devotions, such as Dr. Mendell Taylor's *Every Day with the Psalms*, Dr. A. F. Harper's *Holiness and High Country*, Dean Munro's *Truth for Today*, and William Barclay's *Daily Celebration*. For a teenager, Paul Martin's new *Have a Good Day* is challenging.

I have just read *Wild Rivers and Mountain Trails*, with its delightful descriptions of experiences in the rugged mountain country of central Idaho. The author, for years a small cattle rancher, schoolteacher, and pastor in this area, has brought some spiritual truth from each experience. I have found another gem, and immediately ordered another copy to use as a gift.

A book chosen for a gift should be a joy to receive. It may be instructive and helpful, even witnessing to a non-Christian, but it should not reflect an "I'm right; you're wrong"—this is what

GIVE A GOOD BOOK

you need" attitude. And we should take care not to promote a particular theological or thought hobby of our own. A well-written, interesting book that brings new insights is a welcome gift that is sincerely appreciated.

All of the books mentioned are written from the Christian perspective. I have touched only the surface of the wonderful variety of good religious books available today. Beyond this is the whole world of secular books, many of which are valuable. Yet I think there is merit, in this age of great scientific achievement and equally great moral confusion, to give books that exalt Christ and His way of life. The next time you are selecting a gift, give a good book.

The books listed above may be purchased from the Nazarene Publishing House.

- The Adventure of Being a Wife*, by Mrs. Norman Peale (Prentice-Hall), \$5.95
Beacon Bible Commentary, 10-volume set (Nazarene), \$64.95
The Beloved Invader, by Eugenia Price (Revell), 95c
Beyond Ourselves, by Catherine Marshall; (McGraw) cloth, \$5.95; (Revell) paper, 95c
Bless This Mess and Other Prayers, by Jo Carr and Imogene Sorley (Abingdon), \$2.50
Building Today's Church, by Leslie Parrott (Nazarene), \$3.95
Caught with My Mouth Open, by Winnie Christensen (Harold Shaw), \$1.25
The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century, by Francis A. Schaeffer (Inter-Varsity), \$3.95
Daily Celebration, by William Barclay (Word), \$4.95
Dare to Discipline, by James Dobson; (Tyndale House) cloth, \$3.95; (Nazarene imprint) paper, \$1.95
Design for Christian Marriage, by Dwight H. Small (Revell); cloth, \$4.95; paper, 95c
The Disciplined Life, by Richard S. Taylor (Nazarene); cloth, \$2.00; paper, \$1.25
Every Day with the Psalms, by Mendell Taylor (Nazarene), \$3.95
Faith Is . . ., by Pamela Reeve (Multnomah), \$1.95
The Family Album, edited by Arthur and Nancy DeMoss (Hawthorn), \$5.95
The Harps of God, by H. Orton Wiley (Nazarene), \$2.95
Have a Good Day, by Paul Martin (Nazarene), \$1.50
Holiness and High Country, by A. F. Harper (Nazarene), \$2.95
The Inevitable Encounter, by Melvin McCullough (Nazarene), \$1.25
It's Alive, by Gladys Hunt (Harold Shaw), \$1.45
Jerusalem, by G. Frederick Owen (Nazarene), \$4.95
Leaves of Gold, edited by Clyde F. Lytle (Coslett); deluxe padded white, \$10.00; deluxe brown, \$8.50; regular edition, \$4.95
Lighthouse, by Eugenia Price (Revell), \$1.25
Move Ahead with Possibility Thinking, by Robert H. Schuller (Doubleday), \$4.95
New Moon Rising, by Eugenia Price (Revell), 95c
On Tiptoe with Love, by John T. Seamands (Nazarene), \$2.95
Sexual Understanding Before Marriage, by Herbert J. Miles (Zondervan); cloth, \$4.95; paper, \$1.95
Share My Discoveries, by Kathryn Johnson (Nazarene), \$1.00
A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23, by Phillip Keller (Zondervan), \$3.95
Studies in Biblical Holiness, by Donald Metz (Nazarene), \$4.95
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When You Get to the End of Yourself, by W. T. Purkiser (Nazarene), \$1.00
Why Wait till Marriage? by Evelyn Millis Duvall (Association Press); cloth, \$2.95; paper, 75c
Wild Rivers and Mountain Trails, by Don Ian Smith (Abingdon), \$3.00
The Years Teach, by Bertha Munro (Nazarene), \$3.95 □

THE VISION

*For long I could not see my God,
My lack of faith denied,
And then my eyes were opened—
He was standing at my side!*

*I sought Him in the forest cool
Afar from worldly strife.
I looked and looked 'til I beheld
Him there, THE TREE OF LIFE!*

*I hunted Him among the flocks
When I had left the wood,
And soon I saw Him standing—
Waiting there, THE SHEPHERD GOOD!*

*I prayed for Him in sickness,
In my own indisposition,
And there He was; He made me whole,
He, THE GREAT PHYSICIAN!*

*I sought Him in celestial spheres
Where star and moon were furled.
The brightest orb was He, I saw—
THE LIGHT OF ALL THE WORLD!*

*I sought Him then among the cliffs,
So long on history's pages;
And soon I saw Him waiting there—
I saw THE ROCK OF AGES!*

*I sought for Him within the realm
Of czars of temporal things,
And found a greater Ruler there.
I found—THE KING OF KINGS!*

*I hunted Him among the flowers,
In verdant growth and barren.
I found THE LILY OF THE VALLEY—
And I found THE ROSE OF SHARON!*

*I sought Him on the crowded streets,
Among the motley span.
He went among them "doing good."
I found THE SON OF MAN!*

*I sought among the waters;
Truth cut me like a knife,
For once again I found my God.
I saw THE STREAM OF LIFE!*

*I looked once more and I beheld
A bounteous release,
From strife and turmoil—there again
I saw THE PRINCE OF PEACE!*

*For long I had not seen my God,
But now this truth I swear,
If you will only look, you'll see
Your God is everywhere!*

Vernum L. McVey
Salida, Colo.



LIFT YOUR CHILD

By Rosemary Lee, *Worthington, Ohio*

In an African village a tourist casually tossed away a cigarette wrapper. It was instantly surrounded by native boys. Quickly they were on hands and knees, squirming and shoving to get as close to it as possible.

A new missionary to the area asked another observer, "Why such fascination with an empty package?"

He was told, "These children are so hungry for something to read, they literally stoop to reading other people's trash."

Literature famines exist in many countries all over the globe. The reason? There are over 1.5 million more new readers in the world every week. No wonder the demand far exceeds the supply in many locales!

Still, in some lands free libraries and economically priced editions provide a bountiful surplus of printed matter. In these nations, too, many young people are reading "garbage"—the kind of publications which poison minds and souls.

Why do they read trash? Mainly because nonreligious mothers and fathers don't provide anything better. Children will read whatever is available, including their parents' books and magazines.

Certainly Christians should be alert to give their youngsters ample choice of the finest. Some optimistically believe schools and churches give all the educational and spiritual food necessary.

Actually schools and their instructors are not in the business of teaching morals. Neither are their books. In fact, required reading lists for modern literature classes include many volumes Christians wouldn't allow in their homes.

Church school papers and quarterlies are outstanding. However, they make up but a tiny particle of the spiritual nutrition our children should be receiving *daily*.

Books, like close friends, influence a youth's thinking, his feelings, his deepest beliefs. Both should be chosen carefully.

Haven't wise parents always managed to find ingenious ways to encourage their youngsters' good choices and discourage bad ones? Our children's reading matter deserves the same attention.

Words are seeds planted in the heart and mind ready to sprout into ideas and bloom into action.

The power of the printed page may help form a saint or sinner, a believer or an atheist. Surprisingly, it can all happen in a child's spare time.

"What spare time?" you ask. Certainly it seems family mem-

DREN'S HORIZONS

RAINBOWS AND SUNSHINE

The thermometer hung at 10 degrees below zero. The air was perfectly motionless. The earth was wrapped in ermine snow and the world was eager with sunrise. What a world! What a thrill!

The college stands atop a hill overlooking the dry bed of Sand Creek to the east. This morning the air was sufficiently gifted with invisible frost crystals to form a prism. A rainbow hung with its two magic ends in the creek bed only a few hundred feet away.

A rainbow on a winter morning with a full sun and a cloudless sky was something different. All the colors of the fractured rays of light were there giving a gay, surprising demonstration. There are often rainbows above Sand Creek when a storm has dumped a spring freshet upon it, but what a surprise to find it the gift of an invisible diffracting presence!

We become too accustomed to looking for rainbows at times of the storm's vented fury without ever a thought of one when life's environs are kind and quiet. We rob ourselves by being so content with seeing the predictable rainbows that we miss the unpredicted.

Beauty is so close in life that we often fail to see it. We forget that God can bless beautiful days with more abundant beauty as well as blessing dark hours with a garland of promise.

Not all solar spectrums ride the wild wings of storms. Some come in the hush of new day when amid the crisp, cold stillness the fingers of God draw for us a mark of promise.

May God help us to be watchful for the rainbows of life without demanding that they be limited to glimpses of glory amid the turbulence of tears. God wants to bless us with manifestations of His splendor in our delightful hours as well as in our stormy times. Gay moments can be moments of glory.

MILO L. ARNOLD
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bers are constantly spinning out and away from that hub of the family circle called home. Rare evenings together usually center around the one-eyed monster, television. It brainwashes children with the sponsor's opinions of what is good for the kiddies (and their stockholders' profits).

It has been estimated that by high school graduation the average young person today has been tube-fed 15,000 hours of TV. This includes a steady fare of violence, materialism, and creeping moral decay, now softly labeled "permissiveness."

No extra time for good reading? Imagine the results if a mere fraction of wasted TV viewing hours were diverted to digesting soul-sinspiring, goal-setting books. Could rescued moments have changed the lives of some tragic youths of today? Those who are trapped in a maze of destructive drug-taking, the immoral "new morality," and even devil-worship? Perhaps, if begun early enough.

We spoon-feed babies. Shouldn't we begin reading to them at a tender age also?

Is it ever too late to try lifting their horizons? With an older child the timing and approach may be more challenging. A boy isn't about to give up football after school for reading sessions. Can he as easily resist action-packed books about red-blooded Christian heroes when left on his pillow before bedtime?

Some feel family-altar sessions make an ideal atmosphere for reading short stories or books on a chapter-a-day basis.

Whatever the means, the object is to create a desire for worthwhile literature. Then supply books so alive, so stimulating, so totally satisfying youngsters won't want to put them down.

Where do we find them? Family-type book-of-the-month clubs and Christian bookstores are two answers. Yet even selections from these must be parent-checked to be sure they are doctrinally sound. The most reliable source of pre-screened, denominationally approved works is the Nazarene Publishing House. The *Master Buying Guide* catalogs literature chosen by experts, listed according to correct age levels, with thumbnail descriptions of their contents. You can trust every choice from this banquet of pure "soul food."

Of course, the most important Book we ever provide our child is a Bible of his own. This is a privilege millions must live without.

It's been reported that in Russia no Bibles have been printed for 13 years. Those preserved or smuggled in have been separated into small sections and hand-copied over and over—desperate attempt to feed those hungering for God's Word!

If we parents treasure the Bible, read it, and *live* it, so will our children. They won't be tempted by the filth life's gutters hold if we lift their sights heavenward. □

And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

(Exodus 33:14)



By L. Wayne Sears, *Lombard, Ill.*

IS THERE ANYTHING MORE LONELY than an unshared sorrow? Is there any victory more hollow than one we cannot testify to? Is there any temptation more difficult than one that must be borne alone?

Times of personal, unshared testings make the path of life a mystery and a test of faith. Burdens shared with others are lighter; sorrows are more bearable when we can speak of them; and some temptations have no power when we have companions nearby.

It is God's presence in these times of lonely testing that makes the difference between failure and victory. His presence is sometimes our only companionship and always our sweetest comfort.

The family, the Church, can often help and share and strengthen greatly. But there are sorrows that we cannot communicate. Life's deepest burdens are those that are so personal, so individual, that we do not reveal them to others.

It is in these solitary sorrows that we find God's sweetest presence and aid. His precious comfort when no one else is near, and when only He understands and shares, is indescribably beautiful.

The same is true concerning victory. In the company of others, victories are sweet and strengthen our faith. Moments in the testimony meeting when we love to praise God for His strength and overcoming grace can be full of flavor to the spiritual taste.

But sometimes we win victories over inward enemies, over inner conflicts—perhaps a victory over some inward distaste for another person—that would only do harm if revealed.

There may be a heady moment of triumph when we have crossed a river of consecration in some dark Gethsemane of testing. The priceless heritage of the presence of God in these moments of unshared triumph are precious beyond compare. Some triumphs must be shared only with Him, and how precious is the cup of victory that we drink with Him alone!

