GOD'S INDWELLING SPIRIT

THE CONCEPT that one personality may completely indwell another personality may be difficult for some to understand or state precisely. The apostle Paul, however, seemed to have no doubt that man could experience the fullness of God through the Holy Spirit. He admonished the Ephesian Christians to "be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).

We consider Paul an authority in this field. He has given the church the richest and most extensive teaching concerning the Holy Spirit in all the New Testament. His teaching is confirmed by Old Testament prophecy as well as by New Testament events.

Isaiah declared, "I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessings upon thine offspring" (44:3). Ezekiel recorded this also and prophesied: "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you... I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes" (36:26-27). Joel declared: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh" (2:28).

On the Day of Pentecost these prophecies were literally fulfilled. The disciples "were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:4). Peter confirmed this event as fulfilled prophecy in declaring, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel" (Acts 2:16).

Paul himself experienced this precious indwelling. Ananias, who prayed for Paul in Damascus, declared: "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 9:17).

The presence of the indwelling Spirit becomes a living relationship which must be cultivated and maintained. Paul urges this in Galatians 5:25: "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." The energizing power of the Spirit means establishment. Galatians 5:16 reminds us to "walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." Paul also reminds us that in the fullness of the Spirit we bear fruit: "... being fruitful in every good work" (Colossians 1:10). Joy accompanies the fullness of the Spirit, for God's wonderful companionship makes life indeed a joyful journey. Ephesians 5:19 describes the Spirit-filled journey: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

With John Wesley let us pray: "Come, O my God, thyself reveal; Fill all this mighty void. Thou only canst my spirit fill: Come, O my God, my God."

by General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland

Be filled with the Spirit

by Dave Anderson
NEWSPAPER headlines constantly remind us that the energy crisis is real. Wishing things were different isn’t going to make it go away. Lowered thermostats and smaller cars show that we are learning to cope with the need to reduce our energy demands. Every institution is affected by the increased cost of energy, and the church is no exception.

But there is another energy crisis confronting the Church that poses a far greater threat to growth and evangelism than the one we are reading about in the newspapers. It is a spiritual energy crisis. This crisis does not mean that the supply of spiritual power is running low. The supply is as great as the limitless resources of God. Nor is this crisis caused by the high cost. The cost of spiritual power in the Church was paid in advance by Jesus when He suffered and died at Calvary.

The greatness of this power was demonstrated when Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day. Its availability was proven on the day of Pentecost when, in response to the preaching of the apostle Peter, 3,000 people believed the gospel and were baptized.

There is no shortage of spiritual power available to the Church. The spiritual energy crisis is caused when the channels through which that power is carried become clogged or obstructed. The result is a reduced flow of energy and a church that struggles on with little life or victory.

We can adjust to the energy shortage in our world by turning down our thermostats and putting on more clothing, and life continues to go on as usual. But we must never excuse a spiritual energy shortage by lowering our expectations of what God is able to do today. The Bible says that He “is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power which is at work within us” (Ephesians 3:20, NIV). God doesn’t withhold His power from the church. It is available today just as it was on the Day of Pentecost. Evangelism must not be shelved as a thing of the past. Genuine revival is still possible today, and the potential for church growth is greater than ever.

We must honestly face the question. Is there something in my life that prevents the power of God from flowing into my personal relationships with others? Is there a wrong attitude, or an unforgiving spirit? Is there an unwillingness on my part to surrender my life totally to the Lordship of Jesus Christ?

The same questions may be asked of the church. Are we willing to be open enough for God’s love and power to flow through our services and our programs and touch our world with the good news of salvation? Or do we prefer to control everything so that the results will be more predictable?

There is a whole world waiting to hear that God loves them and that He has power available today to meet their spiritual hunger. His grace is sufficient. May our consecration be complete and our hearts pure, so that our lives may be channels through which His love can touch and change our world!
ENCOURAGEMENT AND CHALLENGE

Just wanted to let you know I think the first issue of the Herald for 1981 is great. I am sure every issue will be of the same caliber.

May God bless your ministry abundantly in 1981.

Harry L. Evans
Austin, Texas

SEND FOR SOLOMON!

In the Answer Corner of the Herald, a question was asked in regard to women wearing men's clothes, and you said that they should not and I certainly agree, but women will wear clothes that are made on the same order as men's; still if you ask them, they will say they are women's clothes. Probably 95 percent of the Nazarenes in our church wear slacks on the streets and some even to church services.

Really, what is men's clothing?

Name withheld upon request

THE REASON WHY

I've noticed that you receive some diverging doctrinal points of view from outside the Church of the Nazarene and would like to express my opinion.

I was born and raised a Nazarene and thank God for the privilege, but I've been through some dark valleys because of Nazarene doctrine, too. I'm still not sure the Church of the Nazarene is 100 percent doctrinally, but the church is 100 percent correct in its belief, teaching, and practicing of holiness. To me, that's what makes the Church of the Nazarene unique and special and in the final analysis, that's why I'm a Nazarene. Being a Christian and a Nazarene is the best thing that could happen to anybody. It's the most logical too.

Alvin Cummings
Walker, Iowa

THE BETTER WAY

A serious study of the Word of God, I personally believe, would reveal clearly that "total abstinence" is the ideal will of God, and society would even teach, with its serious problem with alcoholic beverages, the need for a look at "total abstinence" as possibly the better way.

Proverbs 23:29-35 teaches, I
NAZARENES MUST BECOME SENSITIVE TO THE PRESENCE AND CHALLENGE OF THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY. OUTREACH MUST BE PURSUED.

