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AN EDITORIAL

THE GUIDELINES ARE GOOD!

"THEY GIVE SPECIFIC SCRIPTURAL TRUTHS AND STANDARDS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING."

SOMEONE SAID to me the other day: "Our General and Special Rules are just guidelines." The context of that statement contained the idea that if we stay somewhere near them, just keeping them in sight is all right. On page 5 of the Manual it says, "The essential ethical standard and its expression of the Christian life is proclaimed in the General and Special Rules to be guides and helps to holy living." Farther down on the page it states, "Since it [Manual] states the faith and practice of our church so clearly related to the Scriptures, let all who are a part of the Church of the Nazarene seek to follow faithfully these tenets of doctrine and holiness ethics."

It further adds a kind admonition, "To fail to do so is to imperil one's own soul and mar the witness and fellowship of the church."

The guide rules are not vague nor are they only generalities. They give specific scriptural truths and standards for Christian living. A guideline is a strong ally to those who travel. The center line in the highway is a guideline. The driver doesn't treat it vaguely. He stays on his side of it. One good essential rule of the road is, "Obey the signals. Stay within the guidelines."

They tell of stretching a rope between the house and the barn so the one who must go out in the storm can hold onto the rope lest he get lost in the storm and die.

A guideline is important. A guide is a "show-er" of the way. The General and Special Rules are the result of many years, many Christian minds, and a clear reflection of the great guideline of life, the Bible. The Word of God does not deteriorate into vagueness regarding the sharp lines between righteousness and evil. The path Jesus shows is straight, plain, clear, and good.

When He said, "I am the way," He used the singular with all knowledge and deliberate interest. His way is good enough, straight enough, and long enough. It leads away from the evil. It does not deprive of pleasure but rather provides joy. It is positive, upward, and filled with life's good. It is sharply defined, plain, walkable, and leads to the accomplishment of the eternally desirable.

Let's follow it, within the guidelines—led by the Holy Spirit.

Then we can say with the writer of old, "I delight to do thy will, O my God: Yes, thy law is within my heart."
LIFE, LIBERTY, and the pursuit of happiness...” 

Long before those memorable words were thought of, mankind had searched for that ethereal, illusive thing called happiness. Men have spent their entire lives desperately grasping for it, only to find their hands empty at the end of their striving. 

Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had an enormous fortune. When dying, he said, “I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth.” 

Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure and ease. He wrote: “The worm, the canker and grief are mine alone.” 

Alexander the Great conquered the known world of his day. Then he wept. “There are no more worlds to conquer.” 

William Tweed became the brilliant boss of Tammany Hall and ruled New York City. He said, “My life has been a failure in everything.” 

Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote, “I wish I had never been born.” 

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Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share of position and fame. He wrote, “Youth is a mistake: manhood a struggle; old age a regret.” 

There is something profoundly sad in knowing that these men who attained worldwide fame for their victories in various pursuits came to the end of their lives missing what they had been seeking for. Where is happiness? Why is it we struggle so hard to attain it, and then miss it? 

The reason for our miserable failure is that we have been going about it all wrong. We have not gotten down to the first question about ourselves. What is our purpose? And if we know our reason for being on earth, doesn’t it follow that our happiness shall be found in fulfilling that purpose? 

Solomon owned houses and lands and possessions far exceeding those ever before acknowledged. He was king of his realm. He had at his disposal every known invention to bring him pleasure. Yet he said, “I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit” (Ecclesiastes 1:14). 

And even in all that he accomplished during his life, he found no joy. He said, “I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:11). 

But after many years of searching, he finally looked in the right place. He wrote: “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man” (Ecclesiastes 12:13). And then he found happiness. 

We were created by God, for God. We can only know happiness in God. So it should not seem strange to us that looking in other places for our happiness only ends in disappointment and frustration. 

Only in knowing and loving God can happiness be found. Jesus Christ makes this possible. While our sin and disobedience kept us separated from our Holy Creator, Jesus Christ bridged the gap. When He gave His life on Calvary, He brought about the means for the reconciliation of man and God. 

Jesus said, “If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto Me.” God is no longer the unreachable far-off Deity, but the Father who will look upon us as His own children covered by the blood of Jesus Christ. Apart from the reconciliation of man and God through faith in what Jesus Christ has done, there is no happiness. The Bible says, “The man who trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.” 

A share in the very life of God himself—that is what He intended for us. Perfect peace, perfect joy, perfect life—a pipe dream? No, the only reality in the whole world. 

If you aren’t enjoying happiness today, look for it in the only place it can be found. You need not chase after happiness like a hound on the hunt, driven by allurements that end in the same obscure river of nothingness. 

Jesus said, “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).
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Letters

MOTEL WITNESS

For a number of years now I have made it my practice to leave a sample copy of the Herald in every motel where I have spent the night. My hope has been that some weary traveler will find, in reading it, new light and life.

Tonight I am in a motel in Utah on my way to an evangelistic appointment in Nevada. I have just finished reading your special issue of October 1, 1980, based on the French words, Respondez-vous Si Vous Plais ("Respond if you will, please"). Dr. Stowe set the theme in his editorial and you capped the climax with your back page article. Each writer in between, treating of one of God's great invitations, rang the bell. Even the books advertised promise help to the reader.

I am leaving a copy in this motel with both a sense of appreciation for you and your staff of writers, and a prayer that some soul will really respond to its message and someday meet us all in heaven.

Ross E. Price
Colorado Springs, Colorado

PEACEFUL JOURNEY

I felt impressed to let you know how much I appreciate the Herald of Holiness and World Mission magazine. I'm the subscriptions-getter from our church, and we have a wonderful group of people to work with. I've said many times that I believe one can get to heaven who never has read either paper, but I believe the journey will be much more pleasant if we read these papers. I don't believe there's a magazine anywhere this side of heaven that can compare to these two periodicals.

A. E. Krumm
Pennsville, New Jersey

ENCOURAGING TEARS

The article "He Taught Me with His Tears," in the April 15 issue, took me back 47 years to the time when tears of a new friend made me realize I could and must continue in my own way of life so recently begun with Christ as Lord.

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rewarding. We have been confused by the influence of an easy approach to Christianity which would have us believe that in following Christ we will only know blessings (being interpreted, earthly advancement). It sometimes comes as a rude awakening to learn that we are not greater than our Master, and like Him, we are called, at times, to suffer.

In such a state of mind, we may wonder what has gone wrong. Is God still there? Will others understand? Will we be vindicated?

The truth is that we are all going to be called upon to take a stand for Christ. The world calls us to self-preservation, He calls us to self-surrender: “Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 10:39, NIV).

Yet, the Christian life is so very rewarding that none other is worthwhile. God is so good and His gifts are so precious: family, friends, church, health, work,

by R. JAMES BLEDSAW

SELF-SACRIFICE

HOW EASY it is for us to forget that Christ has called us to sacrifice all to follow Him. Many Christians today seem to have forgotten that we shall reign with Him if we suffer with Him. When the work of missions seems to be dampened by the pressures of inflation and the church cooled by indifference, we need to hear His loving challenge: “Take up your cross and follow me.” My money, my reputation, my life are expendable; His kingdom is not.

Knowing His message would result in His own death, Jesus “set his face like a flint to go to Jerusalem.” For Jesus, sacrifice was not some theoretical abstraction; it meant giving His all.

In too many cases, we see sacrifice in simplistic terms: giving a special offering, doing a certain task, etc. Sacrifice, of course, involves all this, but it is more. Sacrifice is often associated with faraway places. This may seem more romantic, but the needs of poor neighborhoods in our own towns are God’s concern, too. Mother Teresa of Calcutta has pleaded more than once for Americans to remember their own needs.

We soon learn, in walking with God, that self-sacrifice means putting ourselves at His disposal to accomplish His purposes. It may mean seeing our own reputation questioned simply because we dare to stand for our Lord. Such obedience can be costly, indeed.

A young lady reported in midweek service that her employer told her that she would have to work on Sundays. She did not see her grocery store job as essential, and politely refused. We prayed that God would help her keep the job without working on the Lord’s Day. Instead, she was fired.

Some are disillusioned because making a stand for Christ and right does not, immediately, seem very

food, clothing, shelter, all make us thankful. And many times when we take a stand, others lend spiritual and moral support. It is not always so, but often it is.

The truth of the matter is, this way of self-sacrifice which Jesus took is no option—it is the way to peace, the way to fulfillment, and the way home. □

TAKE ALL OF ME

His hand reached out and brought me in—
I, a wastrel, and slave of sin.
His eyes were soft
yet searched me through,
Unveiling secrets we both knew.
They pierced each part:
soul, mind and limb.
I fell down at the feet of Him
Who blocked my road that summer day.
I stood to follow and repay
The debt I owed for ransom spilt,
For promised Paradise He built
For wretched men, the likes of me,
Who had hammered Him to a tree.
How could I ever be a part
Of His great sacrificial heart?
Then I saw through the mystery—
And cried, “O, Christ, take all of me!”

—CHARLES HASTINGS SMITH
Bethany, Oklahoma

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You Can Have Peace

Yes, in this warring world, and in the midst of your problems, your heart can be filled with peace.

1. Sin Destroys Peace
   “There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked” (Isaiah 57:21).
   Sin brings guilt and fear. It destroys relationships, creating suspicion, jealousy, and hatred. Until something is done about sin, you cannot have peace.

2. Jesus Christ Makes Peace
   Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side (John 20:19-20).
   The hands and side of the risen Christ bore the marks of His crucifixion. By His death on the Cross, He atoned for our sins and provided our peace.

3. You Can Have Peace
   You can have peace with God. Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1).
   To be justified means to be forgiven and accepted by God. This is possible because while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (v. 8). When we trust in Christ as the One who died to save us, God pardons our sins and reconciles us to Himself. We are then at peace with Him.
   You can have peace with others. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility (Ephesians 2:14).
   Forgiven by God, we can live forgivingly toward others. Loved by Him, we can love others. The cross of Christ unites us with one another even as it unites us with God.
   You can have peace within yourself. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7).
   In the midst of all your troubles and trials, God’s peace keeps sentry duty at your inner life.
   This is God’s good news—that we can be saved from sin and filled with peace through Jesus Christ.

All scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, New International Version.

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These do not recognize sin as man’s worst enemy, and do not point to the solution through Jesus Christ.

“I have served in local government for 10 years. Nearly all of my life I have followed the occupation of farming, and have found God’s grace sufficient to keep me living, without yielding to sin, in all circumstances.”

Methodically and carefully teaching himself from Nazarene literature, he taught Sunday School for 37 years. He and his wife served on the church board. His wife was president of the missionary society and worked in other departments for many years. She played the piano for services. God is keeping the record, but they have, no doubt, given thousands of dollars for the advancement of the Kingdom.

The hardest thing the Lemasters went through was leaving their little first grade daughter in the Columbus School for the Blind. They started home, then almost turned around to get her. They pulled up to the curb for a season of prayer, and the Lord applied Romans 8:28 to their hearts. They were able to leave her there in God’s keeping. She is married now to a sighted man and has a son in Bible school preparing for the mission field.

Because of cancer surgery, Verene is no longer able to be in church. But John is there, neatly dressed, a joy in every service, sitting in the “Amen” corner, blessed and being a blessing. He appreciates his fellow Christians—“In honor preferring one another”—he often says with a smile. Two of his favorite songs are “I Feel like Traveling On” and “Victory in Jesus.”

When we three Woodring children were coming into our teen years, my mother thought we needed to be in a church that preached full salvation. Where did she decide to take us? “Wherever John Lemaster goes, that’s a good church.”

We followed John Lemaster and his family to the Green Church of the Nazarene. Several from my family sought the Lord at the altar.

John’s daughter, Jeanette, and several other young people attended a Christian school, Mount Carmel High School, near Jackson, Ky. She had been in school with us in Orwell. In my sinsick condition I thought, If I ever get saved, that’s where I’ll have to go. Miracle of miracles, Mom and Dad took my sister and me down to see Jeanette, and made plans to enroll us the next year. It was there that the Lord saved and sanctified me. I started in that direction because of a godly man in Orwell in whom my mother had confidence.

All of John and Verene’s children and grandchildren are living, some in Ohio and some in Florida. If you would visit the Grand Valley Church of the Nazarene in Orwell today, you would be greeted by John Lemaster. Although crippled with arthritis, he goes around the church shaking hands and welcoming everyone. Many come to his home for prayer and godly counsel.

Salute a lay soul winner, John Lemaster!

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**AFFIRMATION**

“This is the day which the Lord hath made; I will rejoice and be glad in it.”

I treasure this thought
with which my days begin—
the choice reminder
of where my life is tethered—
the truth wherein I’m anchored
by His love.

Blessed from above, the affirmation comes
superimposed on a clean slate—
like the first furrow plowed
in virgin soil—
or manna from heaven
served fresh each day.

Duty and care will wait; Nor will
the sweat of toil later on
stain or blur those words
of leaven in my life.

Thank You, Lord, for giving me
that sip of faith each dawn.

—SHERRIE ROSE
Salem, Oregon

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SAVE THE FAMILY OR LOSE THE WORLD

by STAN MEEK

KENNETH CHAFIN wrote a book titled Is There a Family in the House? That interrogative title poses a good question. There's a strong implication that not just any kind of modern, fragmented living is worthy of the name family.

There are many crises in the world today: the energy crisis, the food crisis, the economic crisis, and the crisis of international terrorism, to name but a few. None of these crises, however, is so crucial to the well-being of our world as the crisis of the family.

As Chafin says, "We need to become aware that the future of the country is being settled not by ambassadors, congressmen, or presidents—but by parents."

Barbara Krasner, an intergenerational family therapist at Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute, says, "While it is true that other social units influence children, it seems clear that family life remains the primary forum for teaching the parameters of human relationships." She continues, "Parenting is a non-negotiable commodity in the life of a healthy society."

Dr. James Dobson, associate professor of Pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine, states: "The institutions of marriage and parenthood were not the invention of mere men and women; they were designed and sanctioned by God Almighty. He created the family and the principles which make it work. If we deviate from His plan to substitute our own puny schemes, we will witness the disintegration of everything of value and meaning."

The Bible declares, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3). For that matter, what can anyone do? The point is, though, that the responsibility rests upon the "righteous" for seeing to it that the foundations are not destroyed.

In the words of Dr. Dobson, "It is high time that we mobilize our resources, both inside and outside the Christian church, for the resuscitation of the family." If we are ever to change the character of our communities, we will have to begin by changing the character of our homes.

Perhaps one of the best definitions of what a family is, or should be, is given by Edith Schaeffer in What Is a Family? She says, "A family is an ecologically balanced environment for the growth of human beings."

Her succinct definition is a reminder of the sacred purpose of the family for growing and maintaining people who are healthy emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually. Our families turn out people who will grow up either to love or hate, bless or curse—people who will either be a part of the world's problems, or a catalyst in the solution of those problems.

Schaeffer's definition also recognizes the delicate "balance" that is necessary in a family. God knew what He was doing when, by divine fiat, He ordained the husband-wife team and told them to bring forth and bring up children as a father-mother unit. The ideal family environment includes both members of that team.

While there are many deviations from God's ideally balanced family environment—such as "one-parent" families, or "blended" families, we need to be reminded of the norm in a day when we are in danger of losing sight of it.

We need to be reminded, also, that God always works with whatever is made available to Him, regardless of how fragmented the family might be and for whatever reasons.

Besides the proper "person" balance, the home must also provide a delicate balance between freedom and responsibility, dependence and independence, control and self-control, and many other important ingredients.
The most important part of the God-ordained family must be God himself as He works through His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It is not by accident that God is portrayed in Scripture as our Heavenly Father. Christ must be the Head of the home, and the Holy Spirit must furnish the oil for the lubrication of inner relationships within that home!

Commenting upon the failure of the modern home and family, Senator Mark Hatfield has said that “in the midst of a fallen state of society,” the church must function as an “extended family,” providing the values which the traditional family used to give: enduring love, stability, loyalty and devotion, interdependence, commitment and responsibility, security, sense of belonging, etc.

Indeed, the church must provide these things, but the institutional church can never be a substitute for the family in its traditional, biological, and biblical sense. The family, like the church, is able to survive times of adversity, and the family can better insure the transmission of these values.

The church, in the truest sense, is the body of believers, wherever they might be—in the temple, on the job, in the marketplace, or in the home. But the church in the home has more power for shaping Christian character and culture, and for changing society, than any other unit of influence.

The challenge, then, must be to get the church back into the home. The church in the home is a body of believers who love God and each other so much that there is a commitment for life. Godly living in the home will produce godly living in the street and in the halls of government. Private righteousness will spawn public righteousness.

The question “Is there a family in the house?” is important and relevant one, but so also is the question “Is there a church in the house?” For unless that family is Christian, there’s not much hope for its survival or for intergenerational continuity of faith and values.

In the first century, the church literally gathered in individual homes as is indicated by 1 Corinthians 6:9 and Colossians 4:15, which refer to “the church that is in their house.”

The museum at Yale University contains a room 12 x 22 ft. which was brought all the way from Iraq. The room is identified as the kitchen of a house once occupied by a devout Christian family of the third century.

Scholars theorize that this private house was a gathering place for worship and fellowship by Christians. The most fascinating fact about this room is that after more than 15 centuries the whole world can see that it belonged to those who loved Jesus Christ and served Him.

Give us several million private homes like that today, and we can save both our families and our civilization. Is there a church in the house? It will not just happen. It will exist because of prayer, commitment, communication, and hard work, but it will be worth whatever it costs to have Christian families.

Who are the Church?
The Church is not a wood and plaster edifice
set on a corner
with pithy sign
for hurried men
to read
while passing by
into oblivion.
The Church is not a group of mortal men
set on a cause
with human means
the needy soul
to reach
while scoring points
with God.
The Church is not a program, tried and proved,
write on a chart
with deadline dates
and goals inscribed
in inks
of colored hues
to reach.
The Church is not a schooled and caring company
fit to teach
with words inspired
the proper rites
to do
at proper times
for God.
The Church is more than all the sum
of things and plans
and noble deeds.
The Master’s voice bids this same Church
to batter down
hell’s gates.
The Church—Who are the Church? The Church are those who walk in the way and in the will of God
and crack asunder the chains of hell!

—JOEL T. MILLS
San Jose, California

AUGUST 1, 1982
I'D LIKE TO, but I'm afraid. 'I want to, but I just don't know how.' These are the comments of so many laymen when talking about telling others the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many want to be soul winners, but most laymen don’t feel that they know how to proclaim the gospel, while others have never had a real desire to go into their world and win souls.

Pastor Monte Nabors of Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Corpus Christi, Tex., decided to do something about this problem. If laymen were to be personal evangelists, they must be trained, inspired, and taught how to meet people one-on-one. So it was that Pastor Nabors, with Bob and Verna Gordon, started a program that would make lay evangelism an ongoing reality.

The program started with a month of evangelistic services. Morning and evening services during December were old-fashioned camp meeting type revival. Pastor Nabors was the speaker. Song evangelist Bob Gordon brought the message in song. Excitement started to spread as the Holy Spirit moved through the congregation.

Preparation moved at a fever pitch. There were supplies to order, classrooms to be set up, charts to be drawn, outlines made and remade, supportive seminars prepared, schedules arranged, lists prepared, a film to show, books to read, tapes to hear, skits prepared, and on and on. For the next two months, January and February, the Nazarenes in Action Personal Evangelism Training sessions were conducted.

We started with a Sunday evening seminar on prayer conducted by Verna. Prayer groups and partners were organized. Without prayer there can be no success in God's programs. “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (James 5:16). This seminar started things moving in the right direction. Answered prayer was evident from the very beginning. At the altar, members dedicated their lives to Christ's command to spread the gospel. Converts gave their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. Revival had begun!

Christ commands, “Go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19).

Verna then started the program of door-to-door canvassing of the neighborhood. Prospects were added to the list as the visitors moved throughout the neighborhood.

Teens were an important part of the entire program. A Sunday afternoon seminar on Teen Testimony and Witnessing was conducted by Bob. Interesting projects, mixed with prayer and pizza, were used to create an inspiration-filled experience.