Temptations can oftentimes be shared with a personal friend or a counselor. His very presence adds to our strength.

It is the lonely, personal temptations that test our souls. To go with the crowd when the revival is in full swing is one thing. To go with God when we are all alone is quite another.

Christ in the wilderness of temptation is our Example here. Forty days He wrestled alone with the enemy of our souls. His final victory was a solitary one witnessed by the Father, who sent His angels to comfort Christ in that lonely encounter.

Doubtless no human experience is more lonely than the hour of death. At the edge of that dark river we can only stop. Our hands can reach only to the edge of that darkness. It is a terrible kind of empty helplessness to stand by and watch a loved one slipping away.

For the one making the journey of death, we only know that, so far as human companionship is concerned, he must make the journey alone.

How tremendously glorious then is the promise of God: "My presence shall go with thee"! Whether it be through the testings of sorrow, the times of personal victory, some lonely mount of temptation, or even in the valley of the shadow of death, God's personal presence is our "rod" and our "staff."

The Psalmist sang of the presence of God in all the turnings of the pathway of life and reached the conclusion: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me . . ." □

● *Suggested Reading
for Youth*

By Wesley Tracy, *Kansas City*

IT CAN'T HURT



Photo by Heinz Füsse

BESIDES HELPING A LOT

EVERYTHING YOU EXPERIENCE, every person you meet, every book you read becomes a part of you. Each of us is in a continual process of *abstracting* from our experiences a world-view or life-style. You are, probably more than you realize, a product of your times.

In the vortex of today's idea market, young people are apt to sink without a solid foundation in faith. Christian literature is of prime importance in providing such a foundation.

With the secular press producing acres of questionable books and magazines, the need for Christian reading materials becomes more pronounced. Hundreds of bookstores sport wall-to-wall pornography. The heroes and heroines of today's "great" books make up a motley crew of assorted degenerates.

In addition to being saturated with the sensual, the sampler of today's literature encounters many books based on atheistic premises. As Louis Casseis says in *Haircuts and Holiness*, "As an educated person of our time, you are inevitably biased *against* belief in God, whether you realize it or not." He blames an acquired cynicism, affluence, and our superstition that "science is an infallible and all-sufficient guide to truth."

Today's youth have been trained to honor the grand old god—the scientific method. They believe it, rely on it, some worship it.

The scientific method, of course, begins with assumptions (faith) and moves to demonstrable laws tested by objective experience. If scientists repeatedly get water when they combine two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen, they derive a formula for water. This they can do because they have *agreement in experience*. This is the nearest man can ever come to objective truth—agreement in experience.

That's great for physical science, but how about religion? Isn't the multiplied proliferation of religious notions evidence enough that spiritual things are purely relative? Not so. While there is distressing divergency among many Christians, the saints, the spiritual giants, of all ages agree!

And this is why I recommend the devotional classics for youth of our scientific age. "The religious experience of one man in one century may be suspected of having only subjective reference," writes Elton Trueblood, "but when the experiences are repeated in widely different cultures and epochs, we begin to have the only evidence of objectivity that men are ever able to achieve."

Dr. Trueblood adds, "Just as agreement in experience is the only reason for asserting objectivity in science, so it is the only reason for asserting it in religion." In our search for truth the most important test may be the test of verification, in which the experience of one man upholds the

credibility of the experience of the other.

Dean Inge states it well—"The saints do not contradict one another. They claim to have had glimpses of a land that is very far off, and they prove that they have been there by bringing back perfectly consistent and harmonious reports of it." Inge states further, "We need not trouble ourselves to ask, and we could seldom guess without asking, whether a paragraph describing the highest spiritual experiences was written in the Middle Ages or in modern times."

The following works are among the devotional classics: It may take a lifetime to master them, but it will be well worth the journey.

The Confessions of St. Augustine

The Imitation of Christ, by Thomas a Kempis (ZP), \$2.95

The Private Devotions of Lancelot Andrews, \$3.75

The Devotions of John Donne, \$1.95

The Pensees of Blaise Pascal, \$1.45

The Journal of John Woolman, \$4.00

A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life, by William Law (EE), \$1.95

A Testament of Devotion, by Thomas Kelly (HA), \$2.75

More contemporary writings that will one day carry the halo of *classic* include *The World Within* (\$6.00) and *The Testimony of the Soul*, by Rufus M. Jones; *The Diary of Private Prayer* (\$2.50) and *Christian Devotion*, by John Baillie; *The Inward Journey* and *Disciplines of the Spirit*, (\$3.00) by Howard Thurman.

Of course, the study of the devotional classics should not crowd out Bible study. The Bible must become such a part of us that we daily walk with

its heroes, regulate our lives with its precepts, and make decisions in light of its wisdom.

There are a number of modern English versions that youth find especially helpful. One thing young people should know—they should recognize that some versions are paraphrases and others are translations. A paraphrase version such as *The Living Bible* may be the best for general understanding, while a translation such as the *New American Standard Bible* or *The New English Bible* would serve best for in-depth study.

While building a foundation in Scripture and the devotional classics, youth should be encouraged to read the best of the modern books that interpret Christianity. Each year many new books turn up. Following are some that stand out.

The Rebel's Bible, by David Wilkerson. This book yanks verses right out of the Bible and stamps them indelibly on the personal and social problems of youth today. \$3.95.

How to Be a Christian in an Unchristian World, by Fritz Ridenour, is filled with fresh, living, breathing examples of how to do what the title suggests. (GL) 95c.

Is God Necessary? by Larry Richards, deals expertly with modern man's most basic need—the need to know God. (MO) \$1.95.

For the young person who enjoys modern verse there is *God Thoughts*, by Dick Williams. It provides a penetrating look at oneself, God, the Church, and Christian missions. (SPI) \$1.65.

Most teens enjoy books of short devotions. Let me recommend the delightfully refreshing *Have a Good Day*, by Paul Martin. (NZ) \$1.50.

All of that to say this—buy your girl or boy a good book. It can't hurt, besides helping a lot. □

PEN POINTS / THE ZIPPERED BIBLE

A FRIEND OF MINE who is of Scottish descent longed to visit the country of his ancestors. He and his wife asked my daughter and me if we would be willing to stay in their home while they took this journey to the land of Wallace, Burns, and Scott.

They wanted us to look out for their Scotch collie and two Highland cats during their absence. Just before leaving for the airport they both said, "Now make yourselves right at home while we're gone."

I had brought my reliable King James Bible along for my personal devotions. But I like to see what type of books people have in their homes and especially the condition of any Bibles I may find. It pleases me when I find a used Bible.

In the bedroom, on top of the dresser, I espied a little black Book.

Taking it down, I observed that it was a Nelson Bible, Revised Standard Version, published in 1952. It was completely zippered, and when I unzipped it, I discovered that there was no personal name on the presentation page. The Bible was in perfect condition. In fact it had all the appearance of never having been used. And herein lies the tragedy.

In all too many Christian (?) homes today the Bible is a zippered Book. It reminds me of Isaiah 29:11-12, where the prophet declares, "The vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed: and the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned." So neither

learned nor unlearned read it.

When Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was crowned at Westminster Abbey on June 2, 1953, as a part of the coronation service, she was presented with a copy of the Holy Bible, this being "the most valuable thing this world affords."

But to REALIZE its true value this Book of Books must be unsealed (unzippered) and become a vital part of our very life.

Let us thank God that "the Lion of the tribe of Juda," "the Lamb that was slain" (see Revelation 5), has prevailed to open the sealed Book and make its contents known unto us. May every Bible be unzipped, so that needy souls may know the truth and be made free!

John Wallace Ames
West Kennebunk, Me.

“BLESSED IS HE THAT READETH”



By Gerard Reed, *Olathe, Kans.*

AS A CHILD, I learned to read and love books. They have proved good and constant friends. Radio and television have entertained me; preachers have challenged me; but my deeply ingrained desire to know and think has been nourished basically by books.

I found real heroes in books. Overcoming my shyness, I actually dared argue with the local children's librarian as to whether I was old enough to handle *King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table*. I won and entered the fabulous world of courageous warriors and virtuous ladies, where men were men and ladies were ladies.

I've enjoyed books. Many things I read have no great value, but they're fun and there's value in that. Tender romances (I suspect much of my interest in *The Robe* and *Ben Hur* centered in their love stories rather than in the New Testament background) and popular fiction have relaxed and entertained me.

I've laughed my way through books. The hilarious *Adventures of Big Foot Wallace*, a Texas Ranger, and the gentle humor of Edwin O'Connor's *The Last Hurrah* have both blessed my life with laughter. My wife and I laughed until we

both literally cried as I read aloud Flannery O'Connor's *A Good Man Is Hard to Find* on one of our vacations.

Books have informed me. I've done silly things and made stupid statements simply for a lack of information which books could have remedied. But I've learned about ancient Greece from Herodotus, about medieval Europe from Henry Adams, about colonial America from Francis Parkman. These and many more writers have given me information which enables me to better judge the world I face daily.

Even current events, often distorted by newspapers and television, gain perspective in well-researched, thoughtfully analyzed articles and books.

Better yet, books stimulate me. Without books I doubt I would have ever awakened intellectually, for an ordinary person like myself borrows most (if not all) his ideas from better minds. But even borrowed ideas, as I grasp them, illuminate and excite my mind.

Great nature books (Thoreau's *Walden*, Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*) have enkindled my love for the environment. Urban "civilization" encapsulates us in a lifeless, plastic environment. Yet

books (strangely life-giving inanimate objects) have quickened my sensitivity to living things. Had not books forced me to examine my attitudes toward nature, I would have missed some of the best things available to me in communion with God's creation.

Great novelists (Mark Twain, William Faulkner, Saul Bellow) have probed deeply within my mind and introduced me to the creative depths of human personality. I suspect most "social scientists," counting statistics and drawing graphs, are several steps removed from the realities they pretend to disclose. Great novelists, however, usually pretend to tell us less and leave much more of life a mystery—but at least they persuade us they've encountered what they describe.

Great philosophers, from Plato to Jacques Maritain, have challenged me to think logically and love wisdom. Great theologians, from Augustine to Karl Barth, have sharpened my appreciation for doctrine. Great poets, from Dante to T. S. Eliot, have quickened my mind through symbols and stories.

Devotional books (Samual Brengle's *Helps to Holiness*, A. W. Tozer's *The Pursuit of God*) have given practical instruction in holy living. Such books, when pondered and reread, sink into one's soul and help leaven one Christward. Sainly theologians (as dissimilar as Thomas Aquinas and

Jonathan Edwards) have usually inspired me not so much by the profundity of their minds as by the purity of their hearts. A theologian is at his best on his knees, and those whose writings reflect a personal contact with God influence most.

Then the mystics and poets—those who dream dreams and see visions, those who glimpse God in His handiwork as well as within their heart-of-hearts—these have moved and molded my soul.

How grateful I am to Francis of Assisis, Dante, John Milton, Francis Thompson, Thomas Merton, and others—and how difficult it is to limit the list! For as I read other men's visions I too begin to glimpse the reality "in which we live, and move, and have our being" and which reveals the Word in a world which so many others find cold and dead.

How blessed I am! Reading has enriched my life; it has enlarged my inmost heart. Cars and clothes and thousands of gimmicks really don't touch me, but good books have entered and molded my mind.

"Blessed is he that readeth . . ." (Revelation 1:3), wrote St. John. Obviously he referred to The Revelation, but I'd like to think he meant more. For wherever we encounter the living Word—and that's often in the printed word—we know what real happiness is. For it's happiness to realize our finest natural potential—the ability to know. □

PERSPECTIVE

COMMENTS ON DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING



BY
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"YOU CAN BE DIFFERENT THAN YOU ARE!"

A recent advertisement by General Telephone and Electronics refers to the fact that 11,000 pay phones in America are put out of commission every day. These things, it states, "we can fix. The only thing we can't fix, change or improve is a willfully destructive human being, and that's what bothers us most of all."

Augustine, early bishop of Hippo, made the same point: "A man can no more change the direction of his [ultimate] love than a rock can change the direction of its fall."

Technology can do many things. But human ingenuity cannot change the human heart.

Man, however, can be changed! That's the gospel. "Good News."

While only the grace of God can made a man into a "new creature," man graciously has been given certain capacities which he can bring to bear on personality problems, faulty human relations, and failure consistently to adjust to the demands of daily living.

It is devastating surrender when one assumes that nature determines everything, and therefore one simply cannot be different than he is. While obviously many of man's actions and reactions arise out of his physiological con-

stitution, nonetheless he may inject new elements which can alter the external expression.