NAZARENE, WHAT DO YOU SEE OVER YOUR BACK FENCE?

FLORIDA is rapidly becoming bicultural. Miami is already a “third world” city with heavy concentrations of Hispanics, primarily Cuban; and an increasing number of West Indians, primarily Haitian. Tampa has a burgeoning Cuban population exceeding 100,000.

The population shifts in Florida’s metropolitan areas are dramatic. They illustrate what is happening all over America. Once most Florida cities were predominantly Anglo, with minority segments of American Blacks. The post-Castro influx of Cuban refugees has made a dramatic impact on Florida economy, education, and housing. Most arriving Cubans were well-educated professionals and moved quickly into the business world and affected the political structures of the region.

What is happening in Florida is not unique. There is an exploding Hispanic phenomenon in many major American cities. The New York City area has over 2 million Hispanics, mostly Puerto Rican. The Los Angeles area has over 4 million Hispanics, mostly Mexican. Chicago reports over 400,000 Hispanics divided between Puerto Rican, Mexican, and others. Miami’s Cuban population is near 500,000. Southern Texas cities, such as San Antonio, Houston, and Dallas, are heavily Hispanic.

In fact, the United States is now the fifth largest Hispanic nation in the world. There are great varieties in Hispanic culture—to equate a Colombian with a Chilean, or a Chilean with a Puerto Rican, or a Puerto Rican with a Mexican, is incorrect. There are certain cultural approximations and a linguistic similarity, but the differences are wider and more significant than most non-Hispanics would imagine.

A large component of the total are 7.3 million Mexican-Americans living primarily in four southwestern states (Griffin Smith, “A People on the Move,” National Geographic, June, 1980). Even there cultures differ. Texas sustains an older, more homogeneous Mexican-American culture than California. In Arizona, the Indian influence is felt in
NAZARENE, WHAT DO YOU SEE OVER YOUR BACK FENCE?

Hispanic culture. There are no easy generalities and no easy answers.

Amid this explosion in numbers of people, economic power, and political prestige, how does the Church of the Nazarene minister?

First, Nazarenes must be aware that Hispanic peoples are in need of Christ’s message of love. This must lead to positive action in response to this need. Racial and cultural differences must be bridged. There is no room for a theology of exclusivism.

Second, each situation must be seen as unique and met on its own merits. Many districts and local churches are discovering ways of coping and reaching out. For example:

- The Southern Florida District is cooperating with the Costa Rica Nazarene Seminary in training programs for Hispanic pastors.
- The Los Angeles District has hired a district Latin coordinator to assist the district superintendent.
- Three Latin districts strive to meet needs of major population centers in Southern Texas, Southern California, and New York.
- The Central Florida District now offers Spanish language and culture training for Anglo pastors and workers suddenly “surrounded” by Hispanics.
- The Chicago Northside Church plans to plant the first Nazarene Spanish church in the city of Chicago, and has begun with an “in-house” Spanish Sunday School. It is at least a beginning with the most rapidly growing population in Chicago.
- Many local churches have added Hispanics to church staffing, some offering a cross-cultural ministry.
- Some local churches are developing a multi-congregational pattern in church life with pastors assigned to minister to Hispanic communities.
- Local Nazarene churches are helping new arrivals learn English.

Third, Nazarenes must become sensitive to the presence and challenge of the Hispanic community. Public schools are facing this now. Bilingual teachers are at a premium. In a time when education majors from Nazarene and other colleges have problems securing teaching positions, there is a major need for hundreds and thousands of bilingual teachers in major American cities. This ought to suggest the study of Spanish as a very important component at Nazarene colleges. Corporations are looking for people who know Spanish. At least one Nazarene district superintendent has learned Spanish so he can “cope.”

Fourth, if Nazarenes are serious about “Celebrating Christian Holiness” in 1980-85 and are serious about the cause of holiness evangelism, outreach to Hispanic peoples must be aggressively and innovatively pursued.

Recently in Hollywood, Calif., I visited an eastern mystical cult called “Self-realization Fellowship.” This cult was founded by Paramahansa Yogananda, a guru from India. While at the Center doing research, I observed a family, newly arrived from Mexico, sign up for an expensive sequence of “training courses.” They had been converted from Roman Catholicism to this eastern religion based on Hindu philosophy, and their children were preparing for “baptism.” This demonstrates susceptibility to religions that will bring a measure of satisfaction and training. Cultic groups are aggressively “evangelizing” Hispanic populations.

Other religious groups are making major incursions into these populations in metropolitan areas. Recently, Nazarene pastors in Salt Lake City, Utah, told of over 50,000 Hispanics living in the western part of the city. Mormons are intensively training Hispanics to win Hispanics to Mormonism. In Texas, Pentecostals are buying up property from many denominations as Anglos move, and are planting Hispanic churches rapidly.

The mission of the Church of the Nazarene is to proclaim, live, and work out the implications of holiness. The mission is inclusive of all people.

Recently an appeal was sent to Nazarenes to fund refugee relief efforts in Southern Florida through the Cuba Relief Fund. The 1981 vacation Bible school project is designated for Sunday School materials for Hispanic Nazarene churches in Southern Florida. The General Board, through the Department of Home Missions, subsidizes Latin mission districts as well as allocating seed money for many cross-cultural works on regular districts. Many local churches have been involved in teaching English classes, in job placement and resettlement, and in family sponsorship. The Southern California District has had a 22-member Cross-cultural Task Force working on these issues. Pastors from Illinois to Washington are reaching out to meet needs.

