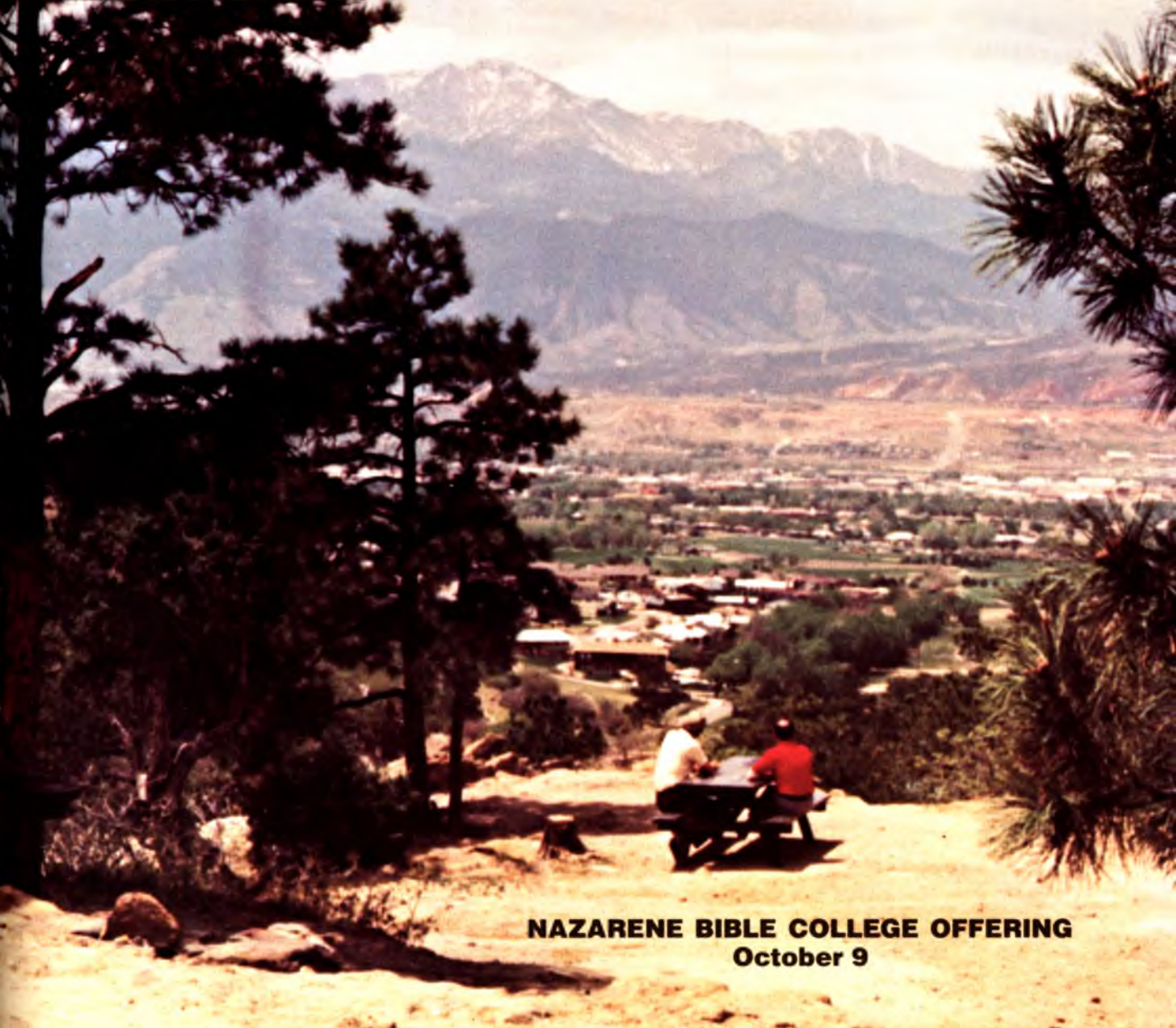


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# I AM THANKFUL

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**I**T HAS OCCURRED TO ME that today is an appropriate time for me to write a "Thanksgiving" editorial for 1983, for today is Thanksgiving, 1982. My wife and I just ate our Thanksgiving dinner. We both had "eye of round" beef, a small salad and a Jell-O-type pudding for dessert. You see, we are on an airplane, having just completed one foreign assignment and on our way to another. Most of today will be spent in airports and airplanes.

True, it would be great to be with the family. The children are scattered, however, and we are trusting they are enjoying a traditional Thanksgiving Day. My father is in the hospital with an uncertain future. I will admit to a desire to be at his side. Yet, in my heart I am filled to overflowing with thanksgiving and praise. At the airport, bidding us good-bye, were missionaries of my

church; some of God's very best. In that group are four young people who are second-generation Nazarene missionaries. They are excited and enthusiastic over their assignments. Their ministries are identified by success. What an inspiration they have been to us!

This evening we will be met by another missionary. His situation is unique in that he is himself a direct product of missionary effort. Many years ago a pioneer preacher came into his village in southern Mexico, and his mother was one of the first converts. Subsequently, her son became the first missionary to be sent out by the Mexican Church of the Nazarene.

About now we are high over the country of Guatemala. This is where a missionary influenced a little girl, drawing her into a relationship with Jesus Christ. The little girl grew to become a great Christian, eventually moving to Germany. Her son became one of the first converts to Christ under our ministry while serving there and is today the district

superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene in Middle Europe.

It is Thanksgiving Day, and we are having a great day giving thanks. It just may be remembered as one of the best holidays we have ever enjoyed. If and when this is printed, it will be at least one year later. It seemed important to express my thoughts while feeling so exhilarated in my heart.

Remembrances of this day will prompt me next year to active participation in our church's traditional expression of thanks by the giving of an offering for missions. These yearly investments have truly been blessed by God and multiplied many times over.

The captain just announced we are beginning to descend. I will probably remain a little "high," however, in thanksgiving and praise to God. □



by General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson



# A STRING OF SUPERLATIVES

by L. S. OLIVER

**I**N 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 Paul writes, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

This verse is loaded with an almost impossible weight of meaning. It sparkles and scintillates in a surprising setting—a call for a collection from Christians in Corinth to meet the needs of their Jewish brethren in Jerusalem! Paul addresses this temporal situation in the light of eternal provision. He links together one superlative after another to establish a universal principle.

First, he calls our attention to *the powerful source*: "God is able." God's ability is a recurrent theme in the Scriptures. Hebrews 2:18 informs us that "He is able to succor them that are tempted." Hebrews 7:25 states, "He is able also to save them to the uttermost." Jude 24, "Able to keep you from falling." Philippians 3:21, "Able even to subdue all things unto himself." 2 Timothy 1:12, "Able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Ephesians 3:20, "Able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." This means He is able to succor the tempted; to save the fallen; to support the falling; to subdue all things; to secure all we have committed to Him in the day of judgment; and to surprise us with an abundance exceeding our capabilities in asking and thinking.

John Spencer said, "Christ is full and sufficient for all His people; righteousness to cover all their sins, plenty enough to supply all their wants, grace enough to subdue all their lusts, wisdom enough to vanquish all their enemies, virtue enough to cure all their diseases, fulness enough to save them to the utmost. He is bread, wine, milk, living waters, to feed them; He is a garment of righteousness to cover and adorn them; a Physician to heal them; a Counselor to advise them, a Captain to defend them; a Prince to rule; a Prophet to teach; a Priest to make atonement for them; a Husband to protect; a Father to provide; a Brother to relieve; a Foundation to support; a Root to quicken; a Head to guide; a Treasure to enrich; a Sun to enlighten; and a Fountain to cleanse, so that as the one ocean hath more waters than all the rivers of the world, and

one sun more light than all the luminaries in heaven, so one Christ is more to a poor soul than if it had all the world a thousand times over."

God's ability is best seen in intimate situations. God's ability finds expression in grace abounding. Consequently, the powerful source provides a *plentiful supply*: "God is able to make *all grace abound* toward you; that ye *always having all sufficiency in all things* ..."

Paul uses the word "grace" to sum up all of the undeserved, unmerited favors and blessings that come into our lives because of, and through, the Lord Jesus Christ. "All grace" refers to the many sided expressions of that grace operating in our life situations. The complacency-shattering truth is that His grace abounds toward us *always!* His grace making us always all sufficient in all things speaks of *constancy!* This provides for a diminution of the roller coaster effect of spiritual ups and downs.

The secret of spiritual *competence* is certainly to be found in the words, "having all sufficiency in all things." J. Sidlow Baxter has said, "Never too much, never too little, but perfect adequacy; never too soon, never too late, but timed to the tick of the clock and to the beat of the heart. Grace for tomorrow's needs will not come today. Grace for today will not come tomorrow."

Do you realize that God has spoken these things to you? It is grace abounding toward you so that you may have all sufficiency in all things always. He declares, "My grace is sufficient for you."

The final link in this string of superlatives is seen in the words, "That ye may abound to every good work." Here is *the purposeful service*.

God's grace, making you all sufficient in all things, is in order that you "may abound in every good work."

James Stewart has said, "Wherever you see religion self-centered and introverted, clutching the comforts of God to its own particular need and unable to see beyond that—whenever I treat the gospel as a kind of prescription to help relax, to secure me against what is difficult and disagreeable—well, it may call itself Christian, but it is an appalling caricature of Christ's intention." To that I respond with a hearty "amen." The purpose of God's enabling grace is that we may mediate the same gift to other struggling lives that need Him so desperately. □

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## II CORINTHIANS 10

7 Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work;

9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor; his righteousness remaineth for ever.

10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed also.

7 Rom. 15, 7  
8 1 Thes. 5, 8  
9 1 Tim. 1, 5  
10 1 Cor. 13, 3  
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### Paul's authority

flesh, we do not war after the flesh;

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God (to the pulling down of strong holds);

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance?

### Paul's self-boasting

as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ;

15 Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,

16 To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.

17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

18 For not he that commend-

11 Acts 20, 33  
12 1 Thes. 2, 9  
13 Rom. 15, 20  
14 Phil. 4, 10  
15 1 Cor. 9, 1  
16 1 Cor. 9, 15  
17 1 Cor. 9, 15  
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## II CORINTHIANS

9 And when I you, and want- able to no man was lacking to which came from supplied; and I kept myself from some unto you keep myself.

10 As the truth me, in no man's this boasting is A-chal-a.

11 Wherefore? you not? God?



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### CONVICT CONCURS

I want to thank you for your article in the May 1 issue, "Some Convicts Are Con Men."

I am an inmate in Texas. It is very common in prison to learn of someone who is using Christ's Church for personal gain.

A letter that is a request for money should automatically become suspect. Money should NEVER be sent to an inmate no matter what claims are being made unless the person who sends the money has personal knowledge of the inmate and the purpose for which the money is being used.

References are, as you stated, easily checked. They must be checked.

God's people are very generous

and caring. If a person wishes to assist a prisoner, that is fine and is specifically stated in the Scriptures. Please do not put yourself in the position of financing some scheme for the devil.

The Christian brotherhood in prisons is strong and growing. We are very jealous of the name of the Lord.

*Norman W. Shelton  
Huntsville, Texas*

### OBVIOUS LESSON

How about that? Educators were recently called to the White House where their grades were read aloud and their "britches blistered." They were told in part that education was mediocre, that the curriculum contained too many appetizers and desserts and not enough basics.

Indeed, the American educational system has for 20 years been going downhill on a crosstown bus.

For the church, there is a lesson from our schools that is too obvious to require elaboration.

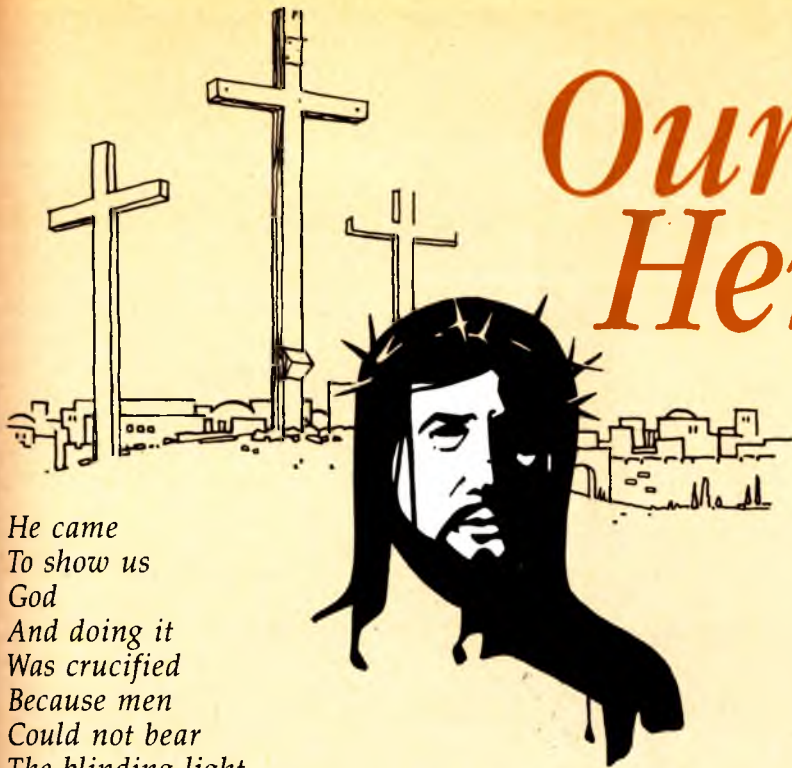
*Charles C. Davidson  
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### REFRESHED AND GRATIFIED

How refreshing and gratifying to read Jack Conn's insights regarding sanctification and holiness ("Purge Me with Nitrogen," May 15, 1983). It has been my observation that we Nazarenes too often emphasize the *experience* of sanctification at the cost of underemphasizing the *relationship* of holiness. Clearly, the New Testament regards the experi-

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# Our Heritage

He came  
To show us  
God  
And doing it  
Was crucified  
Because men  
Could not bear  
The blinding light  
Of holiness  
Upon their lives.  
Through the ages  
Men have seen  
That light  
And have gone out  
To fight wild beasts,  
Suffer imprisonment  
And die at the stake  
Singing the songs  
Of victory  
Within our day  
Men saw that flame  
Of holiness  
And were transformed.  
Outlawed  
From congregations  
Who refused to hear  
They preached  
In tents,  
In rented halls,  
In homes  
And field.  
They bore the scorn,  
The rocks,  
The loss of friends,  
Rejoicing  
That they  
Were counted worthy  
To suffer in His Name.

Ambitions, dreams,  
Success,  
Wealth, power, and fame  
Burned to ashes  
At His feet  
As they went out  
In nameless dedication  
To preach God's holiness  
Across the land.

Small wonder then  
That from that crucible  
A church was born.  
Named for the Nazarene  
It spanned the nation  
Leaped on to Britain  
And across the seas  
To half a dozen continents.