Several suggestions may be helpful:

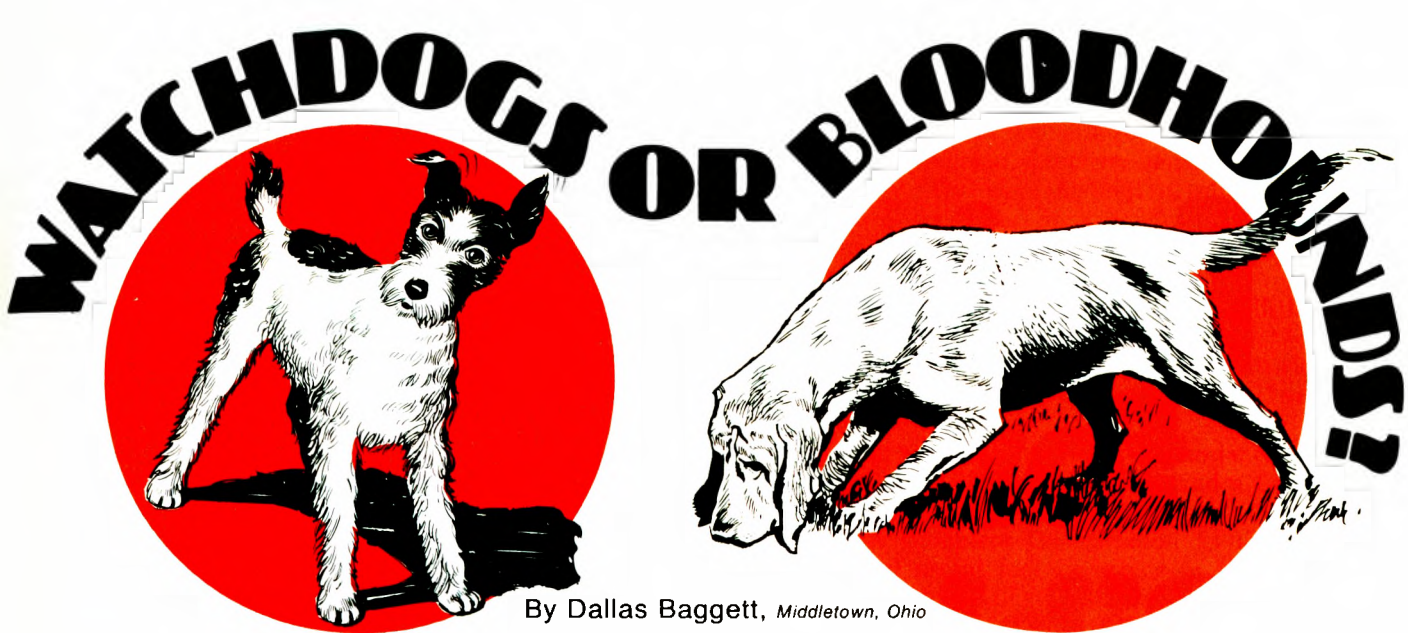
- Select a person in whom you found those personal characteristics which are worthy of imitation. Jesus is our Great Example, but His Spirit is embodied in concrete persons that we know. One has "to be what he hopes to become."

- Consciously and habitually work at the job of removing or diminishing those aspects of personality which are objectionable to others. Progress is real and measurable only in concrete situations.

- Maintain a healthy dissatisfaction with your person. Refuse to allow past personal growth to blind you to present needed adjustments.

- Cultivate the devotional life as a means of providing the criteria by which a sound self-evaluation continuously may be made.

Man's sinful way will be changed by divine grace alone. And grace makes discipline possible, so that even regarding undesirable personality traits, YOU CAN BE DIFFERENT THAN YOU ARE!



By Dallas Baggett, *Middletown, Ohio*

WATCHDOGS sound the warning. BLOODHOUNDS seek the wayward. One signals. The other searches. Church members often fit into one of these two categories: warning or winning.

We need both groups.
To signal and search.
Jesus did that.
So did the Early Church.

THE CASE FOR THE WATCHDOG

We Nazarenes are out to double our membership. In one decade. A half million more. And 100,000 of them in the next 18 months. With such strong, heavy emphasis on church membership, should we "tone down" our demands on membership qualification?

Hear and heed the wail of the watchdog:

The Church is for everyone. Literally. Saint and sinner. But church *membership* is not for all. Christians only. Not "museum" Christians, on display. Not mature, faultless Christians only. But, nonetheless, genuine, born-again children of God, only.

He who doubts the inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Christ, the reality of heaven and hell, the certainty of the Second Coming is welcome to our services. And to our altars. Where his doubts can be transformed into dynamic faith.

May we ever insist that all who unite with us officially and formally must believe in: the Holy Scriptures—the holy Saviour—the Holy Spirit—the holy Sabbath.

The Church is a workshop. True. And the raw material for the Potter may, indeed, be raw. But it is fit for heaven and church membership only if it has been washed in the blood of Christ.

Membership in a denomination and strict observance of its rules and regulations have never saved one soul. But watchdogs we need! Their lonely call could be very profitable.

But warning is not enough. We must press on

to win!

THE CASE FOR THE BLOODHOUND

Had Christ thundered only the "beware"—had the Early Church spent all her energies and emphases on Signal Hill—the world would long since have perished in its sin. The Pharisee adhered strictly to his rigid rules. How he needed to become a bloodhound in search for lost men!

A new day has dawned for the Nazarenes. Something tremendous is happening to us. And among us. Yes, and through us. Across the length and breadth of this nation—and world—our pastors and people are coming alive unto God!!

Incredible breakthroughs. Sweeping revivals. Genuine renewals. One-on-one soul winning. House-to-house evangelism. Bus ministries. Bible studies. Prayer cells. Thousands are seeking God. The Lord is in our midst. Growth. Gains. Victory!

More and more of our people are being led by the Holy Spirit. We are coupling personal evangelism with mass meetings. We have on purpose ceased not to warn, but decided to win the war by going on the attack. We know that if the Church does not invade and change the world, the world will invade and change us.

Watchdogs are necessary. And helpful. But the greater need is for the bloodhounds. This is where the action is. Join us.

Key 73 will find us helping witness to every person in North America. And Nazarenes outside this continent are relentlessly pursuing men with the same "good news."

We'll reach 100,000 new Nazarenes by the end of 1973. Wait and see. And we'll do it without compromising one iota or one ideal! So be it. For God's glory.

The dope addict, the drunk, the derelict, the divorcee, the doubter, and devil-possessed will come to know Christ personally. And they'll live their lives by the standards of the Bible and the General and Special Rules of the Church of the Nazarene. □

Tools for Bible Study*



By Jack M. Scharn, *Kansas City*

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I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START. How can I really get at what the Bible says? I'm really not satisfied with just listening to what others say about the Bible. I want to know for myself. Frankly, many of my efforts to study the Bible have been rather dismal. There's so much I don't know. I can't take four years out to go get a degree in biblical literature. What do I do? There's got to be a lot more to Bible study than I've ever found.

Fortunately anyone who wants to increase his knowledge of the Bible can. And you don't have to be a Greek and Hebrew scholar either. There are study tools that can (along with the Holy Spirit) unlock for you the mysteries of the Word.

Why not make out a *to buy* list? You could set

*Chapter from the Aldersgate Dialog Series, *Discovering Your Bible*. The course is written for persons who believe they should be getting more out of their Bible study. Here is a key to unlock the great resources of spiritual life contained in the Word. The book is a unique collection of insights and methods of various writers to assist Christians in serious Bible study both personal and in groups. It may be ordered from Nazarene Publishing House, Box 527, Kansas City, Mo. 64141. Pupil, \$1.25. Leader's Guide, \$1.00.

aside money week by week toward your library goal. Or it might be profitable to circulate your *to buy* list among those persons most apt to purchase birthday, Christmas, graduation, or anniversary gifts for you.

No one's Bible study library is complete without three classes of resources: discovery aids, background aids, and interpretation aids.

DISCOVERY AIDS

The most valuable resource books of all are those that help you make your own discoveries in the Bible. It is more important for you to *discover* God's viewpoint that to have an interpreter give you his opinion.

I. Concordance

A concordance which lists each occurrence of every word in the Bible is invaluable. The most helpful concordances are the exhaustive ones which enable you to trace each English word back to its Greek or Hebrew original. *Young's Analytical Concordance of the Bible* (Eerdmans), \$13.75,

may be the best one available. It not only gives you the references of each occurrence of the word; it defines the word, tells you the various ways it is translated, and the number of times each translation is used.

For instance, if you were studying Jesus' high-priestly prayer in John 17, you might want to look up the word *righteous*, that occurs in verse 25, the climax of Jesus' prayer. He addresses God as "righteous Father." In Young's concordance you would find that there are no fewer than seven Bible words all with their own shades of meaning, yet all are subsumed under one English word—*righteous*.

By simply tracing down the column until you find John 17:25 you can find which word Jesus chose to use to address God the Father. You will find that the word is *dikaïos*. (Who cares if you can't pronounce it?) Its definition is "right, just, righteous." So you see what attribute of God was strongly in Jesus' mind just before He was arrested and crucified.

By turning to the Greek lexicon in the back of the book you discover that this word alone is translated four different ways in the English Bible:

just, 33 times
righteous, four times
meet, two times (the English word means "right" or "proper")
and *right*, five times

Does this tell you anything about God? About Jesus?

Suppose you are studying about the arrest of Jesus in the next chapter. When He was arrested Jesus quickly asked that the officers not bother His disciples who were with Him. "Let these go their way," Jesus requested. A quick study of the word *let* reveals that the Greek term is *aphiemi*. It is translated by 17 different English words. It has a wide spectrum of meaning, including *forgive*, *leave*, *forsake*, *lay aside*, *let go*, *let alone*, *yield up*, and others. *Aphiemi* is translated *forgive* 47 times. How does this fit into what Jesus was asking for His friends?

As you can see, this type of concordance can help you dig into what the Bible really says in the original languages. And you don't have to know a syllable of Greek or Hebrew. A book of this sort belongs near the top of your *to buy* list. It is worth more, in this writer's opinion, than any other single resource available. If you learn nothing more than how to use an exhaustive concordance effectively, it will be worth all the effort.

We have mentioned *Young's Analytical Concordance of the Bible*. Another one almost as useful is *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, \$15.75. Strong's concordance gives every word in the text of the common English version of the Bible. Each word is listed alphabetically, making the use of this resource as simple as that of a dictionary. Each word is followed by a listing of its occurrences through the Scriptures.

The appendix of Strong's concordance carries several features useful in study. One of these is a "Comparative Concordance." A word usage can

be traced through the Old and New Testaments. An example is that of the verb *watch*, shown in its settings as a command, directive, commission, and post of duty. The word *holiness* is reflected in comparative scriptures on sanctification, reverence, and remembrance of God's holiness, God's holy throne, beauties, and holy people.

Strong's appendix begins with a section listing 47 particles of frequent occurrence which are cited by reference only—beginning with the particles "a" and "an"; it ends with the pronouns "ye" and "you."

The final sections of Strong's concordance are a Hebrew and Chaldee Dictionary and a Greek Dictionary of the New Testament.

Cruden's Complete Concordance, \$4.95, is a popular and useful tool in regard to the King James Bible. But it will give you no help in searching for word meanings. *Harper's Topical Concordance*, \$8.95, is a good book to own, but an analytical or exhaustive work should be above it on your *to buy* list.

2. Various Versions or Translations of the Bible

In searching for the meaning of Scripture passages it is helpful to compare various translations of the biblical text. Actual translations attempt to reproduce the original Greek and Hebrew texts as closely as possible without interpretation. Paraphrases, on the other hand, openly attempt to restate meaning interpretatively in contemporary English. The use of both translations and paraphrases is worthwhile, but one should work primarily in one basic, accepted translation or version—using the other translations and paraphrases for reference.

Among the more useful translations are:

King James Version. Translated 400 years ago; many meanings are obscured by archaic language.

American Standard Version. An updating of the King James Version, published in 1901, and recently revised as the *New American Standard Bible*.

Revised Standard Version. A good modern translation which, although unacceptable to some, has established itself as the most widely used contemporary version of the English Bible. The *Harper Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1964), edited by Harold Lindsell, and the *Oxford Annotated Bible* (Oxford, 1962), edited by Herbert May and Bruce Metzger, are two good study Bibles based on the RSV.

"*The New English Bible*." A recent British translation, the NEB, represents the best of British biblical scholarship. Although it has been criticized by some for its translation of certain Old Testament passages, still it is to be commended as the most scholarly and accurate of the idiomatic English versions.

Modern Language Bible—The new *Berkeley Version in Modern English* is widely used by American evangelicals.

Those paraphrases most familiar include:

Phillips' "New Testament in Modern English."

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Book of the Month

The *Herald* for January 3 will introduce a new feature for 1973 and beyond. It is the *Herald* "Book of the Month." A panel of readers has selected 12 books of enduring value for special emphasis during the coming year.

All of the books are recent publications of the Nazarene Publishing House and the Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City. Each of them will fill an important niche in both personal and church libraries.

