AN EDITORIAL

THE PRESENT economic plight has penetrated deeper than many thought possible. While it is being keenly felt in developed nations, the recession is reaching crisis proportions in many of the third world and less developed countries. Unemployment figures of 10 to 12 percent are frightening enough until they are compared to 30 to 50 percent elsewhere. Few optimistic voices are now being heard for a quick recovery.

A recent trip to a Central American country revealed the extent of the problem. It has been calculated that one-fifth to one-fourth of a working man's wage will be needed for milk alone for his family. Now try to purchase the other necessities with the balance, including housing, and one can see the desperateness of the situation. In the same country it was pointed out that hospitals are now being filled up with babies and children suffering from malnutrition.

Always there are those who are ready to place the church on a guilt trip when problems such as these begin to surface. Yet, one must recognize that sin and its accompanying results must bear the blame. It is not the church that builds armies instead of producing bread and butter, nor is it the church that taxes and deprives rather than encouraging and uplifting. But neither can the church sit by and declare an unconcerned attitude. To the contrary, God's people, simply because they are God's people, must endeavor to meet needs that governments, taxes, and businesses are unable to meet.

True, the overwhelming need compares to a David facing his Goliath. Yet, the same God who directed in the slaying of the giant provides strength and means to face today's formidable challenge. It all begins with a reappraisal of life's priorities. Herein lies the essential difference between Marxism and true Christianity. Never does the Marxist rearrange his priorities; rather he continues to love things and wealth as life's highest attainment. The Christian, on the other hand, says voluntarily, "What I have is mine to share even to the extent of my doing without altogether if need be." And today it looks as though it does need be. We must allow our eyes to be opened and then, compelled by love, reach out to share in true compassionate concern. The burden once again has been placed upon the church to guide society through its present plight, and once again the church will rise to the challenge as our Lord reminds us, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

THE CHURCH AND ITS SOCIAL CONCERN

"IT ALL BEGINS WITH A REAPPRAISAL OF LIFE'S PRIORITIES."

by General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson
REVIVALS—
"Without Me You Can Do Nothing"

by NEIL B. WISEMAN

REVIVALS, the real kind, require hard work. Our best efforts in planning, promotion, and prayer are needed. Evangelistic campaigns demand that some folks rush home from work and live on a hectic schedule during revival week. Probably some people will miss their evening meals to attend the services. Housewives may have to leave undone their dishes, dusting, and scrubbing.

Students may need to get their assignments done early or hand them in late. Lawyers, doctors, and bank officers may need to close their offices a little early. Businessmen may have to put off some legitimate activities. And everyone may need to inconvenience themselves to produce wholehearted participation.

Revivals take extra effort because most people have to do most of the things they normally do plus the extra requirements of supporting and attending the revival meeting.

All this effort is commendable but it is not enough. In the Vine passage (John 15), Jesus emphasizes our need of Him when He says, “Without me you can do nothing.” The warning proves to be true in every spiritual endeavor. Connection to the Vine is obviously necessary for divine life to flow through us. So genuine revival requires our best effort coupled with our wholehearted dependence on the resources of God.

Conviction for sin, hunger for the deep things of God, and a sickening dissatisfaction with the carnal mind are all gifts from God. Divine union on the revival preaching, an atmosphere of expectancy, a sense of heavenly hush on the meeting, an eagerness for wholehearted obedience, plus the undisputed need for repentance and hunger for heart holiness are all given by the Spirit of God. These needed revival ingredients seldom come to the church that has not paid a high price in human effort, but the desired results are never man-made.

“Without me you can do nothing”—those haunting words of Jesus are absolutely accurate when it comes to significant spiritual breakthrough in a local church or in an individual life. Genuine revival requires a divine connection.

Who has seen a lukewarm church move to fervent zeal without the help of the Lord of the church? Evidently the factor that kept the Laodicean church in its tepid state was its self-sufficient “need of nothing” (Revelation 3:17). G. Campbell Morgan wrote of that church, “They needed nothing because they have everything.” And where in church history has a denomination or a group of churches moved from a lukewarm self-complacency to white-hot spiritual vigor without receiving life-giving energy from the Vine?

Revival fruit, the lasting variety, is impossible without the miraculous enablement of the Vine. Holy Scripture calls us to bear lasting fruit; surely that means reaching people with the power of the gospel and helping them become established in the grace of God. This instruction to bear fruit stretches our souls, and some good people never seem to make the grade. But to produce lasting fruit is both the command and the promise. The secret of lasting fruit is Vine connection.

Revival love that makes us “blood” brothers and sisters in the family of God is impossible without the enabling help of the Vine. By human nature who could really love the folks who compose our churches with their wide diversity of backgrounds and significantly different educational, economic, and emotional levels? And what about those adversary relationships between professing Christians, which displease God and chill the church? All such barriers are to be pruned by our Father, the Master Gardener, who uses such radical cutting tools as repentance and restitution. Then the world, the church, and the individual Christian are positively impacted by love that comes from the right connection.

Sin is exposed in revivals. Even though a catalogue of sins like that found in Romans 1:21-32 would make most mature audiences blush, the evangelist and the church cannot effectively communicate the awful destruction of sin without the help of God. But the living Vine makes clear the issue, “If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin” (John 15:22, NIV). Through Christ, sin is exposed for what it is, and sinners are generously offered full forgiveness and new life. Jesus’ statement is true: “Without me you can do nothing.”

God’s pattern for revival requires both holy desperation and wholehearted dependence. He wants us to labor as if the whole revival result depended on us; better planning, more effective promotion, and greater effort are pleasing to Him. But He wants us to depend on Him with a sense of earnest desperation, which grows out of our understanding of His own words, “Without me you can do nothing.” Jesus provides the adequate enablement for the needed revival when He announced, “If ye abide in me, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done” (John 15:7, italics added).

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UNTIL JESUS COMES

In regard to the question about the Second Coming in the "Answer Corner" of the September 15, 1982, issue, may I suggest that all Nazarenes for the Master until He does come.

Carroll Symons
Tawas City, Michigan

WANTS REVIVAL

I want to commend you for your work. I always enjoy reading the Editor's Standpoint; your wit and wisdom come through. And most of the articles in the Herald are very good. When I was a little girl we were not Nazarenes, but my uncle Tom Phipps, a Nazarene pastor in northeast Oklahoma, sent us the Herald. Then when I married and moved near a Nazarene church, I joined and of course subscribed to the Herald. I'm thankful for every pastor and layman who has been a blessing to me and my children across these 35 years since I first entered a Nazarene church.

There is one thing that saddens me, though. That is how much the church has changed. But that doesn't make me want to change denominations, it makes me want to have revival in my church.

LaFerne Sherill
McAlester, Oklahoma

SCARRED EMOTIONALLY

I was reading the poem "Veteran's Day" in your November 1, 1982, issue. The poem was basically good but what about the people in a war who never do any actual fighting? I spent 18 months in Viet Nam and the real battle for me was a feeling of total loneliness and being friendless. In Viet Nam I was a repairman, a switchboard operator, a mailman, and a ration driver for the dining hall.

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Brother Wright, there is no more beer in the refrigerator. This afternoon I did a complete cleaning.” She went on to say, “I gathered up all the cheap magazines and the cigarettes from the cupboard and burned them all before I went to church tonight.”

This lady had been attending every service of the revival being held in a little town on our northwest coast. That night she had come to the altar and been gloriously restored by the grace of God. She had invited the pastor and me to her home afterward for some refreshments and fellowship. She was now telling me the story of what had taken place in her life and home that day.

That afternoon she had been sitting in her favorite chair reading a cheap magazine. She sensed that her six-year-old son had entered the room. “What do you want?” she said. “I want a drink,” he had replied. “There’s some Kool-Aid in the refrigerator. Get some.” “I don’t want Kool-Aid, I want a beer,” he had shot back. “Suddenly,” she said, “it hit me, and I cried out in my soul, ‘Oh, God, what have I done to my boy!’ I got up, went to the refrigerator, gave him Kool-Aid, and took all the beer and poured it down the drain. Then I gathered up all the cheap magazines and books, along with the cigarettes, and burned them. It had happened so slowly that I didn’t realize what had happened, and yet here I was professing to be a Christian.” She went on to say, “After I stepped out into the aisle tonight, before I ever got to the altar, God met me and restored my soul.”

The church is never without need for revival. The spirit of this world is insidiously at work pressuring the church of Jesus Christ into a godless conformity. Romans 12:2 exhorts, “Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-make you so that your whole attitude of mind is changed. Thus you will prove in practice that the will of God’s good, acceptable to him and perfect” (Phillips).

Satan is constantly at work, seeking to destroy the work of God in people and to press them into the mold that conforms to his own evil plans. As a roaring lion, he goes about seeking whom he may devour.

There is never a time when the people of God can relax their vigilance. And so vulnerably human are we, that we are in constant need of revival—the continued washing and cleansing of the Holy Spirit. While we are busy with the good and legitimate things of life, Satan is busy undermining our faith, our standards, our commitment.

Our nefarious enemy is directing his attack against the very foundations of our faith, the altars of consecration on which we offer ourselves as “living sacrifices” to God. And “if the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalm 11:3).

Revival! Constant revival is the only answer in this world. While we are mending the foundations on one side, Satan is busily digging away on the other side.

Just one day’s exposure to the Satanic forces of this world, and we need revival. The smog of sin engulfs us in its atmosphere daily, thus calling for daily cleansing. I have watched the smog of Los Angeles boil out from the city center until it engulfed me and everyone else. Before the day was over my body needed a washing. The smog of sin engulfs us in its atmosphere daily, thus calling for a daily cleansing—revival.

We will always need revival. Let’s have revival! Revivals in the fall, revivals in the summer, revivals in the spring, and revivals in the winter. Let’s have revivals!
A SHOPPING MALL

An Interview

AFTER 15 YEARS of successful ministry, D. L. Huffman, with his wife and three children, moved to San Antonio, Tex., to launch a new church. He was leaving a solid, comfortable pastorate to pioneer a work in a shopping mall.

When District Superintendent James R. Blankenship approached him with this challenge, which would radically decrease salary and benefits, Pastor Huffman responded, "If God calls me, I will go."

The story of Huffman’s shopping mall church is told in this interview with Dr. Raymond Hurn, director of Church Extension Ministries.

R. W. Hurn: Brother Huffman, why did you do it?

D. L. Huffman: I’ve always had an interest in missions, and for about four years I had wanted to sponsor a new church. Finally in 1980 our church was able to contribute $7,000 to the starting of the new inner-city church in Toledo, Ohio. About that time I attended a Church Growth Conference in New York, and it all seemed to come together that this is what God wanted me to do.

Hurn: That was quite a change after 15 years of pastoring and being in a very comfortable pastorate at that. There must have been some sense of loss in this move to Texas. Could you describe that?

Huffman: The psychological aspect hit harder than I had anticipated. I knew that preaching to 275 or so and then dropping down to 14 on our first Sunday would have its effect. I really didn’t feel much of a loss for several months, but about halfway through this past year I got to missing, every once in a while, having a building, having equipment. I guess the building aspect is what I miss most, because what we have is very limited. The loss is compensated, however, by the prospects that we have right now.

Hurn: What about the pluses?

Huffman: The prospect of starting brand-new is plus. I didn’t inherit any problems. Locating in a growing city, and the prospect of initiating some things that I hadn’t done before, such as a discipling program and parish pastors, these are all plus factors. I’ve made a decision to stay, not just to plant a church, but to see the church grow and mature over a number of years. My wife and I unofficially have set a goal of 15 years.

Hurn: We had 58 worshiping this morning. It was an enthusiastic crowd. About how many would have been non-Nazarene people?

Huffman: About 30 percent.

Hurn: I’d like to know more about your parish pastorate plan. How does that work?