But so much more needs to be done! There are more Hispanics in Los Angeles, unevangelized and unreached, than in almost every nation in Latin America where Nazarene mission dollars and missionaries have been invested across the years. It is a new era in Nazarene missions—one that calls for us to lift up our eyes to the whitened harvest, which lies just over the back fence.
GOSPEL MUSIC is flourishing. The statement seems almost trite. Anyone can see that it is so. Turn on the television and you see a host of religious programs, each with a highly polished corps of young, smiling singers. Their enunciation and diction are flawless, and their choreography is well rehearsed, even to their facial expressions. The subject of their songs is almost always the personal joy of the Christian life.

With all of this encouragement and, if you will, media hype, why is evangelistic Christianity not making more headway in changing the way America thinks and acts? If the Christian life is all joy and health and satisfaction, why aren't America's youth, who, incidentally are well aware of "where it's at," flocking to the nearest evangelical church to soak up this joy and satisfaction?

Lest you charge me with heresy, I hasten to assure you that Christ is, indeed, the answer. Following Him does offer satisfaction and joy, but it is satisfaction and joy born of rearranged priorities, rather than just a higher high resulting from a more potent "fix" or bigger thrill.

May I be permitted a guess as to the reason for the failure of present-day gospel music to fill America's churches? When the depth of Christianity does not go beyond feelings and experience, there is little to maintain one's experience when the initial joy subsides (and it will). Doubts creep in; making the original commitment hazy. Eventually, unless the new Christian finds solid footing in the Word of God and an unshakable faith in it, he is destined to become a dropout from the Christian faith, or, at best, a nominal Christian whom duty drives to service.

"A vital faith is not the result of joyous experience. Miracles do not beget faith. It was not true when Jesus walked on earth; it is not true now. Rather, faith begets miracles. Consider the miracles recorded in chapters eight and nine of Matthew's Gospel. Repeatedly, Christ refers to the faith which made the various healings possible.

If, then, our faith is so necessary for the continued blessing of God, why does so much of our "gospel" music completely ignore it, dwelling on the happiness, the joy, the satisfaction, as though they were central to Christianity?

The central theme of Christianity is faith. Our absolute certainty, that, regardless of material circumstances, Christ is the solution to our problems. That is His promise, not for happiness, joy, and satisfaction, but for grace to endure.

If we are to build this kind of faith, our songs must contribute to it—songs which emphasize the unaltering love of God, the power and majesty of His holiness, the keeping power of His grace, and our total dependence upon Him. These strengthen the Christian as food strengthens the physical body. To carry the analogy of food a step farther, candy and junk foods tickle the palate and go down very easily, just as much gospel music does; however, there are few that would argue that you could build a strong body eating only candy and cake. Is it not strange, then, that there are churches attempting to develop strong Christians on a diet of shallow, impotent songs about "feeling good"?

The songs of the Wesleys, firmly based on Christian doctrine, helped fuel the fires of a great revival in Britain which spread across the Atlantic, spawning one of the most vigorous evangelical movements in history—the Methodist church. Today's plethora of gospel music, despite modern technological means of mass communication, has yet to make a significant contribution to the growth of churches in America.

The conclusion seems simple. We must have gospel publishers who are insistent upon sound doctrinal content as the first criterion for works to be considered for publication, taking us beyond "feelings" and ecstatic experiences, into God's Word where real Truth is. Further, we must have preachers in our pulpits and musicians on our staffs who are convinced that faith is more than a feeling; it is the unconditional conviction that God's Word, with or without feelings, is the source of our Christianity. □
THE SMALL SIGN in the rear window of the big Chrysler Imperial just ahead intrigued me. Neat, simple, unpretentious, it read "I Believe." Busy Boston traffic prohibited me from stopping the driver and inquiring just what it meant.

Was the driver of that big, black Imperial saying in "sign language" that he believed in the reality of the energy crisis or in the woes of the Chrysler Corporation? Or was he seeking to relay a message relating to his personal religious faith—a sort of affluent version of "Honk if you love Jesus"?

Perhaps the greatest and most inclusive brief statement of the orthodox Christian faith (short of the Scriptures) is to be found in the Apostles’ Creed, glibly repeated by millions of believers in tens of thousands of churches each Sunday:

“I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.”

Beautiful, brief, to the point; these 105 words encompass the heart of the gospel, the kernel of truth that is our faith.

"But these are written," wrote the apostle John as he concluded his Gospel, "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31, NIV). Just as the Gospels point to the living Lord, so our doctrinal formulations are intended not as faith-statements sufficient in and of themselves, but to lead to and to describe a relationship with God through His Son. Apart from such a vital, ongoing personal relationship, belief is little more than an academic exercise.

Dr. D. James Kennedy tells the story of a famous tightrope walker who had a wire stretched across the chasm just below Niagara Falls. A huge crowd gathered to witness his daring feat. Silencing them with a wave of his hand, the performer asked, "Do you believe I can walk this wire across and back successfully?" The cheers of the crowd affirmed their faith in his ability. Carefully mounting the wire, he skillfully used his balancing pole as he made his way along the slender metal strand between him and certain death. Enthusiastic applause greeted his safe return. Then the crowd grew silent as he waved his hand again. As he strapped a chair to his back he shouted, "Do you believe I can walk the wire carrying the added weight of this chair?" The crowd’s applause left no doubt as to their confidence. Again the tightrope walker made his perilous journey. Now the applause was deafening! Once again he silenced them. "Do you believe," he asked the waiting throng, "that I can cross the wire carrying a full-grown man on the chair on my back, without either of us plunging into the rapids below?" The crowd was ecstatic. "Yes! Yes! Yes!" they chanted. "Who will climb into the chair and trust his life to me?" asked the performer. A sudden, chilling hush swept across the crowd. Theirs was a spectator faith; it stopped short of participation.