Selections for the first year are:

JANUARY: *Every Day with the Psalms*, Dr. Mendell Taylor's daily devotional comments on inspiring verses chosen from all 150 of the psalms.

FEBRUARY: Evelyn Stenbock's *Soul-winning Laymen*, a natural choice in view of the Key 73 emphasis.

MARCH: the editor's *When You Get to the End of Yourself*, already widely sold.

APRIL: *Jerusalem*, by Dr. G. Frederick Owen, a beautiful description of the Holy City so much in the thoughts of Christians during the Easter season.

MAY: *Have a Good Day*, by Paul Martin—just right for a graduation gift, although older people need and enjoy it too.

JUNE: For Pentecost, *On Tiptoe with Joy*, the book on the Spirit-filled life by Dr. John T. Seaman that has done so much to set in proper focus this all-important theme.

JULY: T. W. Willingham's *A Basket of Crumbs*, a book of penetrating insights drawn from the long and creative ministry of a master preacher.

AUGUST: *The Cycle of Victorious Living*, by Earl G. Lee—stimulating, incisive, and tremendously helpful at the point where most of us need guidance and help.

SEPTEMBER: Melvin McCullough's *The Inevitable Encounter*, descriptive of the new shape of the attack on Christian character and values and offering a spiritual "survival kit."

OCTOBER: *Living Christians in Today's World* is the tentative title of a new book by William S. Deal, a well-known writer whose practical insights are always helpful.

NOVEMBER: Dr. Frank Carver is the author of the November selection, *Peter the Rock Man*, in

which Peter's humanness—so like our own—is made the basis of guidance for us.

DECEMBER: *Life Lines: Helps to Radiant Living*, by Thelma Turner Tidwell, wraps up the year's selections—another life-centered, how-to-do-it book.

Many observers of the modern religious scene have commented on the fact that a major weakness among Christians today is failure to read. In all too many homes, television has crowded out what has always been a major resource in developing a sturdy faith, the printed page.

Marshall McLuhan's attack on reading as a medium of communication is well known. It is also well known that Dr. McLuhan popularized his view that the "medium is the message" through a series of articles and books.

A Christian who fails to read—the Bible first, of course, but a wide range of other materials as well—makes himself vulnerable to the shifting "winds of doctrine" that sweep across the religious landscape in ever increasing change and force.

The emphasis of this "Bible and Book Issue" of the *Herald*, dated to coincide with international Bible Sunday this week, and the "Book of the Month" next year, are efforts to highlight the importance of good reading in the Christian home.

William Barclay, whose writing shows a great breadth of reading, has said that the person who reads will never be lonely, bored, ignorant, or limited. Nor, we might add, will he be easy prey for apostles of deceit and confusion.

Shortly after the British Baptist Oswald Chambers came into the experience of entire sanctification, he was called to lecture at God's Bible School in Cincinnati. His books were packed and shipped to him from England. When the packing case at last arrived, he wrote home:

"I have been having a revelling few days. My box has at last arrived. My books! I cannot tell you what they are to me—silent, wealthy, loyal lovers. To look at them, to handle them, to reread them! I do thank God for my books with every fibre of my being. Friends that are ever true and ever your own. Why, I could have almost cried for excess of joy when I got hold of them again."

The Church is a company of people who have made an honest commitment to God as He revealed himself in Christ, and to each other in the mission on which He has sent them. That mission is to follow the way, proclaim the truth, and live the life as revealed in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ. It is important to "go to church." It is more important to "be the Church."

This was not the enthusiasm of a bookworm, a hermit or recluse. Chambers' ministry to and love for people refutes such an idea. This was the evaluation of a man who had discovered the resources for life and service a good, well-selected library affords.

Those who add to their personal libraries, and churches that build their church libraries around the "Books of the Month" throughout the next and succeeding years, will find at hand a wide range of Christian literature for the whole family and a well-stocked kit of tools for building faith and character. □

Being the Church

Most of us have had cause to marvel more than once at the way words shift their meanings, often when we suspect it least. We go on using the same words, never suspecting how much their meaning has changed.

One of such shifts in the meanings of words has occurred in the use of the word *church*. Now widely used for buildings and organizations, *church* in the New Testament means the people of God, the "called-out ones," those living in the fellowship of the Spirit.

There is little hope that we will be able to change current usage. We will go on talking about "the church we are building on the corner of Thirteenth and Elm," and about where we go to church.

But at one point we may be on guard. That is the danger that the idea of "going to church" may undermine the New Testament concept of "being the Church."

In the New Testament, the Church is Christ's body. It is His bride. It is a building made of "spiritual stones" as a "habitation of God through the Spirit." It is a brotherhood.

One common thought runs all through these New Testament illustrations. The Church is a society of persons, a fellowship, what the Greek describes as *koinonia*—"having in common, sharing together."

Nowhere does the Bible speak of the church as a place. It is people—people sharing vision and truth, working together, worshiping together, sharing mutual joys and sorrows, bound together by invisible cords.

This does not mean that any gathering of people in the name of religion is a church. The crowd at a gospel "singing convention" or at a public religious rally is not a church.

The Church is a society of those who care, of those who love with God's kind of love. A church grows not only in numbers but in the growth of the people who compose it.

The Church is a company of people who have made an honest commitment to God as He revealed himself in Christ, and to each other in the mission on which He has sent them. That mission is to follow the way, proclaim the truth, and live the life as revealed in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ.

All this adds up to fellowship more than membership, to a people-oriented society rather than a program-oriented group. It is important to "go to church." It is more important to "be the Church."

This also means that the church is not a Sunday morning and evening and Wednesday evening affair. It lives and breathes and works and witnesses 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

The Church meets to gather strength and direction. It disperses to penetrate its society as light penetrates darkness, as leaven penetrates the loaf, as salt penetrates the meat.

In C. S. Lewis' imaginative *Screwtape Letters*, the young demon nephew writes his uncle in dismay. His client has joined the church.

Screwtape calmly replies that the matter is not necessarily serious. Many people have joined the church, he says, without becoming overly religious. He urges the young demon to keep close to his victim at all times, and especially as he attends the services of the church.

"Sit close to him," he urges. "Keep him aware of the little things . . . and never, never let him see the church with her banners flying, for that is the sight at which all hell trembles."

Uncle Screwtape's nephews are still busy. Their method of operation is still pretty much the same. "Keep them aware of the little things. Whatever you do, don't let them ever catch the vision of what the Church is to be and do. Let them 'go to church' but never let them 'be the Church!'" □

An excellent paraphrase by J. B. Phillips, one of the first of the moderns and in some ways still the best.

Taylor's *Living Bible*." Kenneth N. Taylor's recently completed paraphrase of the entire Bible often captures brilliantly the argument of passages. Not so good in the Old Testament.

"*Good News for Modern Man*" is the American Bible Society's widely acclaimed "loose" translation of the New Testament.

"*Amplified Bible*." An amplification of the biblical text attempting to show shades of meaning in most verses by the use of several renderings of key words in the verse. It attempts to be a translation and a commentary in one, not always succeeding.

Many other translations are available. Most can provide helpful comparisons for added insights. There is one notable exception—*The New World Translation*, by the Jehovah's Witnesses.

3. Study Bibles

Bibles with center-page references, footnotes, a concordance, and other resources are useful tools. The Thompson Chain Reference Bible, The Scofield Reference Bible, and the Harper Study Bible (RSV) are three of the most popular study Bibles.

BACKGROUND AIDS

Many customs of Bible times are reflected in the biblical text but are strange to us. Often the political and economic setting of a period is reflected in a particular book of the Bible; the teaching of that book becomes clearer when the historical background is understood. A variety of reference works are available to make the biblical world more understandable. The Bible student will want to add several volumes from the following categories to his library of background aids:

1. Bible Surveys

Surveys of the Old and New Testaments attempt to place the text in its historical setting and normally include outlines and analyses of the individual books of the Bible. *Exploring the Old Testament* (\$4.95) and *Exploring the New Testament* (\$4.95), produced by the Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, are very helpful. *The Old Testament Speaks* (\$6.00), by S. J. Schultz; *New Testament Survey* (\$6.95), by M. C. Tenney; and *A Survey of the New Testament* (\$6.95), by R. H. Gundry, are also recommended.

2. Bible Handbooks

These inexpensive and information-filled reference books attempt to provide background information of all sorts on the Bible and its world, and some of them even give a concise comment on the entire text of the Bible. Popular books in this category include: *Halley's Bible Handbook* (\$4.50), *Unger's Bible Handbook* (\$4.95), and D. E. Demaray's *Bible Study Sourcebook* (\$3.95).

3. Bible Histories

Books on Bible history relate biblical events and books to the broader context of the times. Unlike

surveys, they do not include outlines and analyses of the individual biblical books. Edersheim's *Bible History—Old Testament*, M. C. Tenney's *New Testament Times* (\$6.95), and L. J. Wood's *Survey of Israel's History* (\$7.50) are among the best available.

4. Biblical Archaeologies

Old and New Testament archaeology books relate the discoveries or archaeologists to the Scriptures.

Such works also provide evidence for the authenticity and accuracy of the Bible. The following books are helpful: *Archaeology and the Old Testament* (\$5.95) and *Archaeology and the New Testament* (\$5.95), by M. F. Unger; and *The Archaeology of the New Testament* (\$4.95), by E. M. Blaiklock.

5. Bible Dictionaries

These reference books include brief articles on places, persons, and things in the Bible. Bible dictionaries are usually one-volume works, whereas Bible encyclopedias (expanded dictionaries) are frequently published in several volumes. The theological biases of the publisher are frequently quite evident in the way these books are written. It would be wise to know something of the doctrinal stance of the publisher of the book you buy. Some of the most popular dictionaries include: *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* (\$39.50), *The New Bible Dictionary* (\$12.95), *Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary* (\$9.95), and *Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible*.

6. Bible Atlases

A Bible atlas focuses on the lands of the Bible, showing by map and illustration the significance of geographical-historical settings in the Scripture. *Baker's Bible Atlas* (\$7.95), *The Wycliffe Historical Geography of Bible Lands* (\$4.95), *The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Atlas* (\$9.95), and *The Westminster Dictionary of the Bible* (\$6.95) will be found helpful.

INTERPRETATION AIDS

1. Commentaries

While numerous books are directed toward assisting one in achieving personal understanding and generalizations, commentaries give the specific interpretations of their writers. Commentaries attempt to follow the main themes, provide additional background, and define the meaning of the biblical texts.

Beacon Bible Commentary (10 volumes), \$64.95, and the *Wesleyan Bible Commentary* (seven volumes), \$62.50, are *unreservedly* recommended as the most helpful on the market today.

Other useful ones would include *The Tyndale Commentaries*, *Clarke's Commentaries* (in six volumes, \$37.50; or one, \$11.95) and the *New International Commentary*.

Among the one-volume works *The New Bible Commentary: Revised* (\$12.95), *Matthew Henry's Commentary* (\$44.95), *Peake's Commentary on the Bible* (\$19.50), and the *Wycliffe Bible Com-*

mentary (\$12.95) stand out.

2. Bible Study Guides

These publications provide a step-by-step, do-it-yourself study program. Many will take the student through the whole Bible.

We strongly recommend the *Aldersgate Biblical Series*. Others include *Neighborhood Bible Studies*, of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., the *Inter-Varsity Press* production; *Search the Scriptures*; and *The Bible Study Guides*, published by the Scripture Union of England and marketed in North America by Eerdmans.

3. Topical Books

There are many books on biblical and doctrinal topics which seek to present the teaching of

Scripture on a particular subject.

Certainly the thoughts of others who have given their lives to the exploration of God's Word have much to add to our own understandings. But we are able to evaluate the opinions of others only when we have a personal grasp of Scripture. Developing our own understanding of the Word deserves priority over all other reading.

Consult your publishing house's catalog for books that treat in depth biblical subjects of consuming interest to you.

Now how about going back over this article and writing out your *to buy* list? Remember, you need resources in each of the three major areas: discovery aids, background aids, and interpretive aids. □

NEWS FROM NAZARENE CAMPUSES

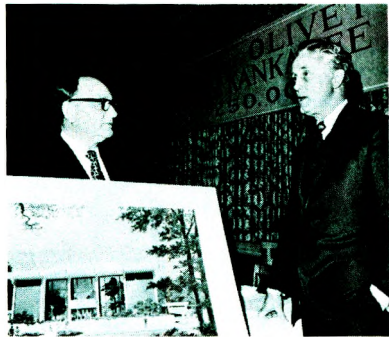
NEW FACILITIES PLANNED FOR ONC

Mr. Walter J. Charlton, general chairman for the Olivet City Campaign, announced that \$155,000 has been raised toward the city campaign goal at this point. This leaves only \$95,000 to reach the three-year goal of \$250,000 for the library addition and learning resources center at Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill.