Huffman: This is taken from several different ideas. One is the old Methodist class meeting, which meets the need for people to get together as a close-knit group. As a church grows, people still need small group fellow...
A church and instruction. The parish leaders will be trained and actually be commissioned in a service so that people will understand that they do have authority, they do have responsibility as leaders. They will be responsible to call on people in their groups. They won’t have more than 12 in a group. They, or someone from their group as it matures, will be expected to disciple new Christians. Each new person coming into the church will be placed in one of those groups. The parish group will be responsible for getting them to the services when we come together for celebration.

Hurn: You are located in a mall area of a shopping plaza. What are some of the unique factors that you see this sort of an arrangement for housing?

Huffman: This has a lot of pluses for the first year or so. We are getting better acquainted by being in a business area where there is traffic, where people are going through the corridors during the week. We are getting acquainted with the business people in this plaza, some of whom will never come to our church but have already been of help to us. I think the mall exposure gives us better community awareness than we would have in a schoolhouse or a church building.

Hurn: You are located in a mall area of a shopping plaza. What are some of the unique factors that you see this sort of an arrangement for housing?

Huffman: We have a unique church. First of all, we have a number of people who have been around the Nazarene church for a number of years but for one reason or another drifted away and were not attending a Nazarene church anywhere. They have come back in. Some of them have gotten right with the Lord and joined the church. Others are attending and are growing. We believe in a salvage ministry for the Nazarene church.

Secondly, we have seen a number of brand-new people with no background in the Church of the Nazarene get saved. We have had some from other denominations. Not that we drew them from their churches, but they moved here and we came into contact with them, and they have gotten excited about being in on a new church.

We are in a military city so there is a lot of traffic coming through, and with that we are reaching some from sister holiness groups who want to be a part of a new church from the ground up.

Hurn: We've discovered in our research that about 50 to 60 percent of the members that join a new Nazarene church were non-Nazarenes. Of the remaining number 50 percent were not active in the recent past in the Nazarene church to which they belonged. How does that work out proportionately in your membership?

Huffman: I would say that our percentages are close to those.

Hurn: Going into your second year, what are the prospects for growth in members that are not now church people? And what about your future plans for property?

Huffman: We're on the threshold of something greater than we've seen this past year. We live in a community where more than 3,000 families are locating each month. We are actively making contact with the families who are moving into our immediate area at the rate of 1,000 a month. We now have the nucleus and the financial base to begin to really reach them.

We hope within the next week or so to close a deal on property. We will open a day-care center in the first unit, which will be a ministry to the community and will help us contact more families.

The prospect is very bright because of the tremendous growth in San Antonio. It is predicted that in the next 10 years San Antonio will be the second-fastest-growing city in Texas and will reach one and a half million by 1990. With a city changing like that, the area is open to change, to growth, and to new churches. I believe we have every ingredient that church growth tells us needs to be there.

Hurn: We hope year number two will be even greater than the first has been.
IOWA MUSCATINERS
MINISTER TO MIGRANTS


Re-Creation Evangelism brings Spanish and Anglo children and youth people together in the church gym on Saturday nights.

OLA AMIGO! Cómo está usted?” Sound like a familiar Iowa greeting? We certainly never thought so. That is, not until we moved to Muscatine, Ia.

Muscatine, a bustling commercial community of 30,000 people, is located on the bend of the Mississippi River. Because of her famous melon crops and the numerous tomato fields that supply the local Heinz processing plant, she has developed a large community of Spanish-speaking migrant workers. The population of the Spanish community fluctuates with the growing seasons; however, a permanent Spanish-speaking population of 5,000 residents indicated a great need for ministry.

With the help of the Marengo church, we contacted Rev. Carlos Gonzatti and Church Extension Ministries in Kansas City. Rev. Gonzatti met with us to discuss a Spanish-speaking ministry. During the planning stages we had many questions, some doubts, and even some negative response from another church in the community. We wanted to reach out in Jesus’ name, but some responded, “That’s nice, but you can’t speak Spanish, and your church is just new in the community.” But we believed the Lord’s word to Ze-roubbabel was good for today, “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit.”

The Muscatine Nazarene Spanish Ministry was begun following much prayer and wholehearted commitment. We greeted Rev. Gonzatti with great expectation on September 26.

NANCY BALDWIN is the pastor’s wife at the Muscatine, Iowa Church of the Nazarene.

Our first step was a survey in the predominantly Spanish neighborhood. From about 500 houses we contacted 35 interested families. On this encouraging note we moved to the next phase.

Rev. Gonzatti, Rev. Baldwin, and the Muscatine Church planned three months of intensive evangelism organized to reach Anglos as well as Spanish. In our door-to-door calling, we used one Spanish-speaking individual with one Anglo. We continue to use this method as much as possible to reach both groups. The evangelism program included films, youth activities and special services, and a Junior Church was organized.

In the showing of films we tried to use an interpreter as much as possible. In the church entry, we placed Spanish literature beside the corresponding English literature. Rev. Gonzatti brought Spanish tapes to give out with Spanish New Testaments. Our members were given minicourses on Spanish culture and taught some simple Spanish greetings.

With this preliminary organization we hosted the first film, “The Cross and the Switchblade.” The response was tremendous. Attendance was 98–4 Spanish-speaking and 51 Anglos. Several Anglo women responded to the altar call after the film and two Spanish individuals lifted their hands to request continued prayer. Several other films followed with increased attendance and good results.

Through the film and calling outreach, the church has given out 75 Spanish New Testaments, 25 Spanish tapes presenting the Church of the Nazarene, and hundreds of Spanish and English tracts.

A Re-Creation Center is provided for Spanish an
Involved In

by NANCY BALDWIN

SALVATION

by ROSS W. HAYSLIP

ALBERT CAMUS’ The Fall deals with a French lawyer who is living an easy life until one night he hears the screams of a drowning woman and turns away refusing to risk himself to save her. Years later, his life is a shambles, he winds up in an Amsterdam bar talking to himself. At the conclusion of his ramblings he says: “Tell me what happened to you one night on the quays of the Seine and how you managed never to risk your life. You yourself utter the words that for years have never ceased echoing through my nights, and that I shall at last say through your mouth: ‘O young woman, throw yourself into the water again so that I may a second time have the chance of saving both of us.’”

It is easy for us, in an indulgent age, to live unto ourselves and forget that around us lies a world of lost men. We dare not forget, however, that we are witnesses to Christ if we bear His name as Christians. Our witness will either lead men toward Him or will repel them from Him. When we seek to do the complete will of God we will find, as did John Wesley, that if God is seeking the lost, we can best see God by looking at the objects toward which He is looking. The greatest compliance with His will comes from working together with Him. Wesley, as his life unfolded, became absorbed in the work of bringing Christ to his fellowmen. It was this type of involvement that Woodrow Wilson referred to when he suggests that character is a byproduct and that we win the highest type of character not by deliberately seeking for it, but by losing ourselves in noble tasks. The greatest pathway to personal Christian growth is found in our efforts to lead men into a knowledge of the grace of God.

We now are in the midst of great currents of challenge. Many movements around us are beckoning us to join them and involve ourselves with them. Demonstrations to witness in protest or approval are quite the order of our day. The man who is concerned with his Christian witness has a wonderful opportunity to speak to his society. Our world needs the message of new life in Christ. If a man is in Christ he becomes a new creation. Old things have passed away. All things have become new. With such news to proclaim, I remain silent at the peril of my soul. If I am ordered to be a good witness, then I fall into the sin of disobedience as I lazily drift. How long has it been since you last won a soul to Christ? How long has it been since you tried to lead a soul to Him?

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I T'S A SMALL MIRACLE," he said. Choking back the tears, my wife and I nodded in agreement. “Ninety percent or more of the urologists never look into the bladder when doing a kidney stone surgery. On a last minute impulse Dr. Johenning decided to do a cystoscopy. He’s one of the best," the young doctor commented.

I met Dr. Paul Johenning six years ago. I had moved to a new pastorate and a few days after arrival began to have some serious pain and bleeding in the urinary tract. A nurse in the congregation recommended Dr. Johenning to me. My wife telephoned his office and the appointment was made. Following X rays and other tests he pointed to the photocopies and told me I had a kidney stone trapped in the ureter.

“Surgery is the only way to remove it,” he stated frankly.

“But,” I protested, “I have recently moved to this new congregation and I can’t have surgery now.”

“OK,” he argued, “go home, but you’ll be back in a few days.”

A few days later I entered the hospital, where I went through the routine examinations and testings. Two days later surgery for the removal of the kidney stone was performed. Eleven days afterward I was taken back to surgery for some minor corrective surgery. Twenty days after my entrance into Saint Vincent Charity Hospital, I was released and sent home. Progress was good and I returned to my normal work within a few weeks with no limitations.

On the morning of September 15, 1982, the alarm sounded, waking me from sound sleep. I stood to my feet and walked to the table where the clock was setting. Then it happened. Pain. Severe pain, which buckled my knees. Slowly I stood and walked to the family room and sat down. In semidarkness I bent forward, holding my side, while perspiration began to run down my forehead. I knew what was happening. Another kidney stone was in the process of passing from the kidney through the ureter. My mind whirled with questions. What now? Another surgery? Hospitalization? How long? How serious will it be this time? Who will I use for a doctor? Doubts began to flood my mind.

A short time later I was wheeled into the emergency room of a nearby hospital. Tests and X rays were performed. Finally they moved me to the hospital room where I spent the next four days. “I'm going to send you home and let you try to pass the stone," the doctor remarked, as he wrote final instructions on my personal records. The following days were spent in misery and pain.

One morning, a few weeks later, while sitting in the family room of the parsonage, the Holy Spirit impressed me to go to Cleveland, Ohio, and back to Dr. Johenning, my personal urologist. Much prayer and fasting had been made by many of the congregation for my healing. Some were praying for the stone to pass through the ureter, thus avoiding surgery. Others were praying and fasting for the stone to completely dissolve. Neither happened. And yet, on this particular morning, I felt much impressed that I should make immediate plans to enter the hospital in Ohio. I spoke to my wife and explained what I felt I should do. She contacted the doctor’s office and made the plans for my hospitalization.
I entered Saint Vincent Charity Hospital on the morning of October 19, 1982. Preliminary tests were done that day and surgery was scheduled for the following day in the early afternoon. As I waited I was filled with inward peace. There were no doubts or hesitations on my part. I was confident that the Lord was working in my behalf, although I did not yet know just how much. The surgery was a complete success. The stone was removed with no complications. It was in the last moments, I was told, that Dr. Johenning made the decision to do the cystoscopy. To his utter surprise he found a small stage-two tumor in the bladder. It was removed and sent to pathology for a report.

During a routine visit three days later he gave me the pathologist’s report. “Reverend,” he said, “during your surgery I found a small tumor in the bladder. It was about three millimeters in size. The report from the pathologist has come back. The tumor is a stage-two malignant tumor. There was no damage to the bladder and it did not spread to any other area of your body. It was confined to the bladder. You will only need conventional treatment of a cystoscopy every three months for the next year.”

My wife and I were moved to tears. God had performed a miracle. He did not allow the stone to pass as the doctors had hoped. Neither did He dissolve the stone as many had prayed. Through the hands and mind of a sensitive surgeon He had performed a miracle.

As I sit here recovering from the surgery I am filled with questions again. But in an entirely different way. What are God’s plans for me now? Am I as thankful as I should be for the “small miracle” in my life? Can I transfer the miracle of healing in my life to others so that their personal faith in Jesus Christ will become greater?

I have not answered all these questions as of now. Time will work in this matter. But of one thing I am certain—God does not perform a small miracle without having plans to do greater things in one’s life.

The Return of the DEACONESS

by MELVIN SHROUT

I REMEMBER the deaconesses of days gone by. They had a significant role—making calls, ministering to the sick, taking food and clothes and a testimony to the poor. Simplicity, dedication, and helpfulness were their distinctives.