Two evenings a week Bob conducted the classes on Evangelism Explosion. The clinic was now in full motion. The Spirit's presence was felt throughout. The process of learning to present the gospel was now a reality. The classes were attended by all ages, from young teens through adults in their 70s. All wanted to proclaim the gospel to others. A skit presented by the teenagers and taped presentations, along with instruction, were used in making the classes enjoyable. Each participant had the opportunity to present the gospel to another before the entire class.

The most exciting segment was on-the-job training. Selected class members were taken by trainers
into the homes of prospects to witness and to present the gospel. Seeing the gospel presented was exciting. What was taught in the classroom was actually happening. The most wonderful experience happened when men and women took Jesus into their hearts and He became Lord of their lives.

The presentation was used by a woman to lead a high school girl to the Lord while riding on the bus. The teenagers proclaimed the gospel to their friends and a young man was converted. A transient stopped in the church one day looking for food and, after hearing the gospel, left with Christ in his heart.

One senior adult woman who earlier felt unable to present the gospel, now took it to an elderly man. He took Christ into his heart just hours before the Lord took him to his new home in heaven.

The result of this program is a new kind of revival. Church attendance increased. Love shows in the faces of the congregation. Those who once said they were afraid and didn’t know how now say, “When can I present the gospel?” and “Lord, send me a soul to talk to.”

Pastor Nabor is devoted to leading his membership in the project of soul winning. Watch what happens in Corpus Christi! There is a new type of revival happening!

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by DONALD GOLLIHER

EVANGELICAL BENEFITS

RECENTLY, I was reflecting upon the value of being reared in an evangelical environment. From my birth, I participated in three religious services each week, and we usually had two annual revivals which spanned two full weeks and three Sundays. Besides the salvation of my soul, I had some remarkable experiences, developed some salable skills, activated some concepts, quickened some appreciations, and established those principles of living which separated me in many ways from my peers.

The evangelical method of worship generated within me an acute eye for words and a discriminating ear for music. As a group, we sang a dozen songs weekly, and each refrain included, in simple harmony, a set of words in rhyme and rhythm such as:

I cannot tell thee whence it came,
This peace within my breast;
But this I know, there fills my soul
A strange and tranquil rest.

We experienced very vivid verbal imagery, such as gnashing of teeth, bought with a price, splitting the eastern sky, streets of gold, honey in the Rock, thief in the night, marriage supper of the Lamb, nail-scarred hands, eye of the needle, and sin’s crimson stain. This is creative and expressive articulation, and the focus is on the spiritual rather than the literal meanings. Such communication, and its assessment, is sophisticated learning for a child. Today’s “Get All Excited. Go Tell Everybody” is far less of an intellectual challenge than

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

The repetitious “We’re blessed. We’re blessed” pales in the long shadow of
Hear Him ye deaf. His praise ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ.
Ye blind, behold your Savior come.
And leap ye lame for joy.

Staunch middle-class values were reinforced by lyrics such as “We’ll work till Jesus comes.” Along with much guilt and fear, we were given a generous share of optimism: “We’ll understand it better by and by.” Threatening exhortations and condemnations were often heaped upon us, but we were mollified by the security of “In the hollow of His hand.”

Significant verbal skills were established, vocabularies were extended, and precise rhetoric was developed, as in “for such a worm as I” rather than me. We listened to multisyllabic words seldom experienced by children so young, such as ebenezer, alabaster, efficacious, crucifixion, restitution, revelation, adoration, adulation, and dispensation. We heard skillful communicators raise us above the level of street language by labeling vulgarity as lascivious and salacious.

Finally, effective coping skills became entrenched within each of us at a very young and vulnerable age. Early in our lives, we spoke publicly without prior notice or preparation because of our unexpected prayer leadings and our extemporaneous testimonies. We learned to contend with guilt. We contemplated the true meaning of life long before our contemporaries did. We developed the inclination to make significant decisions in the cold light of day instead of making them on the spot and in an emotional and stressful setting.

Although we didn’t always like it, it was good for us. The outcomes were beliefs, values, controls, feelings, loyalties, and skill in problem-solving. Few profit in all these ways to that extent, and at that age. As a result, we were invested by a rich and stimulating past.
by BOB NOAH

BOB NOAH here, reporting as ordered.

Oh, it’s not that I have a job I don’t want. In fact, I am doing what I want to do most. I am planting a church in Madison, Wis. Here I am in a target area including 110,000 people. God called me here and I am thrilled to be in His service. (Most of the time, that is.)

You see, I don’t get my blessings all in one flavor. Sometimes I get the ones with the sweet taste, like when I knelt and prayed with a young couple in their living room while they invited Christ to be Lord of their lives, or when we gathered in different living rooms each night of our revival and knelt around coffee table altars to find victory. These sweet ones include the joyous services in the community room at the bank where we hold our Sunday services, and the tender testimonies of children saying for the first time in public, “I like Jesus!”

I’ve been here with my family just six months and God has been with us each step of the way. We started by meeting two families, referrals from another Nazarene church, who were willing to have Bible study in their homes. I started writing a letter each week and sent it to the people who came to the Bible study. They, of course, had friends and loved ones who needed God, and we sent the letter to them as well. Six weeks later we had our first church service. It was in a furniture warehouse, a business owned by one of our Bible study families (the Cannarellas). Twenty-one were present that first week. We sat on couches and easy chairs and sang praises to God accompanied by a borrowed portable pump organ and a guitar.

The other day I was speaking about our new church to the congregation which supplies our planter funding, the Mattoon church. I gave them a progress report, telling them of our recent service in which we topped 30 for the first time, and sharing stories of spiritual victory—sweet blessings from the hand of God. Afterwards, while I was shaking hands at the door, a woman said, “You know, Brother Noah, I kind of envy you, being down there in the thick of it and all.”

When you give a report like that you can only cover the highlights. So you talk about the sweet blessings. But while you are living it out, day by day, there are other kinds of blessings mixed in.

The other kinds are no less blessings than the sweet ones. Still, they seem to be blessings that I wouldn’t have included if I had been mixing them myself. I’m talking about a young man and his wife who took some important steps toward reconciliation and then it just seemed to fall apart. I know God can sustain them through the loss, but it hurts to try so openly and see what you dreamed about and hoped for dissolve. There are also those for whom we have prayed and who have not yet responded to God’s grace. I’m talking about disappointments and hurts that take an extra measure of grace to receive as blessings.

Today I’m going out to do the nitty-gritty work of church planting, that is, the same work every pastor has: counseling, studying, writing, contacting people, “rushing in where angels fear to tread.” I know the Lord has blessings for me. I just close my eyes, reach into the bag, and take what God gives me for today.

Thanks, Lord, for all the blessings You give. Thanks for the sweet ones. Thanks for the other ones. And thanks for mixing them the way You see fit.

BOB NOAH is the pastor of the home mission church in Madison, Wisconsin.
WHEN "YES" IS COSTLY

The "UNKNOWN BUNDLE" is a part of your Christian commitment. That great part of life which lies out in the future, and is only gradually revealed, was a part of your all-inclusive “yes” to God when you became fully His.

Most of the time the unfolding of this bundle presents little problem. You eagerly say "yes"—your way is God’s way. You confidently affirm this truth to other seeking hearts; you firmly believe it yourself.

Then something happens. Something throws you—an unexpected tragedy, a heartbreaking disappointment, an overwhelming desire. And your emotions are thrown into turmoil. How can you say “yes” to this? And suddenly you realize that your “yes” is not automatic, even though your will is permanently set to do God’s will. That “yes” must be consciously affirmed, sometimes at the cost of great personal suffering or relinquishment.

There are times when the natural man would cry out, “no” or “yes, if” or “yes, but” when God requires an unequivocal “yes.” And there may be a period of struggle, of shrinking, of fear, even though underneath you know your will is firmly fixed, and with all of your being you want to say “yes” and mean it. In fact, this is what causes your dilemma; were your will not set toward God there would be no cause for struggle. Jesus in Gethsemane was our supreme example of this. His purpose never wavered, yet in His humanity He shrank from God’s requirement of Him.

But when total relinquishment—the final “yes”—arises from the very depths of your heart, the resulting victory and release are blessed indeed. God sees the struggle involved in this kind of “yes.” He knows what it costs, and bestows a blessing that other less costly assets can never bring.

During the struggle you ask, “Why?” Afterwards you may know. A depth of understanding of yourself, of God’s love, a new sympathy for others, a permanent enrichment of your own life—these may be the results of this epochal experience in your life. And you know something of the meaning of Hebrews 5:8: “Learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.”

BARBARA McClain is professor of music at Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, Tennessee.

GOD’S PLACE

“I go to prepare a place for you,”
These are the words Christ spoke
To those who walked the roads with Him
And all who bear His yoke—
A place of glorious beauty rare
Beyond the thoughts of man,
A place where sorrows never come
And only God’s joy can.
Oh, when I think God made for us
A home of love and bliss,
Yet told us He would live in us
In such a world as this,
My heart is humbled as I bow
To worship and adore
The One who made the heav’n above
Yet steps through my heart’s door.

—LEAH WHITCANACK SMITH
Nashville, Tennessee
The challenge came to me during our first visit to International Headquarters last November. My wife and I were en route to Baja California, Mexico, and our fifth Work and Witness assignment under supervision of the Department of World Mission.

Earlier, while reminiscing about experiences in El Salvador with Mr. Leon Doane, he said, “We have a sleeping giant in the Church of the Nazarene.”

This giant, whose slumbers I would like to disturb, is known as SAM—Senior Adult Ministries.

Many seniors are no longer bound by the necessity of earning a living and supporting a family. Jesus rebuked a retired farmer in similar circumstances, who planned to build larger granaries in which to store his surplus grain. He intended to hoard it for himself so that he could take his ease and enjoy life (Luke 12:16-21).

Do some of us today deserve our Lord’s rebuke? Do we sometimes say, or think, “I have worked for what I have and plan to use it for many years as I see fit?” Or, “I have paid for my social security, and I’m entitled to take life easy?” If we have had these thoughts, have we talked with the Lord about them?