The new facilities will be equipped with the most modern technical resources. The Dial Access Information Retrieval System, connected to the computer also housed in this building, will allow the student or entire classes to have instant access (at their leisure) to video and audio tapes, slide presentation films, and other needed information coordinated by the computer.

This equipment is expected to help reduce cost of the institution and give flexibility in the learning process.

President Reed (left) and Mr. Walter J. Charlton discuss city campaign.



OLATHE, KANS., COLLEGE CHURCH BREAKS RECORD

Previous single Sunday attendance records were broken on two successive Sundays at Olathe (Kans.) College Church Sunday school with 869 in attendance on August 20 and 27.

The old record of 601 set in 1971 was broken. The following Sunday, that record was shattered by the 1,032 in attendance on the Sunday of the college opening convention.

The average attendance for August was 638, breaking a record of 466 set in September, 1971. A new Sunday morning worship attendance record was set Sunday morning, August 20, with 1,225 in attendance.

The church staff includes: Pastor Paul G. Cunningham; Charles D. Westhafer, Jr., associate pastor; Hardy Weathers, minister of music; Harold Olsen, director of Christian education; Veryl Hodges, minister of outreach; Leland A. King, Sunday school superintendent. □

MVNC PROFESSOR COMPLETES DOCTORAL STUDIES

Jarrell W. Garsee, Mount Vernon,

Ohio, recently completed the requirements for the doctor of philosophy degree in the area of development psychology. The Ohio State University has conferred the degree. Dr. Garsee's dissertation, titled "Some Developmental Correlates of Individually Perceived Generation Differences in Value Role-Taking," defines Nazarene college students' understanding of "the generation gap" in moral-ethical choices pertinent to the church position.

Garsee received the bachelor of theology degree from Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., in 1951 and the bachelor of divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, in 1954.

After pastoring Corpus Christi



Dr. Jarrell W. Garsee

Dr. L. T. Corlett, professor of theology at Pasadena College, Pasadena, Calif., was speaker at the annual PC Founders Day, October 9. He was honored with a special citation for giving 54 years to Christian service in the Church of the Nazarene. With Dr. Corlett in the photograph are Dr. M. Estes Haney (left), acting chairman of the division of religion and philosophy; and Dr. W. Shelburne Brown (right), president of the college.

The citation of appreciation praised Dr. Corlett for giving 42 years in Nazarene higher education and 12 years as a Nazarene pastor. Of the 42 years in Nazarene schools, he was a college or seminary president for a total of 27 years. "The value of his influence as a faithful servant of Christ has enriched the lives of thousands who have recognized in his attitudes and actions an embodiment of the ideals and values for which our church and college stand," stated Dr. Haney, who made the presentation on behalf of the college.



(Tex.) Trinity Church from 1954 to 1960, the Garsees accepted the appointment of the general church to serve as overseas home mission representatives in Samoa, organizing this new work in the islands. While on furlough, in 1965, Garsee received the master of science degree in psychology, from the University of Oklahoma.

Upon completion of the second term of overseas responsibility, Mr. Garsee accepted a teaching position in the newly founded Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Mount Vernon, Ohio, in 1968. In addition to initial duties as a teacher in behavioral science (psychology, sociology, and anthropology), Garsee has been asked to serve as counselor-at-large in the office of student affairs (since 1969) and as college chaplain (since 1971). He has also been active in preaching, holding missionary services, lecturing, and counseling in both church and civic settings.

Mr. Garsee is a member of the American Psychological Association and the National Honor Society. He is the author of *Samoa Diary*, a missionary reading book published by the Nazarene Publishing House in 1963, and in 1967 had an article in the *Journal of Social Psychology*, entitled "Samoan Interpersonal Values." □

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS AT TNC

At the President's Dinner held at the Statler Hilton Airport Inn, President Mark R. Moore, Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, made the annual President's Awards. Selected as faculty member of the year was Professor Gerald D. Skinner, associate professor of accounting. The award for staff member of the year was presented to Mrs. Virginia M. Jensen, assistant to the business manager.

The purpose of the President's Award is to honor one person in the field of teaching who has, in the judgment of his peers and the president, made an outstanding contribution to the profession.

The President's Award is also given to an administrator, staff member, or employee who, upon the recommendation of the various administrators, has rendered especially dedicated service to the college in his respective field.

The dean of the college, at the request of the president, polled the faculty, the members of the Honor Society, student leaders and gave his evaluation of the members of the faculty. From the list of those receiving the highest recommendation and after careful consideration, the choice was made. □

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President Moore presents award to Professor Gerald D. Skinner.



President Moore hands plaque to Mrs. Virginia M. Jensen.



OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

REV. W. I. GOUGH, associate pastor of Fullerton (Calif.) First Church, was honored in late October on the occasion commemorating 50 years of membership in the denomination. Pastor Robert Leffel presented a plaque to Gough to mark the occasion.

Rev. W. I. Gough receives plaque from Pastor Robert Leffel.



His first pastorate was in Van Hook, N.D. He continued his ministry for 21 years in North Dakota before moving to California, where he served Nazarene churches in Anaheim, Fullerton, San Fernando, and Montebello. He served for over a decade and a half as associate pastor with his son, Dr. G. A. Gough, at the Wichita, Kans., First Church. About a year ago, he was called to serve as associate minister in charge of visitation at the Fullerton First Church. □

SEYMOUR, MO., CHURCH MEMBERS selected a community project. Under the direction of Pastor and Mrs. Larry Duckworth, a group of 15 sanded and painted the bandstand located in a downtown park in Seymour. The stand had been repaired earlier by the city. □

OREGON (OHIO) FIRST CHURCH celebrated its fortieth year of organization on October 28 and 29. Many new and old friends of the church were present for the homecoming and memorial services.

The Saturday services included a supper for the traveling guests followed by a singspiration and time of testimony.

Guest speaker for the morning service was Rev. J. G. Wells, former pastor. The mayor of Oregon, Mr. Donald Petroff, was also a morning guest. Present and past choir members sang together.

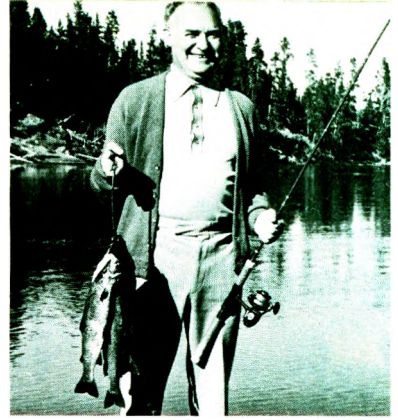
A special memorial service honoring all the former members and friends of the church was conducted by Rev. Orville Maish in the evening service. Kenneth E. Foust is the present pastor. □

THE TEHACHAPI (CALIF.) CHURCH has purchased a five-acre property in the expanding part of the town—three blocks from the new parsonage secured in 1971. Jerry L. Higdon is pastor. □

THE PASADENA (CALIF.) BRESEE CHURCH sponsored a "Living Waters Celebration." The celebration featured Andrae Crouch and The Disciples. It drew over 1,500 people, packing the auditorium, which seats 1,100.

Dave Harrison, youth minister at Bresee, preached. When the altar call was given, 135 people responded.

The attendance in the rally and the altar response were direct results of the work of the church's young people. Many invited over 100 friends to the program. The "Living Waters Celebration" was another in a series of evangelistic rallies sponsored by Bresee youth. □



General Superintendent George Coulter proved his skill as a fisherman in more ways than one, and Cheyenne (Wyo.) Grace Church Pastor Dwayne Hildie recorded the event on film. The setting was the early October Pastors' Conference of the Rocky Mountain District, held in a rustic lodge about four miles from the entrance to Yellowstone Park. Dr. Coulter was the featured conference speaker. A free period in the afternoon provided the ministers a variety of recreational opportunities.



Topeka (Kans.) First observed its sixtieth anniversary on Sunday, October 8. The church was organized in 1912 following a revival campaign conducted by Dr. Phineas F. Bresee and Rev. Clarence McKee. Five former pastors, one former associate pastor, and many former members and friends returned to help celebrate the day and set a new attendance record in Sunday school of 403.

Former pastors who returned for the celebration were: (top row l. to r.) Rev. J. E. Moore, pastor 1933-37; Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, pastor 1945-47; Dr. Forrest W. Nash, pastor 1947-55; (front row l. to r.) Rev. Edward S. Barton, pastor 1955-57; Rev. Ralph G. Jared, pastor 1957-67; Rev. Robert Gaut, former associate pastor; and Rev. Phil Riley, present pastor, serving since 1967. District Superintendent Milton B. Parrish (Kansas City District) also was present and spoke in the afternoon service.

Ensenada (Baja Calif.) First Church held an evangelistic campaign for children, earlier this year. One hundred children came in for the services. Since then, the church has conducted double Sunday school sessions and two worship services every Sunday, according to Rev. Moises Esperilla.



CHURCH DEDICATIONS 1972

OKLAHOMA CITY FIRST CHURCH has moved to new facilities at 4400 Northwest Expressway. The present buildings include an education unit and temporary sanctuary to be later converted into a Sunday school annex and fellowship hall.

A master plan for the church plant was designed by Architect Tom Goto. One-story brick and rock buildings will be built around a central patio. Pastor Richard Littrell estimated the final plan will be worth \$1 million. □

THE PINEVILLE (W. VA.) CHURCH recently purchased a new parsonage adjacent to the present church property. This is the first step in a long-range expansion program for the congregation.

Presently, the old parsonage will be used as a Sunday school annex and fellowship hall. Future plans call for removal of the old parsonage and construction of a new sanctuary on the site. The building now used for worship will be used for educational purposes. Vaughn R. Davis is pastor. □

THE SOUTH AUSTIN, TEX., CHURCH was dedicated earlier this year. General Superintendent Samuel Young and District Superintendent C. Marselle Knight (San Antonio District) officiated at the dedication.

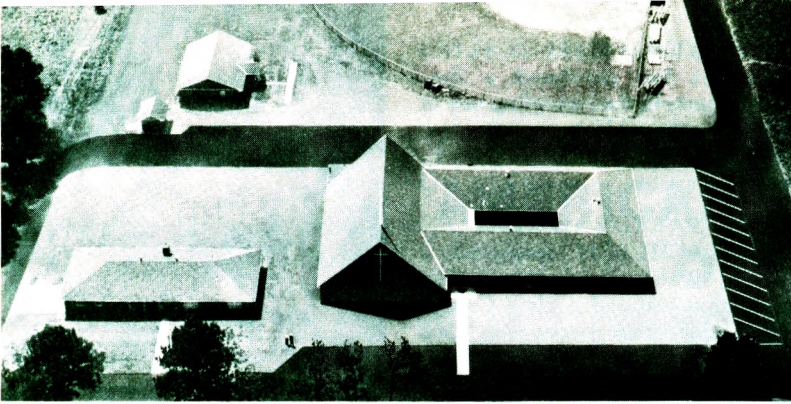
Estimated value of the new church property and facilities is near \$90,000. Pastor Max T. Jetton reported, "Through sacrificial giving and donated labor of members and friends, the total indebtedness is less than \$36,700." □

SOUTH CHARLESTON (W. VA.) FIRST CHURCH has expanded its facilities. General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins was speaker at the dedication of a new educational wing. District Superintendent M. E. Clay assisted in the dedication.

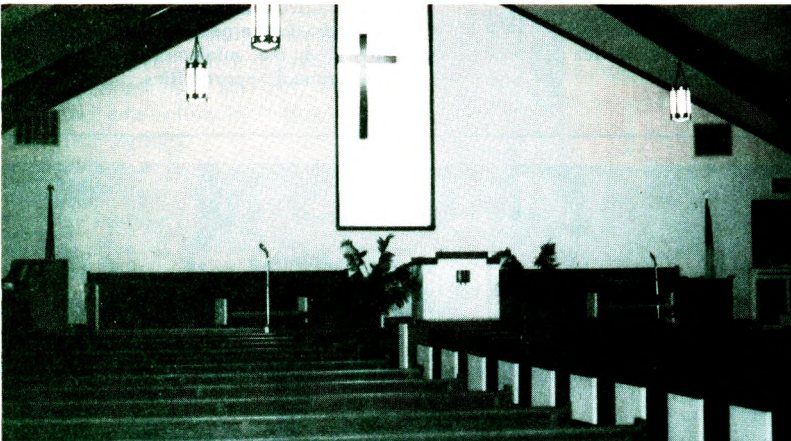
During the last five years under the leadership of Rev. Morton Estep, the church has grown from an average of 186 in Sunday school to a 477 average this year. Monies raised have increased from \$32,000 to \$108,788. Sixty new Nazarenes were received into membership of the church this year.