But times changed, and the deaconesses faded from view. Self-sufficiency, affluence, and “the good life” came to the fore and the church’s charitable ministries gradually became the job of social workers and well-founded agencies. Until now.

Now another change is in the making. There is a reemergence of volunteer services and people caring for people. And the timing corresponds with the increasing prominence of roles for women.

One Nazarene lady saw in the deaconess program a way to use her talents in an exciting new ministry. Here are excerpts from her story:

“I am a college-educated registered nurse. After raising four children, being professionally active only on a part-time basis as a respite activity from homemaking, I felt the need of an intellectual and spiritual challenge. As a Christian, I feel God has special plans for each segment of my life.

“This need to move into a challenging area roughly paralleled the time of renewed focus on women and the use of their talents. I feel women not only have rights, they also have responsibilities.

“I began asking myself, ‘What are the women of today doing in the Church of the Nazarene? What can I do?’

“While these questions were daily in my mind I took just one step at a time, but kept moving. I went back to college on a part-time basis and completed a degree in psychology. Then there were graduate level courses in counseling and an outstanding series of sermons on...”

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The Return of the Deaconess
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‘Finding Your Gifts’ by my pastor, Jim Tharp. My gift was clearly one of ‘helps.’ I felt I should officially channel that gift through my church. The Manual definition of a consecrated deaconess fit exactly what my gift equipped me to do.

“As God can be depended on to work out all details, the door for service opened just as I was ready to walk in.

“For three and a half years I have been a part of a hospice team. A hospice ministers to the dying and their families in physical, psychological, and spiritual areas. Our particular hospice serves only people for whom a cure is no longer a realistic hope and who wish to die in their own home.

“When first visiting a dying patient and the family I ask, ‘Are you spiritually comfortable?’ From that question my plan of care is developed.

“For a year I served both as hospice nurse and as chaplain. (My credentials as consecrated deaconess qualified me for the position of chaplain.)

“I am frequently painfully aware that if God’s love is going to enter a home or a bedside I’m the only one prepared to bring it. Sometimes I can only bring that love through the touch of my hands or by quietly remaining with them, sharing their agony. Many dying persons are not sure of their relationship to Christ but are painfully aware of their sins. It brings a special deep happiness to lead them (and sometimes their loved ones) to a sure knowledge of their salvation.

“Many Christians need assurance of their salvation and this is always a good time for a spiritual checkup.

“I’m not the type of woman I thought deaconesses were when, as a child, I would see the frail, quaint, always smiling little women with their odd hats at a district assembly or camp meeting.

“I would like to see more Nazarene women look at their spiritual gifts, then look at the framework of our church and see where they would fit together. Women, as well as men, are responsible for our official church. It’s time to return to accepting that responsibility, which was taken so seriously by the women in the early days of our church.”

This letter of Mae-Sallee (Miller) Beals to Wilbur Brannon, director of Pastoral Ministries, encourages us to hope that a new day is dawning for the deaconess. One hundred thirteen consecrated deaconesses are now on assembly rolls churchwide.

The consecrated deaconess receives a lifetime credential; she is a member of the District Assembly and reports to that body. A ministering church can well afford to have the impact of such volunteers on the scene for important social and spiritual ministries.

This is a new day of challenge to church women. Pastoral Ministries is responding with a review of the Course of Study for Deaconesses, with a view to updating the curriculum to meet present-day needs. Pastors will no doubt be happy to assist women who are interested in getting enrolled in the program. Those interested may write Deaconess Course of Study, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

IT IS NOT ALWAYS SPRINGTIME in the heart though at times we are led to believe this. And of course, we would longingly hope that this could be daily reality; nevertheless, an honest look at human existence tells us otherwise. There are seasons of winter in the soul.

However, since “all things work together for good” in the lives of the completely consecrated, even these winter times are woven into the fabric of God’s plan. For instance, I took a train ride from Boston to Atlanta and pondered the winter scenery of those 24 hours viewed from my window. I related those frosty landscapes to what I had learned about the winters of my own soul. Here is what I concluded.

Winters of the soul are revealing. I saw backyard littered with tubs, crates, boxes piled high, trikes on end, abandoned cars, clotheslines, forsaken swimming pools, lonely lawn chairs, and barrels of one thing or another. What would normally be covered over by the greenery of spring and summer was now laid bare. From that train I saw practically all of it. And when the trains travel, that is a lot!

So it is with the soul in winter seasons. Those times reveal our littered backyards, broken-down fences, abandoned projects, wasted promises. During the springs and summers of the spirit, one can cover up fairly easily with the flowers. But when it comes to taking stock in winter, it all shows.

Winters of the soul are also revolting. I was on my way to an annual convention of the Lord’s Day Alliance of the U.S. I thought, “Why don’t they plan their...
The view was ugly. The trees stood unashamedly naked. The rivers rushed up their broken ice slabs. The banks of streams spilled forth the debris of a careless recreational public. The cities struck me as forgotten gardens left to their weeds, cold monuments and potholed lanes.

The winters of the soul can also be revolting, for when they turn up is not always what we think is there. \(\text{}\)

The springs and summers of the spirit it is easier to find hypocrisy; not so when the branches are bare. Consequently, we must be honest enough with the truth to confront the ugliness and see that it is cleaned by the power of the Spirit.

More positively, winters of the soul can be reflecting. From the train window, I was fascinated with the stillness of the world, even the cities. The parks were quiet. The Philadelphia zoo was deserted. The country lanes ported a lone dog or bundled traveler. A forced serenity impressed everything.

During those winter days of the soul there are long unoccupied hours for thinking things through, facing up to facts, dealing with truth. The giddy hours of "spiritual numbing" give way to deepening contemplation.

Interestingly, winters of the soul are also resistant. One thing that especially gripped me when looking out the train was the stubborn hardness of the earth. I would not have wanted to plow one of those stubborn acres in February! Once again I marveled at the fact that those stubborn acres would soon be filled with snowing hay, flowers, weeds, and trees. Could it be that crust actually surrender its obstinancy?

The winters of the soul also are hard times, otherwise they would not be winters. They can be difficult going—days of testing, hours upon hours of trial. The sickness seems to be progressing, the disease spreading. The finances are becoming more complex. The situation at work is worsening. The unsaved ones in the household are becoming increasingly indifferent. Face up to it: you are in the wintertime of the heart.

Thankfully, winters of the soul are revolving. They are temporary. We are grateful to God for the four seasons of the year. We need the change, the rhythm. Someone in Atlanta said with pride, "I wish you could see this city in May!" I agreed, and so in my imagination I projected what those avenues, parks, residential sections, and historical sites would look like in the spring. One thing for certain: I could be assured that God would indeed perform His majestic revolving of the seasons from winter to spring.

So it is with the winters of the soul. God will see to it that winter passes, even the final winter of death. Here is the last word of the Father—springtime! We must continue to believe that the revolving is true. But in the meantime, there are valuable lessons to learn from the winter. Each season has its purpose. Those who are wise discover it. The rewards are worth the exploration.

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**SUNSHINE**

Long I walked a lonely way,
A prisoner of sin,
My inner self was torn apart,
There was no peace within.

My prison cell was dark and drear,
No sunshine entered there.
I walked out in the world around
And found no one to care.

Then Christ the Savior came to me,
The clouds began to part—
He offered all His love to me;
I took Him in my heart.

He tore the bars down from my soul,
To Him I now belong.
And each day as He walks with me,
My life is filled with song.

No more are clouds of doubt and fear,
My spirit is set free.
The Son himself reigns in my heart
And sunshine follows me.

—MABEL P. ADAMSON
Kansas City, Missouri
Have you ever been on a diet, trying to shed a few unwanted pounds? Like many, maybe you've been on the roller coaster for several years. In November, 1978, I discovered a superb plan that finally worked for me! It was something new on the market called liquid protein diet.

I can hear you now, and see you shaking your head. Of course you are right; that diet has been proven to be ineffective and harmful and was taken off the market. This time I did the diet right—I was under doctor's supervision and had all the extensive blood testing and cardiac tests. After a week on the diet I was to check in again with the doctor, who expressed some dismay after reading my EKG. In fact, the doctor recommended I get off the diet immediately. But why, I wondered? This was the very first time I had been successful on a diet and I felt wonderful. What could possibly be wrong when I felt so well? The reason, explained the doctor, was an irregular heart rhythm I had developed. That began a session of trouble for me. I have had this cardiac arrhythmia since 1978 and have been taking seven pills per day (at 35¢ per pill) in order to control it. In addition I have been in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich., University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, and McLaren General Hospital in Flint, Mich. Those instances were deep, dark valleys for me. I have had several periods of rhythm problems that result in cardiac arrest. I have been living with this for four years. This condition has been controlled by medication; however, in early October 1981 it seemed once again to deteriorate. In fact, my cardiologist sent me for a consultation to Beaumont Hospital in Detroit, where they specialize in rhythm difficulties and perform a new electrical study. I saw that doctor on October 29, 1982; he was contemplating my case with my current cardiologist to find a time for me to check into Beaumont Hospital for the five-day testing in their controlled laboratory, where the heart is monitored for the entire five-day period. I was awaiting their phone call to tell me when to check in.

Arlene J. Chenoweth is co-owner with her husband of Chenoweth Construction Co., Inc., and Chenoweth and Associates Architects, Inc., and resides in Fenton, Michigan.

Then I attended a Ladies Retreat in Northern Michigan, where the speaker talked about her own healing of several years ago and challenged us to stretch our faith. I skipped the Saturday afternoon session to meet my husband to go for a walk. We returned from our walk late. I forgot the 2 p.m. medication. Then at night we went out to dinner, returning at 11 p.m.

When I went to bed, I started to take my medication as usual. It dawned on me I had missed it by an hour. Just then I realized too that I had forgotten the 2 p.m. dose because of our walk. Immediately I felt tremendous apprehension based on past experience. When I miss the normal medication by an hour, my heart is always skipping beats. However, after taking the medication, it will calm down an hour later. But, at 11:15 p.m. I checked my pulse, knowing I would probably be in a stressful situation again of ventricular tachycardia. It was beating every single beat! I couldn't believe it, and continued checking my pulse, wondering how that could be. It was not skipping a single beat! I couldn't understand, because past performance told me to expect a stressful, emergency cardiac condition!

Then the Lord sweetly reminded me of that Saturday morning service where, during our singing of "I Surrender All," I had once again told Him I was checking in and reminding Him that I loved Him and that He still had control of my life no matter what. Also I remembered the "healing service" at the end of the speaker's talk, which for me personally was so low-key. But the realization of the possibility of an instantaneous healing came flooding over me. I was awed, overwhelmed, ecstatic—and almost afraid to believe.

However, I went to bed that night determined not to give in to doubt and to simply believe that Jesus really had done the work. After all, His timing is always perfect! Who cares that He had not chosen to heal me during the previous four years? Jesus is the One who does the work—on His time schedule.

I woke up at least 20 times that night, touched my jugular vein, and each time the heart was not missing a single beat! I have not had a single pill since 6 a.m. on Saturday, November 7, 1981. To God be the glory!

Upon my return home, I called my cardiologist and told him I desired another Holter Monitor (24-hour
EKG). I was hoping the nurse would schedule it and then I could discuss this with the doctor in person, but he got on the phone so I had to tell him about it. Miraculously, he seemed to understand, but wanted to follow through with the five-day hospitalized testing anyway. I said, “Okay, do with me what you will, but I know I have been healed.”

The next day, Beaumont Hospital’s cardiologist called my home. He had been trying to reach my cardiologist to discuss my case but could not; thus, he called me at home. My husband answered; he said to my husband, “How is your wife?” My husband said, “Let me tell you about it.” The doctor said, “I do not think she is irresponsible for stopping the medications, for I believe in a greater Power too.” He went on to advise another Holter Monitor, but he felt we need not schedule the five-day electrical study at this time!