They preached  
In many languages  
But the message  
Never changed:  
—Self crucified  
Upon the altar  
Of God's holiness;  
The root of sin  
Burned and cleansed  
From human hearts.

Those fearless ones  
Who first proclaimed  
That glorious message  
Of deliverance  
Are now with God.  
Their song on earth is silent,  
Their message stilled.  
And if the world  
Is ever going to know  
The truth He came  
To teach us  
Then we must tell it;  
And if the song  
Of victory over sin  
Is to be sung today  
Then we must sing it.  
In this dark hour  
Of failing nations,  
War, famine, and despair;  
When sin, triumphant,  
Sits in seats of government  
And walks our city streets,  
Let not the lust for power,  
Prestige, or praise of men  
Dim or destroy  
That message  
Jesus died to bring.  
Thirteen thousand preachers,  
Seven hundred thousand Nazarenes  
Could take the world  
For Christ  
If we would let  
The white hot light  
Of holiness  
Set us aflame  
And the voice of God  
Pour through our lips  
The song of holiness  
And victory.

—HELEN TEMPLE  
Kansas City, Missouri



Rick Day

# Israel's Soldiers and Our Students

by R. T. BOLERJACK

**R**IGHT AFTER DAVID had been anointed king by all of Israel at Hebron (1 Chronicles 11:1), many men began to be challenged by the need to destroy their enemies so the people could possess and settle the land God had promised them. Outstanding men from the various tribes of Israel offered their services to the new king.

The circumstances and qualifications of these men remind me of the students who enroll at Nazarene Bible College each year. NBC was established by the Church of the Nazarene for the purpose of adult education. There is no finer place for men and women beyond normal college age to prepare for various ministries in the church than at the Bible college in Colorado Springs. Note some of the similarities as shown in 1 Chronicles 12.

The men of Israel volunteered their services to the new king (vv. 22, 38). They realized there was a need in Israel. In their hearts they felt God was calling them to give themselves to a worthwhile cause. There was an enemy of the people that needed to be driven out of the land and destroyed. They could do it!

These men were ready for battle (vv. 23, 33). Their past experiences had revealed in them various gifts and abilities that God could use for His glory and the people's good. They had been developing their skills,

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but they now needed to come together as a group to refine their skills, to further develop their knowledge and abilities, and to learn how to work together for a common cause. Their education was not complete. But they responded.

These soldiers of the king were brave (v. 25). They were committed to the task at hand and were determined to give their lives if need be. The cause was bigger than themselves.

Verse 27 states that they were leaders of their own families. As they had led their own families in the past, they now experienced a unity and strength through their continued leadership in the battle.

It was said that these men had a good reputation among their relatives (v. 30). Their past performance and relationships within their immediate families were conducted with such integrity and honesty that the people of their own families had confidence in them. This added greatly to their effectiveness in the service of the king.

They had a vision of what needed to be done (v. 38). Their goal was to make David king over the whole land as God had instructed them. They would let nothing distract them now. It was good of God to call them and to allow them the opportunity to serve Him in this manner. The God who called them would help them!

They arrived in the camp with shield and spear (v. 24, 37). They brought what they had. They knew how



use these weapons and they were willing to use them for the king. Now, as they came together, they could learn from others some new and perhaps better ways to fight the battle. God blessed them for going and giving what they had.

Their loyalty to the king was as big and strong as their undivided hearts (vv. 33, 37). They did not doubt the leadership God had given to them. They may not have agreed with everything, but they needed the strength that comes with unity and working together as soldiers and king.

The description of the men who offered themselves from a certain tribe has intrigued me. They were the sons of Issachar, described as "men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do" (v. 15, NASB). Timing is important in fulfilling God's plan for life and service. These men of Issachar evidently had an anointed sense of wisdom and understanding. Where did they get it? Obviously, from the Lord.

The Rabbinical tradition suggests that the sons of Issachar gave themselves intently to a study of the Torah, the laws of God, along with His guidance for life. This is where they learned to be wise and to understand life. It works that way every time! There is much wisdom and understanding to be gained as a person studies the Scriptures. The real mission of Nazarene Bible College is to provide a time and place for mature persons to learn from God and from godly professors how to live and how to share life with others.

In this passage of Scripture there is another fascinating thought about the men of Israel and students at NBC. Verse 40 states that others who were interested in the cause of the king, but who were not called to prepare for battle, did bring food and other provisions that the soldiers could be well cared for as they prepared and fought.

NBC has a Pantry Fund and a Samaritan Fund to assist students in times of crisis. One fund is limited to \$100 for food when a family experiences a financial pinch. The other fund assists a student and his family in a small way when there is an emergency such as loss of job, sickness, or other serious need. The amount of assistance is minimal, but it does mean a lot to a student when he is broke.

Contributions to this fund are made by other students, college personnel, and interested friends. One student, when completing his education at NBC, came recently to offer a donation to the Pantry Fund, because he had realized how much it meant to him in a time of need.

This story from Israel's history concludes with the statement, "There was joy indeed in Israel (1 Chronicles 12:40, NASB). God blessed the men of valor as they gave themselves to prepare for and do battle for the Lord and for King David. Joy and blessing abounds for persons answer the call of God and arrive at NBC to prepare themselves for a ministry of preaching, Christian education, or church music. And joy and blessing come also to those who, like Israel, join together in the same way, by making contributions to meet the needs of students and families as they prepare for service to the Lord and the church.

And there is joy at NBC! □

# OCCUPATION— or Inspiration?

by JAMES L. SANKEY

IT WAS LATE, not the time you would ordinarily schedule a testimony meeting. But it's a long drive by bus from Salina, Kans., to Colorado Springs, and the veteran driver seemed to know what was expected. After our rest stop he pulled out a long extension cord, attached it to the bus public address system, and remarked, "I know these people will want to talk a lot."

We were on our return trip from Kansas City, where the senior students from Nazarene Bible College had toured our Nazarene Headquarters and Publishing House. This is a high point for our graduates, as the majority of these men and women have never had this opportunity and they really look forward to it. It is hosted and financed by the Nazarene Publishing House and the purpose is to acquaint the students with the organization, operation, and facilities of NPH, our International Headquarters, and our seminary.

So for a day and a half we had been on a whirlwind tour that had been informational and inspirational. The seniors had enjoyed rubbing shoulders with Publishing House employees, editors, executives, and secretaries at our Headquarters, and with faculty and students at the seminary and Mid-America Nazarene College—and now we were on our way home.

It was the longest testimony meeting I can ever remember attending. One after the other of these seniors would share how God had called them to the ministry, how He had helped them over so many hurdles during their years in college, and how their dependence was completely on Him to guide them to a place of service after graduation. Many of them testified that the only reason they were there today was because they served a "God of a second-chance."

As I listened to their words, and as we sang their favorite songs after each testimony, I couldn't help but think how the influence of these men and women would spread out across our churches over the next few years.

After midnight, as snow-white Pikes Peak gleamed ahead in the moonlight, I thanked God for placing me in this all-important place of ministry.

Truly, *these students are not only my occupation, they are my inspiration.* □

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by REBECCA S. LYON

# WHO NEEDS A FAMILY NIGHT

*“Is it not completely reasonable to devote one night per week to ‘familyhood’—to talking, sharing, playing, and worshiping as a distinct, unique, exclusive family unit?”*



**T**HERE WAS A TIME when every night was family night, with few exceptions. With nowhere to go, no way to get there (except by foot or horse), and no money for mere entertainment, family togetherness was a fact of life. Entertainment was pursued and enjoyed, of course, but like so many other commodities, it was typically simple, homemade, and focused on the family unit.

There was no TV, of course, so families had the time and the opportunity, and perhaps even the social need to talk to each other, to listen to each other, to think and dream and plan and share together.

And there was less to pull them apart. They were not exposed to a dizzying variety of life-styles, vocational opportunities, value systems, and geographical locations. For the most part the same cultural influences impacted upon parents and children alike and tended to produce a unity of experience, purpose, and goals in family and community life.

Perhaps this is a major reason family life seemed to work better then. Some have concluded that the authoritarian family structure of

that day was the key to family solidarity and successful childrearing. But was it really authoritarianism that produced good family relationships, or have we simplistically ascribed to it the credit actually due to a whole complex of social factors that encouraged family cohesion? Without in any way slighting the importance of appropriate discipline in family life, it is surely obvious that the best of discipline will never in and of itself produce the warm and nurturing atmosphere that can make family life so genuinely satisfying. For this, there must be quality relationships among family members. And quality relationships come about only where there is sharing, understanding, talking, listening, common experience, and mutual respect.

Remember the Great Example, Jesus Christ. For three and a half years He walked and talked with His disciples. Not as an aloof and superior god, but as a man, He shared their homes, their lives, their vocational pursuits, their

spiritual frustrations and doubts. How many literal miles He walked with them can never be known. But only after He had walked those many miles, both literally and figuratively, and climaxed it with His death, and validated both His life and His death by the resurrection, did those disciples have such faith and loyalty that they were willing to die for Him. Certainly His death is of particular theological significance, but without His life would even have been noticed? Could He have commanded the enduring love and loyalty of His disciples without the quality of relationships He had developed across three years of intense love, shared intimacy, and common human experience?

Be thankful, parents, that you will likely have more than three years in which to establish quality relationships with your children. But be assured that their love and loyalty will not develop adequately without it.

Now back to the beginning. Family togetherness was once a fact

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le. In our current world this is no longer true. There's no turning back the clock even if we really wanted to! We have no choice but to live in the busy, demanding, varied, impersonal world we have inherited and helped to create. But when will you "walk" with your children? When will you listen to those confidences that can only be shared in an atmosphere of casual leisure, unhurried, and free of tension and pressure? When will you tune into their world and let them tune into yours? When will you share experiences, exchange ideas, and develop mutual trust and respect?

No, we cannot recapture yesterday. But if we hope to salvage some worthy values of yesterday in a modern culture that in some aspects seems inherently detrimental to family life, there must be deliberate commitment and purpose—a considered decision to place a high priority on family values. It won't happen by accident. And it won't happen through attempts to deny or defy the inescapable realities of our modern age. Retreat into yesterday is an impossible, self-defeating fantasy. Don't let it be the trap that diverts you from facing today's challenges with intelligence, courage, and realism.

Our world is a busy world, but is not completely reasonable to devote one night per week to "familyhood"—to talking, sharing, playing, and worshiping as a distinct, unique, exclusive family unit? Certainly daily family worship is ideal, but even a weekly time for sharing individual and family concerns and praying over them together would be a great stride forward for many church families. The "generation gap" is especially prevalent in rapidly changing cultures such as ours. If families will spend even one night a week "building bridges" together, there is a good chance both generations can learn to handle and respect their differences. A family night carries no guarantees for the future of its participants and some problems may indeed be deep for what is essentially preventive medicine), but hundreds of church families are finding that one night a week of family fun, family worship, and family communion can generate a lot of family understanding, comfort, and co-

hesion and *is its own reward*, without regard to future outcomes.

So who needs a family night? Who *doesn't* need a family night? What family can afford to do less on its own behalf? Our general church has recommended Monday night as a family night, but any

night consistently observed can work equally well. Pastors *promote it*. Laymen, *insist on it*. Don't let your family life be drowned in an overcrowded schedule. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul"—or his family? □

# Spiritual Life ON CAMPUS

by ROSS W. HAYSLIP

**F**OUR CHAPEL SERVICES each week are enjoyed by the students of Nazarene Bible College. These are times of spiritual refreshing and uplift as we meet together for song, prayer, messages of encouragement, and fellowship. The basic purpose of the chapel service is worship. To really worship we must sense the presence of God. Our students need the sense of this presence in their lives as an anchor for their faith.

Student prayer meetings are conducted by chaplains elected by their fellow students. These are regular scheduled times for prayer and praise where the students gather together in a relaxed atmosphere in His name. Our people have found that in prayer for each other, and taking the needs of their fellow students to God, they get blessing and help for themselves.

The college revival services are led by evangelists who have felt the call of God to ministry in the field of spiritual renewal. Needs are met at the altar of prayer as the Holy Spirit gives direction. The sounds of repentant weeping and the notes of praise for victories are heard during these times of refreshing.

One of the great challenges here at Nazarene Bible College is to meet the spiritual needs as well as the mental hunger of our students. Each class period is opened with prayer and it is not uncommon to take time for the sharing of words of testimonies and choruses of song.

The notes from our bell tower in the midst of the Apostles Court chime forth each hour. The sound of the Carillon echoes the words of a prayer:

Lord, through the hour  
Be Thou our guide;  
So, by Thy power  
No foot shall slide. □

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## RESTITUTION— Sycamore Fruit

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by JERRY W. SMITH

**I** WAS STANDING in my usual place greeting our worshipers as they exited the sanctuary. One remained. She said, "I want to thank you for being there when my husband needed you recently. We are so glad God worked everything out all right." While we stood in the doorway rejoicing over answered prayer, my mind rapidly returned to a junior boys' Sunday School class in Shawmut, Ala.

Flashing across my memory was the story of a short man, a crowded road, and a sycamore tree. The short man wanted to see Jesus but could not because of the crowd, so he used a grandstand seat in the sycamore tree. His conspicuous perch drew the attention of Jesus. Silence gripped the crowd as Jesus stopped and said, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately."

A question about Zacchaeus has followed me through these years: Did he know what the cost would be if he actually caught a glimpse of Jesus? I think not. His interest may have been only slightly greater than the crowd's that lined Murfreesboro Road in Nashville in 1964 when President Lyndon Johnson brought his campaign to town. Most of us came to see the man who held the highest office in the land. That sighting did not change my vote. But the sighting from the sycamore tree changed Zacchaeus. Any time a man comes into the presence of the living Lord he never goes away the same. Zacchaeus responded to Christ's love by pledging half his assets to the poor and promising to restore fourfold all money gained by cheating others. This act of restitution proved repentant faith was present. Jesus' response was simple: "Today salvation has come to this house."

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The background to our doorway conversation was a Sunday morning evangelistic service. A fine young man, respected and loved by all, came forward for prayer. If the church had been asked, all would have said, "Surely he is all right." We prayed again and again until finally victory came and peace reigned in his heart. It was evident that God, for Christ's sake, had met his need.

He did not realize that he had just climbed down from his sycamore tree. The following week found me in my office discussing what to do about a number of things. Some rules of his employer had been broken. When he returned home with a forgiven heart, his wife fell upon a number of things he should not have done. An honest man cannot live with dishonest gain. We discussed at length the problem and various avenues for a solution. His resolute posture to obey God at all costs thrilled my heart. I was personally convinced, "salvation has come to this house."

As we closed our conversation with prayer, we did not know if a heavy fine would be levied, or if time in jail would be required, or if a demotion would result. We only knew that God's Holy Spirit would be obeyed.