The most recent building addition added 8,500 square feet of floor space and 20 additional classrooms. Kitchen facilities were also added in order to accommodate a growing nursery school and day-care program. With this addition, church value has been raised to \$750,000.

South Charleston First received the "Growing Church Achievement" award from the district again this year. □



Pictured is an aerial view of the new Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Holten Heights Church property. The sanctuary with educational quadrangle, parsonage, youth center, and "Little League" ball park provide complete facilities for the total church program. Facilities were constructed under the direction of Pastor C. B. Carleton and are valued at \$225,000 (including three acres of land), with an indebtedness of only \$74,000. The sanctuary seats 300; the youth center will care for 100; and the parsonage has four bedrooms and two and a half baths. All buildings are air-conditioned.



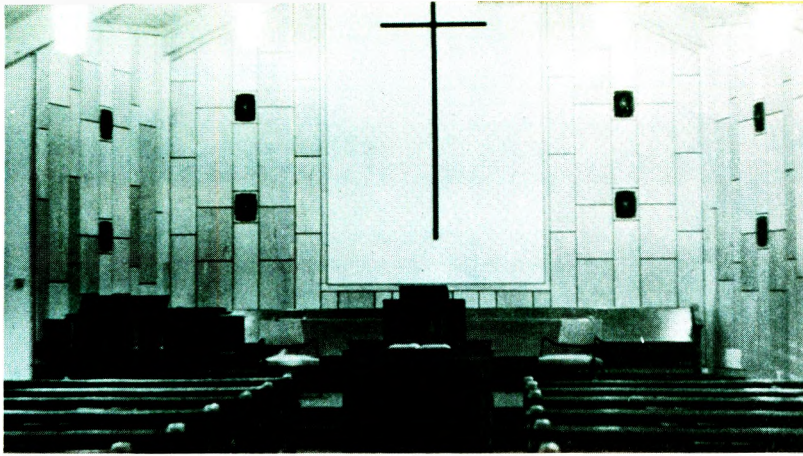
General Superintendent George Coulter officiated at the dedication service for the Kokomo (Ind.) Bon Air Church. The new sanctuary will seat approximately 450 people. The interior of the church is done in walnut and off-white with rust-colored carpeting. The exterior is brick. The sanctuary was built at a cost of \$72,000 and is valued at \$92,000. Kenneth V. Bateman, Jr., is the pastor.



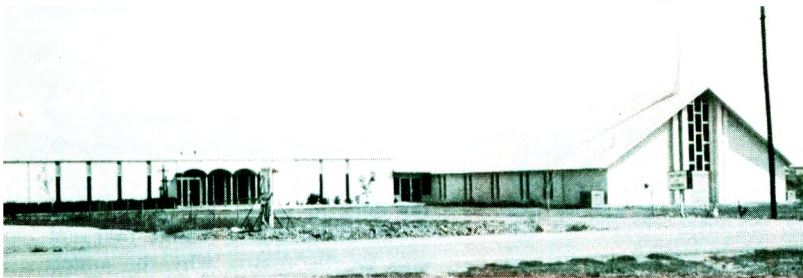
The Tullahoma (Tenn.) Westside Church was organized June 19, 1970. Dedication of the new church building was held September 24. District Superintendent Glen Jones brought the dedicatory message, and Pastor A. A. Forsythe led the congregation in the act of dedication. The property is valued at \$110,000 with an indebtedness of less than \$50,000.

(Left to right) Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, Pastor Morton L. Estep, Dr. M. E. Clay following dedication of South Charleston (W. Va.) First Church.

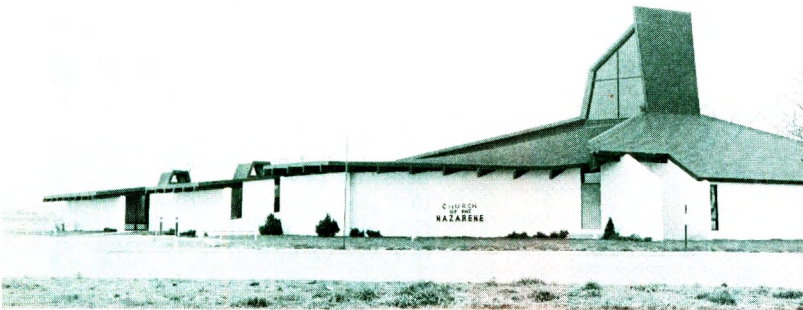




Three Rivers (Mich.) Corey Church dedicated its new sanctuary and youth center on Sunday, October 15. Rev. Paul K. Moore, former pastor and secretary of the district advisory board, brought the dedicatory message to a capacity crowd. There were seven former pastors present for the occasion. Russell Payne is the present pastor.



The recently completed sanctuary of the Garland (Tex.) First Church is located on three choice acres in a rapidly growing area of Greater Dallas. This expansion gives a total of 10,000 square feet of building. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 400. A large foyer connects the older building, which is being converted into an all-educational unit. R. E. Maner has been pastor for the last year and a half. The entire facility, including real estate and remodeling, has an indebtedness of \$70,000.



The new Fort Collins (Colo.) First Church was dedicated October 8 by General Superintendent George Coulter. The relocation is on a two-acre plot of land in a new section of the city. The structure was built with the sanctuary, offices, nursery, educational unit, and fellowship hall surrounding an open courtyard. There is 12,000 square feet of floor area, a seating capacity in the sanctuary of 350, and parking facilities for 80 cars. The educational unit was built to accommodate a day-care center. Total value of the land and buildings is \$288,000. Harold J. Westlund is pastor.

The Hampton, Va., church dedicated their lovely fellowship hall on October 22 with General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland and District Superintendent Gene Fuller in attendance. The two-story structure includes seven Sunday school rooms and contains a total of 6,000 square feet. The building is valued at \$100,000 and was built at a cost of \$30,000 with only \$9,000 indebtedness. Much of the savings was attributed to the work and leadership of Pastor Gene Anspach, for whom the hall was named. Shown on picture from left to right are B. F. Corbett, chairman of the building committee; Dr. C. Strickland; Rev. G. Fuller; and Rev. G. Anspach.



IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE

Recently, a man in our church was stricken unexpectedly with circulatory problems of a serious sort. He remained hospitalized for several weeks, and convalesced at home for a time. During this time, his wife and son, who had been working, were laid off from their jobs.

The people of the church had been faithful to call upon and send get-well cards to this man during his illness. But out of hearts of Christian love for this family, and knowing that needs were acute, the church board voted to give a check and have a food and dollar pounding on the family.

After planning and preparation, one night following the Sunday evening service, one of the church buses was loaded with food and people, and the family was surprised with people "visiting" them, each carrying a bag of food for them. Their surprise and joy were intensified as the pastor presented the check from the church, plus envelope after envelope of private monetary contribution.

What a joy for that family to know that not only did their church family care, but wanted to help them during their hard time! But also *WHAT JOY FOR THE PEOPLE WHO GAVE!*

It had been an excited group of people who had gone to the home on the church bus, but it was a blessed as well as excited group that rode back to the church singing and expressing to one another how wonderful it had been to give.

Some remarked that they saw as they had never seen before how true was the statement of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

One teen was heard to say, "Daddy, it *really* is more fun to give than receive." The words of Christ seemed to explode with new meaning to many. The joy of sharing with love and compassion with a fellow member of the family of God burned deep down within the soul.

Many had given to the United Appeal, and to other charitable causes, but had never experienced giving such as this. For this was not an expression of charity as we ordinarily use the word, and not giving out of compulsion, but was giving in heartfelt compassion.

So, on that night, many learned for the first time and others relearned the blessedness of giving without thoughts of reciprocity. Contrary to much of the mood of our day, which places stress on receiving, there is a thrill of giving in love that is beyond

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**THE
FRANKFURT CHURCH
OF THE NAZARENE
AS IT LOOKED
AFTER THE FIRE
OF OCTOBER 2**

The Board of General Superintendents has approved a 10 percent missionary special for the church in Frankfurt, Germany. This church was gutted by fire on October 2. The fire, started by arsonists, caused \$80,000 in damage to the sanctuary and Sunday school units. Money for this special should be sent to Dr. Norman O. Miller, General Treasurer, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. 64131. Please designate on your check what the money is for.—*Department of Home Missions.*

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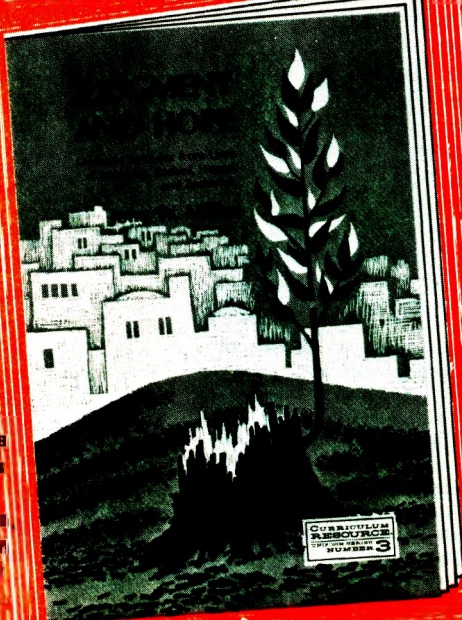
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the comprehension of those who have not done it.

Not incidentally, could that not also be the reason why the angels sang in thanksgiving and joy on that glorious night of Christ's birth? Could it not be that they sang in the joy of giving the only begotten Son of God to a benighted world? Could it not be that God the Father was rejoicing at the glorious sight, experiencing the joy of giving in giving that which only He could give—a Gift needed by man more desperately than any other gift he could receive?

And we spiritually destitute and bankrupt people who have received that great Gift can in turn share the Gift. We can find the joy of giving in this way as well as in giving to the material needs of mankind.

Perhaps in a sense there is more joy in receiving this Gift than in giving it. But in another sense, once received, there is much more joy in sharing the Gift with others and experiencing the joy with them than in keeping the Gift to oneself.

It IS more blessed to give than receive. God gave us the Gift of Christ. Let us share the Gift with others at this glorious Christmastime.—*MICHAEL HUTCHENS, Hamilton, Ohio.*

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MOZAMBIQUE FIELD COUNCIL CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The annual mission council of 1972 was a landmark completing 50 years of Nazarene missions in the country of Mozambique.

A missionary staff of 15, drawn from six nations of the world and three different language groups, met in an interdenominational missionary home in South Africa.

Rev. H. K. Bedwell, former Bible school principal in Swaziland, currently engaged in writing, and also teaching in the Bible Training College in the Transvaal, delivered a series of messages on "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit." The nine children of the "missionary family" shared in the fellowship during the retreat which preceded the council as well as during the council devotional services.

The work of the church in Mozambique is comprised of one Portuguese and four separate African districts, each with its own district assembly. Two of the African districts are of the "national-mission district" level. These have elected their own district superintendents and function subject to the district advisory board and district assembly.

The two remaining African districts and the Portuguese district are at the "pioneer district" level. Contact was made recently with some of the pastors in the north district, where there are no Nazarene missionaries, and their reports were most encouraging.

The reports of the missionaries to the council were encouraging. A gain of five new self-supporting churches was reported, bringing the total to 111. Mozambique continues to have the highest number of self-supporting churches of any of our world mission areas.

The total membership continues to hover just under a ceiling of 10,000. Every effort is being made to achieve a breakthrough this year. This is a figure equal to the combined membership of the African church in all other of our African fields.

There has been a significant gain of 500 members in the NYPS, showing a gain of 11 new local societies. Finances show an increase of nearly \$7,500.

Rev. A. M. Doll was reelected council chairman, with a unanimous vote on the first ballot. Miss Evelyn Mewes, currently serving as principal of the Bible school, was reelected secretary of the council; and Mrs. D. R. Alexander is to become the treasurer upon the furlough of Mrs. O. M. Stockwell.

The Bible Training School reported an enrollment of 95. Thirty-eight diplomas were granted at the graduation. This included the graduation of the fiftieth fourth-year graduate—an accomplishment indeed, under the able leadership of the furloughing principal, Lorraine Schultz.

Missionary Nurses Heather Howie and Virginia Benedict reported 318 babies born in the dispensary this year, and a total of 10,500 patients treated. Miss Benedict, director of the Nurses' Training Program, reports that there

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Mozambique Field Council, (l. to r.) front row: Rev. H. K. Bedwell, Mrs. Bedwell, Mrs. Doll, A. M. Doll; middle row: Mrs. Kanis, Virginia Benedict, Mrs. Singleton, Eveleyn Mewes, Mrs. Stockwell, Mrs. Alexander; back row: Rev. Jacob Kanis, Rev. K. T. Singleton, Rev. Frank Howie, Mrs. Howie, Rev. O. M. Stockwell, Rev. D. R. Alexander.

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are five student nurses, two of which are young men.