When Jesus sent out the 70, He said, “The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he would send forth labourers in to his harvest” (Luke 10:2). As His follower, have I prayed this prayer? Is He suggesting to me that I might be a part of the answer?

Those of us who are physically unable to go can spend continuing time in prayer that laborers might be sent, and we can give support to those who go.

Many of us who are physically able have no excuse for not going.

There are places to serve at home and abroad. God’s Word admonishes us, “Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass” (Psalm 37:5). Am I ready to respond, “Where He leads me I will follow?”

But you raise a practical question: “What can I do that is not already being done?” We have been told by those responsible for Work and Witness ministries:

“The work falls into three categories: (1) You can do what missionaries and pastors do not have time to do; (2) you can do necessary work from which they can be released to spend more time with their special ministries; (3) you can do mechanical work and perform other services in which they are not skilled.”

Jesus teaches all of us to use the talents that God has given us and not to bury them (Matthew 25:14-29). Moses spent 40 years in the
wilderness preparing to lead the children of Israel. Have we not also had our 40 years of experience that have taught us useful skills and mellowed our spirits?

Our Master tells us, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me" (Matthew 25:45). And again, joyfully: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

I have adapted some lines from Frances Havergal as my prayer:

Oh! use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when,
and where;
In welding steel, or shov'ling stone,
Thy Word to speed, Thy life to share.

Editor's note: Bob and Lois Albrecht are grain farmers in northern Illinois. For several years, after crops were harvested in late November or December, they have shut down the farm until March. For three or four months, at their own expense, they have accepted Work and Witness assignments where their skills could be used on a mission station.

At retirement, they plan to sell the farm, put the money into a church annuity, and offer themselves for service wherever they can be of help to the church.

Readers interested in Work and Witness Ministry can write Rev. Jerry Appleby, Ethnic/Urban coordinator for Church Extension Ministries for more information. If Work and Witness service in overseas areas is contemplated, contact John Smee, Division of World Mission, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

THE GIFTS

God did not give me shining, silken strands
To weave my dreams-come-true with tender hands;
He gave instead the knotted threads of care,
From which to fashion constancy in prayer.

He did not give me sunshine's golden ray,
The clouds of doubt and fear to melt away.
He gave instead faith's tiny, feeble spark
For me to fan a flame to light my dark.

He did not give me ease from toil and strain;
Relief from every loss and grief and pain;
He gave instead tear-washed eyes to see
More clearly other hearts in agony.

Ungraciously, I took these things I had not sought,
But little dreamed what glory He had wrought,
Until, much later, as we walked along,
I found His gifts had made my life a song!

-JAN EVANS
Sacramento, California

Book Brief

FAITH AND FRIED POTATOES

GRAYCE BONHAM CONFER, author

IF YOU'RE LOOKING for pure pleasure reading with a built-in inspirational message, Faith and Fried Potatoes is a book you'll want to buy. The author, in her interesting style, recounts the story of her childhood—the unpredictable, harsh, never monotonous days of pioneer living at the turn of the century.

Grayce Bonham Confer grew up in the parsonage. Her parents began their 50-year ministry in an Oklahoma sod house, eventually moving to Kansas where they had many charges, some in more populated areas and fairly decent homes.

The up-and-down dust-bowl victories and defeats captivate the reader. There were empty cupboards, hand-me-down clothes, and the escapades of five lively children, one a cripple.

Mrs. Bonham says, "Measured by the world's yardstick, my parents never achieved greatness; but, like many other 'little people' in all denominations, they contributed much to the spiritual growth of our nation."

Your eyes may become misty while you read, but you are quite sure to reaffirm your decision to follow in the footsteps of the Master!

Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City
To order see page 23.

(Mrs. Confer visited NPH recently. See news item on page 23.)
INNER PEACE

Broomhilda is a comic strip I rarely look at. A while back, however, it caught my eye. The shaggy little character, Irwin, says to Gaylord, “What would you like for your birthday?”

Gaylord, glancing up from his book Fleas & Trees, replies, “A profound spiritual awakening resulting in everlasting inner peace!”

The last panel shows Irwin, a package in his hand and a dismal look on his face, saying to himself, “After that I don’t know if I should give him these handmade snuggies or not.”

With a light touch the strip makes a heavy point. Compared to a profound spiritual awakening resulting in everlasting inner peace, any present shrinks to the level of snuggies. In our war-torn world, in our fear-haunted minds, what could be more priceless than peace?

There’s good news! Jesus Christ offers to all who will trust in Him this gift of awakening and peace. When He rose from the dead, He appeared to His disciples and greeted them with the words, “Peace be unto you.” Before His death He had said to them, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

On the Cross He bore our sins and made our peace. When we repent and believe, He reconciles us to God, forgives our sins, and changes our hearts. Then, “being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” When we have peace with God we can have peace within our hearts. The world can give sedation but not peace. The world can give its poor measure of comfort—its “snuggies”—but not peace. Peace with God, peace with others, and peace within ourselves are fruits that grow on a tree called Calvary. Peace is the gift, the legacy, of the risen Lord.

Gaylord was reading the wrong book. You can’t find deep spiritual awakening and inner peace reading Fleas & Trees. It is the Bible that instruments peace by pointing us to Jesus Christ, “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

WRONG SIDE ENDANGERED

I was reading about the early days of the Civil War in the United States, described by Allan Nevins in The War for the Union. In his depiction of the flurry of activity to garrison the capital, this line grabbed me: “Two irrepressible gentlemen dangerous chiefly to their own side, Senator James H. Lane of Kansas and Cassius M. Clay of Kentucky, organized companies of their own.”

Dangerous chiefly to their own side! My thought hurried to the church and its battle against sin and Satan. There are some who pose no real threat to the enemy. Instead, their lack of commitment, their uninformed zeal, their self-promotion, their compromise of biblical ethics make them a danger only to the church itself.

The problem of enemies within is as old as Christianity. Within the New Testament the classical example is Judas Iscariot. For everyone who consciously betrays Christ, however, there are many who unwittingly give “aid and comfort” to the enemy. Our Lord once said, “He that is not against us is for us.” Some think they are for Him who are really against Him, “dangerous chiefly to their own side.”

A few pages farther on in Nevin’s book I came across a happier account: “When a Massachusetts volunteer was asked in New York how many were coming, he replied, ‘How many? We’re all a-coming.’”

Wouldn’t that kind of spirit revolutionize a local church? Sunday School? We’re all a-coming! Revival meeting? We’re all a-coming! Budget paying? We’re all a-coming! Outreach for souls? We’re all a-coming! In actual fact, not all able-bodied men in Massachusetts responded to Lincoln’s call to arms. But enough responded, with sufficient enthusiasm, to fire the spirit of this young volunteer.

We are in a war, folks, a spiritual war. Are we a menace to the enemy, or a danger to our own side? Total commitment, informed zeal, self-effacement, and holy living will make us reliable friends and dangerous enemies.
Gaylord was reading the wrong book. You can’t find deep spiritual awakening and inner peace reading Fleas & Trees. It is the Bible that instruments peace by pointing us to Jesus Christ, “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

JOE TYSON

I was in Anadarko, Okla., trying to be a camp meeting preacher, when I received news that diminished earth and enhanced heaven. Joe Tyson was dead. He went to heaven from Dover, Del., where his daughter Iva had filled his last years with special loving care. Joe Tyson. A host of happy memories are triggered by his name. He was one of the few who saw any promise in me when I was a fledgling preacher. With courage and compassion, he opened his pulpit to me, first in Fort Lauderdale and then in Lakeland, Fla., where he served as pastor. During my meetings with him I benefitted greatly from his counsel, example, and spirit. He loved me, prayed for me, and conferred with me in a fatherly way. I never left his presence without wanting to be a better man and minister.

Children loved him. He was an effective and fruitful minister to youngsters. Scattered across our movement are people who found Jesus Christ in his children’s revivals and in his pastorates. The little ones sensed in him a man who loved them, understood them, and coveted life’s best for them.

Sinners loved him. His life and preaching was a rebuke to all that was unclean and selfish in their lives, but he never came across as holier-than-thou or stand-offish. He related to them in ways that expressed genuine concern and patient friendship.

I loved him. He made me feel that a timid, awkward, uncertain lad could do a worthwhile piece of work for God and the church. He encouraged me to trust God, respect myself, and preach in expectation of harvest.

I saw him last on August 3, 1978. Iva brought him to a camp meeting service at North East, Md., where I was preaching. He was 83 then, and shook noticeably from Parkinson’s disease. But the smile on his lips and in his eyes had not changed, and I was better for seeing him again. How much I owe him! I’ll see you again, “Daddy Joe,” at the grandest camp meeting of all!

YOU WIN SOME, YOU LOSE SOME

I’ve always admired a person of few words. Conciseness is not common. One of my favorite Lockhorns cartoons has the husband saying to his irate wife, “But I like the clear, concise manner in which you express your total confusion.”

I received a letter that was certainly clear and concise. It read: “Gentlemen: Your magazine distresses me. Please, please cease your publication. Sincerely yours…”

While I was reflecting upon the enormous egotism of someone who wanted a magazine with a circulation of 200,000 to discontinue publication because it bothered him, the telephone rang.

The caller was a man in his 20s who had, so he informed me, recently found deliverance from drugs and crime through Jesus Christ. He wanted me to know that he had picked up a copy of the Herald of Holiness in a friend’s home, and as he read it he was drawn to the Lord. Here, he decided, was the answer to his wasted life—Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. He confessed his sins, prayed for pardon, and became a new person. Now he wanted to thank all who helped produce the magazine.

Cease publication? Not to please one grouch when others are receiving help and blessing through the magazine. I clipped the distressed reader’s letter to another, received earlier. Here is an excerpt from that previous letter.

At first I threw them aside [copies of the Herald of Holiness sent to her as a gift subscription.] Then one day, much by accident, I picked one up to read. My life, at that time, was in turmoil with trials, temptations, and inner struggles. . . . My soul, being tired, worn, abused, and broken, was in serious need of repair by the Holy Spirit. . . . God was able to guide me tenderly back to where I needed to be spiritually. God brought me “out of the depths” through . . . the Herald of Holiness.