When doctrine proceeds beyond the head and is experienced in the heart, the New Testament dynamic works. Paul, in writing to Timothy, could declare, "I know whom I have believed, and am

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confident that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day” (2 Timothy 1:12, NIV). Genuine New Testament faith involves both the head and the heart. Belief alone can be sterile and rigid, issue-oriented with little heart or humanity. But experience without a doctrinal orientation can become mere emotionalism, all heart with no head. An intellectual apprehension of the truth must be coupled with a practical application of what one believes. Knowing must be linked with being and doing.

Paul’s theology sought to strike a balance between the two. “What you heard from me,” he instructed Timothy, “keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Jesus Christ. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us” (2 Timothy 1:13-14, NIV).

by NANCY L. SCHARLER

OUR LORD’S SUSTAINING POWER

I AM SORRY, Mrs. Scharler, you will need surgery,” said the doctor. Immediately I looked out the window of his office. The birds were still singing, the sun still shining, and little children were still playing on the sidewalk. But my world had come abruptly to a halt. I just assumed everybody else’s had also.

Two nights before, while taking a shower, I had found a lump in my breast. Almost instantly on finding this invader, I felt a comforting veil starting to surround me.

My husband and I stayed up all that night and talked and prayed about all the possibilities that faced us, not just for us but for the new forming image I had only six weeks before conceived in my womb.

This world-shattering discovery had taken place on Wednesday. On Friday I heard the words of the surgeon as he instructed me to check in on the next Sunday and prepare for surgery the following day.

Sunday morning brought one of those spring show­ers that seem to clean and freshen everything. In­side my local church it was also fresh and bright as the saints of that congregation gathered around my husband and me and prayed that “God’s will be done.” Again the Holy Spirit was on the scene to begin comforting us in our time of great need.

Then came the morning of surgery. As I was being prepared, Psalm 23 continued inside my head. Though I walked through the shadow of death, He was there to comfort me! Somehow I was ready to accept whatever God had in store for me. The doctor had already prepared us for the worst. In the confusion of everything happening so quickly it didn’t really sink in.

Coming out of the anesthetic, without even asking, I knew they had removed my breast. I started to cry, and then I don’t remember anything more till I was in my room. My husband and I prayed to thank God for sparing my life, but our baby was gone. The possibility of ever again bearing children was ruled out by the doctor. To some the world might have been completely shattered; but for me, only through the grace of God, it was the beginning of God being able to bless me and my family.

This incident brought my husband and me into a deeper relationship with God. I was completely healed of any further cancer and both of us were fully committed to Him. Only four months after these trying days, God called us into full-time service for Him. We have been at our first pastorate for four years and God has blessed us with a growing church and many souls for our labors.

And by the way, the baby we lost was replaced by God with the two healthiest babies in the world; ages two and one. Praise the Lord! He will sustain us in even the darkest hours of our lives.

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IT STANDS ALONG the highway which was
known as "The Athabasca Trail." Its vacant
windows, like blind eyes, seem to stare unseeing at
an uncaring world which passes by on the highway.
It was not always so. The hand-hewn logs, carefully
fitted together, speak of the careful craft of one who
was building a home to shelter the family and pro-
vide warmth and security therein. The tangle of rose
bushes in the yard speaks of a woman who loved
beauty. One can almost hear the happy voices of
children as they played in the spacious yard. But now
the British and French fur traders have long since
left Canada's Athabasca Landing, the Indians who
traded there have moved to reservations, and the
trees around the old house have been cleared from
the fertile soil. The old homestead is left desolate.

One day Jesus stood on a hill overlooking Jeru-
salem and wept. He cried: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which
are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered
thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her
chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold,
your house is left unto you desolate" (Matthew
23:37-38). Those same prophetic words of Christ,
fulfilled as they have been by history, have deep
meaning to people other than the Jews.

Great denominations, like the Church of the Naza-
rene, were born in the midst of the fire of Pente-
costal revival. Many of those same churches today
are struggling for existence. They have built great
cathedrals, have developed sophisticated educational
institutions, and have the finest Christian educa-
tional facilities which money can buy. Still their
great churches contain few worshipers and their

Sunday School statistics are dis-
mal. To all in-
tents and pur-
poses, they appear to be "desolate houses."

The path of church history is littered with groups
which, over the passing of years, lost the fire and
enthusiasm of revival, and settled into "respectable
desolation." The renowned writer and pulpiteer
Vance Havner reports going to preach in such a
church. After the service was over, a woman came to
him and said: "Oh, Brother Havner, that's the kind
of preaching we need! In our church the fire in the
furnace has gone out, but the blower is still going."

No church is immune to this creeping destruction.
It comes so gradually that few are aware of the sick-
ness until it has gained such a foothold as to be all
but impossible to cure. The symptoms are evident if
we care to look for them. When months or even
years go by with never a new family from the com-
munity at our altar; when revivals have been dis-
continued because people no longer support a re-
vival program by their attendance or giving; when
there is no longer an evident burden for the souls of
the lost by either pastor or people; that church is
well on the road to becoming a "desolate house."