Time revealed the working of God. An appointment was made with his superior. The story was told. At the substance he said, "I have recently gotten right with God. And I have some things that I've acquired that do not rightfully belong to me. I am willing to pay for them, go to jail, return them—whatever is right." His surprised response was, "I've heard it all! I've heard every story in the books! But I haven't ever heard of one before!" The short of it was that he returned his articles and God replaced them with greater joy and the sweetness of His presence. He still has victory.

The necessity of restitution arises out of the nature of true repentance. John the Baptist commanded, "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance." The very nature of repentance demands a turn

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### THE FIRST TIME

*How much simpler would be all my problems*

*How much sooner this dark glass grow clear*

*If the first time He spoke I would listen,*

*If the first time He whispered I'd hear.*

*And what comfort I'd find in my sorrows,*

*With what peace would my spirit be filled*

*If the first time He reached out I'd be there,*

*If the first time He touched me I'd yield.*

*Oh, what joy would be mine for the claiming*

*How less often I'd worry and grieve,*

*If the first time He gave I'd accept it,*

*If the first time He blessed I'd receive.*

*For all heaven is at my disposal,*

*All the treasures of glory sublime, If this I but learn—not to tarry,*

*But to respond to His love the first time.*

—PATSY RAY  
Houston, Texas



ay from sin, involving an at-  
mpt to make amends for our  
ongdoing. This requires humility  
d deep commitment.

The things settled at an altar of  
ayer must also be settled before  
r fellow men. The Bible knows of  
subjective religion that is be-  
een God and man only. The Bible  
ches a holiness that is vertical  
ward God and horizontal toward  
ers. A clean heart necessitates  
an hands. The Bible knows of no  
igion that is purely private. John  
sley said, "The Bible knows no  
liness but Social holiness." To  
tle a thing with God in prayer  
ans that the newfound victory  
l bring about dynamic changes  
he way we live in the world. Pri-  
e commitment means that, if  
d so directs, one will return to an  
red party with an apology.

ve a sycamore tree in memory  
er to be forgotten. As a result of  
chaesus and God's Spirit, a  
htened young teenager knocked  
a door not a block from the altar  
re God had forgiven. "May I  
ak with Mr. White," I said.

Just a minute," Mrs. White re-  
d. In seconds they returned to  
door. By this time my knees vi-  
ted. Feet desired rapid de-  
ture, but the Spirit refused to  
way.

Yes," Mr. White said. "Can I  
you?"

Mr. White, my name is Jerry  
th. I have an apology to make to

e said. "Whatever for?"  
explained, "Do you remember a  
months ago a rock came  
ugh your living room window?  
I'm one of the boys that did  
and I want to make it right."

adoubtedly his heart was soft-  
l by my tears and my obvious  
ousness. His forgiving reply is  
r to be forgotten: "That's all-  
t, son. I've already fixed the  
of glass. It was only a few  
s and a little time. I'm just glad  
have a desire to do the right  
g. Just don't think another  
about it."

all. I have thought more about  
here is no way I'd trade the vic-  
I found and kept that day.  
s still come sometimes as I re-  
in a right relationship with  
and people. Thank God for  
more trees. □

## NAZARENE ROOTS



Dr. Reynolds tips his hat while traveling through India shortly after his 60th birthday.

## H. F. REYNOLDS AND THE WORLD-WIDE TOUR, 1914

Five years after our founding General Assembly in 1908, General Superintendent H. F. Reynolds set sail from San Francisco with a party of 10 new Nazarene missionaries. With "such singing, praying and shouting as has never been heard on the deck of any ship," Reynolds began a tour of Nazarene missions that would take him around the world.

Such a trip, through the world's most undeveloped regions, would have severely tested anyone in 1914 and must have been truly imposing for the 60-year-old Reynolds. The irregularity of transportation, communications, food, and lodging all proved difficult obstacles for travelers. The outbreak of World War I turned the last leg of his journey into a dangerous game of cat and mouse with the German and British Navies. At least one ship on which Reynolds attempted to gain passage was sunk, while another was captured. Almost a full year after his departure, the bray of a New York City foghorn brought tears to Dr. Reynold's eyes as he strained for the sight of home, "overcome by the sense of God's goodness in bringing him safely all the way."

In spite of the difficulties, Dr. Reynold's "World-Wide Missions Tour" proved one of the most significant in the development of the Church of the Nazarene. It provided the first personal contact for our missionaries with their newly organized church. Many of the fields, including Africa, operated without the benefit of any ordained elders until visited by Dr. Reynolds. The letters and photographs mailed home were eagerly read by Nazarenes in *The Other Sheep* during its first year of production.

Our China mission field, which later became one of our largest before the disruptions of World War II, was planted by Dr. Reynolds and his band during this trip. Other fields also received reinforcements and assistance from the tour, and before coming home, Dr. Reynolds visited with George Sharpe and the Pentecostal Church of Scotland. This British holiness body would join the Church of the Nazarene within a year after Dr. Reynold's visit. Furthermore, a collection of almost 1,200 photographs and the body of letters from this World Tour vividly document our missionary work during that first decade.

More than simply a grand gesture, the World-Wide Missions Tour of 1914 greatly strengthened our mission fields and tied us closer together as a people for worship and work, strengthening our commitment to Nazarene World Missions. □

STEVE COOLEY, Director of Archives



Shown (l. to r.) are Virgil Clark, Pastor Kenneth Wood, Ted Kerr who purchased the bus, and Phil, a young man who drove.

## TED KERR AND GOD'S BUS as told to Nina Bee

**I**N JANUARY 1982 I awakened at 3:45 a.m. That was not unusual. For several weeks, at the same hour, God had been awakening me from deep sleep to pray for revival for myself and North St. Paul Church of the Nazarene. But on this particular morning God spoke clearly to me about a bus for the church—not just any bus, not a school bus, but a bus of quite some magnitude. The lines were so finely drawn there could be no mistake about the type of bus God wanted us to have.

I argued with God. “I don’t have the money to buy a bus.”

“You will have it, when it is needed.” He said.

“But, God, our church doesn’t need a bus.”

“I know, but it will when I am ready.”

“All right, God,” I agreed. And I put it on the back burner waiting for further direction from God, for Isaiah has said, “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength . . .” and some quite vivid results are found in the biblical account that follows.

Three months passed and again I was awakened early in the morning. I was impressed that I should begin looking for God’s bus.

The following Saturday I was making a Sunday School call. When I left that home it was 4 p.m. and most places of business were closed for the weekend. But I felt the Lord was telling me to stop at a certain place on my way home that dealt in campers and other vehicles.

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“But, Lord, it’s Saturday. They’ll be closed,” I responded. Nevertheless, I cloverleafed over to the place and to my surprise it was open. I met the owner who told him how God has asked me to find a bus and that was my reason for being there.

“Ted, I’m glad you told me the story,” he said, “nothing on my lot is for sale. I don’t own a single piece of the equipment you see here. I only rent space to people to park their vehicles in the wintertime. I have the key to that bus you want to look at. I can show it to you if I wanted to. Besides it’s already a camper equipped, self-contained, and would meet your purposes at all.”

“Sir,” I said, “do you know the man who owns that bus?”

“Yes.”

“Could you give me his name and address and phone number? Maybe he could tell me where to find one like it, for I have been advised to buy a bus similar to that one.”

The man, out of kindness, called Mr. Adams, the owner of the bus, for me. Mr. Adams in turn gave me the name and phone number of a man named Phil who dealt in used buses.

I went home and phoned Phil.

“I have in my garage three buses like the one you’re describing,” answered Phil, “one of which is the bus I ever purchased for resale. Would you like to see them? What about Monday at 2 p.m.?”

With great excitement Monday morning, my wife Maxine; our pastor, Kelly Davis; and his wife, Sarah, motored to Meyer, Minn., to see the bus. When we looked it over, I was convinced this was God’s bus. He wanted me to buy. Phil stated his terms and asked me when I wanted it.

“As soon as possible,” I answered. “I’ll let you know in the next couple of days.”

Ten days later I made the down payment. Delivery date was set for April 1. Time passed and I did



ow where the money would be coming from, for I  
n't have that kind of money in my savings and  
cking accounts. Now it was my turn to ask God  
ne questions.

Look, Lord, You told me to buy this bus, and You  
d 'Now.' I've followed Your instructions. You said the  
ney would be there when I needed it. Where is it? I  
ow You'll see me through because I've followed You  
mpletely."

Why hadn't God talked to anyone else about this  
? I couldn't answer. But I saw in the Bible that God  
ally placed responsibility on the shoulders of one  
son whom He chose to execute His plan. Why did  
d speak only to me? I do not know. But He did, and  
eyed, and now it looked like it was up to me to find  
ay to finance the purchase.

After talking to three or four financial institutions,  
ne of whom would finance a bus, I prayed earnestly  
night, "God, please, by morning I would appreciate  
nswer to the financing of this bus."

Well, I got my answer, and on April 1, checkbook in  
d, and with around eight excited young men from  
church, I brought the bus home to North St. Paul  
rch of the Nazarene.

The bus took boys and girls and young folks to camp,  
ups to other churches for work days, religious activi-  
s, and revival meetings, to city-wide meetings, and  
ball team to games. But for the most part it sat in  
driveway waiting.

It was after we sent a flyer to the pastors on the  
istrict announcing that the bus would be taking boys  
d girls to camp that Pastor Ken Wood of Rochester  
rch called. Could the bus be used to get a group of  
ople from Rochester to the district assembly?

Several of our area churches were working with refu-  
groups, and Rochester Church ministers to a large  
up of Cambodians. So it was that we went to Roch-  
er, picked up 42 Cambodians, brought them to  
rth St. Paul, and let them sleep on the gym floor  
night. Sunday morning at 6:00 we took them to  
istrict assembly and returned them that evening to  
chester. God was working out His plan for His bus.  
On the trip home that afternoon, Nancy Clark, who  
s worked with the Cambodian refugees extensively,



Cambodians attended their first Nazarene camp meeting.  
Grandmothers, mothers, aunts, and nieces keep children in



Happy Cambodians pause for refreshments at Minnesota  
District camp meeting—their first camp meeting experi-  
ence.

shared some of her concern for them with me. She did  
not try to convince me that I should share any part in  
her ministry with the refugees. Or did she? She gave  
me names and addresses of relatives of "Mama," an  
outstanding Cambodian Christian who also was on the  
bus that afternoon.

"They begged Virgil and me to stay and have Bible  
study with them one Sunday night, but we just could  
not stay," Nancy said of the St. Paul area family. She  
added, "Ted, will you pray for ——— and ——— and  
their families?" reeling off some Cambodian names.  
"And, Ted, if you ever get to know these people you'll  
just love them—their warmth and their quick response  
to the gospel."

Well, I was hooked from then on. We contacted an  
information service and learned there are 16,000 refu-  
gees in the Twin Cities (St. Paul/Minneapolis) alone.

When we held our first Bible study in the apartment  
of Cambodians, 45 persons were present, and it has  
been go ever since.

God isn't waking me up at 3:45 a.m. anymore, but  
He's sure keeping that bus busy since our church got  
involved in ministry to Cambodians. Transportation  
is, of course, a real problem for most of the refugees.  
The bus comfortably seats 40 grown-ups and a driver,  
but you'd be surprised how many people you can get  
into a 40-passenger bus, depending on how badly you  
want to go somewhere. We've had as many as 67 Cam-  
bodians on at once. Other times we've had to make two  
trips to get them all to one service.

And Nancy was right! What a privilege! What a  
challenge! In each home we visit we are told to go to  
this one and that one. It is not uncommon for three or  
four generations of a family to be in one house. One  
home we visited had 25 family members, another 17.  
The field around us is ready to harvest.

Maxine and I are retired, but God is not through  
with us yet. We're excited about what He's allowing us  
to do—until *He* retires us. □

**Editor's note:** Church Extension Ministries announces five new language  
mission fields entered in 1982 through home missions.

Among Cambodians there are 13 works on eight districts; 8 Laotian works on  
6 districts; 4 Vietnamese works on two districts.

Our largest Cambodian work is affiliated with Long Beach, Calif., First Church  
of the Nazarene. Approximately 300 Cambodians attend Sunday morning wor-  
ship services regularly.



Rev. Richard Martinez in the church. Rev. Martinez recently moved to pastor a church in Oklahoma.

# EIGHT GENEROUS PEOPLE

by CAROL MCGINNIS

**T**HE 10-MEMBER Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene was struggling to meet its financial obligations—\$300 a month utility bills, insurance payments, and the pastor's weekly salary of \$110.

"We were having a terrible time," recalls Mary Martinez. Mrs. Martinez is the wife of the Rev. Richard Martinez, pastor of the church located near the 450-acre Saginaw Chippewa Indian Reservation in Isabella County, Mich.

"The church's insurance was going to expire," Mrs. Martinez said. "and the church had gotten behind in my husband's salary. One week they could only give us \$50.00, another week \$60.00. I said to myself, 'Something's got to give.'"

And then February 1 arrived and with it checks from the federal government to descendants of the Saginaw, Swan Creek, and Black River bands of the Chippewa Indians. The checks, averaging \$3,000, were long-awaited compensation for over 7 million acres of land ceded to the United States in an 1819 treaty. More than 3,000 Chippewas nationwide received a share of a \$16.7 million settlement.

For many Chippewas it was a time to celebrate, to buy much-needed household and personal items. For some Chippewas it was a time to help the Nazarene church with its debts.

The help began when one couple, who have five children of their own, went directly to the parsonage after cashing their check. They gave \$700 to the church treasury and \$100 to the Martinez family.

"They did that before taking care of any of their own needs," Mrs. Martinez said. "I went right to the bank and then sat down and wrote check after check—for

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the insurance, the gas, the lights. I was so happy I didn't know what to do.

"That family is fairly new to our church and it's wonderful to see them growing in the Lord," she added.

Other families gave the Martinez family used sets of living room and dining room furniture after buying new furniture.

"We appreciated it a lot," Mrs. Martinez said, adding that prior to coming to the Faith Indian church in August 1981 she and her husband were students at the Nazarene Indian Bible College in Albuquerque, N.M.

"We weren't expecting to take a church when we did and only had odds and ends for furniture," she said.

On four or five different occasions, people gave the Martinez family money to go out to eat or to do something fun. Rev. and Mrs. Martinez have an 11-year-old daughter, Leanna, and two foster children, Marcella, age 3, and Jeremiah, age 2.

Some people didn't want anyone to know they were giving gifts, Mrs. Martinez said. "One man slipped my husband some money as they shook hands after church."

One couple took the Martinez family to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., for a treat in May.

Mrs. Martinez said the most heartwarming gift came from a 30-year-old woman. "She's unchurched and an alcoholic," Mrs. Martinez explained. "She's come to us several times for help. She and two other women put \$70.00 in a nice card that said, 'Thank you for being you.' They said to be sure to take all the children out for dinner. All the gifts have touched my heart but that one most of all."

All together, Mrs. Martinez estimated, \$2,500 was given to the church treasury and \$250 to the Martinez family.