I received a card in the mail from my sister in a couple of days. She said, “Remember the verse you sent to me once? Read it now.” Here it is—that promise the Lord had given me months earlier:

For the Lord says, “Because he loves me, I will rescue him; I will make him great because he trusts in my name. When he calls on me I will answer; I will be with him in trouble, and rescue him and honor him (Psalm 91:14-15, TLB).

To Him be glory forever!

ANTIDOTE

Some things in this world make me mad—
But I cannot live with hate.
The One whose anger had no sin
Plants His love within.

Some things in this world frighten me—
But I cannot live in fear.
The One who calmed the thundering storm
Keeps me safe and warm.

Some things in this world are abhorrent to me—
But I cannot live in disgust.
The One who cast the demons out
Gives me a victory shout.

Some things in this world vex my nerves—
But I cannot live in tension.
The One who took all mankind’s stress
Gives vitalizing rest.

—CATHERINE LAWTON
Santa Rosa, California

Book Brief

THE MYSTERY OF THE OLD CLOCK SHOP

DOROTHY BOONE KIDNEY
author

Juniors love mysteries, so they’ll really love this one. As a matter of fact, most adults will enjoy it too.

The setting of the book is a Maine seaside resort that is closed for the season. Not only is the amusement park with its spooky Tunnel of Adventure boarded up, but so is the clock shop with its ever-ticking cuckoo clock.

Dorothy Boone Kidney’s homey village is populated by a handful of hearty natives who brave the blustery late-autumn weather, with never a mind to anybody else’s business. Of course, there are exceptions, and these are Jill, Betty, and Mark, who find themselves caught up in a mystery that includes a slithering figure who seems to inhabit the dank water canals of the Tunnel of Adventure.

Juniors will hang on to every clue that takes the reader to the final chapter, before he or she discovers “who done it” and how it was accomplished.

Author Kidney is a resident of Washburn, Me., and is therefore qualified to write about the locale. Her children’s stories have appeared in many periodicals. Adults will recognize her as the author of the popular Speaking of Miracles and No Secrets: Conversations with God.

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

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I T'S GOD'S TIMING! As in Ezra's day, God has a special task He wants accomplished, and He is moving on hearts.

Looking in retrospect at Nazarene Indian Bible College, we can see that God seeks a great spiritual revival among our American Indian nations. As we were introduced at the Indian District Assembly this year, the congregation cheered. We were shocked until we realized they were actually praising God, who is causing the church to look at a forgotten people. It is time to pay some attention to their needs and to assist them in obtaining a fully accredited, accomplished educational system. As in Ezra's day, those whose hearts are moved by God are assisting.

"And the people of any place where survivors may now be living are to provide him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with free-will offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem."

Then the family heads of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and Levites—all whose heart God had moved—prepared to go up and build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. All their neighbors assisted them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with valuable gifts, in addition to all the freewill offerings. Moreover, King Cyrus brought out the articles belonging to the temple of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had carried away (Ezra 1:4-7, NIV).

God has moved many hearts to see similar things happen at the Nazarene Indian Bible College.
The Kansas District, with a heart as big as its state, has done much the way King Cyrus did.

First, a new tractor, a bucket for the front and a bushhog for the rear, was delivered to NIBC. What a wonderful gift! God knew that we could not build the campus without it.

Next, a pickup from the Kansas District pulled up with a large steer to be butchered, providing beef for the students and staff of the college.

Then, a tractor-trailer loaded with clothing and shoes arrived, shared not only by the native Indians but by many Cambodian refugees.

Following that were the Youth Work Teams, 81 in the first group. A second group came from Larned, Kans., and another will be coming in early 1983 to build. Other districts are also giving assistance.

God's second purpose for calling Ezra to Jerusalem was to revive the nation spiritually. As we follow along in God's Word we see that a revival burst out all over the nation. Hebrews from everywhere answered the call.

God's third purpose for Ezra also applies to NIBC. He wanted to promote a holiness movement. We see that Ezra, with God's help, accomplished God's purpose, and with God's help we will see a great holiness movement among our Indian brothers. We are seeing it already.

Last year at NIBC several tribes were represented. God is using them as ambassadors for His work.

Quechua/Papago .............................. 2
Quechua/Mohave ............................ 1
Papago ........................................ 2
Navajo ........................................29
Apache (Hickory) ......................... 1
Cree ..............................
Sioux ........................................1
Chippewa..............................
Mohave ...................................... 3
Comanche ..............................
Chippewa/Ottawa/Potawatomi ......... 6

You see, God plans to spread His word quickly to our native American brothers, and He is calling teams to work at NIBC. Perhaps He is calling you.
A Child Abused

by WILLIAM GOODMAN

AN ANONYMOUS phone call sent police car 313 and me, in car 312, to a disturbance call. At the scene of the call we found a young woman in a second-floor apartment semiconscious from an overdose of sleeping pills. It was a cold fall night, yet we found the woman’s small child sitting outside on a porch exposed to the cold. The only thing the young mother could tell us was, “Life is just so much garbage!” The woman refused treatment and we couldn’t do much with her or for her except to take the small, helpless four-year-old child and place her with child welfare.

Child abuse is vast, involves a lot of ugly situations, and includes people from all walks of life. In just the one police district I worked, there were dozens of child abuse cases reported every month. Most cases took place in private homes and were reported to the police on suspicion. The police response is limited to the cooperation of the adults involved.

The church has a tremendous opportunity to help stop and prevent child abuse through the old-fashioned way of getting out and knocking on doors and getting into homes.

Adults that abuse children need the touch of the Master’s hand on their lives. Child abusers are uptight, irritated, frightened people who need inner peace, which comes from the personal experience of God’s saving grace.

Laura was an abused child. When Laura had a child of her own, she found that she had a low tolerance level, and the constant crying and needs of her child irritated and angered her. Laura would respond to her child with abuses, hoping that fear would cause the child to be silent. Laura hated her own irritations and felt guilty about her meanness to the small, defenseless child, but couldn’t control herself or her situation.

One day there was a knock on Laura’s door. Two women she had never seen before stated that they were from the local church and wanted her to know that God loved her and had a plan for her life. Laura was of mixed emotions about what the ladies had to say, but their talk of inner peace attracted her. Laura mentioned how her little one got on her nerves and drove her crazy. The ladies assured her that with the touch of Jesus’ hand on her life, inner peace could replace the anger and guilt.

Laura received Jesus Christ as Savior and was filled with the Holy Spirit. The peace and calmness in her soul helped her see her small child in a different light. The child was reprimanded and punished when she was disobedient, but now Laura was motivated by love and not personal irritation.

Behind the doors of many homes around the church are adults abusing children. Child abusers need to hear a knock on the door and learn about inner peace that will help them cease abusing their children. This is a better solution than saying, “Someone ought to do something about child abuse!”

Because I Believe

Give unto me
A soft, gentle thing,
The touch of a rosebud,
A violet of spring,
The dawn of a morning
A birdsong in flight,
A small star at sky-top
In velvet of night,
A tear of remembrance,
A small, gentle prayer,
For in each of these gifts,
I find God is there.

—VIRGINIA A. COPLING
Augusta, Georgia
A GREAT LAYMAN

Many of our churches observe “Laymen’s Sunday” in March.

Thinking about that brought to mind one of our greatest laymen. Her name is Mamie Dillard. You’ve never heard of her? Well, I didn’t say she was famous; I said she was great. Some are famous in the church, because of their offices and headlines, who aren’t truly great Christians.

Mamie Dillard is. She has given a lifetime of service to God and others. The integrity and fidelity of her life has inspired and encouraged many.

She worked hard, raising five sons and two daughters. They never had reason to question her love for them. She laughed, prayed, and wept with them, and when necessary she laid hands on them—and I’m not talking about ordination services. Theirs was a fun-loving household, where Mamie’s nickname was “Pistol.”

She taught Sunday School for years; perhaps she still does. While I was her pastor she had the women’s Bible class. She called them her “girls.” Her influence over them was stronger than the pastor’s by far, but never exerted in ways that alienated them from the pastor. She is a pastor’s friend. Her “girls” never had problems, illnesses, or sorrows but what her tears fell as her prayers rose for them. She counseled, prayed, and buoyed them up, giving unsparingly of her time and heart.

Mamie lives simply. There isn’t an ounce of pretense in her. She is “dead to the world” and “alive unto God” in a most unselfconscious way. She doesn’t have a streak of pharisaism. She is a model of biblical holiness, humility, modesty, courage, faith, and love—above all, love.

“Pa” Dillard left for heaven a few years ago. Mamie is getting along in years, moving toward the sunset. As long as she lives, this world will have a genuine saint to behold. When she dies the pull of heaven will be stronger upon the hearts of family and friends.

When she reads this she will cry, protesting her unworthiness. And she will mean it—that’s part of her greatness. “Pistol,” I love you. You’ve helped me so much!

WHY PRAY?

“World Day of Prayer” is upon us. On this or any other day, why pray?

Pray because Jesus Christ commanded it. He said, “Men ought always to pray and not to faint.” Prayer is not without mystery. It defies analysis and understanding. This is no reason to dispense with prayer, however, for those who seek to live under the Lordship of Christ. He tells us to pray and, therefore, we pray.

What Christ commanded, He also modeled. He prayed habitually and persistently. In prayer He communed with the Father, seeking guidance and strength for His daily life. He interceded for others—for the lost, for the errant, for His own disciples—and He expected His prayers to effect changes in their lives. Our Lord’s directive and example strip His followers of every excuse for neglecting prayer.

Pray because God answers prayer. “Call upon me and I will answer you” is His unretracted promise to His people. Prayer is not a vain exercise, nor is its value merely reflexive. God answers prayer. We knock and He opens the door. Holy Scripture is replete with instances of answered prayer. To read them and to reflect upon them is faith-building. Church history teems with incidents of answered prayer. God has proved himself faithful over centuries of time to millions of people.

Pray because we need prayer. Without prayer people are reduced to sophisticated animals. What finally separates man from beast is not his opposable thumb, not his power for self-reflection, not his use of speech and language, but his capacity for conscious personal communion with God, His Creator and Redeemer.

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YOU CAN MAKE IT

Lord Percy, credited with saving the British expedition to Concord at the outbreak of the American Revolution, complained in the summer of 1776, “Our army is so small that we cannot even afford a victory.”

That must have been how Gideon felt when the Lord whittled down his army from 32,000 to 300 men. They were up against Midianites and Amalekites who were “thick as locusts,” whose camels were like “sand on the seashore” for number. Gideon’s troops prevailed, however, as the enemy “ran and cried and fled.” The little band of warriors discovered that God with His people forms a majority.

At Calvary’s lonesome outpost, the odds were even more radically unbalanced. One man was locked in mortal combat with the combined powers of sin, death, and hell. The first confused battle reports gave the victory to the forces of evil. Three days later bright light was pouring from an empty grave, and Jesus Christ was triumphant over all His foes.

How many is often less important than what kind. Which side God is on decides the issue. With Him, “one may chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight.” God doesn’t count noses or weigh odds. He enters the fray on moral principles, not political expediency. He unhesitatingly champions one or a few who are committed to His glory, though legions of man and devils be arrayed against them.

Because His presence tips the scale of victory, church and Christian are alike invincible. The gates of hell cannot prevail against the church built upon the Rock, Christ Jesus. No man can pluck a believer in Christ from the grasp of the Father.

Our security and success are not in numbers but in God. Faith in God can rout an army, fell a giant, move a mountain, survive a depression, pay a mortgage, build a church—whatever! Faith can endure prison, torture, and death without collapsing.

Christian, you can make it! God is for you—who can be against you?

DECISION

A man has wronged me, and now I am compelled, from within myself, to decide a course of action. I can love him with divine love, or I can hate him with human hate. I can either forgive him or avenge myself.