We may have been lulled into a false sense of well-
being by looking at the enlarged programs of the
church, or by the transfer of other Nazarenes to our
church membership. But the real question does not
lie in the amount of money raised, or the size of the
church school addition which is about to be com-
pleted. How many people have found Christ through
the ministry of our church in the past 12 months?
Therein lies the answer to the well-being of a church.

Surely God knew of the proclivity of the church to
become ineffectual. He wrote an implied threat and

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an open promise back in the Old Testament. “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14). These words could well be put in neon lights over some pulpits today. None of us like to think of ourselves as being “proud.” We thank God for the beautiful homes, cars, and high standard of living with which we have been blessed. Yet even in the midst of our superficial giving of thanks, we may easily become like the Laodicean people whom John the Revelator quotes as saying: “I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing” (Revelation 3:17). They were pitifully blind to the fact that they were in immediate danger of God’s judgment.

Again, God’s promise of healing is to be claimed through a process of self-humbling coupled with prayer. All of us believe in theory that “prayer changes things,” and probably everyone in the church prays. Thus the question is not whether we pray, but how we pray. James tells us that it is the effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous which avails much (5:16). When prayer and fasting diminishes, it means that our concern for the lost has diminished also. Only deep concern and much prayer moves the hand of God, bringing conviction and healing to our churches.

Real Holy Ghost, Pentecostal revival which transforms lives of sinners and thrills the souls of the saints, has always been preceded by great prayer on the part of the church. It was true in the first century of the Church, true at the beginning of the 20th century when the Church of the Nazarene was born, and it is equally true today. The course of church history can only be altered when concerned people recognize the symptoms of the grave illness of their church, and apply God’s principles of healing. May it never be said of our church that “your house is left unto you desolate.”

### A Family Won

by **VENITA HANCOCK**

**ON A MARCH NIGHT,** we featured a singing group called **REGENERATION** at Kankakee, Illinois, First Church. A mother and daughter decided to come to hear them. The following Sunday the mother and her Moslem husband were on their way to look at a new car. While passing the church they decided to stop for the morning service. That Sunday morning was the first of faithful attendance for the next six months for them and their five children.

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### THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN

Two men once came to the house of God, Their purpose to worship and pray; And although their reason was the same, They were different as night and day.

“I’m glad I’m not like other men. I’m so good,” the Pharisee said. “I fast twice a week and I give my tithes, I’m sure You find favor in me.”

But the Publican prayed and smote his breast, “O God, have mercy on me, For I’m not worthy, such a sinner am I, To raise my eyes up to Thee.”

So one went away feeling haughty and proud, Never knowing his prayer was unheard; But the other man left with peace in his heart For his was the prayer God preferred.

O God, how often, when I offer prayers, Do I sound like the Pharisee? Make me humble, dear Lord, like the Publican That You may have mercy on me!

—ANNE WALKER
Belleview, Florida

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One Wednesday night we invited them to the parsonage for a snack after prayer meeting. During the conversation the father told how God had spoken to him at work that day. While he was opening boxes of doors, a small scripture portion fell out. Someone had placed God’s Word in that box while packing them. He began to read it and God began to work in his heart. Meanwhile our youth and children’s ministers were working with the four teens and the nine-year-old from this family. Our people took them all into the fellowship of the church, inviting them for dinner and taking them to our social functions.

One by one each of the family members was “born again,” except the father. Then Sunday night, September 14, God came upon the evening service in a special way and the altar was lined with hungry souls seeking Christ. Then the miracle happened! That Moslem father stepped to the altar and God came to cleanse him from every sin! Praise God! He is still the same today.

What a beautiful family to add to the First Church of the Nazarene at Kankakee.
PORNOGRAPHY has become accepted as a way of life by a large segment of society. The U.S. Supreme Court refuses to define pornography, and the churches of America are uncommonly quiet about the subject.

Millions of American citizens oppose the ever-increasing degrading display of the human body, for good reason.

Public obscenity began in 1960. These statistics were released by the FBI—1969: Rape increased 116 percent, arrest for rape increased 56.6 percent, prostitution arrest increased 60 percent.

The United States followed Denmark's example. Denmark changed its obscenity laws in 1969 and, even with a liberal crime-reporting system (Denmark revised laws against sex crimes), rape statistics doubled by 1973. England and Wales also liberalized their legal barriers against pornography in 1965, and by 1974 rape statistics increased 100 percent.

A U.S. Congressional Commission on Obscenity and Pornography stated: “Exposure to considerable pornography at an early age (under 14) plays a role in the development of a sexual deviant life-style.”

With the increased production of pornography there is a noted portrayal of sadism, brutality, bestiality, and new lows of pictured filth. A Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals protested the use of four-footed animals in live sex acts with humans. No one protested on behalf of humans.

In a court of law where a young man was on trial for rape of two teenage girls, his defender stated:

“His youthful sexuality turned into a very powerful driving force through the effects of pornography.”

Pornographic publishers use 800,000 children, as young as nine years old, to sell magazines and movies. These children are not only featured nude but also in explicit sex acts with each other and with adults; all for entertainment and money.

Doesn’t anyone care about the increase of rape, deviant sex behavior, and use of animals and children in “Porno-Sex”?

Observation of the results of pornography over the last 20 years has revealed:

- Pornography stimulates people to act in repulsive and anti-social ways.
- Pornography induces some individuals to commit sex crimes.
- Pornography leads to mind-damaging acts.
- Pornography draws children and youth to illicit sex experimentation at an early age.
- Pornography results in boredom and frustration with normal sexual behavior.
- Pornography violates the norms of human sexuality and violates God’s purpose for the human body and sexual relations.