The funds came from about eight "real generous people," Mrs. Martinez said. "Of those, two have never even attended our church. They were people in the community who had called on us when they needed us. We surely didn't expect anything from them."

Now all the church's bills are current, the church has caught up on the pastor's salary, and there's still money in the treasury.

In addition to paying bills, the congregation was also able to gravel the church's circle driveway and have some electrical work done. Future improvements include painting the church basement and buying some children's desks and chairs.

Of the 35 people who usually attend the church, 20 to 25 are children from unchurched homes. "We have a good children's program," Mrs. Martinez explained.

With the money given directly to the parsonage family, they purchased some sheets, blankets, and new clothes.

Mrs. Martinez said the generosity of the Chippewas was a pleasant surprise in light of the fact she and her husband are not members of the Chippewa tribe. Mrs. Martinez is half Cherokee and half French, and Mr. Martinez is half Sioux and half Spanish.

"We felt very grateful and shocked," Mrs. Martinez said. "It renewed our faith and our love for God. He has ways of reaching out and meeting needs that we have no way of knowing about. It's hard to find the words to say thank you." □



# The SOLO or the CHORUS

by ROBERT H. SCOTT

**A** FEW MUSICIANS are talented enough to make it as soloists, either as vocalists or instrumentalists. Most, however, are not capable enough—*alone*. But in an orchestra or a chorus, the nonsoloist has strong value and contribution.

A few ministers and churches may be talented enough to make it as “soloists.” Like musicians, however, most ministers and churches can never properly make it alone.

History has illustrated that. It has also verified that the greatest human needs have been met by Christians in concert: the “chorus,” the “orchestra.” In spite of the anti-institutionalism of the 1980s, churches in vital denominational relationship, Christians in vital church relationship, remain our greatest source of hope and potential impact.

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We should not expend our energies attacking the “soloists.” But neither should we insult God’s mission or ignore the facts of history by “putting down” the “chorus” or the “orchestra.” The latter is probably a greater danger today than the former!

Remember, most of us, like it or not, are not solist material. We can only make it in the chorus. If *you* can make it as solist, God bless you. For the rest of us, may we devote ourselves to making music *with* the orchestra, not setting up minor chords, sending out sour notes, or dwelling on discordant sounds. We really do need each other, the family, our great denomination.

Come to think of it, almost all of the greatest soloists make their best presentation with an orchestra or chorus around them. With very few exceptions, therein is their talent most rewardingly received, and most lastingly remembered.

It’s not just tolerable to be a team member—it’s absolutely the most sensible thing to be! □

## NEEDS

*My coat is rather shabby. Some would say  
I need a new one, but there are other things  
of more concern and the love of Jesus  
keeps a warm glow in my heart.  
I could not get along without Him, but I may  
have to get along without a new coat  
for a while.*

*My car is small, and old  
by some folks’ standards. Sometimes I think  
I’d like a new one, but there are hundreds  
of people all over the world  
who are hungry—and it does get me there.  
Until it won’t do that any longer,  
I’ll get along.*

*My house is not on Nob Hill or Fifth Avenue.  
It’s also rather old, but it’s warm  
and cozy inside. Good neighbors and friends  
help fill it with love and warmth.  
It might be nice to have a new one, but God  
provided the means for this one, and  
I will be content.*

*I could list endlessly things that seem  
necessary, and I must admit that sometimes  
my wants do outrun my needs.  
Madison Avenue batters at us daily,  
telling of all the new wonders we need.  
My real needs, God supplies, oft’ in  
overflowing measure.*

*The greatest need of all, He met  
through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.  
He is my Savior, my Friend, my Comforter,  
my Guide, the Bread of Life and  
Living Water to my heart’s needs,  
And if I keep Him first, I need fear  
for naught else.*

*In His love and in His wisdom,  
He will supply!*

—MABEL P. ADAMSON  
*Kansas City, Missouri*

# CHANCE, FATE, OR WHAT?

by GORDON CHILVERS



**U**NWELCOME EVENTS frequently push their way into our lives. They never warn us of their approach. We can not keep them out. Yet our immediate and possibly our distant future is shaped by them. They are our constant problem. Why do these unwelcome visitors come to us?

Are we at the mercy of forces that are uncertain in their movements? Are we tossed around by chance or fate? Is our luck being out for the moment the explanation? Are we in the hands of unpredictable and unintelligent agents?

We settle our vacation; we make our business arrangements; we plan our church matters so that they may succeed. These plans have been carefully made, yet suddenly, out of the blue, they are frustrated by an unconnected cause.

Sickness can smite us without warning. Seldom do we see its present meaning. Yet it can make havoc of our lives. Affliction deeply concerns us because it effects us so comprehensively. It can limit our service for the Lord as it impedes our movements. One minister complained: "I am 60 and was just at my peak as a minister when I had a severe stroke. Now I can no longer do my work."

Opposition to us and to our ideas can arise quite suddenly. We have carefully sought God's will and have tried to follow it fully. Yet someone not only opposes us sharply, but also treats us badly. This is so hard to bear.

What a fine line may separate success and failure!

We base our judgment on our experience and knowledge. We are so sure our project will succeed that we do not even consider failure to be possible. Yet in the terms we planned, we fail.

Friendship is one of our greatest joys; yet how easily a friendship can fall apart! I was present when two women who had been friends for many years were conversing. One of them made a tactless remark. It was answered by hostile criticism. The friendship was smashed beyond repair.

The alternative to bad luck or chance is a world in the hands of a Person that is stronger than any other being or force. This Person needs wisdom and knowledge as well as power. To work for our benefit He must also be kind and generous. We have that Person: God our Father. The world is in His providential control. If we can be confident that He is in charge of events, our outlook on life will be transformed.

For a Christian, frustration, sickness, opposition, failure, and losses are not accidents. They can be part of God's providential leading in promoting our spiritual growth.

A Christian man was serving with the American forces in Europe. He was hoping to get home quickly, eager to rejoin his lovely wife, and to see his son, who had been born just after he had left America. Suddenly he learned that he had been assigned to the Near East for one year. He was stunned.

Fifteen years later, as a mature Christian, he said in retrospect: "That delay shook my faith to its foundations. Yet during that last year away, I learned more of

*GORDON CHILVERS is a free-lance writer from Norwich, England.*



God and His love for me than I had learned in any period of my life. That year is when I began to trust God completely."

We need not indulge in self-pity. Nor need we say, "Why should this happen to me?" "If God loves me why did He not prevent it?" We need not think the unexpected and painful experiences occur because God has forgotten us. We know that God is always with us caring for us, preventing what is not good and prospering all the rest.

As we look to the past we may wonder if our present position would not have been better had we done differently. Should we be happier if we were some other person? Others seem to have the enjoyment that we would like. Instead, we have frustration, sickness, opposition, failure, or broken relationships.

None of these considerations need ever bother us, because God has been and still is at work in them. Jesus explained God's providential concern for us when he said, "The very hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matthew 10:30). The God who is concerned about such insignificant objects as our hairs is sure to be working in His providential and loving care for us. That is why, as Paul puts it, "all things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28).

Thinking back to the moment when the unwelcome events happened, we know we should not have chosen them. They grieved us. Yet when we reconsider them we see how wonderfully God's hand has brightened their colour.

We move to the present. We are encouraged by what

is happening when we see what God is doing. His providence can change the situation from a loss to a life of holiness.

Our experiences of the past and present condition our outlook on the future. We know God to be unchangeable and faithful. Earlier, God had transmuted the lead of unwelcome events to gold, so He can do so again in the future. We can look ahead with confidence and say with Paul, this event "shall turn to my salvation" (Philippians 1:19).

We realize that God has a plan for us and for our lives. We do not know its exact details, except as we see the page that is marked, "today." We know that each of the succeeding pages has its special providences.

We need never fear that any enemies can come between us and God's plan for our life. We are sure that God's sovereignty will operate, for He is still on the throne of the universe.

We can be satisfied. We do not know what is coming to us, but we know that future events will have a beneficial purpose. Our determination is to do God's will and seek His glory. They would be the result of any and every event.

Realizing our Father's loving concern for us, we can praise Him whether we feel weakness, our plans are frustrated, we are opposed, we fail or our relationships fall apart.

As we look to the future, we cannot be certain of what is ahead of us. Yet we may be sure that a Christian's life contains no intervention of bad luck, chance, or fate. Nor do the planets mold our lives. Instead, all events are in the hands of God's loving providence. □

## Book Brief

### FAMILY JOURNEY INTO JOY



C. S. COWLES  
author

**W**HAT A CRAZY WORLD THIS IS! "A man works to support a family he rarely sees. A mother takes employment to pay someone else to raise her children. . . . The home ceases to be a community and becomes, instead, a terminal where human traffic sometimes intersects."

Now, to debate the subject a little with the author, hasn't the family always been separated somewhat throughout the day, meeting at late evening meals for a short time together before bedtime (with the little ones often asleep)? It is so in many of the more primitive societies today, and it was in the days of the virtuous woman (Proverbs 31), who is seen in the marketplace selling her wares.

What separates families, then, is not the harried schedules (granted, much worse today), but the dearth of happy experiences that bind families together in *pure joy*. That's what the book is about. Cowles writes, "Our lives are not totally programmed. We do retain a large measure of freedom in setting priorities and determining responsibilities." He advocates "the wisdom of the 'recreative break'"—singing, laughing, playing, telling stories, painting pictures, hiking, and celebrating *together*. "It opens the windows of the soul. It allows us to get in touch with our own feelings and with each other."

The book is heartwarming, bringing to mind joyful events of the past. Most importantly, it reveals excellent principles to enrich life for today's young families. There are ideas to help anyone, any age, drop sparks of joy into other lives and strengthen relationships. Both the psychology and the biblical teaching are sound.

*Family Journey into Joy* was the denomination-wide study in early 1983. However, it's an enduring book with pass-along qualities—a nice gift for families outside the church. We're offering it once more because we don't want anyone to miss this special, life-rejuvenating treat. □

—Evelyn Stenbock  
Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City.  
To order, see page 23.

# the editor's STANDPOINT

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## THE HALFHEARTED ARE DANGEROUS

One of the rich experiences of my spiritual pilgrimage was a careful reading of a three-volume edition of the *Journal and Letters* of Francis Asbury.

Asbury united a personal quest for holiness with the responsibility of guiding American Methodism in its early years. His intense concern to be holy, and to have a holy church, led to rigorous enforcement of the Methodist discipline. Sometimes preachers and laymen chafed under his efforts to maintain this discipline. Asbury's commitment and courage are evidenced in a *Journal* entry that reads, "I cannot suffer myself to be guided by half-hearted Methodists."

We have reached a time when superintendents and pastors will need great courage if they are not to be guided by halfhearted Nazarenes. Some preachers and laymen are lukewarm, if not ice cold, where our doctrines and standards of holiness are concerned. They betray a heritage that was purchased and established at the cost of blood, sweat, and tears.

We have churches where the doctrine of entire sancti-

fication is seldom or never proclaimed, churches where self-help psychology with a religious tincture has been substituted for the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have churches where "leading" members, elected to governing boards, blatantly violate our standards of behavior. Enough of these troubled places have emerged to cause legitimate concern about an epidemic.

The halfhearted could never have founded our churches and the halfhearted cannot preserve it. They may preserve something that bears our name, but it will be shorn of the creed, spirit, vision, ethics, and passion that have been our very reason for existence.

No one who reads me frequently can accuse me of being bestly of ancestor worship or status-quo mentality. But I am frankly concerned that we not lose what permits us to be accurately designated as a holiness church.

Carnality should be present in the church, for we should have people there in all stages of spiritual development. But carnality should not be in the driver's seat.

## GOSSIP DESTROYS

A church in Nebraska, in its order of service, listed as the sermon topic "Gossip." Immediately following was listed the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story."

In my study is a framed photograph of the print shop at Pilot Point, Tex., where the old *Holiness Evangel* was published. The enlarged photo was given me through the kindness of Steve Cooley, our archivist. Fastened to one table in the print shop is a sign that reads, "Speak evil of no man." We still need the admonition. The equipment and clothing in the picture are outdated, but not this moral injunction.

Gossip is a serious problem in the church. Wagging tongues have bludgeoned reputations, shattered influences, and destroyed careers. The gossip's tongue is the enemy of unity and peace. It drips with the poison of suspicion and dissension. Gossip builds nothing up, tears everything down. Gossip is the very opposite of the love that covers a multitude of sins.

Even when a gossip tells the truth, he does so for evil reasons. He doesn't want to help the subject or object

of his gossiping. He seeks to exploit another in order to ingratiate himself. He tries to worm his way into someone's favor by peddling matters injurious to victims not present to defend or to explain. Gossip is not only a weakness, it is cowardice.

Most gossips prefer to regard themselves as reporters. "I thought you ought to know" is a favorite phrase with them. Their real purpose is not to inform but to disseminate. They delight in the wounds they inflict.

John Wesley, in one of his letters "to a young disciple" writes, "Of all gossiping, religious gossiping is the worst: It adds hypocrisy to uncharitableness, and factually does the work of the devil in the name of the Lord." Discord among the people of God is evil, whatever excuses the gossip makes for his divisive tongue. According to Proverbs 6:19, sowing discord among brethren is on God's hate list.

Don't lend your ears to those who give their tongues to gossip. An old proverb says, "Who speaks ill of others to you will speak ill of you to others."



ome exercise mastery without mercy. Loveless power has nearly destroyed the world. Others are merciful without mastery. Powerless love only mocks our needs. But Christ combines perfect mastery and mercy, strength and sympathy, lordship and love.

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## GUILT-IN PENALTY

In the *San Francisco Chronicle* I read that "AIDS is now the leading cause of death among gay men in their 30s and 40s." This age-group has contracted *acquired immune deficiency syndrome* at a rate twice that of younger men. The killer disease, however, strikes other age-groups also. According to the article, "The AIDS epidemic has reached staggering proportions in the city's central gay areas."

Romans 1:18-32. Paul indicts the idolatry and immorality that prevailed in the Gentile world of the first century. Among the evils he condemns is homosexuality among men and women. Naming these as "dishonorable passions," he writes of "men committing shameful acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error." Penalty for their sin was built in, so to speak—contained within the activity itself. According to Paul, this was a manifestation of God's wrath against a practice that was vile in His sight.

AIDS is a disease in which the infection-fighting blood cells are reduced, leaving the victim an easy prey to a

number of illnesses. The body does not fight for those who sin against it.

People in and out of the church, in defiance of Scripture, have refused to call homosexual acts sin. Governments everywhere are changing laws so that such sexual perversion is no longer a crime. But while men may redefine sin and rewrite laws, God will not accept their revisions. Neither will the bodies that are made the instrument of evil.

Paul's indictment includes other sins also. If we investigate closely, we will find that many physical and mental illnesses result from these other sins. "The wages of sin is death"—death to bodies, minds, and spirits; death to social, political, and spiritual relationships.