One extension of the work in Mozambique is a mission field in itself. Some 100,000 men of this country are working in the gold mining industry of South Africa. Our church has work in about 90 of these compounds that house from one or two thousand to 10,000 to 12,000 men, from all nations in southern Africa and many from central and west Africa. There are, on the average, 800 Nazarene men working there. Rev. K. T. Singleton is representing the Mozambique field in evangelizing the Shangaan men in these compounds. This is a significant arm of the church, for many of the preachers across the years were saved, sanctified, and called to preach while working in the gold mines of South Africa.

It was announced that permanent residence permits had been granted by the Portuguese government to Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Alexander and family. This now totals nine consecutive applications that have been granted.

Rev. Frank Howie was appointed director of a new endeavor to extend the Bible training ministry to the national through the inauguration of the Theological Education by Extension Program. This is a combination of directed home studies and regular classwork conducted periodically.

Rev. D. R. Alexander, working in conjunction with the Field Literature Board, of which he is chairman, was asked to develop a program of evangelism that would involve the laymen of the church in an effective outreach ministry. The Alexanders are also engaged as advisors to the Lourenco Marques District, a labor they share together with Miss Fairy Cochlin and Mrs. Pauline Doll.—D. R. ALEXANDER, *Council Reporter*. □

LAY ASSISTANTS TO ARMY CHAPLAINS

Mr. Paul Skiles, secretary of the Nazarene Chaplains Commission, has released information concerning a new program under the advent of an All Volunteer Army. The program provides an opportunity for young men and women to pursue a career in the enlisted arm of the U.S. Army chaplaincy as chaplain assistants. The following release was made by the Department of the Army, office of the chief of chaplains:

As part of a continuing program designed to support the Modern Army and stabilize the enlisted arm of the Chaplaincy, Chaplain (Major General) Gerhardt W. Hyatt has announced that qualified personnel (both men and women) may now enlist under the "Army Service School Enlistment Option" and be guaranteed training as a Chaplain's Assistant.

The Chaplain's Assistant position is designed for lay personnel. It consists of two skill levels. The earlier level is called "Chaplain's Assistant" and embraces pay grades E1 through E6. It includes chapel oriented administrative and clerical duties, as well as duties such as scheduling ushers and chapel groups; assisting in the preparation for religious and sacramental rites; assisting in the preparation for religious education programs; and assisting in the development of property and fiscal estimates. Operating audiovisuals equipment and driving vehicles is also a task of the Chaplain's Assistant. The advanced level is called "Chaplain's Administrator" and embraces pay grades E7 through E9. This level consists of duties analogous to church management and requires further training. Personnel at each level serve in overseas areas as well as the continental United States. They serve with combat units and with garrison units.

All applicants must meet the following pre-

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Greenville (Tex.) First Church dedicated their new sanctuary and administrative unit October 8, with General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland officiating. Last January the church, under the leadership of Pastor Bob C. Viser, initiated the building program with a service under the direction of District Superintendent E. L. Cornelison (Dallas District). The mortgage of \$16,500 on the existing chapel was burned and the ground-breaking ceremony for the new edifice was held.

The new construction of some 6,000 square feet was largely planned and constructed by the members of the congregation under the supervision of Rev. Lawrence Alexander, who served as building superintendent.

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The option is also available to qualified applicants undergoing processing at Army Reception Stations who enlisted in the Regular Army, unassigned for two years, provided the applicant extends his term of enlistment for a period of one year.

Individuals interested in pursuing the Chaplain's Assistant Career are urged to see their Army Recruiter who can furnish more detailed guidance to include pay, housing, food, medical and other benefits.

Further information may be received through the office of Paul Skiles, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. 64131. □

NEWS OF REVIVAL

A BURDENED MEMBERSHIP at the Wichita (Kans.) Olivet Church fasted and prayed for revival. God used the ministry of Dwight and Norma Jean Meredith during a recent campaign where many people prayed through. Olivet Church, according to Pastor Forrest Woodward, has experienced a 50 percent in-

crease in attendance over a short span of time and there is a continuing spirit of Christian love and concern for others that reaches out into the community. □

THE HENDERSON, N.C. CHURCH experienced a week of revival conducted by Dr. Ira E. Fowler. Pastor David Hage reported 35 seekers and six definite healings during the one-week campaign. Competition among the teens found them working for attendance goals. The Sunday morning attendance broke all former records for any regular or revival service. □

EVANGELISTS DICK AND LUCILLE LAW commenced their twenty-first consecutive year in the field of evangelism, September 17, in a meeting at Hampton, Va. During the anniversary revival, there were 95 seekers. □

AT THE OSWEGO (N.Y.) FIRST CHURCH fall revival services, held by Rev. Alva O. Estep, 40 people found spiritual help at the altar. Scene-O-Felt presentations were featured.

At a Sunday school rally, the church saw an 80 percent increase in attendance. Robert E. Warnow is pastor. □

CHURCH CELEBRATES SIXTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Whittier (Calif.) First Church observed the sixty-fifth anniversary of its founding with special services on October 8. The church was organized in October, 1907, by Dr. J. W. Goodwin with 13 charter members.

Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, pastor of the

church from 1946 to 1958, spoke in the morning service. Pastor Charles W. Ogden challenged the church in the evening service to move toward greatness in the coming years.

At the close of the morning service the church board announced a European trip for Pastor and Mrs. Ogden in appreciation for their leadership to the church during the past seven years. The Ogdens plan to visit Nazarene work on the continent. □

H. R. Harrison presents certificate of appreciation and announces European trip to Charles and Mary Ogden.



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MOVING MINISTERS

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James E. Barnett from Quincy (Ky.) Kentucky Heights to Ravenna, Ky.

Lawrence Carathers to Gaston, Ind.
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Cecil Wells from Evansville (Ind.) First to Hartford City, Ind.

Howard E. Wright from Olivia, Minn., to Nazarene Indian School, Sells, Okla.

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Wesley McCament, graduate of Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., feels called to the evangelistic field. Contact him at 426 N. Elm St., Mornemo, Ill. 60954 (phone: 815-472-2075).—*Forrest W. Nash, Chicago Central district superintendent.*

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

MRS. RENE V. DUPREE, 59, died Oct. 14 in Texarkana, Tex. Services were conducted by Rev. C. L. Reneau, in Atlanta, Tex. She is survived by her husband, Eudell; one daughter, Rene J. McCasland; three grandsons; and two brothers.

ELIZABETH ELLEN HULET KEITH, 82, died Aug. 3 in Sun Valley, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. T. Smith. Interment was in Dodge City, Kans. She is survived by her son, Melvin; daughter, Ethel Lewis; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

CLARENCE DESKINS died Oct. 17 in Lawrence, Kans. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. E. Reep. Surviving are his wife, Waneta; children and grandchildren.

NELLIE IRENE EATON, 80, died Oct. 4 in

NEWS OF RELIGION

Plainville, Kans. Services were conducted by Rev. Glen Dayton in Palco, Kans. She is survived by her husband, Virgil; one son, Joe; and three daughters: Wilda Aubrey, Lola Bateman, and Betty Mayhew.

PEARLE VISSER, 77, died Oct. 8 in Mesa, Ariz. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. Psaute. She is survived by one brother, L. S. Visser.

MRS. LILLIAN CANNON, 68, died Oct. 16 in Denver. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. P. Nash in Westminster, Colo. She is survived by seven children.

RALPH MEADORS, 70, died Oct. 5 in Alma, Ark. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Mitchell and Rev. J. B. Jones. He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. C. B. Ross; and three grandchildren.

HOMER MORRISSETT, 74, died Aug. 31 in Tulsa. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. H. Sanders and Rev. Eugene Sanders. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; three daughters, Mrs. Betty Jo Burney, Mrs. Wanda Cantrell, and Mrs. Monnie Turley; one son, Homer, Jr.; and eight grandchildren.

JOSEPH B. DURR, 87, died Oct. 20 in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Miles A. Simmons and Rev. Gordon Wetmore. Surviving are his wife, Nina Grace; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Evelyn Covey and Mrs. Martha G. Bringardner; one grandson; and one sister.

MRS. IDA E. VOGT, 99, died Sept. 6 in Loveland, Colo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Swanson and Rev. G. Dixon. She is survived by three sons, Philip H., Theodore R., and John W.; two daughters, Ruth Fouts and Miss Esther; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

ROBERT D. RICH, 69, died Oct. 9 in Gary, Ind. Services were conducted by Rev. L. R. Fairbanks. He is survived by his wife, Daisy; four sons; six daughters; 11 grandchildren; two brothers; and five sisters.

BIRTHS

—to Garry and Mary Rife, Austin, Tex., a boy, Michael Allen, Aug. 29.

—to Rev. Max and Becky (McKenzie) Jetton, Austin, Tex., a girl, Ashley Michelle, Oct. 12.

—to Billy and Jean (Henderson) Sims, Atlanta, Tex., a boy, Brian Christopher, Aug. 29.

—to William and Katherine L. (Mobley) Potts, Sapulpa, Okla., a girl, Shauna Lanelle, Sept. 18.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. Killen, Ewa Beach, Hawaii, a girl, Rachelle Jeannette, July 11.

—to Dr. David R. and Suzanne (Stevens) Zachary, Hayward, Calif., a girl, Katina Suzanne, Oct. 19.

—to Rev. Paul W. and Jeanene (Edwards) Overholt, Udall, Kans., a girl, Kimberly Dawn, Sept. 22.

—to Paul Edward and Joyce (Bradley) Grubb, Spencer, Va., a girl, Amy Jo, Oct. 7.

—to Rev. Larry D. and Kitty (Fulton) Adams, Terrell, Tex., a boy, Jon Keith, Sept. 13.

—to Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Schmelzenbach, Republic of South Africa, South Field, a boy, Barry Jon, Sept. 30.

MARRIAGES

Joanna S. Coniglio and Daniel A. Noel, Martins Ferry, Ohio, Aug. 26.

Deborah Sue Fipps, Temple, Tex., and Marvin G. Gilley II, San Angelo, Tex., in Temple, Tex., Aug. 19.

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PRESIDENT COMMENDS. President Richard M. Nixon recently sent a special commendation to the Virginia Beach (Va.) Tidewater Central Church for scheduling a special Congressional Sunday. The letter was read to the adult and youth Sunday school departments by Congressman G. William Whitehurst. A personal reproduced copy was given to everyone present for Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. The following is a portion of the President's letter:

"It pleased me greatly to know that the Tidewater Central Church of the Nazarene is holding a special Congressional Sunday. I appreciate the leadership that this fine congregation has taken to uplift the spiritual and moral well-being of the community it serves.

"I find it especially gratifying that so much of this program is centered around children, and that it is designed to fill their formative years with the respect for civic responsibility, understanding and brotherly love that have built the greatness of this country.

"I wholeheartedly join you in commending the members of Tidewater Central Church of the Nazarene on their outstanding accomplishments." □

WORLD EVANGELIZATION CONGRESS TO MEET IN SWITZERLAND, 1974. Dr. Billy Graham has announced that the International Congress on World Evangelization sponsored by some 200 churchmen from all over the world will take place at Lausanne, Switzerland, from July 16 to 25, 1974. Dr. Graham, who is honorary chairman of the Congress, said, "The venue for the Conference will be the Palais de Beaulieu, which is the Congress Exhibition and Arts Center of the city of Lausanne."

The building is considered to be almost ideal for the Congress with its 3,500 participants, observers, and press corps. In addition to the main hall and concert halls, it has 75 smaller halls and offices as well as five restaurants, which will enable all who attend to have meals at one sitting.

Dr. Graham said, "... the time is ripe to mobilize again all our resources under the dynamic of the Holy Spirit and to hold another international congress in 1974. We must press forward towards the evangelization of the world in our generation using every modern insight and harnessing the faith and dedication of Christian men everywhere." □

SPANKINGS UNKNOWN BY PROTESTERS, SAYS WIFE OF ACTING FBI HEAD. Youthful political demonstrators who vandalize private and public property didn't get good spankings they needed when they were younger, says Mrs. Louis Patrick Gray III, wife of the acting director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.

"I have no objection to anyone demonstrating if they're going about their own business," she said, "but when they mess up a city and try to stop people from doing their jobs, why, that's not liberty.

"I think they needed a good spanking at age six and didn't get it." □



The Palais de Beaulieu, the Congress Exhibition and Arts Center in Lausanne, Switzerland, where the International Congress on World Evangelization will be held July 16-25, 1974.

■ **When we get to heaven, will the Lord explain to us why certain trials and sorrows have come to us? Do they come for a purpose, or is that just part of this life?**

I'm sure we will "understand it better by and by."

I do not believe God "sends" all the trials and sorrows that come to His people. Trouble comes to all as inevitably as the sparks fly upward (Job 5:7).

What God does, according to the better translation of Romans 8:28, is to "work in all things for good to those who love Him."