The one thing I cannot do is remain indifferent to the injury which he has inflicted, for that would deny my God, and his. We are both living and becoming creatures, not cloths or posts. The matter is not settled by thinking it over, basely substituting meditation for action. I must act, either to return his blow passively or, with equal passion, to pardon his offense.

Upon me, I feel, is laid by Someone a demand that he be forgiven. Not a forgiveness glibly spoken, behind a mask that masks hatred, but real forgiveness—which means to him a free forgiveness, because I bear the cost myself of refusing to reduce my pain by smiting him.

But if I so forgive, I must open my heart to receive divine love. Natural resources for this deed I do not have. Only as God loves me can I love him. Only as God forgives me can I forgive him. In being loved, I can love. In being pardoned, I can pardon.

Does he know, this furious, grimacing enemy, the agony of decision to which he forces me—an anguish greater than the pain from his blow? Is he aware of the profound abasement to which I am now subjected—this crucifying moment which breaks the iron of my will upon the steel of God’s holy love? This is where he has driven me with one savage hurt! What I am deciding is my whole existence before God. To do nothing is to be nothing—and I must be—be truly human by an imperative act of forgiveness, or be utterly demonic by a traded evil.

Lord Jesus, bring to my tortured soul, staked out upon this moment of eternity, the healing of Your wounds! Let Your pardoning love conquer my temptation and inspire my forgiveness.
I did no actual fighting. But to me, I suffered just as much as a person who had to carry a weapon for survival.

I had been in Viet Nam one month and had written about 50 people, getting 5 answers, when I decided no one cared if I was dead or alive. So don't decide a person has to have a physical scar to have suffered in a war. Emotional scars can be just as damaging and long-lasting as physical scars.

I also believe the lucky ones died in Viet Nam.

Name Withheld upon Request

BACK ON TRACK

The latest issue of your Herald of Holiness has blessed me. There were so many articles relating to subjects on which I have been meditating—especially about sanctification. I used to be a backslider and I sure didn't feel safe, no matter how many articles I'd read or verses I'd be told that were supposed to reassure me of my safety.

Since starting back on the right track I have been growing in grace. I have recently become a member of the Aliquippa Church of the Nazarene. And since starting on the solid food of God's Word I hunger for more and more.

I want to thank all of God's faithful servants who have helped me through their prayers and various means of witnessing. And that most certainly includes the Herald of Holiness staff.

Anna Rucinski
Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

BETTER ANSWER DESERVED

I too am very much concerned about this so-called condensed Bible. The party who wrote and asked a specific question concerning the right of man to condense something so precious as God's Holy Word deserves a better answer than the one given in the December 1 issue.

As I told Mrs. Carolyn Davis of the Reader's Digest, "There is no place in the Bible where God gives His consent to subtract from or add to the Holy Scriptures. Those who are not reading the Bible today, I believe, will not take time out to read the Reader's Digest Bible if they will not read what God has given to the world, why should they read what the Reader's Digest puts out?"

The Reader's Digest does not say what they have written is God's Holy Word. They simply say they are condensing the Bible 40 percent and call it The Reader's Digest Bible. I believe we as ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ should take a firmer stand and say what is being done to the Holy Bible is wrong and should not be allowed.

I believe Revelation 22:18-19 tells us what will happen to anyone who tries to delete God's Holy Word.

M. L. (Roy) Brockway
Anza, California

CHRISTMAS ISSUE COMMENDED

I certainly appreciate the Herald of Holiness, it is such a good paper. The Christmas issue is outstanding. I have taken it for years, and every year it gets better.

I am a lover of poetry, and there certainly have been good ones in the Herald and the Standard. I had a poem printed in the June 19, 1974, issue.

I am so thankful for the Church of the Nazarene.

Charles S. Adams
St. Marys, Ohio

WE LED ELEANOR to the Lord. She put us in contact with her father, Frank. He was 84 years old and very sick. He wanted nothing to do with religion, however, but we continued to pray for him.

One Tuesday afternoon I stopped to visit Frank. Before leaving I asked if I could pray with him. He said no. While making calls the following day I was impressed to visit him again. I debated with the Lord because of Frank's bold indifference. The Holy Spirit would not let me out of the assignment.

When I went in to see Frank, much to my surprise he was very tender. I could tell God had prepared his heart. Frank was too weak now to talk. He acknowledged being a sinner and wanted to pray. I asked if he knew how to pray and he said no. I took his hand and requested him, when I had prayed a sentence, to repeat it silently. He could squeeze my hand to signal that he had done so. So we prayed, sentence by sentence, as he squeezed my hand. It was a beautiful experience that I shall never forget. Before long tears began to flow, and Frank touched God. I asked, "Where is Jesus now?" He pointed to his heart. In a moment God mercifully forgave 84 years of sin.

Three hours later I was at the hospital. As I was leaving, an ambulance brought Frank in. While the nurse was putting him to bed he told her, "Now I'm ready to die." Two hours later Frank entered into glory. Preaching his funeral was a joy.

I'm thankful that I responded to the Holy Spirit. I'm thankful that Jesus Christ will save an 84-year-old man who can't speak. I'm glad that God uses us as we cooperate with Him and will "by all means ... save some."
IN MEMORIAM

PIONEER EDUCATOR DEAN MUNRO

Bertha Munro, a founding member of the faculty and first dean of Eastern Nazarene College, died January 19 in Wollaston, Mass., at age 95.

The body of Dean Munro lay in state in the Wollaston Church of the Nazarene Friday and Saturday evenings, accompanied by an honor guard of faculty who were former students and colleagues of Miss Munro.

Funeral services were held in the Wollaston church on Sunday, January 23, conducted by Dr. Stephen Nease, president of Eastern Nazarene College. Rev. Russell Metcalfe, pastor of the Wollaston church, read the scripture. General Superintendent Emeritus and fifth President of Eastern Nazarene College, Samuel Young, prayed and gave a tribute to Dean Munro. Other tributes were given by Pastor Metcalfe; President Emeritus Edward S. Mann; chairman of the Board of Trustees, Roy Carnahan; and Academic Dean Donald L. Young. Dr. Harvey Blaney, chairman of the Department of Religion at ENC, gave the benediction.

A native of Cliftondale, Mass., Miss Munro was educated in the public schools of Saugus and graduated from Boston University in 1907 as class valedictorian with a major in languages. For three years she taught foreign languages in the high schools of Middleboro and Needham, Mass. From 1910 to 1915, she taught at the Pentecostal Collegiate Institute of North Scituate, R.I.

In 1916, Professor Munro took the M.A. degree in English from Radcliffe College and subsequently joined the English faculty of Taylor University in Upland, Ind., where she taught for three years.

In September of 1919, Professor Munro became a founding faculty member at the newly opened Eastern Nazarene College in Wollaston, Mass. Dr. Fred J. Shields, first president of the college during that opening year, appointed Professor Munro as his administrative assistant. ENC’s second president, Dr. Floyd W. Nease, appointed Professor Munro as dean of the college.

Dean Munro served concurrently as professor of English and dean until she resigned her administrative post in 1957. She continued teaching full time into the 1960s, and then part time until her retirement in 1968 during the presidency of Dr. Edward S. Mann.

When asked to summarize some of the chief spiritual insights that make up what is known on campus as “The Munro Doctrine,” Miss Munro gave five phrases that epitomize her thought:

“Truth cannot contradict truth.”

“God will not waste a consecrated life.”

“Persons are more important than things.”

“Not somehow, but triumphantly.”

“The listening heart.”

In her autobiography, Dean Munro said, “From 1919 on, the story of my life is in one sense the story of Eastern Nazarene College.” Except for a year’s leave of absence for doctoral studies at Harvard in her first decade of teaching, Dean Munro was fully involved in establishing this young college founded by the Church of the Nazarene in Wollaston. Since her retirement in 1968, including recent years of declining health, Dean Munro maintained a close interest in the life and work of the college.

Bertha Munro was the author of numerous articles in the Herald of Holiness, the Christian Scholar, and other periodicals, as well as several poems. Her book-length publications include five books published by Nazarene Publishing House: Truth for Today (1947), The Pilgrim’s Road Map (1950), Not Somehow but Triumphantly (1950), Strength for Today (1954), and The Years Teach (1970).

President Stephen W. Nease said of her, “No other individual has shaped the academic and spiritual philosophy of Eastern Nazarene College more than Dean Bertha Munro. She epitomized Christian scholarship in her teaching and administrative work.”

The emphasis of Dr. Fitch’s book is a recollection of latter-day literary Paris. Dr. Fitch is chairman of the Department of Literature and Modern Languages and has taught at Point Loma College since 1971.

PERKINS AND PITTS TO PARTICIPATE IN WYC

The General NYI Council and the staff of Youth Ministries has announced that Hal Perkins and Michael Pitts will play special roles in the program of WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS ’83. The event is scheduled for June 20-27 in Oaxtepec, Mexico.

Hal Perkins has been heavily involved over the past several months in the development of curriculum for the morning sessions and family group times. The result is LEADERSHIP MULTIPLICATION, a series of eight books dealing with the priorities of discipleship. It focuses on the process of becoming leaders in Christ, and being leaders in the home, church, and world. Each book contains in-depth studies in doctrine, life-style, and application, and will be bound together as a part of the conferences package. A half-hour session each morning will feature Hal presenting the material and introducing the family group study.

Having served previously as a youth pastor in Nampa, Idaho; in Bethany, Oklahoma; and in Kansas City, and as a pastor in Mount Laurel, N.J., Hal currently pastors the Moscow, Idaho, church. He has authored two books, The Gap and Meeting with Jesus, and has spoken at youth camps, NYI conventions, revivals, and at WORLD YOUTH CONFERENCE ’78. He is also the father of four.

Michael Pitts has been commissioned by the General NYI Council to write a musical which will be premiered at WYC ’83. “I’ll Follow the Son” will be a highlight of the Saturday evening celebration service. During the week, Michael will work with a choir of over 200 participants, which will perform the musical. “I’ll Follow the Son” will be printed in both English and Spanish.

Michael currently serves as a minister to youth at the Olathe, Kansas, College Church. Prior to his present assignment, he held youth ministry positions at Nampa, Idaho; in Ventura, California; and in Ontario, Oregon. Michael also served as director of Teen Ministries at Nazarene International Headquarters from 1979-82, and did much of the initial work on WYC ’83. He has written one book Growth on the Vine, and was the composer of the quintessential NYI theme song, “I’ll Follow the Son.” He and his wife, Suzanne, have a son, Ryan, and a daughter, Rosalynn.

Nazarene Youth International is excited about the ministry opportunities that await Nazarene youth at WYC. For more information concerning WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS ’83, contact your district NYI president, or Mike Estep, director of the event, at 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. Watch for further WYC updates in future issues of the Herald of Holiness.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE MEETS

The General Church Christian Schools Steering Committee met for the first time in Kansas City on January 21. This event was a milestone for Christian schools in the Church of the Nazarene. The committee authorized a broad range of specific programs to support local Nazarene Christian schools. These included the development of a Wesleyan philosophy of education, formal establishment of a denominationally sponsored Christian school administration, preliminary plans for a 1985 General Convention of Christian Schools (to be held in conjunction with the General Assembly), and several support projects.

The committee members are drawn from various areas of leadership. Mr. Dwight Collins, Dr. Roy Schanaker, and Mrs. Shegay Vanderpool are local school administrators. Rev. Leo Steininger and Mrs. Rose Marie Oliphant represent preschool ministries. Dr. Beryl Dillman and Dr. Robert Norton speak on behalf of Nazarene higher education. Dr. Robert Scott, Southern California district superintendent, represents district leaders. Headquarters support personnel include Rev. Phil Riley, Christian Life and Sunday School Division director; Mrs. Miriam Hall, Children’s Ministries director; and Rev. Tim White, general director of Christian Schools.