People trapped by their own folly need our love, prayers, and gospel witness. The apostle who indicted sinners also spent himself in ministry to them, seeking to bring them to Christ. All the sins named in Romans 1 can be forgiven—such is the love of God in Jesus Christ for us all. □

## JESUS, THE WEIGHT LIFTER

The last service of the camp meeting was over. The tabernacle was rapidly emptying. A little fellow, about 12 years old, came up to the platform to give me a good-bye hug. He had been at the altar earlier.

"How are you, friend?" I asked.

"Better now," he answered. "I feel like a 50-pound weight has been lifted from my back."

I remember the feeling! Life's heaviest burden is the burden of sin with its guilt. When that load is lifted by the hands of the Lord, how light and free one feels! We used to sing often. "I remember when my burdens rolled away." Can anyone ever really forget that?

Think what a burden Jesus stooped to bear when He died for our sins. "The Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all." Atlas with the world on his shoulders had it easy compared to Christ with the sins of the world on His heart. Only the Son of God was strong enough to carry that burden, and it took His life.

To bear your own burdens is tough. To bear one another's burdens is harder still. But to bear the burdens of the entire fallen race is a feat of love and might that blows our minds—and that is what Jesus did at Calvary.

The day my little friend lost his burden I had expounded the story of the 10 lepers who were healed by Christ. Those stricken men had prayed, "Master, have mercy on us." Some exercise mastery without mercy. Loveless power has nearly destroyed the world. Others are merciful without mastery. Powerless love only mocks our needs. But Christ combines perfect mastery and mercy, strength and sympathy, lordship and love. That Sunday night, as Dr. Edward Lawlor preached, a boy—and a host of other needy folks—discovered that Christ both feels for us and meets our needs.

Jesus is the greatest weight lifter of all time. "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." The greatest burden is lifted by the greatest Person with the greatest strength! Let His name be praised! □

ence as a "door opener" to the crux of the matter, the process of growth in holiness. And yet, as Brother Conn so aptly observes, "we are sanctified by a presence, not a process." Let us teach and preach not only sanctification, but even more so its reason for existence: to allow us to enter into, and maintain by God's grace, a selfless, loving, holy, serving relationship with God himself.

*Rev. Gregory Mencotti  
Edinboro, Pennsylvania*

#### POSITIVE APPROVAL

The article by W. E. McCumber in the June issue on being positive was excellent.

I, too, am troubled by a concept of positives that ignores or belittles sin. God does not ignore it, therefore we have no right to either.

I'm glad to see the *Herald* speaking out on some of the issues that

have presented themselves to us in the past few years.

True, being a Christian is not all dos and don'ts, but if we are going to preach "God is love" we must also present the other side of the story.

The greatest love a pastor can show his congregation is to preach God's Word completely even if some may think it negative preaching. After all, what good has a pastor done if he gives us soft positive sermons and many of his people are lulled into hell.

*Peggy Bauer  
Aroma Park, Illinois*

#### KEEP ON HOPING

I would like to thank the Nazarene pastor who shared his story, "Let the Homecoming Party Begin for My Prodigal," in the June 1 edition.

We have two teenagers in our family that have turned from God and their Christian upbringing, but we're trusting in God's promises and not giving up hope that they'll turn back to God.

We've all been God's prodigal child sometime in our life, even though He gave His all to show us how much He cared. I believe we should follow our Father's example in being a Christian parent; loving, patient, forgiving, and never giving up hope.

*Susan Dempsey  
Louisville, Kentucky*

#### COVER COMMENDED

I wanted to say how beautiful your front cover was for the month of June 1983.

The innocent look on that child's face has blessed me so richly! It reminds me of the look in a child's eyes when he or she will see Jesus face-to-face. Of course, the bride is absolutely beautiful also.

Thank you for touching my life with this picture!

May God bless you all!

*Denise E. Garrett  
Denver, Colorado*

## A SPECIAL TUESDAY

by JANICE W. HAMILTON

**T**UESDAY MORNING in our parsonage is usually very busy. There is always much to do before the ladies gather for prayer at 10 a.m. That "special Tuesday" was no different.

Around 8:30 the telephone rang. My husband was gone and the older children had left for school. I answered. It was one of our members. She was calling to inform us that her mother, hospitalized for gall bladder surgery several days earlier, had been taken into intensive care. Hours earlier, complications had developed requiring additional surgery. She asked me to give the pastor the message.

In a short time my husband returned. I conveyed the news regarding Helen's condition. He prepared to leave for the hospital, an hour's distance away, expressing a wish that I accompany him. Since my mother was visiting us at the time, we didn't have to consider what to do with our little one. However, there was the question of the ladies' prayer group.

Quickly it passed through my mind to share with the ladies this urgent prayer request and let them make the decision. I called each one who attended and asked them all to especially remember Helen in prayer. She

*JANICE W. HAMILTON is a pastor's wife residing in Janesville, Wisconsin.*

was not a Christian and her family was concerned. The ladies agreed I should make the trip with the pastor and promised to be much in prayer for God's leading.

Arriving at the hospital, we found the situation grim. Most of the family had spent the night and concern showed on every face. We went into the intensive care unit and found Helen attached to tubes, needles, and machines. She had met the pastor before and seemed pleased to see him again. As we stood beside that bed a miracle happened. My husband told Helen about God's plan of salvation. She listened, and though she could not talk or use her hands, she spoke with us through her eyes.

God's presence filled the room and Helen accepted Christ as her personal Savior. It seemed to us that afterwards her body relaxed. There was a very noticeable change, even though much of her movement was restricted by machines. That Tuesday morning, while our ladies prayed, a brand-new child was born into the Kingdom.

We visited Helen on the days that followed. She was never again responsive. Her condition steadily worsened. On Wednesday, February 23, she went to be with Jesus.

How wonderful it is to know that our Heavenly Father guides us daily! I thank Him for that Tuesday morning, and especially for my pastor husband whom God used to speak to Helen. And I thank God, too, for Christian women who know how to touch heaven. It was a "special Tuesday," one I shall never forget. □

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



# IN THE NEWS

## PEOPLE AND PLACES



**Mike Conway**, a 6' 3", 225-pound junior at Olivet Nazarene College from Pittsburgh, Pa., is the first Olivet athlete ever to be named to an NAIA All-American team in any sport. He was honored at a sports banquet in May, along with other MVPs in various sports. Conway led the offensive line from his tackle position.

Coach Ken Richardson was named coach of the year in NAIA District 20 because of the team's 6-3 record, which was the best in Olivet's seven-year-old football program.



After 15 years of research in the United States, England, and France, 50 interviews and endless correspondence, **Dr. Noel Riley Fitch** has completed a major literary history of Paris in the '20s and '30s. *Sylvia Beach and the Lost Generation* is a lively chronicle of Miss Beach, patron of book lovers and independent little publishers around the world. Shakespeare and Company, her Left Bank bookshop, lending library, and publishing house, was port of call for most writers of the modernist period.

Dr. Fitch, professor of literature and chairman of the Department of Literature/Languages at Point Loma College in San Diego, became interested in the bookstore and Beach while she was a graduate student at Washington State University. Fitch continued her research on the subject as she gained her Ph.D. and her postdoctoral seminars at Princeton and Yale Universities. Miss Beach and the bookshop have been the subject of lectures at various conventions and articles in a variety of literary publications.

**Rev. Gerry Whetstone** was recently selected as one of the *Outstanding Young Men of America*. Gerry is the pastor of Fitchburg, Mass., church.

Gerry was recognized for his work in

the community in Tallmadge, Ohio. There he served on the school board and was president of the Tallmadge Ministerial Association. He also served as a member of a resource committee for the city. On the Akron District he served as the NYI president.

Gerry and his wife, Ellen, and two daughters moved to Fitchburg in September 1982.

**Mr. Dalton Knauss**, member of Scottsdale, Ariz., First Church, has been elected president of the Advanced Technology Group of Square D corporation, headquartered in Palatine, Ill.

Square D is a multinational electrical and technology firm with over 25,000 employees worldwide. Knauss sold his General Semi-conductor Industries firm in Tempe to Square D but remains chairman of that board. Election as president brought membership on the Board of Directors of Square D Corporation.

Mr. Knauss serves on the Board of Directors of Arizona Nazarene Lands, Inc., one of 15 businessmen on that board, whose purpose is to acquire land in strategic locations for church planting in Arizona and southern Nevada. Mr. Franklin Cook serves as executive administrator for ANLI.



**Mark A. Hamilton** has completed the doctor of education degree in instructional development with a specialization in educational media and technology at Boston University. Dr. Hamilton studied under Dr. G. F. McVey, internationally known as a leader in the field of Ergonomics and Human Factors in Design.

During the past three years he was awarded a graduate assistantship in University Media Services, a teaching follows in the School of Education's Instructional Development Division, and elected to the national honor society of Phi Lambda Theta.

Dr. Hamilton graduated from Bethany Nazarene College (1974), earned the masters in religious education degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary (1976), and a master's degree in educational media and technology from East Texas State University

(1980). From 1976 to 1980 he served as associate minister to youth at Dallas Central Church.

Dr. Hamilton and his wife, Roxie Ann, presently reside in Quincy, Mass., where he serves as head resident counselor at Eastern Nazarene College. He will begin his fourth year teaching in the college's Communication Arts Department in the fall.



A doctor of ministry degree was awarded to **Max Harris**, May 14, 1983 from Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City. Dr. Harris is from Nederland, Tex.,

and graduated from Lamar University, Beaumont, Tex., in 1973 with bachelor of science degrees in chemistry and biology. He was employed for Texaco as a chemist before entering Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1976. He graduated magna cum laude with the master of divinity degree in 1978.

He pastored the St. Joseph, Mo., Northside Church from 1977 until 1980 when he and his wife were appointed to European Nazarene Bible College, Busingen, West Germany. At the present time he teaches theology and science and serves as the dean of students at ENBC. He is married to Lavinne (Henry) Harris, formerly of Bethany, Okla.



Pictured are Mr. Walter Ouzts (center) of Marksville, La., church, who presents \$90,000 in bonds to Rev. Ralph E. West (r.), superintendent of the Louisiana District, as Pastor Gary Jones (l.) looks on. The money is to be used at the discretion of the District Advisory Board with a major portion of it to be applied on a new couples' dormitory to be constructed at the district center. Brother Ouzts told Rev. West, "You don't know how good this makes me feel to be able to give this to my Heavenly Father because He has been so good to me." Mr. Ouzts has been a member of the Marksville, La., church for more than 50 years. He and his late wife, Eula, and her late sister, Berta Coco Jerrett, have been strong supporters of the district camp meeting, home missions and the total church program. The Marksville church has just completed a relocation and building program. Mr. Ouzts was a major contributor.

## NIELSON COMPLETES ASSIGNMENT FOR MEDIA SERVICES



Merritt J. Nielson has completed four years of productive work for Media Services, Division of Communications, and has accepted the position

of associate pastor at the Wollaston, Mass., church on the campus of Eastern Nazarene College. He began his new assignment August 21.

Paul Skiles, Media Services director, reluctantly accepted Nielson's resignation. He cited several significant projects accomplished under Mr. Nielson's supervision as director of 16-mm production and church media utilization.

Among the films he produced were: *They Cry in the Night*, *The Sun Never Sets in the Morning*, and *A Church for Tomorrow*. He was also the project director for the media-outreach campaign developed for the Church of the Nazarene. In addition, he scripted the *Enduring Word* filmstrips.

Prior to his Kansas City assignment, Merritt and his wife, Linda, helped to plant the Church of the Nazarene in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. They completed a four-year specialized as-

ignment for the Division of World Mission in 1979. Their work included Dutch language literature development, lay training, and music.

Nielson is a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is the coauthor of *Watering the Roots* and the author of *A Sower Went Forth to Sow*. He is the editor of the newly released *Church Communications Sourcebook* published by Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City. In addition to membership in several professional organizations, he is a member of the Board of Directors of Victory Films, Inc., Arcadia, Calif.

Merritt Nielson is married to the former Linda Teague. They have two children: Merritt Jeremy and Jennifer Lynelle. □

## OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES

### MANC COMPLETES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Mid-America Nazarene College and President Curtis Smith announce the completion of the Cornerstone of Wisdom Capital Campaign for library fa-



Pictured (l. to r.) are Dr. Curtis Smith, president, and Dr. Roger Parrott, campaign director.

cilities and science facilities. By July 1, 1983, the college needed to raise 2.53 million in order to meet the challenge grant offered by the Mabee Foundation of Tulsa.

Dr. Roger Parrott, chief development officer and campaign director, reports over 7,000 friends of MANC, corporations, and foundations gave \$2,570,375 in the campaign. This total, added to the Mabee Foundation \$750,000 grant, brings the total raised to 3,320,375 for the project. This three-quarter million dollar gift is the largest foundation grant ever given to a Nazarene College.

With just three days remaining before the deadline, \$525,000 was still needed. Two major gifts were received in the final hours in order to complete the campaign successfully. Gifts for the campaign included \$1,311,894 from individuals; \$1,255,000 from foundations; \$375,000 from the president's seed faith partners; \$286,481 from estate gifts; and \$122,000 from corporations.

This is the largest capital campaign in the history of the college, raising over three times as much as any previous campaign. Construction on the new Mabee 39,000 sq. ft. library will begin during the late fall of this year. □

### NAZARENE STUDENT CENTER CELEBRATES CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Nazarene Student Center at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla., recently celebrated 18 years of ministry to the campus of OSU. The weekend included a come-and-go reception at the Student Center on Saturday afternoon and a cookout on a nearby ranch of one of the founders of the ministry. The evening program featured "New Creation," NSC's music ministry composed of 16 students currently attending OSU, and "His Hands," the puppet/drama ministry of NSC, also composed of OSU students. A slide presentation featuring past and present students concluded the evening.

Sunday morning worship at Stillwater First Church was a highlight as several alumni led the worship service.



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Dr. Terroll Ramsey, Sapulpa, Okla., and Jim Luthye, Perry, Okla., provided the special music. Rev. Bill Hilton, Tulsa, shared how he was converted while a student at OSU. Dr. Steve Forsythe, Olathe, Kans., offered the morning prayer and Betty Mahoney Lyles, Yukon, Okla., brought the morning message.

The Nazarene Student Center at OSU was first operated for several years by University Church of the Nazarene. In 1980, the decision was made that the ministry could best be accomplished under the direction of the district. Thus, in 1980, the Northwest Oklahoma District accepted the sponsorship of the campus ministry to OSU. Currently, the center is reaching 50 students weekly, with many more prospects from the 23,000 student population. The director of the Nazarene Student Center is Rev. Wesley D. Meisner, an OSU alumnus and a 1975 graduate of Nazarene Theological Seminary. □




The student government officers at Trevecca Nazarene College have been elected for the 1983-84 school year. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Rocky Jenkins, president; Julie Smith, vice-president of religious life; Eddie Savage, treasurer; Shelley Archer, *Darda* editor; Nancy Abell, secretary; Linda Dickens, *Trev-Echoes* editor; Paul Frank, attorney general; Bev Adams, vice-president; Bill Sharpe, Trevecca intramural athletics (TIA) vice-president. Not pictured is Darryl Murray, vice-president of social life.