God adds the catalyst of His grace to the mixture of elements in our lives to bring good out of it all.

Even now, most of us can look back in our lives and see that catastrophes which at the time seemed to be total disaster have in fact been worked into a larger pattern, and we are able to say, "He doeth all things well."

■ **I read an article in the Full Gospel Businessmen's "Voice" written by a "Nazarene." He intimated that only a select few Nazarene pastors were "baptized in the Holy Spirit." I would like to see an answer to this.**

I'm not sure exactly what it is you want to see. What the writer of this article apparently meant was that because our pastors and people do not speak in unknown tongues we therefore are not "baptized in the Holy Spirit."

This reflects the official position of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship. Their literature carries the emphasized statement, "*Speaking in tongues is the Scriptural evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.*"

Not only is this statement biblically and theologically false; it is an uncharitable judgment on the Christian experience of multiplied thousands of Spirit-filled pastors and laymen around the world.

The scriptural evidence of the baptism with the Holy Spirit is the inner witness of His presence (1 Corinthians 2:12; 1 John 3:24; 4:13), together with the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control—Galatians 5:22-23).

As to the tongue-speaking as an "evidence," Paul warns that people may speak with the tongues of men and angels and not have the Spirit of God at all—since the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit given to us (Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians 13:1).

The predilection for the phrase "baptism in the Holy Spirit" is a

curious thing. Every standard translation of the New Testament correctly renders the Greek *en* as "baptism with the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 1:5; 11:16).

When the baptism first occurred historically, the action is described as being "filled with" the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4), who was "poured out" (Acts 2:17-18; 10:45) or "shed forth" (Acts 2:33).

We are indeed to "live in the Spirit" and "walk in the Spirit" and the Spirit does "dwell in" us (Romans 8:9-13; Galatians 5:25). But this is a far cry from a momentary immersion, as the Pentecostal phrase suggests.

■ **Did God come to earth in the form of Christ, or was He a separate Being? I believe in the Trinity. I have been under the impression that Christ was the Son of God and a separate Being. Otherwise why did He call on God His Father for help in prayer?**

I'm glad you believe in the Trinity. Some people have apparently decided not to believe what they cannot understand. If they were consistent, they wouldn't have much in the way of faith.

The New Testament tells us that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (II Corinthians 5:19), and "in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9). Jesus said, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30).

John tells us that "in the beginning . . . the Word [Greek, the *Logos*] was with God, and the Word was God," and "was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth"

(John 1:1, 14).

Functionally, God the Father, God the eternal Son, and God the Holy Spirit are distinguished. God the Father wills our redemption; the Son provides it through His incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection; and the Holy Spirit makes it real within us.

Essentially—by nature—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one. Each is God and God is all. This is the meaning of the term "Godhead."

All our human analogies break down sooner or later, yet sometimes they help. A cube is one—but that oneness is length, and breadth, and height. The length is not the breadth, and the breadth is not the height. Yet there would be no cube without

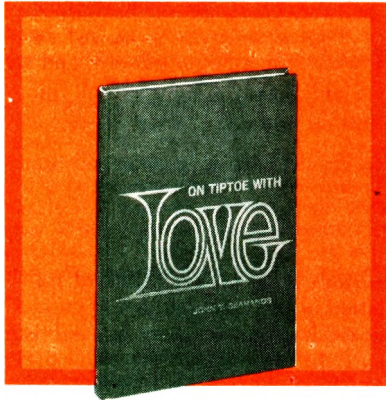
length, and breadth, and height.

As I have often pointed out, the Christian doctrine of the Trinity is not an intellectual puzzle designed to test the credulity of the simpleminded. It is our effort to put together the clear biblical teaching that God is one, and that Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are of the nature of God.

The crucial issues are the deity of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son, and the personality of the Holy Spirit. A denial of the Trinity involves denial of one or both of these distinctive Christian doctrines.

While in the flesh, Christ lived in daily dependence on the Father, and His works were accomplished "in the power of the Spirit" (Luke 4:14). Hence His prayer to the Father.

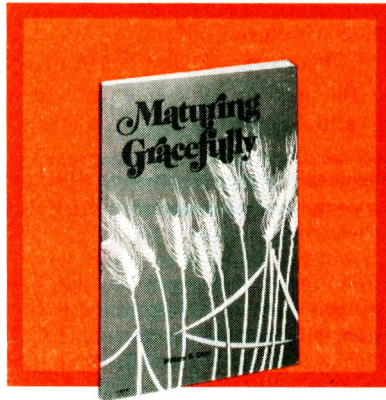
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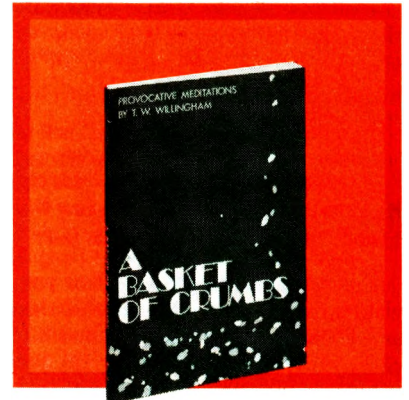
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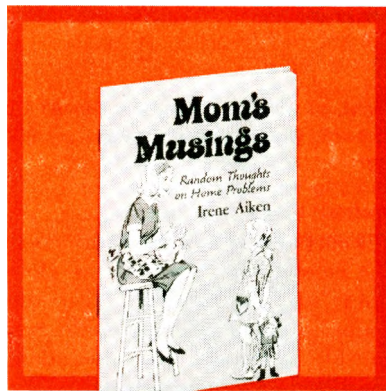
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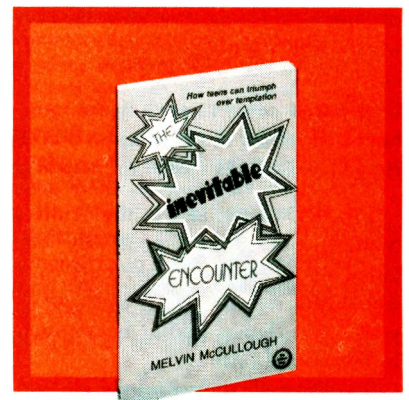
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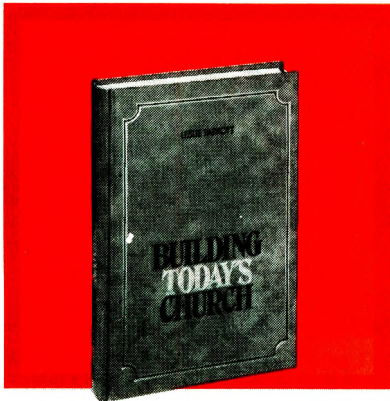
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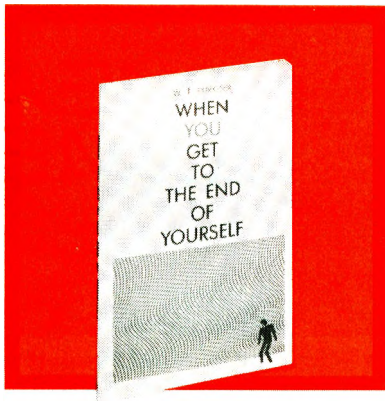
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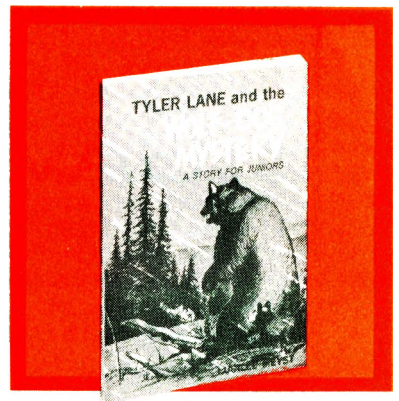
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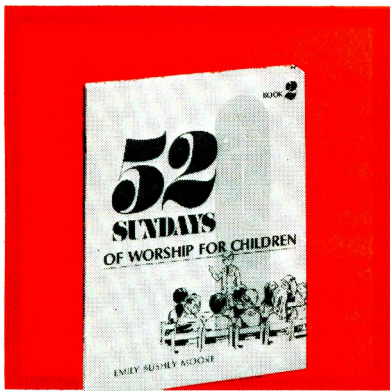
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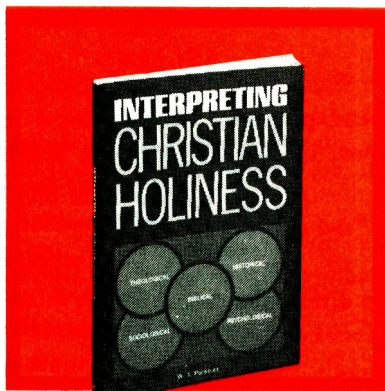
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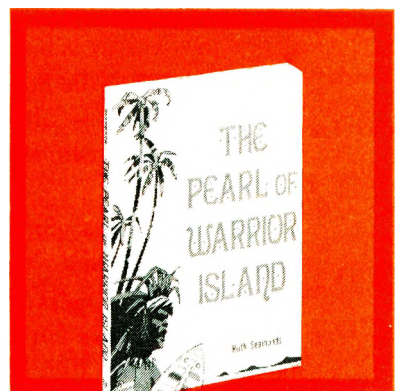
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By C. Neil Strait, *Uniontown, Ohio*



Ground was broken for the Wilson Lanpher Memorial Church in the Republic of South Africa on September 3. Jack L. Riley, missionary in charge of the area where this church is to be constructed, turned the first shovel of earth on behalf of those who had given money for the erection of this building. Rev. F. Mgwanya, district superintendent of the Eastern District of the Republic North field, brought the message of the afternoon. Money for this church was given by Topeka (Kans.) First Church. Construction is expected to be completed by Christmas.

FALL REVIVAL AT BNC

Several hundred students received spiritual help and encouragement during the fall revival at Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla. Others accepted Christ as Saviour, making decisions to walk in the way of Christian commitment.

Evangelist Stuart McWhirter was evangelist for the BNC crusade. □

After participating in 14 fall IMPACT conferences, Song Evangelist Ron Lush (at check-in counter, left) was one of the last passengers to leave Kansas City from the old Municipal Airport, November 10. The next day, Kansas City's new multi-million-dollar Kansas City International Airport went into operation.



Pictured is the new Toyota bus in service at the Nazarene Bible College of South Africa. Rev. David Whitelaw, principal, reports a steady growth in enrollment and applications with an anticipated enrollment of 50 in two years' time.



HAITIAN ASSEMBLIES

Dr. Eugene L. Stowe will be leaving Kansas City on December 9 for an official assignment to Haiti. He will preside in assemblies for both the North and South Haitian districts and is expected to return to the States on December 16. □

NAZARENE MISSIONARIES IN SINGAPORE

Missionary and Mrs. George E. Rench are currently working in Singapore, while waiting for the field in Indonesia to open.

They are at present at 57, Mt. Sinai Avenue, Singapore 10, Republic of Singapore (telephone: 661944), and expect to be at this address until May or June.

Mr. Rench writes that they would be glad to have Nazarene servicemen contact them when they are passing through Singapore, and would welcome these men in their home. □

George Rench

Donna Rench



NEW CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS JANUARY—NOVEMBER

Forty-eight new Churches of the Nazarene have been organized in the time period from January 1, 1972, to November 1, 1972, according to the first cumulative list of new church organizations released by the Department of Home Missions this quadrennium.

The denominational goal is to

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The 1972 edition of the *Manual of the Church of the Nazarene* is now ready for distribution; and from the date of this issue of the *Herald of Holiness*, December 6, all of its provisions are in effect in accordance with Paragraph 702.9 of the 1972 edition of the *Manual*.

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organize 400 new churches by the end of 1975.

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North Carolina, New Mexico, Rocky Mountain, Alabama, North Arkansas, South Arkansas, Southern California, Dakota, Chicago Central, Indianapolis, Iowa, Kentucky, Washington, New England, South Africa, Australia, British Isles, Washington Pacific, West Texas, San Antonio, Dallas, Tennessee, South Carolina, Pittsburgh, Southeast Oklahoma, Northwest Oklahoma, Southwestern Ohio, Akron, and Eastern Michigan. □

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With the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents and in consultation with Dr. Raymond W. Hurn of the Department of Home Missions, I have appointed Rev. Virgil K. Grover, presently pastoring Tacoma First Church on the Washington Pacific District, district superintendent of the Hawaii District. This appointment is made effective December 15, 1972.

Dr. Orville W. Jenkins
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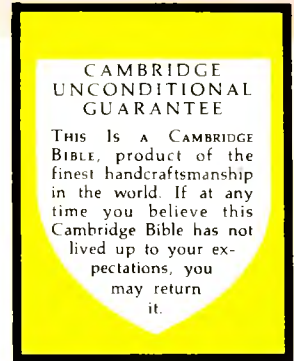
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