In summing up the committee’s work, Mr. White stated, “This meeting gives us a set of objectives that is both comprehensive and practical. They emphasize our aggressive commitment to high academic quality in an environment that promotes Christian holiness.”
Pictured (l. to r.) are the participants of the ANSR meeting: (front row) Dr. Fred Parker; Dale Jones, statistician, Division of Church Growth; Dr. Jon Johnston, chairman; Dr. Dick Stellway, and Dr. Bruce Granger; (back row) Dr. Chuck Gailey; Rev. Bill M. Sullivan, director of Evangelism Ministries; Prof. John Hawthorne; Dr. Harrold T. Curl; Rev. Ron Benefiel; and Rev. Ken Crow.

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In one segment, Dr. Cowles is joined by his son Dean, who is a student at Nazarene Theological Seminary, for a discussion of Dean’s climb up Mount McKinley in Alaska.

Family Journey into Joy is a study of Christian family living, sponsored by Children’s and Youth Ministries for “The Year of the Young.”

All six segments are included on one videotape cassette which can be purchased or rented from the Nazarene Publishing House.

NAZARENE SOCIOLOGISTS MEET

The second annual meeting of the Association of Nazarene Sociologists of Religion (ANSR) was held at King Conference Center in Kansas City, January 17-21.

This research organization, under the auspices of Rev. Bill M. Sullivan of Evangelism Ministries, directed most of its attention on the completion of an upcoming book titled, The Small Church in a Super Church era.

This work, published by the Nazarene Publishing House, will present chapters by sociologists, theologians, and leaders within the denomination. And it is scheduled to be released at the time of the church’s 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Dr. Jon Johnston, who is also chairman of the association, and Rev. Sullivan are serving as co-editors of the project.

In addition, the meeting featured reports on research conducted by ANSR this year and inspiring devotional sessions.

The association attempts to provide a ministry for Christ and the Church. At the same time, it furnishes a forum for skilled and dedicated social scientists to receive academic information and spiritual strength.

**Book Briefs**

See page 15 for description.

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**Author Makes Videotape for Lay Training Course**

Dr. C. S. Cowles of Northwest Nazarene College and author of the 1983 denomination-wide study, Family Journey into Joy, was recently in Kansas City taping a series of 10-minute programs to be used by local teachers of the course.

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REVIVAL CELEBRATES CHRISTIAN HOLINESS

Pastor Donald M. Smith reports a revival at the Spring Hill, Fla., First Church that called people unto holiness. The messages of Evangelist David Street featured biblical holiness. Pastor Smith said, “God’s Holy Spirit moved in our presence every time we met together for our services.”

Such preaching gave people light on full salvation. Several individuals were entirely sanctified and the powerful effect still continues in this church.

A GROWING SPIRIT OF REVIVAL

The Laurel, Del., church recently had a revival with evangelist Ottis and Marguerite Smith. Pastor Euel M. Fox reports the services brought many spiritual victories, with a record revival attendance in the Sunday morning service. The revival’s success, however, is due only in part to efforts during the five days of services.

The “revival’s spirit” goes back at least to the previous revival six months earlier with evangelists Mark and Patricia McCuistion. The special prayer meetings established to prepare for that revival began a spirit of prayer that continued after those meetings and until the recent revival.

Even before the recent revival began, individuals found to spiritual victory. A young couple received Christ at 6 a.m. in their home on a Sunday preceding the Lord’s For 17 years also found victory in his home. One young man who knelt at the altar during the recent revival testified that he had been considering commitment to Christ.

VARIUS GOSPEL CHANNELS

The Hudson Falls, N.Y., church received the gospel through a variety of a media in a recent revival with Evangelist William Overton.

Besides the medium of preaching, Rev. Overton, a chalk artist, drew sketches to highlight his messages. Mrs. Overton also presented the gospel to the young people through puppets. Pastor Merle Forman reports the use of these media was so effective that the closing service of the revival was more than double the church’s regular attendance.

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

See page 23 for complete list of appointments and changes.

WORTH LOOKING INTO...
THE NAZARENE HUNGER AND DISASTER FUND

The Nazarene Hunger and Disaster Fund is a special fund maintained at Nazarene Headquarters in Kansas City to meet needs caused by famine, earthquakes, floods, displacement due to war, or other sudden or long-standing disasters. Through this fund, food has been made available to undernourished school children and nutrition centers in Haiti; to earthquake victims in Italy, Mexico, and Central America; to families displaced by fighting in Lebanon and Central America; to refugee families in Southeast Asia; to malnourished mothers and small children in Africa. Medical relief supplies have been flown to areas of disaster. And it is an ongoing program. Funds can be sent at any time to Dr. Norman Miller, General Treasurer, Church of the Nazarene, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131, designated for Nazarene Hunger and Disaster Fund. All monies will be used 100 percent for the purpose designated.

HUNGER AND DISASTER FUND COMMITTEE MEETS

An ad-hoc committee for the Hunger and Disaster Fund of the Church of the Nazarene recently met. The committee was composed of Rev. Gordon Wetmore, president of the General Board; Dr. L. Guy Nees, World Mission Division director; Rev. John Smee, administrative assistant, World Mission Division; Dr. Charles Gates, World Mission staff member; Dr. Raymond Hurn, Church Extension Ministries director; Dr. Paul Benefiel, superintendent of the Los Angeles District; and Rev. Tom Nees, City of Hope, Washington, D.C.

The meeting was in response to authorization by the Board of General Superintendents for the World Mission Division to administer the Compassionate Ministry program for the entire church. Discussion was held on how best to implement this assignment.

The Hunger and Disaster Fund is supported by freewill contributions of individuals and churches. The fund is disbursed by the World Mission Division wherever need arises.

Contributions to the Hunger and Disaster Fund may be mailed to Dr. Norman O. Miller, general treasurer. All monies received will receive 10 percent credit when mailed through a church treasurer, and will be used in their entirety for the express purpose of Hunger and Disaster relief.

LATE 10 PERCENT CHURCH RECOGNITION

We are pleased to report that Council Bluffs, Ia., First Church has been a 10 percent church for 34 consecutive years. This information was not available when the list of churches which have been 10 percent churches for 30 years or more appeared in the December 1, 1982, issue.

FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

V. H. LEWIS

Central Latin American April 21-22
West Texas April 28-29
Southern California May 12-13
Northern California May 19-20
Alaska June 2-3
North American Indian June 9
Eastern Kentucky June 22-23
North Central Ohio July 6-7
Northwest Oklahoma July 27-28
Indiana July 27-28
Joplin August 3-4
Missouri August 18-19
Southwest Oklahoma August 25-26

EUGENE L. STOWE

Washington Pacific April 28-29
Northwest May 4-5
Oregon Pacific May 20-21
Los Angeles May 27-28
Canada Atlantic June 14-15
Kentucky June 15-17
Nebraska June 23-24

Herald of Holiness
North Arkansas July 6-7

Houston July 14-15

Ithaca July 20-21

Wisconsin August 3-4

Tennessee August 11-12

Northwest Indiana August 19-20

ORVILLE W. JENKINS

CHARLES H. STRICKLAND

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North Arkansas July 6-7

Iowa August 10-11

Kansas City August 17-18

CHARLES H. STRICKLAND

Mississippi April 21

Alabama A May 5-6

San Antonio May 13-14

New England June 3-4

Canada Central June 9-10

Canada Quebec June 17-18

Chicago Central July 8-9

Colorado July 14

East Tennessee July 21-22

West Virginia A August 2-3

Iowa August 11-12

Georgia August 18-19

Southeast Oklahoma September 1-2

WILLIAM M. GREATHOUSE

Washington April 20-21

Eastern Latin American April 23

New York May 29-30

Central Florida May 10-11

South Arkansas May 19-20

Arizona June 2-3

Rocky Mountain June 9-10

Northwestern Ohio June 24

Eastern Michigan July 15-16

Minnesota July 20

Pittsburgh July 22-23

Northwestern Illinois August 4-5

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Sacramento April 22-23

Central California April 29-30

Philadelphia May 4-5

Southern Florida May 18-19

North Florida May 26-27

Canada Pacific June 10-11

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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

INFORMATION

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Judd St. Honolulu, HI 96817. Host Pastor: Larry

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LEE W. BAKER from Sterling Heights (Mich.) Com-

munity to Madison (Wis.) First

ROBERT BAMBINO from Gwynn’s Island (Gwynn,

Va.) to Orosina, Pa.

FORD L. BOONE from Baton Rouge (La.) First to evan-
gegise from Port Orchard, Wash.

DAVID W. GRAY to associate. Hammond (Ind.) First

LAWRENCE J. HALL from associate. Mount Vernon

(Ohio) First. to Lakota (West Chester, Ohio)

JOHNNY R. HUGHES from student. Nazarene

Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Minot

(N.D.) Southside

KATHRYN J. MARTIN from associate. Memphis

( Tenn.) Whitenape, to connectional

VIRGIL R. MILLS to Tulsa (Okla.) St. Paul

C. WILLIAM MORRISON to Kenner, La.

JOHN C. NIX IV from associate. South Portland, Me.,
to associate. Arlington (Va.) Calvary

RUSSELL L. RHODES from student. Olivet Naza-

cene College, Kankakee, III. to South Milwaukee,

Wis.

TIMOTHY L. RIGGS from associate. Columbus

(Ohio) Shepherd, to Kiltmanning, Pa.

LONNIE SCHULTZ from student. Nazarene The-

ological Seminary. Kansas City, Mo., to associate.

Bethany (Okla.) Lake Overholser

JOSEPH L. SHARP from Cincinnati Calvary to Cin-

nccinnati Mount Washington

JACKLYN W. SHOCKLEY from Memphis (Tenn.)

Whitenape to connectional

S. C. STEVENSON, JR., to Baton Rouge (La.) First

OWEN SWARTZENTHRUBER to Creston, Ohio

LAWRENCE J. HALL from associate. Mount Vernon

(Ohio) Whitehaven to connectional

EDWARD E. TRUE from Nelsonville. Ohio. to Troy.

FDA WM. WESCOE from Fairview Heights (Ill.)

First to Williamspor. Pa.

WILLIAM A. WIESMANN from Bayshore-Bright-

waters (Bayshore. Long Island, N.Y.) to Peninsula

(San Pedro. Calif.)

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Close. 8021 N.W. 18th Oklahoma City, OK 73127

MISS DELLA (MacLACHLAN) BEEBE. Papua New

Guinea. Resigned—New Permanent address:

2102 Chatsworth Blvd. No. 17. San Diego. CA 92107

MR. STANLEY and JOLOURRAINE DOERR, * Repub-

lic of South Africa. South, Field address: PO.

Box 12002. Amalinda. Cape Province. Republic of

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DR. KATHRENE REID, Swaziland Medical, Field address: PO. Box 14, Manzini, Swaziland

DR. PAUL and MARTHA RILEY, Swaziland Medical, Furlough address: 2754 Tropicana Dr., Riverside, CA 92504

REV KENNETH and WANDA ROGERS, Republic of South Africa, North. Resigned—New Permanent address: c/o Earl Rogers, 203 South Ave. S. Post, TX 79356

MISS KATHRENE SAVAGE, Swaziland Medical, Field address: PO. Box 3, Siteki, Swaziland, Africa

REV. DUANE and LINDA SHADY, Portugal, Field address: Rua Castilho 209, 4-Dir. 1000 Lisbon, Portugal. *Special Assignment Personnel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Waterloo church located in Edmond, Okla., will celebrate its 60th anniversary on April 24. Dr. John A. Knight, president of Bethany Nazarene College, will be the morning speaker. All former members and pastors are encouraged to attend. More information is available by contacting the pastor, Rev. Steven A. Blankenship, Rte. 10, Box 46, Edmond, OK 73034; phone 405-341-2751.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend REV. HOWARD WRIGHT, who is entering the field of evangelism. He has served as a pastor for 26 years on the Arizona, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin districts. He is a good preacher and will go to any church that extends a call. He may be contacted at 1112 1st St. N.E., Mason City, IA 50401—Forrest E. Whitlatch, Iowa district superintendent.