As long as we receive such calls and letters, which more than offset any negative criticism received, we will happily continue publication.
Letters (Continued from page 4)

My home situation was very hard. I told her I could not go on. She cried as she encouraged me to keep on.
I thought if this new friend cares enough to cry, surely I can go on. She gave me new determination with her love and tears.

Peggy Schultz
Reedsport, Oregon

HIDDEN BIASES?
Thank you for the thought-provoking editorial in the June 15 Herald by Dr. William M. Greathouse. How easy it is to forget our rich heritage of women ministers. In looking at our pulpits, one cannot help wonder what has happened. Have we developed hidden biases?
May God help us to be open to women in our pulpits and as our pastors.

M. B. Taylor
Kansas City, Missouri

"VICTIM" Responds
I am writing to thank you for the article, "Unwanted Divorces—Unhealed Victims" in the June 1 issue. I could relate to every word for I am one of the "victims." No one knows the hurt, despair, loss, and rejection one feels unless they have gone through such an experience. The Church needs to love us, be patient with us, and not feel we are contaminated with a dread disease.
Many, many thanks for publishing the article, and a special thanks to the one who wrote it. Please continue to give us more articles for this particular group.

Virginia Baird
Newberg, Oregon

... IN A THOUSAND YEARS"
by Irmgard L. Williams

I SHALL NEVER FORGET her youthful beauty as she entered the church door with her husband. She had come to enroll her child in our nursery school. She, a graduate nurse, and he, a guidance counsellor, were a picture of a typical all-American family as they brought three-year-old John into the church office.

One could sense excitement in her voice as she told how they would be moving to this community very soon. And she quickly related to the pastor how happy her mother and dad would be when they heard that little John would be in a Nazarene Day School.

Her Nazarene background had prompted her to bypass the other three day-care centers in the city and bring John here.

After filling out the necessary information on the enrollment card, the pastor asked them who should be notified in case of emergency, in case they could not be reached. The young father answered, "Why, pastor, nothing would happen to us together in a thousand years. I trust you here at the church to use your good judgment since we don’t know anyone here yet in the city."

They seemed satisfied as they left John in our care, and the grandparents were joyful when they received a long-distance call that night. "Mom, Dad, guess where John is going to be staying every day! A Nazarene Day School!"

The grandparents were overjoyed. Perhaps God was dealing with the children, and answering prayer. They would continue to pray.

IRMGARD L. WILLIAMS is the wife of the pastor of the Henderson, Kentucky, church. She is a first grade teacher and a free-lance writer.

"By All Means... Save Some"
On Easter weekend Merlene J. Bognar of Omaha, Neb., Central Church directed a 30-voice interdenominational choir of the Rabat, Morocco Protestant Fellowship in the performance of the cantata "No Greater Love." The choir sang of Christ's love in two performances which touched the hearts of over 350 in the community. The Bognars are assigned to the Morocco-United States Liaison Office at the American Embassy.

Brian W. Vanciel received the D.Min. degree from California Graduate School of Theology in May, 1982. Dr. Vanciel's treatise is titled "Pictorial Description in the Book of Revelation in the Light of Egyptian Hieroglyphic Art Form as Displayed in the Papyrus of Ani."

Brian is an A.B. degree graduate of Pasadena College, 1950. He received the B.Div. degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1953 and the M.Div. degree in 1971. He also received the M.A. degree from California State University at Sacramento in 1966.

Ordained in 1955, he and his wife, Evelyn, graduate of Pasadena College with R.N. from Huntington Memorial Hospital, have served as missionaries in Haiti and as teachers at the Nazarene Indian School in Albuquerque, N.M. They also served pastorates in Arkansas and California.

Brian and Evelyn are now active members of the Porterville, Calif., church, working in the junior department and in outreach ministry. The Vanciels toured England in the conduct of his research of Egyptian Papyrus and art collected at the British Museum in London.

The Vanciels have five children. Marie, their youngest daughter, is a senior at Point Loma College. Sgt. William Vanciel is with the U.S. Army in Okinawa. Stephen and his wife, Virginia, make their home in Kankakee, Ill., where he is instructor in the drama and speech department of Olivet Nazarene College. Mark and Judy Vanciel make their home in San Jose, Calif., where they are employed in county government social services. Andrea, graduate and with R.N. from Point Loma College, and her husband, attorney Lester Shirley, make their home in Salinas, Calif.

RETIREEES HONORED IN NORTH FLORIDA

Dr. J. T. Gassett, superintendent of the North Florida District, reports that their first district-sponsored luncheon honoring retired ministers, wives, and widows of ministers was held during their recent district assembly. This special event was a rewarding success.

The complimentary luncheon was attended by 22 persons and was a time of getting acquainted and fellowship. Dr. Dean Wessels, director of Pensions and Benefits Services, was the guest speaker.

The group of retirees was encouraged by Dr. Gassett to meet periodically during the year for additional times of sharing and fellowship. Dean Wessels commended the district for initiating such a gathering and reported that more districts are sponsoring these types of annual events for their retired ministers, wives, and widows of ministers.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES MAKES NEW APPOINTMENTS

Miriam Hall, director of Children's Ministries, announces the appointment of Mrs. Beula Postlewait as editor of Junior Curriculum. Beula replaces Mark York who has been appointed the director of Children's Church and Mission Education. Donna Fillmore, the former Children's Church director, will devote full time to her responsibilities as director of Special Projects.

Mrs. Postlewait graduated from Olivet Nazarene College in 1967 with an A.B. degree in elementary education. She completed a Master's in elementary education, with specialization in reading, at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1969. Since that time, she has done additional study at the University of Kansas, and holds certification as a reading specialist.

Beula has taught in the public schools for 6 years, and did formal tutoring for 3 years. For the past 12 years, she has been supervisor of Junior and Middler departments at Kansas City First Church. In 1980, Beula joined the staff of Children's Ministries as an assistant in Vacation Bible Schools. During her 18 months in this position she both wrote and edited VBS publications.

Beula is the wife of James Postlewait, an acoustical consultant for Coffeen, Anderson, and Associates in Kansas City. She is the mother of two daughters, Debby, age nine, and Janet, age seven.

In her new assignment, Beula will be responsible for Junior Teacher, Junior Adventures with the Bible, and Junior Teaching Resources.

Mark York, a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College, holds an A.B. degree in biblical literature and an M.A. degree in religion. In 1978, York graduated from the Nazarene Theological Seminary with the M.Div. degree. He is currently working on a doctorate in elementary education from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. His experience in working with children includes teaching in a day school, speaking at children's camps, houseparent at a temporary lodging for children, and service as a paid children's pastor in two churches.

For the past four years, Mark has served as the editor of Junior Sunday School Curriculum. He authored the junior teaching textbook You CAN Teach Juniors.

In his new responsibilities, Mark will work to develop an all-new curriculum for mission education, and additional materials for children's church. He will also continue as editor of the middle-junior leisure-reading paper Discoveries.

Donna Fillmore, director of Special Projects, is working to develop a catechism course for children. This course, designed primarily for sixth grade children, will help prepare boys and girls for church membership, and will provide a concise summary of the major religious concepts they have studied during their years in Children's Ministries curriculum and programs. The catechism is projected for release in late 1983 or early 1984.
COMMENCEMENT HELD AT ENC

The 60th annual commencement exercises were held at Eastern Nazarene College on May 31, 1982. A total of 162 degrees were granted including 125 Bachelors' degrees, 19 Associate degrees, 18 Master's degrees, and 1 honorary Doctor of Divinity.

The commencement speaker was Dr. Jon Johnston, professor of sociology at Pepperdine University and an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene. His message, titled "Discipleship: Crowning Glory of Christian Scholarship," was based upon the words of Christ in Mark 8:34-38. Dr. Johnston challenged the graduates to "remember that the highest possible aspiration in life is to become a true disciple of Jesus Christ."

The graduating list reflected stories of courage and human interest.

There were father and son graduates. Prof. Greg Larkin received a Master of Arts in religion, and his son Jay received the Bachelor of Science degree in music.

Rev. Walter MacPherson had three grandchildren graduate.

The graduating class included three students from Swaziland, including Prince Mahalengangeni Dlamini and his wife, Faith.

Scott Simpson, injured in an intercollegiate soccer match, recovered from a long coma and to the surprise of his doctors, was able to graduate with his class.

President Stephen Nease paid tribute to Bill Ross, a psychology major who passed away this past spring. He would have graduated summa cum laude.

Robert Reed, son of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Reed, former Nazarene missionaries, received both the Outstanding Athlete and the Outstanding Senior awards. For the former award, he was elected by the students while for the latter, he was chosen by a faculty committee.

Rev. William Taylor, superintendent of the New England District, was awarded the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity.

The commencement weekend also included the traditional Baccalaureate Service held on Pentecost Sunday. College president, Dr. Stephen Nease, delivered the sermon to a congregation of over 1,000 people. His message on the "Work of the Holy Spirit" was crowned with seekers at the altar.

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Dr. Dennis Kinlaw giving commencement address at MANC.

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Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, president emeritus of Asbury College, gave the commencement address at Mid-America Nazarene College in Olathe, Kans.

Kinlaw told the 225 graduates they were part of the elite, not only because they had received a college education, but because they had received a Christian liberal arts education.

"You are different today. You will be different because you have been here," he said. "Your marriage and family life will be different. Your children will have a different life because you have been here."

He told the graduates that he wished he could let America know that the greatest educational institution in the world is the home, not the school.

"Your child will grow up in a favored home whether you want him to or not," Kinlaw said. "The world should be a better place because of the quality of life and the quality of education in your family room and
The American Heritage Award was presented to two seniors during commencement at Mid-America Nazarene College. It is the highest non-academic award the college gives. The recipients were elected by the faculty on the basis of academic strength, social sensitivity, contributions to the campus, and citizenship. Pictured (l. to r.) are Michael Cullado and Joanne Sue (Susi) Johnson, who received the award this year. Michael, a math and chemistry major, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Cullado of Crystal, Minn. They are members of the Minneapolis Russell Avenue Church. Michael has been accepted to the University of Minnesota School of Medicine. Joanne Sue is a psychology major and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson of Lake Quivira, Kansas City, Kans. Susi is a member of the Olathe College Church.