With 100 million U.S. citizens at least nominally Christian, there should be a massive boycott of all pornographic literature and movies. U.S. citizens should begin a social-ecological campaign against pornographic magazines at the newsstands. They need to voice their objection locally and to their state and federal representatives.

Why all this emotion and excitement about “somebody’s freedom and art”? Because the outcome of pornography—rape, child abuse, and ruining of children’s minds—is not acceptable to our free society.

As Edmund Burke said: “For evil to succeed, all good men need to do is nothing.”
MIRIAM LARKINS had four children to bring up, mostly on her own. Her husband had been killed by a drunken driver soon after the fourth child was born. She worked hard from morn till night to provide for them adequately. Her lively children were known for their noise and boisterous behaviour.

Soon after the older two had been married, the family had a double wedding. The two younger children were married. When I visited Miriam soon afterwards, I noticed how the noise and bustle of earlier years had given way to a quietness that could be felt. I asked her about the difference made by no longer being surrounded by her four children. She summed up her feelings in one word: “Lonely.”

The person who has just watched his life companion being lowered into the grave can feel a terrifying loneliness. There is now no longer any person at his side to share the joys and sorrows, the hopes and fears, the confidences.

Virginia Holt had been a most active widow until her crippling illness. She was then confined to a top-floor apartment. She received any visitor cheerfully, remarking: “Thank you for coming and sharing my loneliness.”

Life for many people is a walk along a lonely path. Friends can help sometimes, but their help is partial at best. They cannot see the depths of our hearts. We are alone in the decisions we have to make.

In any unwelcome situation we look for someone able and willing to help. The person best able to do it is the one who has had a similar experience and come through it well. One Person can help us in our loneliness because He experienced its pain, Jesus Christ.

When a person’s life is shattered by a deep sorrow or a profound disappointment, the world seems to fall away from him. He feels completely on his own. Jesus Christ knew the various situations that make us feel lonely. He selected an inner band of 12 disciples from the crowds following Him. These 12 spent their time with Him and had a special place in His fellowship.

Yet they did not understand Him. So they could not care for Him when He needed their love and help most. He entered into the Garden of Gethsemane, only a few hours before He went to Calvary, alone. He asked His three most honoured disciples to watch and pray with Him. Instead, they fell asleep. When the armed bands arrived to arrest Him, “all the disciples forsook him, and fled” (Matthew 26:56). He was alone in the midst of His enemies, just as He had predicted: “The hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone” (John 16:32). Jesus went forward to suffering and death, alone.

The sympathizing Saviour who understands our loneliness so well comes to us to banish that feeling. Jesus spoke of the one great consolation He had in His loneliness: His Father’s presence with Him. He explained: “I am not alone, because the Father is with me” (John 16:32). When no human being was by His side, His Father was there. The disciples could fail: the Father could never fail. He and He alone could satisfy the loneliness of Jesus’ spirit. How precious was this fellowship of the Father in His life! It strengthened Him in His darkest hours.

Jesus saw Him plainly beside Him. Life became difficult and “He looked up into His face with a happy confidence,” says A. J. Gossip. “Things darkened, and He consulted God, speaking not to one far away, but to One at His very side . . . seeing Him so obviously there, [He] went on undauntedly.”

All of us can have a similar blessing.

Not only does Jesus sympathize with us, He is present with us, as a Friend. What a difference He makes in our lives! He will change situations so radically that they are transformed beyond recognition.

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LONELY...

When He comes to us in our loneliness, the words of the hymn take on a fresh meaning for us:

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!

No longer are they mere words in a hymnbook; they are part of a real experience.

One Christmas Eve, William Pierson found himself in a coach among strangers. None of them, as far as he could see, were Christian. Most of them were friends interested in a common project, but none of them were in the least interested in him. It was a strange, painful experience, but before that sleepless night was over, it became the happiest Christmas of his life. An invisible Friend crept up close to him. He talked to William about his future work. The loneliest periods of life can be the most precious when our loneliness is removed by the presence of the Lord.

This presence not only relieves our loneliness, it also strengthens us and gives us courage. It can bring joy and encouragement on the blackest of days. Fear melts away as we grasp the all-sufficiency of our Savior. Everything is possible. A man need never be lonely in the company of Jesus Christ.

Christina Forsyth, "the loneliest woman in Africa," lived for 30 years in a native village seeking to win people to Jesus Christ. "Mrs. Forsyth is a marvelous woman, living all alone like that. It is wonderful what some people will do for a hobby," was the comment of a fellow white woman, a trader's wife. When Mrs. Forsyth was asked if she never found the isolation and loneliness oppressive, she quietly remarked: "I am never alone." For, as her biographer added: "Her Master was very real and close to her. He was her intimate Companion and Counselor."

We may feel forsaken and deserted, but we should not. The daily presence of the Lord with us is a divine consolation for the loneliness we feel when human friends cannot or will not help us. He is always there with us, constantly watching, protecting and providing.

The presence of the Lord can never fail us. His presence is sure because He has promised: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5). Our loneliness vanishes because we enjoy the presence of the One on whom we can rely always. Jesus is the Friend "that sticketh closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24).

THE MATTER OF PRIVATE PRAYER

by LOLA M. WILLIAMS

DOROTHY related a story of her childhood. "My parents loved me and saw that my needs were met, but my little sister, Joanie, got more things, even more attention, than I did. I was always too independent to ask for anything. Joanie was a different story.