I recommend REV. VERLIE E. CHIPPS, who is entering the field of evangelism. He has been a successful pastor for several years on the Iowa and Indianapolis districts. Contact him at 127 S. State Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46201—Forrest E. Whitlatch, Iowa district superintendent.

I wish to recommend to pastors and people. REV. O'NEAL LOETSCHER, who is entering the field of evangelism. Brother Loetscher is a singer and a good preacher. He has a warm spirit and a glowing witness to the power of Jesus Christ. He is a very able evangelist. He may be reached at 328 Meadowbrook Ln., Olathe, KS 66062—Milton B. Parrish, Kansas City district superintendent.

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

VITAL STATISTICS

EARLY NYPS LEADER DIES

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Survivors include a son, Dr. Chester H. Rowe; two daughters: Mrs. Doris Brodien and Mrs. Ruth Hodges; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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MRS. TERYL RENEE BRENNEMAN, 26, died in Chapel Hill, N.C. Nov. 28. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Marshall Taylor of Durham, N.C. Interment was in Greeley, Colo. She is survived by her husband, Brian; her parents; one brother; and one sister.

OLIVE CHRISTIANSON, 88, died Jan. 8 in Caro, N.D. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Chuck Beizer in Larimore, N.D. Surviving are his wife, Thelma; one son, Don; and one daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Graybill. MRS. RAYMOND CLAPP, SR., 87, died Jan. 14 in Kissimmee, Fla. Rev. Jim Cummings and Rev. Drel Goff conducted the funeral services. Surviving are his wife, Coral; one son, Raymond; Jr.; two daughters, Ruth Chambers and Mary Teneyck; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

NAOMI DANO, 85, died Dec. 19 in a car accident in Miramar, Fla. Funeral services were conducted in North Miami, Fla. By Rev. Carson Snow. She is survived by two foster daughters, six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

LOIS RUTH DONALDSON, 80, died Jan. 9 in Florence, Ala. Funeral services were conducted in Luka, Miss., by Rev. Carroll Smith of Savannah, Tenn. She is survived by four brothers, Carl, Vernon, Kermit, and Warner Ralph Claunch.

MRS. MINNIE MARGARET FLYCK, 87, died Dec. 13 in Meadville, Pa. Funeral services were conducted in Butler, Pa., by Rev. Robert Calhoon. Interment was in Worthington, Pa. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Grant (Madeline) Walborn and Mrs. Arthur (Lois) Woodward: five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister.

SILVANA ROSA FOSDIC, 72, died Nov. 4 in Fair-
LOWELL HEADLEY HALL, 78, died Nov. 13 in Massillon, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Wilard Aihart, Harry B. Hall, and Donald Roach. Interment was in Barberton, Ohio. He is survived by two sons, Lowell H. and Madison W.; four grandchildren; one brother; and two sisters.

MRS. T. E. (BONITA) HOLCOMB, 71, died Sept. 17 in Houston, Tex. Funeral services were conducted in Bellaire by Rev. Terry Curtis and District Superintendent D. W. Thaxton. She is survived by her husband, T. E. Holcomb; a son, Mike; three grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

MRS. FRANCES D. JARDINE, 76, died Dec. 6 in South Portland, Me. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Wayne Yerxa, Paul Basham, Marvin Milbury, and Jack Nix. She is survived by her husband, Howard; 2 sons, Blaine and Everett; 4 daughters, Bessie Brown, Alcyon Davis, Donna Murphy, and Jennifer Ross; 25 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren, Bessie Brown, Alicyn Davis, Donna Murphy, and Jennifer Ross; and 15 great-grandchildren.

MRS. SARAH BROOKS LEVERETTE died Nov 6 in Nashville, Tenn. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Wayne Yerxa, Paul Basham, Marvin Milbury, and Jack Nix. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Carl Brown and Rev. W. K. Dewey. Survivors include 4 daughters, Mrs. Dallas Ottinger, Mrs. Eddie Wineinger; 6 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

MR. LOUIS PETT died Jan. 17 in Winter Park, Fla. A graveside service was conducted by Rev. Jim Cummins. He is survived by his wife, Doris, and three daughters.

MRS. VERA LEE PILLEY died Nov. 19 in Rochester, N.Y. Funeral services were conducted in Hagerman, N.M., by Rev. Don Nichols of Boise City, Okla., and Rev. Isaacs. Survivors include 2 sons, Leonard and Fred, Jr.; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

DOROTHY MAY PUSEY, 81, died Jan. 9 in Circleville, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent J. Wilmer Lambert and Rev. William G. Hill. Interment was in Lancaster, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Rev. A. E. Pusey; 3 daughters, Mrs. Jay (Martha) Keiser, Mrs. Robert (Ruth) Clandenan, and Mrs. Roger (Miriam) Kooze; 1 son, Paul M.; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 1 brother; and 3 sisters.

REV. O. D. SAMUEL, 83, died Dec. 15 in Springfield, Mo. Funeral services were conducted at Mount Vernon, Mo., by Revs. J. J. Steele, Dean Hartman, James C. Hester and Dean Baldwin. Interment was at Halltown, Mo. Rev. Samuel pastored churches in Missouri and Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Thelma; and two sisters.

EDWARD L. SCHILLING, 61, died Dec. 28 in Bethany, Okla. Funeral services were conducted in Harrison, Tex., by Rev. Wayne Brown. He is survived by his wife, Esther; one daughter, Sandra Fraley; four grandchildren, and two brothers.

CLYDE SNIDER died Oct. 10 in Brandenburg, Ky. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. C. Hash and Rev. Robert Brown. He is survived by his wife, Mary Dee; one son, Joseph; one daughter, Mrs. Virginia Levan; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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MRS. ELLA WEIS, 76, died Dec. 29 in Penticton, British Columbia. District Superintendent William Ba­han officiated at the funeral services. Survivors in­clude her husband, Addis; 1 son, Ivan; 7 daugh­ters, Marjorie. Mrs. Larry (Erma) Frederick, Mrs. Don (Dorothy) Goings, Mrs. Larry (Erma) Frederick. Mrs. Dave (Doreen) Broad, Mrs. Edgar (Phyllis) Newsham, and Mrs. Bill (Bea) Means. 12 grandchildren, 1 brother, and 5 sisters.

BIRTHS

to HUCK AND SANDY ACKLEY, Eugene, Ore., a girl, Elizabeth Joanna, Oct. 10.

to RAYMOND J AND VIRGIE K. (PARTON) BIAS, Nero, W. Va., a girl, Julia Marie, Jan. 9.

to RICK AND JAN (MALLICOAT) COLE, Denver, Colo., a boy, Mitchell, Nov. 27.

to DANIEL AND RUTH (EGGERS) CORBETT, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Jonathan Mark, Dec. 29.

to GREG AND KAY (LIGMAN) DANIELS, Little Rock, Ark., a girl, Lauren Elizabeth, Aug. 23.

to MARION AND BECKY DOERRLINGER, Montgomery City, Mo., a boy, John Alexander Leigh, Oct. 25.

to BOB AND BETH (STAFFORD) EICHEN­BERGER, Saranac, N.Y., a boy, Benjamin Robert, Jan. 17.

to BILL AND JEAN FORD, Montgomery City, Mo., a boy, Joshua Aaron, Dec. 22.

to REV. REG AND CATHERINE (DYER) GRAVES, Summerside, P.E.I., Canada, a boy, Joel Wesley, Jan. 4.

to STEPHEN AND LYNN (NELSON) HARVEY, Ola­the, Kans., a boy, Stephen Paul, Jr., Dec. 11.

to REV. KENDALL AND ALEICTA (WILLIAMS) HOLDER, Valley Center, Kan., a boy, Quentin Kyle, Aug. 4.


to JAY E. AND CLARA (BRASHER) JOHNSON, King­ston, Ill., a boy, Wesley Jerome, Aug. 22.

to DON AND EARLA KASINGER, Eugene, Ore., a girl, LeAnn Louise, Oct. 21.

to RICK AND SHERRIE (SMITH) KISER, Long Beach, Calif., a girl, Jocelyn Joy, Jan. 9.

to RICK AND MARCIA (MCNEELEY) MALLICOAT, Lakewood, Calif., a girl, Wendy Rae, Oct. 8.

to GREGORY AND JACQUELYN (LEE) MAL­LIETT, East Peoria, Ill., a girl, Marie Lyn, Oct. 12.

to DARRELL AND CAROL (CHAMBERS) MILLER, Superior, Neb., a girl, Staci Anne, Nov. 29.

to LESLIE C. AND AIA JUNE MOORE, Shawnee, Kan., a girl, Elizabeth June, Oct. 12.

to DON AND LINDA (MELTESEN) MORTENSEN, Racine, Wis., a boy, Nathan Daniel, Jan. 5.

to MEL AND JUDI (TUCKER) SAYES, Little Rock, Ark., a boy, James Tucker Jay, Dec. 21.

to TIM AND CHERYL (KAECHELLE) STUR­DEVANT, Garden City, Kan., a boy, Jason Scott, Nov. 21.

to DARRELL AND LYNN (ZACHARY) TATE, Moore, Okla., twins, a girl, Jessica Leann, and a boy, Justin Nathaniel, Dec. 20.

to GARY S. AND CATHY (BOWMAN) TAYLOR, Oklahoma City, Okla., a boy, Adam Walker, Jan. 11.

WATER VAPOR IDENTIFIED AS CAUSE OF DEAD SEA SCROLLS' DE­TERIORATION. A team of Israeli scientists have discovered that water vapor is the main element causing the deterioration of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest known existing biblical texts. The Scrolls were discov­ered in the caves of Qumran, in the Judean Desert, in 1947. Even at that time, they were in extremely bad condition, and archaeologists experi­enced great difficulties in opening them so they could be read.

A team of scientists from the Weizmann Institute of Science in Red­ovtho have been studying the scrolls for years and recently have develop­ed conclusive evidence that the destruction was caused by water vapor which altered the collagen in the scrolls' fibers. Water vapor almost cer­tainly began penetrating the scrolls before they were packed away into sealed jars about 2,000 years ago. Among the scrolls is the oldest known manuscript of the Book of Isaiah. Also important among these writings is the Manual of Discipline which opened speculation among scholars con­cerned with possible relations between the Jewish sect of Essenes and early Christians.

115-YEAR-OLD TRANSLATOR CITED BY ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT. Mr. Donald Siwale, believed to be the world's oldest Bible translator, was recently commended by the president of Zambia for his part in translating the Bible into Ichinamwanga.

Mr. Siwale, living proof at a reported 115 years that age does not wither nor custom stale, took part in a service of thanksgiving in Zambia's Mwenzo Mission for the first Bible in that African language, of which he was one of the translators.

Guest of honor at the dedication was Zambian president Dr. Kenneth Kaunda. Mr. Siwale presented him with the first copy. As he handed the Bible to the chief of state Mr. Siwale remarked, with a directness only his years allow, "It is my sincere belief this book will help you in the leadership of this country if you will read it, and not keep it as a decoration on the State house bookshelves."

Ichinamwanga is one of the Bantu group of languages. It is spoken by 150,000 tribal people in northeastern Zambia, who have had a New Testa­ment since the 1930s. This is the first time they have had an entire Bible.

GROUP SAYS CABLE TV CONTRIBUTING MORE VIOLENCE. Home Box Office, Showtime, and The Movie Channel have extremely high rates of violence according to a recent monitoring report from the National Coalition on Television Violence. The monitoring of two months of summer and fall prime-time programming on each of the three leading home pay­able movie channels found an average of 22 acts of physical violence per hour. NCTV reports that this is 300 percent more violent than network television during those months and 1400 percent more violent than PBS, Canadian, or German television monitored by NCTV.