During the board meeting May 25, the trustees received the report of President Leslie Parrott that the college expects to complete the fiscal year June 30 with the 33rd consecutive year of operating in the black. This includes all 7 years of his administration since 1975, and the years of Dr. Harold W. Reed’s leadership from 1949 to 1975.

The operating budget for the 1982-83 fiscal year of $10 million was approved as presented for the administration by Mr. Douglas Perry, acting business manager.

Dedication ceremonies for the Larsen Fine Arts Center were set for Wednesday, October 6. That day will mark the official convocation for the 75th anniversary of the college at which Dr. V. H. Lewis, general superintendent, will be the speaker.

Dr. Parrott commended Dr. Willis E. Snowbarger, vice-president for academic affairs and dean of the college, for the successful completion of an outstanding academic year with one of the college’s largest graduating classes.

Rev. Ted R. Lee was named vice-president for development and admissions. He succeeds Rev. Roy F. Quanstrom, director of development and admissions the past six years, who became pastor of Seymour, Ind., First Church at the end of June. Prof. Grover Brooks, associate dean of students since 1973, was promoted to the position of dean of students, succeeding Lee. Lee has also been in charge of chapel services at Olivet since 1977.

Miss Rhonda Knox, business administration major from Colorado Springs, was named by the faculty as the outstanding woman graduate. Mr. Darrell Slack, communications major from Yorktown, Ind., was named the outstanding man of the class.

TNC TENNIS GAINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Dick Johansson, tennis player from Trevecca Nazarene College, was voted All-American during the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics tournament held in Kansas City on June 1-4. Johansson, whose VSAC conference record was 26 wins-1 loss, also received All-Conference and All-District Player. He won the first four matches at the National NAIA Tournament and was one of 8 players out of over 300 to reach the quarter-finals.

Stefan Carlsson, also of Trevecca, had identical conference records of 26-1. He was voted All-Conference and All-District 24 Player. He won two rounds in Kansas City before being eliminated. Carlsson and Johansson won their first round in doubles.

Coach Alan Smith stated that this is Trevecca’s best year in tennis as they placed second in the conference of 20 teams and sent Johansson and Carlsson to the Nationals. Athletic Director Carroll B. Land from Point Loma College, past president of NAIA and an official at the tournament, complimented the young men for their achievement and sportsmanship.

Mark R. Moore, secretary of Education Services, said that, to his knowledge, this was the highest achievement of any Nazarene college in tennis. Coupled with the fact that Bethany Nazarene College won the National NAIA Basketball Championship last year, he feels that Nazarene college students compete in academics and sports with the best of talent.

—Education Services

Pictured (l. to r.) are: TNC tennis Coach Alan Smith and wife, Carolyn; Mike Estep, Campus Ministries/Program director for Youth Ministries; Stefan Carlsson, Mark R. Moore, and Dick Johansson.
Baccalaureate degrees awarded during the 1982 commencement address was delivered on June 7 by Dr. Terrell C. Sanders, president of Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Dr. Sanders, a graduate of Trevecca and NTS, is a former superintendent of the North Carolina and Central Ohio districts.

One hundred and fifty-five college seniors received diplomas, and two seniors to reach for the heights in their desired position, and "Claim Your Mountain."

The 1982 Good Citizen citations were awarded to the top male and female members of the graduating class, based on leadership, citizenship, and Christian ideals. This year's recipients were Janice R. Walker Gunter of Temple, Tex., and Jeffrey C. Whitsett of Bethany, Okla.

According to the college registrar's office, 1982 bachelor degrees were awarded, in addition to 15 master of arts degrees, 5 master of science in management degrees, 9 certificates, and 1 Doctor of Divinity degree.

Rev. Neil Hightower, president of Canadian Nazarene College, was honored by the BNC Board of Trustees and the administration by being conferred the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. Rev. Hightower, a native of Little Rock, Ark., received his B.A. in religion from Bethany Nazarene College in 1948, with his B.D. from the Nazarene Theological Seminary.

From 1951 to 1971, he held pastorates in Pennsylvania and Maryland. In the fall of 1971. Rev. Hightower was elected superintendent of the Canada Central District, holding that position until his election to the presidency of CNC in 1978.

For the fourth consecutive year, BNC's business division recorded the largest number of graduates, with 65 conferred undergraduate and graduate degrees. It was followed by the education division with 33, natural sciences 32, religion department 29, behavioral sciences 26, music and fine.
arts 16, and speech/language arts 12. BNC's first class of graduates with the bachelor of science degree in nursing had 12 graduates.

Of the BNC class of 1982, 196 hailed from the four-state region (86%), and 185 listed the Church of the Nazarene as their denominational choice (81.9%). According to the BNC alumni office, 45% of this year's graduates will enter full-time Christian service or the teaching profession.

**AUTHOR TOURS PUBLISHING HOUSE**

Grayce Bonham Confer, author of the popular book *Faith and Fried Potatoes*, toured the Nazarene Publishing House on May 20, 1982. In the area for speaking engagements, she took a side trip to Kansas City to meet the people who helped bring her book into fruition.

Mrs. Confer is a member of First United Methodist Church, Redlands, Calif., of which Rev. Franklin Green is pastor. A person as delightful as the book itself, Mrs. Confer has been a free-lance writer for many years.

Wonders of the NPH new Real Time Composition System is described by Arch Edwards to Grayce Bonham Confer, author of *Faith and Fried Potatoes*.

**PHI DELTA LAMBDA COLLECTS BOOKS FOR KNTC**

Phi Delta Lambda, the graduate honor society of Nazarene colleges, has undertaken a project to collect and send books in the English language to Korea Nazarene Theological College. Dr. Anna Belle Laughbaum, professor emerita of English at Bethany Nazarene College and president of Phi Delta Lambda International, is in Korea on a specialized assignment to set up an English curriculum for English majors. The goal is to provide 15,000 books in theology and liberal arts education.

Korea Nazarene Theological College has 94 full-time theology students. The recently completed facilities provide room for around 300. They have gained government certification within the last year, but further certification is contingent on the upgrading of the library plus several other items.

The local chapters of Phi Delta Lambda are working to collect the books and provide the cost of shipping. The student missions group at BNC has raised $275 to help cover shipping costs.

At the present time, there are three Korean students at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. The theological education they are obtaining at NTS is not available in Korea. Chang-Sul Kong has served as dean of Korea Nazarene Theological College and had completed the M.Div. degree at NTS. His wife, Kyung Whan Kong, assisted the college president in Korea, missionary William Patch, and is working toward the M.R.E. degree at NTS. Yong Chae Park has served in the library and business office in Korea. He is working in the library at NTS while pursuing the M.Div. degree.

All three plan to return to Korea to teach at the college. It is hoped that eventually the English courses will be taught by Koreans. English is offered in public schools in Korea, but it is difficult to find qualified professors who can teach theology in the English language. Missionaries now teach a very limited number of courses in English.

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AUGUST 1, 1982

Revival extended at TNC
Lloyd Brock, student vice-president of religious life at Trevecca Nazarene College, recalls that the powerful spiritual explosion that spread from church to church throughout the zone this spring didn’t even start out to be a full revival.

A weekend retreat was scheduled for the students at a nearby state park. Those arrangements fell through and the retreat was brought back to campus for a Friday to Sunday noon revival with Evangelist Bob Hoots.

On Saturday and Sunday the Holy Spirit moved powerfully during the song service, and the altar in McClurkan Chapel was filled without a preaching service.

The services were extended first to Wednesday night and then to the following Sunday, usually with 2 services per day, a total of 16 services when 3 were planned.

Rev. Hoots spoke informally on the meaning of revival and its necessity. Frequently, he did not preach at all as the Holy Spirit moved seekers to the altar during song services led by the students.

After the revival services, it was learned that for about three weeks different small groups had been meeting for prayer.

For example, groups at Nashville First Church and at Nashville Grace Church were meeting at 9 p.m. on Mondays to pray for revival at Trevecca, each without knowing of the others’ prayers.

Ladies in a prayer group at Trevecca Towers, a senior citizens retirement home near the campus, earnestly prayed for revival.

Meanwhile on campus, a 7 a.m. prayer meeting had been held for two or three weeks in McClurkan Chapel. Then a 7 p.m. prayer meeting was also begun.

As word of the revival spread, the student congregation was joined by people from other churches and from the community.

Brock and another student, Don Garrison, were in charge of the services. Normally, the services lasted about one and one-half to two hours. Prayer groups were formed on each floor of each dorm and the dorm prayer chapels often overflowed with students.

Commitments were made at these “after hours” prayer sessions that were later reported in the public services, sparking another wave of seekers at the McClurkan altar.

Brock said students gathered at the altar for salvation, sanctification, renewal, and to answer the call to the ministry.

Every one in the student body, it seems, was touched in some way by God during the revival, either in the services or by the morning and evening prayer meetings.

Even after the daily services were ended, the spirit of revival continued in chapel services and in visits by students to their home churches and the churches of the community.
RETIRÉD PASTOR PAINTS
FOR MISSIONARIES

Rev. George P. Woodward, active retiree residing in Cape May, N.J., was recently honored for 50 years in the ministry: a 39-year pin for evangelism, and 11 years pastoring. In his retirement he has tackled another monumental task for the Kingdom. At the request of missionaries in southern Africa, he has prepared a 24-slide set of paintings to be used in African evangelism. This and 10 other slide sets are available to missionaries for use in various countries. The African publishing house is making a tape in various African dialects to go with the latest set. which was chosen for SPECIAL EDITION.

In early life, Rev. Woodward traveled as a chalk artist, beginning with a tour on behalf of Eastern Nazarene College. During his lifelong career he shared his artistic talent with other evangelists by preparing 18" x 24" oil paintings suitable for photographing as slide sets.

The 24 slides for Africa are a unique achievement because the paintings required extensive research on the part of the artist. Rev. Woodward has never been to Africa, but he studied hundreds of pictures in an effort to capture the true likeness of animals used in the set. The elephant, the giraffe, the hyena, the lion, and the dove are among the animals which appear in the illustrated sermon.