"She would climb up on our daddy's lap, put her chubby little arms around his neck, and say, 'Daddy, I just want to love you a little.' While Daddy held her tight, she would tell him the things she needed or wanted. He already knew she had need of those things, but he liked this special time she reserved just for him."

That's what private prayer is. It is a conversation between one child of God and his or her Heavenly Father. It's a special time of communication just between the two of them.

1. If you are having trouble knowing how to pray, this method may help. Start with thanksgiving. If at first you have difficulty here, make a list of things for which you can say, "Thank You, Lord." You'll be amazed how the list will expand. In the words of the old familiar hymn,

   Count your many blessings,
   Name them one by one.
   And it will surprise you,
   What the Lord has done.

2. Second, pray for yourself and your spiritual needs for that day. Sound selfish? It isn't really. If you are not in tune with God, your prayers for others will be ineffective. Dwight L. Moody said, "Spread out your petition before God, and then say, 'Thy will,

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not mine, be done.' The sweetest lesson I have learned in God’s school is to let the Lord choose for me.”

Each day, ask God to help you to be Christlike in all you do, say, and think. This will cover all areas of your life, and help to fortify you when temptations and discouragements come, as they surely will, “The man who kneels to God can stand up to anything,” said Louis H. Evans, Jr.

3. Third, this would be a good time to pray for others. Some people find it helpful to keep a written prayer list. You may not pray for everyone on the list every day, but this will help to keep their names and needs before you. This list should include members of your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, missionaries, and leaders of your church, to name a few.

4. Fourth, time out for a breather. Up to now, you’ve been doing all the talking. Give God a chance to talk to you. Prayer is conversation, not a monologue. This is the time to “be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10). Blot out all other thoughts from your mind, and let God give you His orders for the day. He will not necessarily talk to you in an audible voice, but will leave impressions deep on your heart, if you allow Him.

5. Last, it is time now to ask God for help in specific areas of your life, be it physical, financial, mental, or wherever you have a need. Whatever you ask, ask in the name of Jesus. Otherwise it is useless to pray. He admonished us, “And whatsoever you shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (John 14:13).

Private praying should be done wherever you can get alone with God. This could be in your bedroom, kitchen, or basement, to mention a few places, depending on your circumstances.

Bob, a new Christian, had a wife that made life miserable for him. Every time he tried to pray, she would deliberately torment him, until he couldn’t get his thoughts together. Finally, he became so desperate to have time alone with God, he asked for and received permission to stop by the church every day on his way to work and pray in the deserted sanctuary. He was given a key to the church for this purpose.

The Bible says we should “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). We can talk with God while we wash dishes, do the laundry, run the machine in the factory, teach that class, etc. We can even pray while driving our car, providing we keep our eyes open.

We do, however, need to set aside a certain time for our main prayer, away from all distractions. For some, early in the morning before other things crowd in on them is the best time. For mothers of small children, during their afternoon nap might be the best time to pray. Still others may want to pray at bedtime, and turn all their cares over to God before they rest for the night.

David said, “Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice” (Psalm 55:17). Whatever time you choose, be consistent. Don’t let other things interfere.

When we do not pray, we become spiritually anemic, and anemia, left untreated, can eventually lead to death. To paraphrase a popular advertising slogan, “A day without praying is like a day without SUN-shine.”

**Book Brief**

**HIS TOUCH**

**PETER W. GENTRY**

author

THOUSANDS have been lifted spiritually by that popular gospel song containing the words, “He touched me and made me whole.” How true to the Christian experience are both clauses in that affirmation. That is exactly what Christ does for those whom He touches—He makes them whole.

With this in mind, Peter W. Gentry, pastor of the Weston-super-Mare Church of the Nazarene in England, has written a book of five holiness studies based on the miracles of Jesus. The book is His Touch. With deep spiritual insight, Pastor Gentry portrays the redemptive touch of Jesus in relationship to sin, self, sanctification, stress, and service.

In reflecting upon the reason for writing His Touch, author Gentry recalls, “Back in the 50s a holiness preacher from Scotland, who was led into the assurance of salvation through the ministry of Dr. George Sharpe, wrote a book entitled Holiness in the Parables. As a young licensed minister in my first church, I was much impressed by the book, which eventually led me to speculate, ‘Well, why not holiness in the miracles, too?’ That remained a seed thought in my mind that prompted me to an in-depth study of the Lord’s miracles. I soon achieved a deepening conviction that there was much in them that conveys clear teaching on life in the Spirit.

“The book came together over a period of some 14 years, during which time I rewrote it twice. In a sense, much of my own spiritual development, with its struggles and breakthroughs, has gone into it.”

Your reviewer believes that Pastor Gentry’s spiritual passions, and his discoveries, will break through to you as you read this very satisfying book.

To order, see page 23.
A LITTLE MORE than 50 years ago I was pastor in Pueblo, Colorado. I was invited to give the invocation for the State Teachers Convention banquet. Miss Jesse Burl was the speaker. At the time she was a teacher in a college in St. Louis and also was known as the teacher of the “World’s largest Sunday School class for college-age students.”

I never forgot her subject, “The Incandescent Personality.” She said, “Some teachers create such an influence on their students they are different for life. These teachers are never forgotten. Other teachers who are just as gifted and sincere may teach just as well, but they are soon forgotten because they have made little permanent impact on their students. I have tried to find out why this is and have discovered that it is the teacher’s personality rather than his knowledge or skill in presenting it. A successful teacher must care about students and must believe in what he is doing and must try to change and enrich the lives of those he instructs.”