NCTV notes that 30-35 percent ( Arbitron vs. Nielsen estimates) of American homes now have cable with the percentage growing rapidly. Forty percent of these are reported to subscribe to at least one pay cable movie channel. The average family subscribing to HBO watches HBO about as much as they do one of the three major networks, about 6 hours per person per week. According to Dr. Thomas Radecki, NCTV chairman, and psychiatric director for the Champaign County Mental Health Center in Champaign, Ill., the typical family subscribing to one of these channels immediately increases the amount of violence coming into their home by 50 percent.

In an interview, Dr. Radecki said, "Pay cable movie violence is the most dangerous trend towards the increasing use of entertainment vio­lence in America today. Already 25 million Americans are receiving these channels into their homes. Three times as many movies are watched on pay cable as are seen in movie theaters. With the overwhelming evidence of major increases in violence from violent TV and movies, this trend promises a further increase in the epidemic of violence gripping our country for the last 25 years."
Conducted by W. E. McCumber, Editor

Would Christ's death be in vain if it fell short of its objective? I refer to two passages which seem to state that objective: "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17), and "The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world" (1 John 4:14).

Christ's death has for its objective the salvation of all who believe in Him. In establishing the objective of Christ's death, we must not overlook the context of the verses you cite. John 3:15, 16, and 18, which enclose verse 17, all speak of believing on Christ as necessary to salvation. The alternative to such faith is "condemnation." John 3:36 is as vital to our understanding of God's purpose in Christ's death as John 3:17. I John, from which your second reference is taken, also makes it abundantly clear that eternal life is God's gift for those only who believe on the Son (3:23; 5:11-12).

Christ's death is in vain "if righteousness come by the law" (Galatians 2:21), and the gospel truth that righteousness is by grace can be received in vain (2 Corinthians 6:1). But if some persist in unbelief and are lost forever, that does not render vain the death of Christ. His death achieves what God intends, the salvation of believers.

How do you reconcile Jacob's statement recorded in Genesis 32:30, "I have seen God face to face," with John's statement recorded in John 1:18, "No man hath seen God at any time"?

I think John's statement must be viewed in the light of God's words about himself in Exodus 33:20 and what Paul says about Him in 1 Timothy 6:16. No man has seen, or can see, God in His essential being. The full glory of the Creator is an unapproachable light to the creature. To reveal himself God must also veil himself, and the veiling is our opportunity for seeing. Jacob's statement comes after he has wrestled with "a man," who is somehow more than man. He saw God face-to-face as God revealed himself in this mysterious "other." John's statement teaches that (1) man is incapable of beholding God's full glory, but (2) Jesus Christ, as God's Son, reveals that glory in the fullest measure man can perceive. The reflection is limited but not distorted in the incarnate Son.

Many ministers and groups are asking for funds. How much should we feel obligated to do outside our own organization? How can we learn if funds are being used for the purposes for which they were raised?

Our first obligation is to support with our tithes and offerings the work of our own church. What we do for outside agencies should be determined by the guidance of the Spirit, the importance of their work, and the measure of our resources. Any organization asking for funds from the public should be willing to supply, upon request, financial accounts showing how those funds are being spent. A good rule to follow—don't open your pocketbook to those who won't open their record books.

In reading Genesis lately, I came across a verse that I never noticed before: 9:5. I quote the part that intrigues me—"I will demand an accounting from every animal." I wonder what you think this might mean. I've never thought that animals would have to give an account of their actions, such as people will have to do. Will they answer after their existence here, or does this mean only while on this earth? A guy's imagination could really run wild with this verse, couldn't it?

The words you ask about do not refer to a postmortem judgment for animals. I think the meaning of these words is borne out well in Exodus 21:28, where Mosaic legislation required that an ox which had gored a man or woman to death had to be destroyed. The whole intention of these two references is to emphasize the sanctity of human life, which neither man nor beast could take with impunity.
Dr. Mark R. Moore (l), Education Services secretary, presents a check to 3 of the 26 international students recently awarded scholarships through Education Services. The students are (l. to r.): Shinri Nishimura, Japan; Edgar Gonzalez, Honduras; and Hendrik Pieterse, South Africa.

Our Colleges and Seminaries

Nazarene International Student Scholarship Fund Activated

Twenty-six international students were the first recipients of the International Student Scholarship recently. The increased number of foreign students seems to reflect the internationalization of the Church of the Nazarene.

Funds for the scholarship are a result of income from the Widmeyer Foundation. In future years, income from estate gifts will be added to the fund for distribution.

The students receiving this first award are: Alba Gonzalez, Louise Charles, Gary Yeh, Henry Wu, Anthony Wellington, Daniel Shen, David Smihert, Marta Mendez, and Cleo Sanderson of Mid-America Nazarene College; Susan Gokool of Bethany Nazarene College; Maria Esther Lima of Eastern Nazarene College; Raymond Emmanuel of Nazarene Bible College; Jo-Anne Fulton, Sung Won Kim, David Mall, Yong Chae Park, Norma Esperilla, George Thomas, Hendrik Pieterse, Edgar Gonzalez, Annette Taft, Valerie Friesen, Abraham Omman, Vido Gaikwad, Shinri Nishimura, and Johannes Tredoux of Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Recipients must be born-again Christians with financial need and recommendation by a Mission Council or professor.

Countries represented are South Africa, Guatemala, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Pakistan, Mexico, India, China, Brazil, El Salvador, Grenada, Trinidad, Sri Lanka, and Haiti.

Franco Accepts Pastorate of Monterrey Central

Dr. Bennett Dudney, director of Publications Services, recently announced that Dr. Sergio Franco, editorial coordinator of Spanish Publications, has resigned from that post effective May 15, to accept the pastorate of the Monterrey Central Church of the Mexico Northeast District. He has worked 24 years in the Spanish literature endeavors of the church.

From 1954 to 1960, Rev. Franco pastored the Los Angeles Belvedere...
Church. Since May of 1960 to the present, except for two years during which he founded and directed the program of multilingual-multicultural education for the Kansas City School District, he has served the church in language literature ministry.

Dr. Franco is a graduate of Nazarene Theological Seminary (1966), and has the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Dr. Franco also spent a year in advance language studies in the University of Kansas.

During his 24 years of service, Dr. Franco has served as editor of El Heraldo de Santidad, Mana Ministerial, and El Sendero de la Verdad. He has translated and/or edited numerous works of theology, including the three commentaries printed in Spanish by Nazarene Publishing House: People's Commentary (12 volumes), Adam Clarke's Commentary (3 volumes), and the unabridged Spanish edition of Beacon Bible Commentary (10 volumes).

Dr. Franco has authored two books, Evangelismo, un Concepto en Revolucion, 1970, and The Challenge of the Other Americans, 1973, as well as a collection of bilingual poems.

Other areas of ministry include instructor of Urban Ministries at NTS from 1977 to the present, first director of the Nazarene Theological Seminary Program of Graduate Studies in Mexico, 1978-82, evangelistic ministry in various countries, city-wide meetings, and speaker on two tours with the Nazarene Evangelistic Ambassadors.

The Monterrey Central Church, which does not have a congregation, is a pioneer project. The plan is designed to meet a need in many Latin American cities: to offer the gospel to a growing segment of the population with little significant contact with any church. A large sanctuary has been built in Monterrey, which will also be used for district gatherings.

Dr. Dudnev states that “Dr. Franco will continue as editor of the Beacon Bible Commentary, and will continue making a contribution to the development of Spanish literature through Publication Services.”

Rev. and Mrs. Franco have four children. His wife, Esther Salcedo Franco, a daughter of a Nazarene pioneer pastor in the Southwest, is an administrator in the school district of Kansas City.

THE CHURCH SCENE

The Junction City, Ore., church held a ground-breaking service on October 24, 1982. Rev. Gerald E. Manker, district secretary, represented the Oregon Pacific District. The property was made available to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew P. Reed. Mr. Reed died September 10, and a memorial fund has been established to erect a portion of the building in honor of Mr. Reed. Rev. Martin D. Micale is the pastor of the church.

The new Winter Haven, Fla., First Church was dedicated on Sunday, January 9, by Dr. William M. Greathouse. The church has over 13,000 sq. ft. and includes a sanctuary seating 1,000, a narthex, nurseries, rest rooms, church administration unit including parlor, conference room, and church offices. Charles Kirby has been pastor since August of 1980. During this time the church has quadrupled in attendance and finances. One hundred and fifty people have been received into membership, most by profession of faith. Jody Postin is associate pastor and Gene Braun is minister of music.
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Chester V. Wells, a Nazarene layman from the Colorado District, and an employee of the Solar Energy Research Institute in Golden, Colo., represented the United States in an international meeting on Solar Energy Measurements in Vienna, Austria, January 18-20, 1983.

While in Europe Mr. Wells also visited the Swiss Meteorological Institute and the World Radiation Center. The World Radiation Center in Davos, Switzerland, is one of only two such centers in the world, the other being in Leningrad. Also included in the trip was a stop at the European Nazarene Bible College in Busingen, West Germany.

Mr. Wells is a 1958 graduate of NNC, a church board member and Sunday School teacher in the Boulder, Colo., South Broadway Church.

NAZARENE LEADERS REPRESENT CHURCH AT NRB CONVENTION

Mr. Paul Skiles, director of Media Services; Mr. Ray Hendrix, director of International Broadcasting; and Rev. Juan Vasquez Pla, regional director of Communications for Latin America, were official delegates at the 40th National Convention of Religious Broadcasters, January 30—February 2, in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the convention is to share information and new ideas in radio and television, and to develop new strategies for reaching the world with the gospel message. Many of the outstanding names in religious broadcasting were present.

The highlight of the convention was the personal appearance of President Ronald Reagan. In a speech delivered before the convention, the president claimed that the nation is “hungry for a spiritual revival.”

Mr. Reagan placed special emphasis on the importance of reading and studying the Bible. He said, “Now I realize it is fashionable, in some circles, to believe that no one in government should encourage others to read the Bible. That, we’re told, will violate the constitutional separation of church and state established by the founding fathers in the First Amendment.” But Mr. Reagan continued, “It is my firm belief that the enduring values presented in its pages have great meaning for each of us and our nation.”

Among other Nazarenes who attended the convention was Rev. H. O. Espinoza, former superintendent on the Central Latin American District. Although not an official representative of the church, Rev. Espinoza served as chairman of the NRB National Hispanic Steering Committee, and was also elected as a new member of the Board of Directors of the NRB.

The Church of the Nazarene, as one of the founding organizations of the NRB, has played a vital role in its direction and ministry. Mr. Paul Skiles has added Nazarene influence and voice by serving on the Board of Directors for eight years and will continue in that position this coming year.

NIELSON RESIGNS ADULT MINISTRIES POST

Rev. John B. Nielson announced his resignation as editorial director of Adult Ministries in the Christian Life and Sunday School Division. His resignation became effective the end of February.

Rev. Nielson has served as editor in Sunday School and Christian Life materials since 1972. During his tenure he has been responsible for the development of adult curriculum, and has served as chairman of the Enduring Word Series Curriculum Committee, as well as chairman of the Emphasis and Adult Teaching Resources planning committees.


Upon leaving Adult Ministries, Rev. Nielson will pursue his ministries of evangelism, holiness conventions, writing, and teaching.

DR. STOWE NAMED TO COMMITTEE ON “YEAR OF THE BIBLE”

By special proclamation of the President of the United States, this year has been designated the “Year of the Bible.” That theme, suggested by Dr. Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ, was endorsed by 42 national religious leaders, who were chosen as a committee to study and suggest ways in which the theme could be implemented during this year at the national level. Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene, is one of the leaders named to that committee.

President Ronald Reagan, in making the announcement at the National Prayer Breakfast, February 3, made reference to his own mother’s Bible. He said that in looking through her Bible recently, he discovered the reference, 2 Chronicles 7:14, written in the margin. That verse spoke to the president of the nation’s need to worship God and place more emphasis on the study of God’s Word.
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