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Some of the animals pictured in the illustrated sermon

SPECIAL EDITION LAUNCHED

YOUTH IN MISSION has provided a variety of opportunities for college students to spread the Word through Summer Ministries and this year a new emphasis has been added. The program, SPECIAL EDITION, offers editorial experience to students interested in communicating God's love through the printed page.

Of the 85 interviewed, 3 students were chosen for SPECIAL EDITION. After a week of intense training with the other YOUTH IN MISSION participants at Golden Bell Ranch, Colorado, the 3 are spending their summer working at the Nazarene International Headquarters in Kansas City.

Under the direction of John Denney, editorial director of Youth Ministries, the SPECIAL EDITION interns are involved in three areas of publication.

Carolyn Knudson Karen DeSollar Shari Simmons

Carolyn Knudson, a graduate of Northwest Nazarene College, is assisting with the Word-Action Series curriculum for junior and senior high; Karen DeSollar, a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College, is helping prepare teen publications. TEENS TODAY and BREAD magazine; and Shari Simmons, a graduate of Point Loma College, is assisting in the production of ONE magazine.

After eight weeks in Kansas City, the interns will be traveling to Wisconsin to publish a daily newsletter for GREENLAKE '82.

In the future, the coordinator hopes to expand the scope of SPECIAL EDITION to include students with skills in photography, radio communication, and graphics.

PLC BOARD OF TRUSTEES REVIEW CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

At its March meeting, the Point Loma College Board of Trustees approved revisions in the master plan of the campus. The revisions reflect the recent decision to cooperate with the newly merged San Diego First Church of the Nazarene in jointly constructing a 2,000-seat auditorium which would serve as a chapel for the college and as a sanctuary for the church. This is subsequent to the decision last summer of San Diego First Church and Point Loma Community Church to merge and to locate the combined congregation at the Point Loma Campus. Point Loma College and San Diego First Church, by action of their respective boards, have reached an agreement as specified in a "Document of Understanding." This document details the shared use of land, buildings, the responsibilities for their administration and operating costs, and other legal provisions.

The present plan shows the chapel-sanctuary and the auxiliary church buildings near the Lomaland entrance to campus.

Eventual campus development calls for a new fine arts structure to replace Cabrillo Hall and a central mall connecting the chapel at the north and the fine arts building at the south of the central campus. The master plan also shows an enlarged campus center, an addition to the library, and a new classroom building to replace some temporary structures.

The immediate priorities of the master plan are the chapel-sanctuary and the campus center. Construction will begin on both as soon as funding is available.

Further board action approved a special committee to study faculty housing needs with consideration to be given for constructing some type of faculty housing on college property. Other actions include:

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...Approved a financial campaign in our churches this fall with a goal of $2 million. The campaign is to provide additional money for the campus
The 61st annual assembly of the Arizona District met at the Phoenix Biltmore Church. District Superintendent Crawford T. Vanderpool, completing the third year of an extended term, reported a new church, East Valley Community Church.

President General Superintendent William M. Greathouse, presiding general superintendent, ordained Hal DeBoard, community Church.

Mrs. Bob and Geneva Felters was elected NWMS president. Rev. Mark Harmon was reelected NYI president; and Rev. Lee W. Steele was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

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Presiding General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Winston L. Huff, Charles R. White, and Ross B. Wiley. Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Marvin Appleby, Coolidge Grant, and David McCracken, and laymen Robert Allen, Mark Greathouse, and Richard Thompson.

Mrs. Alick Ulmet was reelected NWMS president. Lawrence Golden was elected NYI president; and Ray Gibson was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.


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The British Isles South District ordination class is shown (l. to r.) Rev. T. W. Schofield, district superintendent; Rev. and Mrs. David Flint; Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Swanson; Rev. John Haines; Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent; and Rev. L. McNeil, district secretary.

RONDOL P. BENEFIEL to Los Angeles (Calif.) First
THOMAS BURKETT from student, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to Union City, Pa.
JOHN C. COFFMAN from Clintonville, Ky.
RALPH E. COOPER from Enid (Okla.) Maine.
WILLIAM D. DOAN from Beetlyville, Ky.
CHARLES A. FOUNTAIN, Sr., from Cullman, Ala., to Langley, S.C.
TIMOTHY W. GATES from associate, Clinton, Ill., to associate, Youngstown (Ohio) First
DOUGLAS W. HENDON from Poplar Bluff (Mo.) First to Summersville, Ky.
TORVAL W. NILSEN from associate, Baldwin Park, Calif., to Fillmore, Calif.
DAVID L. NORMAN from associate, Moultrie, Ga., to Newport, Tenn.
PRESTON PONCE from Jacksonville (Fla.) to Lemen Turner to Greensboro (N.C.) to Rolling Roads
EDGRAY R. from Highway, Ky., to Elktion, Ky.
MARK R. SHLEY from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Mocomb, Ill.
MEAN S. SIRES from Boone, la.
JAMES L. STEWART from Memphis (Tenn.) to Frayser to Raleigh (N.C.) First
DAVID P. SULLIVAN from Richmond (Ky.) Rosemont
RAY SUMMERS from Kingman, Kans., to Kirksville, Kan.
ROBERT L. SUMNER from Fort Mill, S.C., to Tampa (Fla.) First
RANDALL L. TIPTON from Wilcox, Ariz., to Clovis in J.M. Church Street
DANA M. WALLING from associate, Olathe (Kans.) to Westside to Carpenteria, Calif.
BOY W. WELCH from Charleston (S.C.) to Southport, N.C.
GREGORY M. WHITE from associate, Pampa, Tex., to Oklahoma City Community
DWAYNE WISER from associate, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Pictured (l. to r.) are District Superintendent Alick G. Ulmet and the 1982 Kentucky District ordinands and wives: Rev. and Mrs. Charles Tone, Rev. and Mrs. Winston Huff, Rev. and Mrs. Ross B. Wiley, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Williams; and Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent.
Pictured at the Northern California District Assembly are (l. to r.) Dr. V. H. Lewis, general superintendent; ordinands and wives, Rev. Michael J. Christensen, Rev. and Mrs. William Bynum, Rev. and Mrs. James Weldon, Rev. and Mrs. James Kent, with Dr. Grady W. Cantrell, district superintendent; and ordain, Rev. Carlton L. Reeda.

The Pendleton, Ore., First Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on August 25-26, 1982. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend. Contact the church at P.O. Box 1461, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Memphis, Tenn., First Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a homecoming on September 12. All former members, pastors, and friends are invited. Rev. Talmadge Johnson, superintendent of the Tennessee District, will be the special speaker. The noon meal will be served in the church gym. Address correspondence to the pastor, Rev. H. T. Young, 3713 Brookmeade, Memphis, TN 38127. Telephone 901-357-6199.

The Dalhart, Tex., church will celebrate its 61st anniversary on September 19, 1982. Special music, a message by District Superintendent Gene Fuller, and a Distinguished Service Award presentation will highlight the morning worship. Dinner on the grounds will be provided by the church, and a time of fellowship will precede the afternoon worship. Former pastors, members, and friends of the church are invited to attend this special day.

For further information contact Pastor Richard Sickels, 1102 Keefer Ave., Dalhart, TX 79022; or phone 806-249-2777.

The Cle Elum, Wash., church will celebrate its 60th anniversary September 19-26, 1982. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend. For further information, write Rev. Terry L. Krueger, Cle Elum Church of the Nazarene, 302 E. 2nd St., Cle Elum, WA 98922; or phone 509-674-2954.

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, First Church will celebrate its 45th anniversary, September 25-26, 1982. The guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. L. Guy Nees, director of the Division of World Mission. Former friends, members, and pastors are invited to join in the review of the exciting history of the Church of the Nazarene in Vancouver.

Please contact the Anniversary Steering Committee chairman, Mr. Eimer McLeod, at 998 E. 19th Ave., Vancouver, B.C., V5V 1K7.

Miamisburg, Ohio. First Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on August 22, 1982. A cordial invitation is extended to all former pastors, members, and friends to attend. Please address all correspondence to P.O. Box 26, Miamisburg, OH 45342.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

DAVID RUNYAN, an effective young preacher, is entering the field of evangelism this summer. Besides regular revivals, he is especially suited for youth revivals and youth camps. He can be contacted at 3316 Hillcrest, Ation, IL 62002.

I heartily recommend Rev. Runyan.—John Hancock, Illinois district superintendent.

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

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

JULIA M. ALLISON, 87, of Braintree, Mass., died May 27 in Quincy, Mass. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Russell Metcalfe. Interment was in West Sunbury, Pa. with graveside services conducted by Rev. Bob Fick. She is survived by three sons, Dick, Lee, and John; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

CHARLES WAYNE (CHUCK) RATEY, 24, died May 23 in Nashville, Tenn., the result of a motor-
cycle accident. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Millard Reed. Surviving are his parents, Floyd and Mary Anne Batey, two brothers, Allen and Dennis; and one sister, Fairy Sullivan.

REV. MAMIE L. BURTON, 92, died May 5 in Springfield, III. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent John Hancock and Rev. Dale Horton. Rev. Burton served as an evangelist and pastor in Illinois. She is survived by 5 sons, Raymond, Herschel, Homer, Charles, and Paul; 3 daughters, Corene Krohie, Aline Hendriker, and Onea Krohie; 17 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

REV. TRUMAN WARREN CARTER, 86, died Feb. 7 in South Bend, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent Paul Man­ gum. Rev. Edwin Miller, and Rev. Ed Levin. She is survived by her husband, Rev. C. Adrian Way.

MRS. MARGRETTA A. WAY, 82, died June 20 in Wilmington, Del. Funeral services were con­ ducted by District Superintendent Paul Man­ gum. Rev. Edwin Miller, and Rev. Ed Levin. She is survived by her husband, Rev. C. Adrian Way.