Dwight Moody Gunter (l.) and W. Talmadge Johnson (r.) were awarded honorary doctor of divinity degrees by Trevecca Nazarene College at the 1983 Commencement exercises. Rev. Moody Gunter is superintendent of the South Carolina District. The South Carolina native is a 1959 Trevecca graduate. He has attended Nazarene Theological Seminary and the University of South Carolina. After serving pastorates in Tennessee, Missouri, and South Carolina, he was elected district superintendent in 1976. He is vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of Trevecca. Married to Nina Griggs, they have two sons, Dwight Moody Gunter, Jr., and Dwayne Mark, and reside in Columbia, S.C. Rev. Talmadge Johnson, superintendent of the Tennessee District, holds bachelors and masters degrees from Bethany Nazarene College. Johnson has been general NYPS president and member of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene. He is a member of the Board of Trustees at Trevecca. After pastorates in Oklahoma, He was elected superintendent of the Mississippi District in 1975. He served in this position until 1980 when he was elected to the Tennessee post. He and his wife, Janelle, have two sons, Michael and Jeffrey, and reside in Nashville.



Students of the Nazarene Student Center at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla., recently sponsored a Christian concert. Shown is part of the crowd of over 400 attending the concert, held in one of the high-rise dormitories. The featured artist was Carman, a contemporary Christian music artist who has toured recently with the Imperials and the Bill Gaither Trio. Malcom R. Pavey, a disc jockey from KCFO in Tulsa, was the guest emcee. Twenty-five students were trained in counseling and follow-up, prior to the concert, by Rev. Wes Meisner, director of the Nazarene Student Center. Student prayer cells were organized several weeks before by the students. Seventy-five students responded to the prayer invitation following the concert, including a starting player on the varsity basketball team. The ministry of the Nazarene Student Center at OSU has had 50 new converts this year.



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Dr. Cecil Inman, professor of writing curriculum at Bethany Nazarene College, recently spoke at the second annual banquet of the King's Scribes on "The Creative Process as Art." There were 38 members and guests present in the Floyd Center of Bethany, Okla., First Church. The King's Scribes is a Christian writers' club that meets the first Saturday of the month. Prof. Ethel Dickerman is the director, Mrs. Noel Braswell is assistant director, and Mrs. Milton Brasher is secretary-treasurer. Five writers, earning book awards in several categories, were Mrs. Helen Rothwell, Mrs. Mary Maness, Mrs. Vivian Stewart, Rev. Rick Short, and Mrs. Wilma Goodman. The group reported 70 published entries in various periodicals since last August.

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Ms. Allen recently completed course work in the areas of "Fundamentals of Life Insurance" and "Advanced Life Insurance," which led to the FLMI diploma and designation. She resides in Olathe, Kans., where she is a member of the College Church of the Nazarene. □



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**HAWKINS HONORED AT 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT COLORADO DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**



Floyd W. Hawkins, noted Nazarene songwriter and former editor at Lillenas Publishing Company, was honored in a special musical tribute at the 75th Anniversary Celebration held during the Colorado District Assembly on July 13, 1983, at Denver First Church.

Seven choirs from various churches in Colorado were organized into a 225-voice chorus, accompanied by a 30-piece orchestra, which performed selections from the Floyd Hawkins/

Otis Skillings musical "Discovery." The program was directed by Steve Jones, minister of music at Colorado Springs First Church.

Floyd Hawkins was music editor at Lillenas Publishing Company from 1957 until 1975. He had served as a pastor for 19 years in churches in Washington, Oregon, and California. He also traveled as a song evangelist. A number of his hymns appear in the Nazarene hymnal *Worship in Song*. His songs have been used in the campaigns of Billy Sunday and Billy Graham and have literally been heard around the world.

Though retired, Rev. Hawkins was persuaded to write lyrics for a song composed by Mr. Jones especially for

this occasion, "Melody of Love." Other selections performed during the evening were: "Willing to Take the Cross," "I Met God in the Morning," "God's Great Grace," "This Pair of Hands," and Mr. Hawkins' best-known song, "I've Discovered the Way of Gladness."

During the program Mr. Hawkins gave his recollections—both humorous and poignant—concerning the history of the Church of the Nazarene, with which he has been closely linked since its beginning in 1908. (Floyd was born in 1904.)

Floyd and his wife, Ruth, attend Colorado Springs First Church and are the parents of three daughters: Mrs. Ruth Hufford of Phoenix, Mrs. Caroline Campbell of Kansas City, and Mrs. Rodlyn Davis of Littleton, Colo. The entire family was present for this occasion, and the Hawkinses were also given a surprise reception in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

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Children's Ministries  
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## FOR THE RECORD

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS CANADA QUEBEC**

The fourth annual assembly of the Canada Quebec District met at Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec. District Superintendent Roy Fuller, reappointed for a one-year term, reported.

Dr. Charles H. Strickland, presiding general superintendent, ordained Pierre-Michel Paul.

Elders Eugene Morris and Lee Holder and laymen Gordon Brooks and Serge LaPalme were elected to the Advisory Board.

Nina Fuller, Dave Holtz, and Harry Schell were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

**NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA**

The 35th annual assembly of the Northwest Oklahoma District met at Bethany, Okla. District Superintendent Bill E. Burch, reelected to a four-year term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent V. H. Lewis or-





**A Heritage Service at the recent Houston District Assembly was attended by two Nazarene elders who were present at the denomination's founding at Pilot Point, Tex., in 1908. Rev. Mrs. Emma Irick (seated, l.) was ordained by Dr. P. F. Bresee in 1911, and Rev. Mrs. E. E. Smith (r.), was ordained by Dr. J. B. Chapman in 1929. Both ladies are in their 90s and both teach a Sunday School class. Mrs. Irick is a member of Lufkin, Tex., First Church and Mrs. Smith of Beaumont, Tex., First Church. Pictured (l. to r.) with the ladies are Dr. John L. Knight, evangelist; Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent; and Rev. D. W. Thaxton, district superintendent. Mrs. Irick, with her husband, Allie, evangelized for many years and they were responsible for organizing a number of churches. Mrs. Smith, a schoolteacher, held services and revivals in many schoolhouses in Oklahoma. She was the foster daughter of Rev. William F. Gibbons. She attended Arkansas Holiness College in Vilinia, Ark., and also Peniel College.**

drained Charles Crow, Philip John Heap, John William March, Jr., Hardy John Powers III, Jamil S. Elmousa Quandah, and Gavin Charles Raath.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Ponder Gilliland, Jack Lowe, Gary Powell, and Hardy Powers, and laymen Bill Campbell, Harold Mullins, Dudley Powers, and Don Schuneman.

Philip John Heap was reelected NWMS president; Michael Page was elected NYI president; and A. B. "Bud" LeCrone was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

**AKRON**

The 41st annual assembly of the Akron District met at Louisville, Ohio. District Superintendent Floyd O. Flemming, completing the first year of an extended term, reported

Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, presiding general superintendent, ordained Harold Marilyn Chappell, Edward Wayne Emory, Jr., Robert Lee Rhodabarger, John Clair Taylor, Dwaine Anderson Trump, and Clifford Lee Vander Burgh, and recognized the orders of Herbert Dean Ailing.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Kenneth M. Culbertson, George A. Gribben, Jr., George A. Hazlett, and Russell J. Long, Sr., and laymen James R. Couchenour, William R. Davis, Del Sanford, and Glenn Thorne.

Barbara Flemming, John C. Taylor, and Michael T. Burns were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

**PITTSBURGH**

The 76th annual assembly of the Pittsburgh District met at Butler, Pa. District Superintendent Jerry D. Lambert, completing the second year of an extended term, reported a new church, Sheakleyville, Pa.

Dr. William M. Greathouse, presiding general superintendent, ordained Ron Doran, Carl Casteel, and Alfred H. Armstrong

Elders Donald E. Chamberlain, Glen Eagle, and Mayne Minch, and laymen Lauren Cousins, James Hetrick, and Willis Whitting were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Verla Lambert, Rev. Terry Sowden, and Rev. Dean Hardy were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

**COLORADO**

The 75th annual assembly of the Colorado District met at Littleton, Colo. District Superintendent M. Harold Daniels, reelected to a two-year term, reported a new church, Colorado Springs Fellowship.

Presiding General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Clark Alan Childers, Jadalla Salim Ghrayyeb, Lonnie Andrew Green, Charles Burnette Hail, Clinton Edward Jones, David Ferris Snode, and Donald George Whitlock, and commissioned George Lewis Zickefoose a minister of education.

Elders Bill Coulter, J. Donald Freese, Orlando R. Jantz, and W. Donald Wellman, and laymen David Allen, Willis Brown, Dean Thoman, and George Turner were elected to the Advisory Board.

Trude Conrad was reelected NWMS president; Mickey Cox was elected NYI president; and Richard Turner was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

**SAN ANTONIO**

The 70th annual assembly of the San Antonio District met at Corpus Christi, Tex. District Superintendent James Blankenship, completing the second year of an extended term, reported two new churches, Waco Community and Gatesville.

Dr. Charles H. Strickland, presiding general super-

intendent, ordained Stanley Rodes, Jeffery Mihelich, and Daniel Davis.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Harry Evans and Marvin Gillee, and laymen Paul Johnson and Dale Yates.

Mrs. Chris Blankenship, Miss Peggy Stark, and Rev. Randall Wyles were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

**EAST TENNESSEE**

The 36th annual assembly of the East Tennessee District met at Knoxville, Tenn. District Superintendent Doyle C. Smith, completing the second year of an extended term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Danny Lawton Norman.

Elders M. K. Weaver and Jerry Hanson, and laymen Don Moore and Cecil Quinn were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Helen Collins, Donald Simmons, and LeRoy Davis were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

**WEST VIRGINIA**

The 44th annual assembly of the West Virginia District met in Summersville, W.Va. Retiring District Superintendent M. E. Clay reported four new churches, in Clay, Pinch, Shinnston, and Weston. Following the report, the assembly divided and met in the first assemblies of the West Virginia North and West Virginia South districts.

On the West Virginia South District, Rev. C. Harold Smith was elected superintendent for a one-year term. Elders Franklin W. Goff, Kenneth Maze, and Merlin E. Provance and laymen Russell "Mack" Bailey, John Jenkins, and Charles Seabolt were elected to the Advisory Board.

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dent; Rev. Robert E. Snodgrass was elected NYI president; and Charles Seabolt was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

On the West Virginia North District, Rev. John W. Dennis was elected superintendent for a one-year term. Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Robert L. Green and W. Dayton Lockard and laymen John Bolyard and Donald L. Estep.

Mrs. Dorothy Dennis was elected NWMS president; Rev. Edward L. Estep was elected NYI president; and Jan R. Forman was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

The two districts held a combined ordination service. Presiding General Superintendents Charles H. Strickland (South) and Jerald D. Johnson (North) ordained Michael LaVerne Bias, Roger Phillips Myatt, and Ronald Lee Perry, and recognized the credentials of Donald Alton Lohr. Jr

#### KANSAS

The 74th annual assembly of the Kansas District met at Wichita, Kans. District Superintendent Marselle Knight, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson ordained Robert Acton, Lamont Ellis, Robert Friesen, and Dale Hudson.

Elders Bob Broadbooks, Ray Lunn Hance, Ed Houston, and Gene Williams, and laymen Don Bird, Ray Cook, Marvin Snowbarger, and Darrel Thorp were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Marselle (Betty) Knight was reelected NWMS president; Rev. William Bland was reelected NYI president; and Rev. David Felter was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

#### WISCONSIN

The 48th annual assembly of the Wisconsin District met at Stevens Point, Wis. District Superintendent J. Ted Holstein, completing the third year of an extended term, reported a new church, Fond du Lac.

Presiding General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Terry Lemmon and Edward Thomas.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Charles Brooks and Laurel Matson, and laymen David Fry and John Woodruff.

Ruth Degner, Greg Mason, and Laurel Matson



For the past 35 years, Mrs. F. R. Guy of Bethany, Okla., has been involved in what she calls her "Missionary Box Work." Mrs. Guy recently celebrated her 91st birthday, yet her advanced years and blindness have not weakened her missionary zeal. On May 10, 1983, Mrs. Guy (l.) sent her latest shipment of "missionary boxes" numbering 34 in all and weighing in excess of 1,200 pounds to a mission field in Alamo, Tex. The boxes contained new and used clothing, bedding, scratch pads, shoes, dinnerware and utensils, and 150 Spanish New Testaments, just to name a few of the items. During the past 35 years, she has sent over 500 boxes of supplies to missionaries in 18 different countries and 36 different mission fields to total over 50,000 pounds of goods. Mrs. Guy and her late husband retired to Bethany in 1950, after having pastored in the Church of the Nazarene for 21 years.

were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

#### NORTHEASTERN INDIANA

The 41st annual assembly of the Northeastern Indiana District met at Marion, Ind. District Superintendent Bruce T. Taylor, reelected to a four-year term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson ordained Gary Klinger, Howard E. Nunley, Sidney L. Tucker, and Luther J. Yoder; recognized the credentials of Thomas Anthony Conley and Richard A. Runyon; and commissioned Rex A. Person a minister of Christian education.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Carl E. Greek, Verdean F. Owens, and Russell Shalley, and laymen Allen Leatherman, Elmer G. Pasko, and Jack Snowden.

Mrs. Bruce Taylor, Dale Hawkins, and Verdean F. Owens were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

#### INDIANAPOLIS

The 58th annual assembly of the Indianapolis District met at Camby, Ind. District Superintendent John F. Hay, completing the second year of an extended term, reported two new churches, Richmond New Life and Indianapolis Jester Memorial.

Dr. V. H. Lewis, presiding general superintendent, ordained Jerry Lee Schroeder, Leslie Waltz, Warren Dale Rose, Douglas H. Bohall, Joe Stephen Powell, Phillip Wayne Edwards, Jesse Robert Bewley, and Charles William Burris, and commissioned Ruth I. Weber a minister of Christian education.

Elders William Griffin, Garland Johnson, and Ralph Lee, and laymen Ralph Fox, Clayton Lewis, and Ray Marlin were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Harry Hardin, Mr. Dave Garner, and Rev. Vernon Corzine, were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

#### SOUTHWEST INDIANA

The 35th annual assembly of the Southwest Indiana District met at Evansville, Ind. District Superin-

tendent B. G. Wiggs, completing the first year of an extended term, reported two new churches, Bloomingdale and Jasper.

Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, presiding general superintendent, ordained Steven W. Gates, Robert C. Rhoads, Jr., and K. Michael Sparks.

Elders Ron Freeland, Roy Quanstrom, Samuel Taylor, and Darrell Wineinger, and laymen Byron Buker, Robert Clifton, Edward Mason, and Jesse Pitts were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Darrell (Barbara) Wineinger was reelected NWMS president. Mr. Carlyle Thill was elected NYI president; and Rev. Bill Lewis was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ravenna, Ohio, First Church** will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 2. The church dates from October 1933. All former members and friends are invited to attend and/or send communications to the church office at 3284 Brady Lake Rd., Ravenna, OH 44266.

**New Bedford, Mass., First Church** will celebrate its 75th anniversary the weekend of Oct. 16. Rev. C. Leonard Newbert and congregation invite all former pastors, members, and friends to attend or send greetings to be read. Rev. Chester A. Smith, former pastor, will be the guest speaker. For further information, write Rev. C. Leonard Newbert, 764 Hathaway Rd., New Bedford, MA 02740.

**Trenton, N.J., First Church** will celebrate its 65th anniversary with a mortgage burning and homecoming ceremony Sunday morning, Nov. 20, 1983. All pastors and friends who have been associated with the church are invited to attend this special celebration. For additional information write to the First Church of the Nazarene, 101 Bull Run Rd., Trenton, NJ 08638.

All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend the 40th anniversary celebration at **Alameda, Calif., First Church**, Nov. 25-27, 1983. Registration and a reception are planned for Friday night at 7 p.m. Saturday's activities include a continental breakfast, tours, games in the gym, and slides, pictures, and films collected over the years to be viewed after a dinner together. Sunday morning services are at 8:30 and 11:00, with Sunday School at 9:45. Sunday at 3 p.m. will be the "Great 40th Celebration." For further information, write to the church at 1415 Oak St., Alameda, CA 94501.

**The Smith Center, Kans.**, church will celebrate its 50th anniversary Oct. 29-30, 1983. Activities will begin Saturday, Oct. 29, 2 p.m., and conclude Sunday, Oct. 30 with the 2:30 p.m. service.  
 Dr. Marselle Knight, district superintendent, will speak in the Sunday afternoon service. Former pas-

tors and members will share in memories and special music in the Saturday evening and Sunday morning services. Former pastors and members unable to attend are encouraged to send greetings to Rev. Gary A. Williamson, 220 S. Madison, Smith Center, KS 66967.

**Larimore, N.D., First Church** will celebrate its 60th anniversary Oct. 16. Pastor Eugene Bucklin and congregation invite all former pastors and wives, members, and friends to attend. For more information, or to send greetings, contact the church at Box 336, Larimore, ND 58251. Phone 701-343-2388.

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

REV. MIKE HELMS and his wife, GLORIA, were recently registered as evangelists by the Northeastern Indiana District. They are both graduates of the Nazarene Bible College. Mike has proved to be a productive minister of the gospel, and his wife an effective singer. They are able to care for both the music and preaching. I commend them to our churches as ministers of the gospel. They may be reached at 3918 E. Pikes Peak, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.—*Bruce T. Taylor, Northeastern Indiana district superintendent.*

Evangelists may be reached through Evangelism Ministries' toll-free number, 800-821-2154.

**VITAL STATISTICS**

**LONGTIME PROFESSOR DIES**

James R. Garner was born in Blossom, Tex., January 24, 1903, and died March 31, 1983. He went to Bethany Okla., as a student in 1922 where he re-

ceived his A.B. degree. He received his B.S. from the University of Oklahoma in 1926 and also his M.A. in political science in 1927. He later received the Ph.D. degree in 1934 from the University of Iowa.

Dr. Garner invested 35 years in Nazarene institutions. He taught for 3 years at Northwest Nazarene College, and 5 years at Olivet Nazarene College, returning to Bethany Nazarene College, his alma mater, in 1948 to complete a stay of 27 years, concluding with his retirement in 1972.

Dr. Garner was an active citizen and churchman. He served as a delegate to general assemblies from 1920 to 1960. He was a nephew of John Nance (Cactusjack) Garner, vice-president under President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He is survived by his wife, Jewel; two daughters, Ann Springer of Tampa, Fla., and Ruth Boyd of Oklahoma City; one sister, Blanche Garner of Bethany; and six grandchildren.

**PIONEER CHURCH WORKER DIES**

The memorial service for Marie M. Sanner, who passed away July 21 in Los Alamitos, Calif., was held July 26 in the Church of Our Fathers, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Cypress, Calif. Rev. Jerry W. White, pastor of Long Beach, Calif., First Church, officiated. Two sons, Dr. Elwood Sanner of Northwest Nazarene College, and Rev. Harold Sanner of San Jose, Calif., participated in the service.

Mrs. Sanner was born on July 7, 1891, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Mercer. She married Asa Everette Sanner in eastern Colorado on July 25, 1914, where their families had homesteaded. From that time until their retirement in 1966, she and her husband ministered in the Church



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of the Nazarene, including pastorates in Colorado and California and, for 31 years, the district superintendency in six western states: Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, and California.

Mrs. Sanner taught school for 10 years in three states: Missouri, Colorado, and Idaho. She was active in missionary work and served on the General Council of the Nazarene World Missionary Society for 12 years. She and her husband also served for 14 years as superintendents of the Casa Robles Missionary Home in Temple City, Calif. They both taught at NNC for one year in the early 1920s.

She is survived by her husband, Asa Everette Sanner of Seal Beach, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. George (Ruth) Westmoreland, also of Seal Beach; four sons, Elwood of Nampa, Wesley of Pasadena, Calif., Harold of San Jose, Calif., and Kenneth of Menlo Park, Calif.; 7 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

#### DEATHS

JAMES W. BESHEARS, 58, died June 26 in Santa Maria, Calif. Interment was in Marshall, Mo., with Rev. Carlton Harvey officiating. Surviving are two sons, James and Joseph; three daughters, Jane Hamilton, Janice Trenner, and Joni Beshears; six grandchildren; and two brothers.

LETTA BRIGGS, 72, died Aug. 4 in Marshall, Mo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Carlton Harvey. Interment was in Kansas City, Mo. Survivors include one son, Terry; one daughter, Penny Bromagen; two grandchildren; and five sisters.

MRS. BESSIE M. DOKE, 93, died July 29 in Luck, Wis. Funeral services were conducted in Frederic, Wis., by Rev. Donald M. Blodgett. She is survived by two grandsons; nine great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

TALLMONE ETHAN (TOM) HORST, 78, died June 1 in San Jose, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Al Jones and Rev. Stan Johnson. Interment was in Los Gatos, Calif. Surviving are his wife, Eunice; three daughters, Phyllis Webb, Joan Barnes, and Donna Anderson; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

REX C. JOHNSON, 62, died June 18 in Seattle, Wash. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bill Childress. He is survived by his wife, Betty; two sons, Joel and Rex T.; three grandchildren; his mother; two brothers; and three sisters.

ROY F. JOHNSON, 84, died June 22 in San Jose, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Al Jones. Interment was in Los Gatos, Calif. Survivors include his wife, Marie; 3 sons, Eugene, James, and Norman; 2 daughters, Velma Martin and Loetta Boardman; 21 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

NOBLE T. LEVELY, 81, died July 14 in Pasadena, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Lawrence Bone. He is survived by his wife, Leota; two daughters, Delores Jensen and Marlene Butts; five grandchildren; and two sisters.

## "Showers of Blessing"

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE



- September 25  
"Ability and Responsibility"
- October 2  
"The Lighted Pathway"
- October 9  
"Keep Your Heart!"
- October 16  
"The Hunter His Own Prey"

by W. E. McCumber, speaker

# NEWS OF RELIGION

**SCRIPTURES A MAJOR DISPLAY ITEM AT HUNGARY'S NATIONAL BOOK WEEK.** A wide array of Bibles and New Testaments were displayed openly at one of the largest and most attractive of the many bookstalls set up along the principal streets of central Budapest during Hungary's National Book Week in June.

Participating jointly in the stall, which was located in Calvin Square, one of main crossroads of the city, were the Hungarian Bible Council and several major Protestant denominations.

Dr. Latin E. Holmgren, former general secretary of the American Bible Society and now a consultant, was visiting the Bible Council in Budapest at the time. He reports that sales were brisk throughout the week and that the Council staff were very excited by the unprecedented opportunity for offering the Scriptures in this way.

Commenting on the success of the new venture, the Bible Council's divisional director, Dr. Kalman Tarr, described it as an indication of the "improving relationship between the State and the churches, while it also attests to an interest by people in the activities of this Council." □

**PUSH FOR TIGHTER DRUNK-DRIVING LAWS GIVES RENEWED VIGOR TO WCTU.** The 29th Triennial Convention of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union convened in Itasca, Ill., on July 13 with an expected attendance of 1,000 delegates and visitors from around the globe. Mrs. Kermit S. Edgar, president of the National WCTU of the U.S.A., and the convention's official hostess, said, "We look forward to . . . learning what the various nations have accomplished during the last three years, and charter the course the world union will follow . . . as it enters its second century of humanitarian work."

The World WCTU, like its mother organization, the National WCTU of the U.S.A., is an educational organization, which is experiencing renewed vitality related to concerns over initiating stricter drunk-driving laws. It is a group of interdenominational, nonpartisan Christian women dedicated to the education of all people around the globe on the harmful effects that alcoholic beverages, other narcotic drugs, and tobacco have on the human body. □

**CHURCH PROPERTY AND BARS.** The U.S. Supreme Court declared unconstitutional a Massachusetts law that gave churches and schools the power to veto the issuing of liquor licenses within 500 feet of their property.

Chief Justice Warren Burger wrote the 8-1 opinion and claimed that the law violated the constitutionally required separation of the church and state. The ruling does not automatically overturn similar laws in 27 other states. □

**LARGEST GOLD HOARD EVER FOUND IN ISRAEL UNCOVERED IN CAPERNAUM.** Archaeologists digging at Capernaum, a site on the north-west shore of the Sea of Galilee, have uncovered the largest gold hoard ever found in Israel. Buried under a paving stone in the courtyard of a Capernaum house were 282 gold coins minted in Damascus between 695 and 743 A.D. during the Omayyad dynasty. The July/August issue of *Biblical Archaeology Review* contains photos of the coins and the story of their discovery.

Capernaum is known from the Bible as a city where Jesus lived and ministered. Previous excavations at the site have revealed the remains of an ancient synagogue, one of the most beautiful in Israel, and an octagonal church, built over what some scholars believe was the house where Jesus lived. □



REV. MICHAEL PARKS, 33, died Apr. 30 in Salina, Kans. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent C. Marselle Knight. Rev. Parks pastored the Eureka, Kans., church. He is survived by his wife, Lynette; one son, Jason; his mother; one brother; his grandmother; and a stepgrandmother.

#### BIRTHS

to REV. STEVE AND CONNIE (SANDIFER) CALLIS, Goose Creek, S.C., a boy, Kevin Joseph, Apr. 4  
to STEVE AND REBECCA CRAWFORD, St. Joseph, Mo., a girl, Tabitha Marie, July 31  
to REV. ROBERT AND CELESTE (JOHNSON) FRASER, Nashville, Tenn., a boy, Glenn Christian Andrew, Aug. 2

to STEVE AND JUDY (LYNCH) GLACKEN, Covington, Ky., a boy, Andrew William, Aug. 5

to RICK AND MARYLYNN (ROBERTS) GREEN, Kansas City, Mo., a girl, Tarah Deawn, Aug. 4

to DAVE AND LINDA (SAUNDERS) HILL, Clute, Tex., a girl, Logan Ann, Aug. 1

to REV. MARK T. AND KRISTEEN L. RYAN, Grandview, Mo., a boy, Jonathan Paul, July 28

to TIM AND BARBARA (ROGERS) STAHL, Archbold, Ohio, a boy, Nathaniel Lee, July 5

to MICHAEL AND LYNDIA (SKINNER) TURNER, Delbarton, W.Va., a girl, Christina Marie, June 9

#### MARRIAGES

AKIKO SHINOHARA and STEVEN LONG at Tokyo, Japan, Apr. 10

LAURA JEAN SNIDER and JOHN MICHAEL DAVIS at Esther, Mo., May 28

JANELLE RENAE ZURCHER and LANE ELDON FOSNAUGH at Huntington, Ind., June 11

CAROL S. BENNETT and ERICH M. WALD at Chicago, Ill., July 16

CAROLE MOTLEY and CHARLES GREEN at Carthage, Mo., July 23

ANN LOUISE WOODWARD and JOHN DOUGLAS TABOR at Quincy, Mass., July 30

DENISE LYNN BERARD and MICHAEL LEE BINKLEY at Overland Park, Kans., Aug. 5

DANA CHERICE PLOTT and CHRIS WAYNE CRAWFORD at Lubbock, Tex., Aug. 6

#### ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. JOHN G. TOWNSEND celebrated their golden wedding anniversary July 24 at the

Ramada Inn in North Platte, Neb., with Rev. Herb Ketterling as host pastor. Music and a special program featuring the lives of the Townsends were presented by the Townsend children and grandchildren: Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Britt, pastor of Melwood Church of the Nazarene in Upper Marlboro, Md., and daughters Janet and Jill; and John Lyle Townsend and wife, Carol, with sons Jim and Tim of North Platte. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Pardue (Robin Britt) and baby Tiffany of Port Arthur, Tex., were unable to attend.

The Townsends were married July 25, 1933, and moved from Purcell, Okla., to Nebraska in 1934. Mr. Townsend worked in electronics, which led to starting radio station KJLT, a 5,000-watt Christian station in North Platte that celebrates 25 years of ministry this year. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend both belong to Nazarene Amateur Radio Fellowship (NARF).

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# THE ANSWER

## CORNER

Conducted  
by W. E.  
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Editor

**How do you interpret "once saved always saved"? You feel you are completely saved; maybe other people felt that way and yet they backslid—and there's no mention of a second "born again."**

I interpret "once saved always saved" as the popular way of expressing unconditional eternal security, which I do not believe the Scriptures teach. Salvation is an eschatological term, more comprehensive than any past experience of forgiveness. Salvation is a process that begins with the new birth and continues until we are with Christ in heaven forever. Salvation is by faith throughout, and where faith is abandoned our forgiveness is forfeited, but can be renewed if we repent and return to the Lord.

Faith can be sustained throughout our pilgrim journey, however, keeping us in saving fellowship with the Lord.

As for "feeling" saved, dependence upon feeling is a quick way to backslide. We are saved by faith, not feeling, and faith can persevere in the absence of encouraging feelings.

One is not born again repeatedly. But if he backslides he can be restored to God and renewed in life, for eternal life, according to Jesus, is fellowship with God (John 17:3). □

**A person told our Sunday School class that the redeemed are not in heaven but are with Jesus in paradise waiting for the judgment day. When asked where paradise is, he said he didn't know because there are seven heavens. He based his statement on Jesus' words to the dying thief, "Today you shall be with me in paradise." Please comment.**

Paradise, from a Greek word meaning park, or pleasure ground, became a designation for the place to which the righteous go after death.