BIRTHS

to LARRY AND ANNETTE (BURTON) BO­ DINE, Stonewall, Okla., a girl, Sarah Ruth, June 8

to J. GREGORY AND FAITH (ELLIOTT) BY­ BEE, Oklahoma City, Okla., a girl, April Su­ zanne, Apr. 21

to GREG AND CAROL (SESSIONS) FOX, Birmingham, Ala., a boy, David Mark, June 13

to FRED AND KAREN (SUNBERG) FULLER­ TON, Kansas City, Mo., a girl, Carla Marie, Feb. 25

to RICHARD AND JUDITH (PEARSALL) GIL­ PATRICK, South Paris, Me., a boy, Jonathan Richard, Jan. 27

to HARLAN AND KATHY (GILLEY) HANSEN, Bethany, Okla., a boy, Eric Wayne, Jan. 7

to DAVID AND JEANNE (BROOKS) HEDGES, Tulsa, Okla., a boy, Justin David, June 2

to REV. RANDY AND DEBBIE (BUGBEE) HILL, New Lenox, Ill., a boy, Christopher Thom­ as, June 15

to BRUCE AND KAREN LARRABEE, Racine, Wis., a girl, Rachel Elizabeth, June 12

to REV. DAVID AND SUSAN (WALLACE) MILLER, Ripley, W. Va., a boy, Daniel Wesley, May 14

to STEVE AND BRENDA (PROCTOR) MOR­ GAN, Lake Dallas, Tex., a girl, Cortney Lynn, May 26

to ART H. AND MARY JUNE (COLESTOCK) O'LEARY, Columbus, Ohio, a girl, Kathryn Eliza­ beth, June 3

to JOHN AND JOANNE (FLOWERS) OZ-
The Answer

Conducted by W. E. McCumber, Editor

Will you please explain Psalm 34:19-20? Does this mean that no righteous person will ever have a broken bone?

“The Living Bible” differs from the King James and NIV. It reads, “He will keep them from all accidents.”

I have heard of good Christians having accidents and broken bones—including Uncle Bud Robinson.

The “Living Bible” doesn’t relieve the problem, for God’s people do have accidents. And in some of those accidents they get broken bones. We cannot regard this verse as a promise that all God’s people will be spared from all such injuries. The “many afflictions” of the righteous (v. 19) may include broken bones. When they do, the deliverance promised includes the healing of those injuries.

Taken literally, as a promise that no bones will be broken, the verse should be read in the light of John 19:31-34, and viewed as “messianic prophecy” fulfilled in our Lord’s crucifixion.

I know some preachers as well as laymen who carry pistols in their cars, into motel rooms, and keep them at home. Is that a proper thing to do as a Christian? I cannot imagine Christ or the apostle Paul carrying a lethal weapon for any reason, self-protection or otherwise. What is your opinion? Does our church have a position on this matter? What if a person were killed, accidentally or otherwise—intruder, burglar, or not, a life would be taken. How can a Christian justify such a deed?

Our church does not have any official position on the matter of Christians carrying guns for protection. I have never done this and have known very few people who did. Perhaps many have them in their homes, although I am only guessing.

I do think a Christian would have the right and responsibility to protect his family against intruders who threatened to harm or kill them. Like most Christians, I’m sure, I devoutly hope that such a situation never arises in my own life.

If a man killed to keep from being killed, as soldiers do in warfare, or to keep his loved ones from being killed, I don’t think he should be considered a murderer. And I would want to leave judgment upon his act to God.

Mosaic law forbade murder, but did not regard all killing as murder, for the same God who said, “Thou shalt not kill,” also sent Israel’s army forth to kill, and the same body of law that forbade murder prescribed capital punishment for several offenses. The law of God recognized cases of “justifiable homicide.”

Even in self-defense or in defense of others, any means of prevention short of killing would be preferable. Whether alternative means are always available is the question.

In Genesis 3:17, God says to Adam, “Cursed is the ground for thy sake.” Why did God curse the ground for Adam’s sake? It would seem that the curse would be for Adam’s penalty, but “sake” does not convey any idea of penalty.

Today “for your sake” would usually mean “for your advantage,” or “for the purpose of producing something to your advantage.” However, the word sake derives from the Old English sacu, which means fault, guilt, conflict. The phrase “for your sake” originally meant “because of your guilt.” That is what the KJV translators meant in their rendering of Genesis 3:17. Modern English versions translate, “Cursed is the ground because of you” (RSV, NIV, NASB), which preserves the original significance of the phrase. Penalty and not advantage is the meaning of the word in the KJV.
The Hubbard, Ohio, church held a dedication service for its new addition on Sunday, April 4, 1982. The new colonial design sanctuary will seat 375 with overflow capacity. The facility also contains two new rest rooms and two offices. The added 5,000 sq. ft. brings the total complex to 10,500 sq. ft. The value of property and buildings is approximately $400,000. Cogun Industries, Inc., of North Lima served as general contractor, with many hours of donated labor by members of the church. Special guests at the dedication service included Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, general superintendent, and Dr. Floyd Flemming, Akron district superintendent. A reception followed the afternoon service. Rev. Michael T. Burns is the pastor.

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The Olympia, Wash., First Church presented their Celebrated Singers and orchestra in the second year of "The Living Cross." A total of 1,677 persons attended the three presentations on April 9-11, 1982. "The Living Cross" featured a 12 ft.-high cross which held the 48-voice choir. They were accompanied by a 28-piece orchestra. Slides and drama were also used, including special effects created with a theatrical scrim. This presentation has provided the church of 258 members a unique outreach in the community. Rev. Ray Morrison is the pastor and Keith Schwanz is the minister of music.
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PIONEER MISSIONARY DIES IN SWAZILAND

Funeral services were held July 10 in Manzini, Swaziland, for Mrs. David (Agnes) Hynd, who died July 3 at the age of 89.

Mrs. Hynd and her husband, Dr. David Hynd, retired in Swaziland in 1962, completing 37 years of Nazarene missionary service.

Mrs. Hynd was born in DePeyster, N.Y., and was a graduate of the Glasgow University of Scotland. She was an ordained minister and pastored the Manzini church until 1958.

She also served as an x-ray technician and secretary of the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital, which her husband founded in Manzini.

The Hynds have been a prime factor in establishing the Church of the Nazarene in Swaziland. In addition to the medical and educational institutions, today the church has approximately 5,000 members in that country.

Mrs. Hynd is survived by her husband; two daughters, Isabel and Margaret; and one son, Dr. Samuel Hynd, minister of health for the government of Swaziland.

VENEZUELA OFFERING DATE NEARS

The goal?—$200,000. The target?—17 million souls.

On August 15, Nazarenes around the world will join in giving a denomination-wide offering for the establishment of a new work in Venezuela, the only Spanish-speaking country in the world where there has been no official Nazarene work.

The church is not completely unknown in Venezuela. "La Hora Nazarena," the Spanish Nazarene radio program, has been aired in that country for several years, resulting in more than 500 letters from interested listeners on file in the radio office.

Enthusiasm is growing, especially in the other Latin American and Caribbean countries, as Nazarenes everywhere pray and plan to give their share in this monumental effort. It is the first church-wide NWMS offering to be taken since May of 1964 when the denomination united to give a great offering for the building of a hospital in Papua New Guinea.

Already prayers have been answered. In May of this year the Church of the Nazarene was granted official registration by the Venezuelan government, a requirement that must be met before missionary visas can be granted. That event is miraculously significant since more than 150 other denominations have been waiting three to four years for registration to be granted!

Rev. and Mrs. William Porter, former missionaries to Puerto Rico and New Zealand, have been appointed to start the new work. The Porters traveled to Venezuela late last summer to establish contacts and begin the processes for registration. It is hoped they may enter the country this fall, to begin the task of spreading the gospel to the millions of Venezuela.

GENERAL BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS IN TORONTO

The Executive Committee of the General Board, as newly constituted since the adoption of the revised General Board Bylaws in February of this year, met in Toronto, Canada, July 5-6. The committee convened in conjunction with other general church meetings satellite to the Fifth International Laymen's Retreat.

The Executive Committee is composed of elected officers: Rev. A. Gordon Wetmore, president; Dr. Robert Wilfong, vice-president; and chairman of the five General Board Committees: Dr. Gerald Oliver, Christian Life and Sunday School; Dr. M. E. Clay, Church Growth; Dr. Reedford Chaney, Communications; Dr. Ponder Gilliland, Finance; and Dr. Howard H. Hamlin, World Mission. The general secretary and the general treasurer relate to the Executive Committee in the same manner as they do to the General Board. The committee is chaired by the chairman of the Board of General Superintendents, currently Dr. William M. Greathouse.

Focus of the meeting was on "self discovery," including discussion of the new roles of the committee since reorganization, and evaluation and suggestions relating to the bylaw changes adopted in the last General Board session.

CHICAGO CENTRAL DISTRICT ELECTS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

The Chicago Central District, on July 2 elected Rev. E. Keith Bottles, pastor of the Danville, Ill., First Church, as district superintendent. Rev. Bottles has accepted the position.

He was ordained in 1954 by the Kansas City District and served two pastorates on that district. Since 1957 he has pastored in Hanna and Bloomington, III.; Bartlesville, Okla.; and, since 1976, the Danville church.

Rev. Bottles served on many district and local boards, including two assignments as district secretary of the Northwest Illinois and Chicago Central districts. He and his wife, Joan, have three children.

An interesting historical note is that in the past 60 years, the Chicago Central District has had just three superintendents: Dr. E. O. Chalfant, who served for 30 years; Dr. Mark R. Moore, who served 16 years; and Dr. Forrest W. Nash, whose retirement last week marked the close of a 14-year term as superintendent.

FORMER DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT DIES

Funeral services were held July 13 in Dallas, for Rev. E. L. Cornelison, Nazarene elder and former district superintendent of the Colorado and Dallas districts. Rev. Cornelison died July 10 in Baylor Hospital after suffering a massive stroke.

Rev. Cornelison was ordained in 1941 by the Louisiana District. He was an evangelist and pastor on the Rocky Mountain District before moving to Colorado in 1946 where he served pastorates in Florence, La Junta, Boulder, Canon City, and Denver before being appointed superintendent of the Colorado District in 1961.

In 1970 he was appointed superintendent of the Dallas District, a position he held until his retirement in 1975.

Rev. Cornelison is survived by his wife, Edna, and one daughter, Mrs. Jim (Darlene) Norcross, of Slidell, La., and two grandchildren.
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