Among the Jews, some made a distinction between a "supernal" paradise, which is heaven, and

an "infernal" paradise, which was part of Hades, the part occupied by the souls of the righteous. In 2 Corinthians 12:2-4, "paradise" and "the third heaven" are used synonymously. Comparing Revelation 2:7 with 22:2, the "tree of life" is in paradise, which is also the "city of God," the heavenly Jerusalem.

From this I conclude that paradise and heaven are to be identified as the same place. The Son of God is with the Father, and there, I believe, are the souls of those who die in Christ. □

**Our Sunday School teacher claims the King James Version of the Bible is God's Word with our errors. Is this the church's position? How do you explain false verses (1 John 5:7) and errors in translation?**

Any faithful translation of Scripture is God's Word. No translation, including the King James Version, is perfect. No reputable scholar has affirmed inerrancy of any translation, including the KJV, but only of original manuscripts—which no longer are extant.

To arrive at the most accurate Hebrew and Greek texts, our existing copies are collated and compared by textual critics. To arrive at the most accurate English translation, we can compare them with the original language versions and with one another.

In all extant manuscripts there are some errors and obscurities, but none affect the doctrines of evangelical Christianity.

As for 1 John 5:7, this verse that appears in the KJV is not found in any ancient Greek manuscript known to us, nor has it been cited in any of our extant writings from Greek Fathers of the Early Church. Scholars think it was a marginal notation that got copied into the text. Even so, it isn't "false" in what it says but is fully compatible with other parts of Scripture.

All variants and copyists' errors in our manuscripts are minor and God owns Scripture as we have it as His Word, for He uses it to convict and save the lost, to teach, sanctify, and guide the saved. □

## REVIVAL ON SCHEDULE

Because of prayer, revival came "early" to the Congo, W.Va., church. When a personal visit was made in a home, a woman accepted Christ. God began working in her life and her relationship with her husband was healed. Many people began praying for her husband.

The revival with Evangelist Clyde Morris came as scheduled, although revival had already begun. Advertising had been distributed and every Sunday School enrollee had received information about the revival. Prayer had continued and the week before the revival a 24-hour prayer chain was held for the entire week.

During the week of revival the lady who had accepted Christ in her home was sanctified. Her husband and two teenagers attended with her throughout the week.

One family who had previously attended the church, but had not come

for some time, renewed their commitment to the Lord. When the son-in-law saw his father-in-law go to the altar, he realized he needed spiritual help, and he too accepted Christ. They all set new priorities in their lives. The father was sanctified during the revival.

Many other decisions were made during the revival; eight people were sanctified and seven people accepted Christ. The pastor is holding a class for new Christians, "Discipleship—Your New Life in Christ."

Pastor Roger Myatt says revival is continuing, "Our people's faith in God is running high." □

## PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED

Prayer was the catalyst for revival at the Roanoke, Va., First Church. Rev. Francis Ketner, Jr., said, "The real secret for revival is prayer and personal preparation." Several months before the revival, the church board had special prayer meetings and every group that met designated a time to pray for the revival. Rev. Ketner also encouraged and challenged the people from the pulpit to "expect revival."

The church advertised through posters, bumper stickers, radio, and two large newspaper ads. The church also did a lot of personal visiting and knocking on doors handing out the special "Possess the Promise" flyers.

Each service began around the altar with 10 minutes of prayer. Attendance was excellent the entire week, and several nights there were over 200 people in the service. Every night there was an average of 30 teens. The teens brought their friends and worked around the altar.

Even though Evangelist Bob Hoots couldn't be at the first service because of car trouble, the Holy Spirit came and revival was on. A total of 100 people made decisions during the week of revival.

Through the service of Moving Nazarenes, the church received the name of a couple in the area. They had been members in the Church of the Nazarene while in Ohio, but had not attended anywhere since they moved to Virginia. Rev. Ketner and his associate pastor visited them several times. They had no intention of coming to church at Roanoke First. But they did attend the revival. During one of the services they went to the altar, got back to the Lord, and have joined the church.

Another family was visited prior to the revival and invited to attend the services. The husband and wife came and during the revival they went to the altar. They attended every night, and on Easter their whole family was present.

The associate pastor met a lady at

the Prime Time Retreat who told him about her sister living in Roanoke. He visited the lady's sister and invited her to the revival. She came and went to the altar for prayer.

The gospel seeds that were sown previously were reaped during revival. There is a ripple affect of revival in the lives of the people that is touching people outside the church. □

## THE DIFFERENCE BRINGS DECISION

A middle-aged executive and his wife started attending Cedar Rapids, Ia., First Church. The husband had been reading his Bible and listening to Christian radio programs, and he accepted Christ in his home. After this experience, the man went to his pastor to talk to him about what had happened. This pastor, from another denomination, was not receptive to his conversion. The man looked for another church, and he and his wife started attending Cedar Rapids First Church, but they informed Pastor Herbert Rogers that they would not join, only attend. Their married daughter also began coming with them.

The church began preparing for their Simultaneous Revival with Rev. Udell Moss. Rev. Rogers preached a series of messages on "The Meaning of Revival." Cottage prayer meetings were scattered throughout the various sections of the city. They held special prayer meetings and a chain of prayer the entire day before the revival started. They advertised through newsletter, newspaper, radio, and with a giant banner outside the church.

Attendance averaged over 200 every night, and in every service there were people at the altar. There were eight professions of faith, along with other decisions. The executive and his wife attended the revival, their first one ever. Because of what they saw and experienced during the revival, they decided to join the church. They said they had never before seen the love of God expressed in lives of people like they had seen there. □

## THE CHURCH SCENE

The Fairview Village, Pa., church honored Rev. and Mrs. Howard E. Chambers on their 25th wedding anniversary with a celebration. They have pastored the church for 14 years.

The Chamberses have two sons: Steve, a doctoral counseling student at La Mirada, Calif., and Tom, a student at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy,



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Over 800 people worshiped in the new sanctuary of the Warren, Mich., Warren Woods Church on Sunday, May 15. The church was started in the summer of 1964 with 20 members. The first home was Ridgewood Elementary School. Since then, eight-and-a-half acres of land was purchased and six building programs have followed. The present church membership is 387, the Sunday School averaged 413 last year, and morning worship averaged 505. Rev. James Mellish has been pastor from the very beginning of the church. Wes Bittenbender is minister of youth and music. Chet Decker is minister of Christian education. The new sanctuary seats 1,000 and is valued at \$1,300,000. It was built for \$650,000, with hundreds of hours of donated labor. The indebtedness is \$550,000.



The Canadian Hills Church was organized April 24, with 26 charter members. The new church, begun by the Southwest Oklahoma District, will be located in the western suburbs of Oklahoma City. Rev. Ken Hathaway is the pastor.



Shown is the new home mission church in Beulah, N.D. Services started in a restaurant meeting room in June of 1982. On June 19, 1983, this new "Mobile Home Chapel" was dedicated. There were 71 present for dedication. The chapel will seat 85 with 4 classrooms for the growing Sunday School. Total cost was \$30,000 and they are averaging 25 in attendance. Rev. Paul Myers is the pastor. District Superintendent F. Thomas Bailey and Advisory Board member Harold Lehrke were present for the dedication.

Mass. Steve, his wife, Laurie, and Tom attended the celebration. Among the gifts received from family, friends, and congregational members was a trip to the Holy Land. □

The Manchester, Conn., church celebrated a Heritage Weekend (June 25-26) with a tent meeting held on the grounds. Rev. Manual Chavier brought dynamic messages to the Connecticut Valley Zone Rally held the first day. The various churches provided special music along with Higher Ground, a music team from Eastern Nazarene College.

The weekend was planned to reflect the tent gatherings of the early Nazarenes. Sunday morning worship was conducted by Pastor Neale McLain, clad in a frock coat and wing collar. The congregation was asked to wear 1908 fashions. There was a great spirit of rejoicing and praising God for the holiness heritage as people worshiped and picnicked together on the grounds. Mrs. Florence Wood chaired the Heritage Committee which has planned special events all year.

The Manchester congregation was formed in 1898 as the John Wesley Pentecostal Society. The group joined the denomination in 1927. □

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Shown is the personal evangelism training class held at NTS. Pictured (2nd row, last person on right) is Prof. Shaver; Beverly Burgess (first row, first person on left); and Robert Hopper, outreach assistant (2nd row, second person on left).

### PERSONAL EVANGELISM TRAINING CLASS FOR KANSAS CITY AREA CHURCHES

The Personal Evangelism Class sponsored by Nazarene Theological Seminary met each Thursday night from February 3 to May 12, 1983. Pastors, laypersons, and seminarians from 13 churches in the Kansas City area met for classroom training and then made on-the-job calls. Rev. Charles "Chic" Shaver professor of evangelism at Nazarene Theological Seminary and minister of outreach at Kansas City First Church, taught the basic training. Beverly Burgess, from Evangelism Ministries and director of personal evangelism at Kansas City First Church, taught the advanced class.

More than 140 calls were made in



A Cambodian served as translator to present the gospel to Cambodians while learning to present the gospel himself. New converts are shown doing *Basic Bible Studies* that were translated into Khmer. Pictured (r. to l.) are Sokhoeurt Suos, Cambodian trainer in personal evangelism; Janet Zollars, a trainer; Maly Suos, Sokhoeurt's sister; Seng Ly, Sokhoeurt's wife; Sophon Ith, Sokhoeurt's mother; and Robert Hopper outreach assistant.

the homes of prospects, and 71 persons made the commitments to Christ during this semester. Kansas City First Church has received 42 members in an

eight-month period from among those reached through personal evangelism.

These classes have been taught since 1976 and usually meet at NTS. □

## PAUSE—AND PRAY WITH US for the Conferences on Evangelism



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**TERRELL C. SANDERS UNDERGOES SURGERY**

Dr. Terrell C. Sanders, Jr., president of Nazarene Theological Seminary, underwent surgery and pathology tests on August 10 at Trinity Lutheran Hospital in Kansas City. The surgical procedure was completed on August 23.

Dr. Sanders expects to be released from the hospital and to have recovered sufficiently to participate in the new fall term in early September.

—NN

**EVANGELISTS HOSPITALIZED**

Evangelist Calvin Jantz had surgery on August 8 in Kansas City to remove a small tumor from the brain. The surgery is believed to be successful. Meetings have been cancelled until October 1.

Evangelist Vernon Crandall fell from a hang glider in late June. He sustained fractured legs and 10 ribs broken, and has multiple bruises. He was in a coma but is slowly progressing and was transferred the week of July 28 to Franklin Memorial Hospital, Vicksburg, Mich. He is expected to be in treatment there for several months.

—NN



**BOND ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PLNC**

The Board of Trustees of Point Loma Nazarene College met August 12 and elected Rev. Jim Bond president of the college.

Rev. Bond served successfully in pastorates in Wyoming, Oklahoma, Idaho,

## ANNOUNCEMENT


### 1983 THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR WORLD MISSIONS

The goal for our Thanksgiving Offering has been set at **\$8,000,000**. This is \$500,000 more than our 1982 goal.

The Church of the Nazarene is now ministering in 70 different countries. Reaching our goal for 1983 will make it possible to set the plan in motion to increase that goal to 75.

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The need was never greater; the opportunity never more challenging; the call for self-sacrificial giving never more urgent.



**JERALD D. JOHNSON**, *Secretary*  
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and Colorado. In addition, he has been president of Nazarene Youth International, missionary in Brazil, and assistant professor of practical theology and chaplain at Nazarene Bible College. Most recently, he was assistant to the president and director of development at Point Loma Nazarene College.

Rev. Bond took some time to consider the offered position, seeking the leadership of the Lord and consulting his colleagues. On August 24, he notified Dr. Paul Benefiel, chairman of the Board of Trustees, of his acceptance.

Rev. Bond is married to the former Sara "Sally" Whitcanack. They have two children, James Clifton, 20, and Cristina Lynn, 18.

—NN

**HELP FOR THE BRAZIL DISTRICTS**

Last month the Hunger and Disaster Relief Fund Committee sent \$5,000 to Brazil to assist Nazarenes caught in the worst flooding in 50 years in Southern Brazil. One of the newspapers in Brazil referred to it as the "worst natural disaster in Brazil's history."

Of the \$5,000 sent, \$2,000 was designated by the local Nazarenes for the rebuilding of a parsonage in Curitiba. The parsonage was totally flooded—water in a nearby river rose to over 45 feet above the normal level. The roofing, electrical wiring, plumbing, bathroom fixtures, light fixtures, etc., were salvaged from the flooded parsonage. A bricklayer, an electrician, and a carpenter from the local church offered their time to help rebuild the parsonage.

A further grant of \$2,500 for Curitiba will assist the missionaries and local

district to complete the rebuilding of the parsonage.

—NN

**NAZARENE FAMILY KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT**

Karl and Christine Jendry and their 18-year-old son, James, were killed when their car was struck by a semi-tractor trailer truck. The accident occurred near Taylorville, Ill., the afternoon of August 10. Their 2-year-old grandson, Brock Duncan, was also in the car and is in critical condition in a Springfield hospital with broken bones and possible brain damage. Jendrys had been active members of Decatur Trinity Church for many years.

They are survived by a daughter, Nora Duncan (baby's mother). Nora is married to Tim Duncan. They live in Decatur, Ill.

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**SOCIAL SECURITY REMINDER**

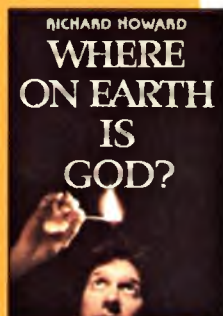
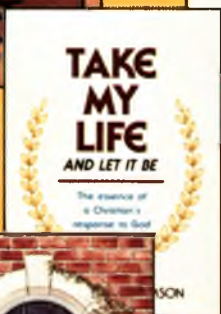
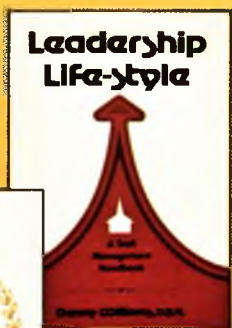
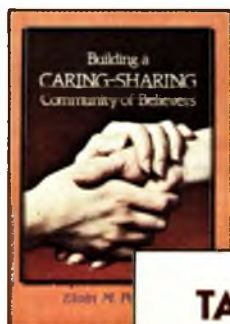
During 1983 the U.S. Congress passed Social Security Reform Legislation that affects Nazarene churches and their employees.

Beginning with wages paid in 1984, churches having lay employees (both full time and part time) will be required to withhold 6.7 percent of wages for Social Security (FICA) taxes.

Churches will want to carefully follow the instructions found in IRS Publication 15 "Circular E—Employer's Tax Guide" for 1984. Questions may be directed to Pensions and Benefits Services, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131, phone (816) 333-7000.

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