Miss Burl’s closing statement was her testimony. She said, “God has been the basic factor in whatever incandescence I have. My faith in God and my love for Jesus Christ give me daily strength and motivate my attitudes.”

Jesus said, “Let your light so shine!” He believed that spark was important as a part of our witness.

Then late one night I was going downhill on an unfamiliar street. It was a crooked, unlighted street which wound along the edge of a deep gulch with no guard rails. Suddenly my lights became dim and went out. The engine sputtered and died. I was frightened. Somehow, without power brakes or steering, in the dark, I managed to get the car stopped.

My spirits were rather low as I watched the mechanic the next day but I determined to find out what had happened. The repairman said, “Your engine is still OK. Your generator failed. When the spark is missing, everything else goes dead.”

The principle of the generator came back to me from my boyhood days. I remembered that there were copper coils wired together which rotated around a central magnetized core. This magnetized flux was the creative part of the generator. There was a strong permanent magnetic field. Each coil in rotation passed through it. As it did so it picked up a charge of electricity—in fact it picked up a part of the nature of the magnetic core without subtracting anything from it. This charge was carried back—in sequence with other coils—and released to the spark plugs where it became firepower, to car lamps where it became light, and to the battery increasing its energy. The mystery of magnetism is that it cannot be seen, heard, or felt, but it works miracles.

The mechanic found that three of the coils had to be replaced because they had short circuits. The magnetic field was in order. It had been there all the time.

In our parable of the generator, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—revealed by the Holy Bible—constitute the Magnetic Field.

Our faith, by grace, becomes the copper coil that
moves into the miracle field of God’s presence and brings back the divine charge for our souls.

Many have accepted the fact that we are saved and sanctified by grace through faith, but have forgotten that according to Augustine, Luther, John Wesley, P. F. Bresee, and the Bible itself, “The just shall live by faith” (Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38).

John Wesley had preached for 10 years and had gone to America as a missionary to the Indians before he had his Aldersgate experience. His own statement was, “As one was reading Luther’s introduction to the Book of Romans, suddenly my heart was strangely warmed. I felt that I did trust Christ, Christ alone, for the forgiveness of my sins—even mine. I found myself praying with all my might, especially for those who had despitefully used me.”

Dr. P. F. Bresee received my parents and the six children of our family into the Church of the Nazarene at the time of Pilot Point General Assembly. I heard him preach many times, but there was one thing he said over and over. “Nazarenes must remember to keep the glory down.” He was not talking about a shallow emotionalism or a “whipped-up enthusiasm.” He was talking about the sacred awe that can only be experienced when one knows that he is in the presence of God.

Moses once asked to see God, but God only hid him in a cave and allowed him to see His glory after He had passed by. But at the burning bush when Moses “turned aside to see,” God said, “Take off your sandals. This is holy ground.” Then gave him his call to deliver Israel. When Moses knew that he had been in the presence of God and had heard Him speak, Pharaoh did not seem formidable any more.

On a sinking ship in a typhoon the apostle Paul stood up and said, “God sent His angel to me last night and promised me that all of us will be saved. Wherefore, Sirs, I believe God.”

In Ephesians 3:20 Paul says that God “is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.” My experience has been that God always does more than my faith claimed or my vision anticipated.

Three times in my life I faced a crisis. I was desperate. God helped me to pray through. Once I was pastor of a bankrupt church with an unfinished building in the Depression. I asked for a mortgage adjustment. God answered, “You build the church.” Amazingly I could believe Him, and did. Another crisis developed in a church split down the middle. After 24 hours of prayer God gave me the greatest revival of my ministry. When I was in my 20s, a letter—entirely untrue—was written and I was asked to resign. It came as a shock. In that night of prayer God spoke to me through Psalm 62. God said to me, “Tell nobody, don’t make any phone calls or write any letters. Trust me and preach My gospel. Nine months later, “out-of-the-blue,” I received four calls to pastor stronger churches on other districts, and my own church gave me a unanimous call. I certainly make no claim to being an expert in prayer. God did it. He has all the glory.

P.S. My Pontiac still runs. When I turn the key it answers with spark.

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is a great blessing.

Men seek it,
Try to buy it,
Pray for it,
Bargain for it.
Few find it, however.
For where they seek it,
It is not found,
And how they seek it,
It is not received.
God gives forgiveness—freely,
To all!
For the asking,
With a repentant heart,
For the seeking,
With a grateful spirit,
For the knocking,
With an open heart.

And God’s forgiveness is
Cleansing—cleansing life of guilt;
Reconciling—reconciling men to God,
And to each other;
Freeing—freeing life of its past,
And its pain.

Forgiveness is a great word,
When God writes it!

—C. NEIL STRAIT
Grand Rapids, Michigan
THE WORD IS LOOSE!

"The word of God is not bound" (2 Timothy 2:9). Paul wrote that sentence from prison. You can jail a preacher, but you can't lock up the gospel. Individuals and governments have tried for centuries to bind the Word of God. Their record is perfect—they have failed every time.

Paul's statement came to mind because of a letter I received recently. It was from a missionary serving in one of the hot spots of the world. Plots and counterplots, revolutions and counterrevolutions abound. Nearly everybody is labeled insurgent or repressor. Guns blaze and people die. But in the midst of the fury and carnage, people are hearing the gospel and coming to Christ. Our church there is having its fastest and largest growth ever.

The Church is not immune to suffering. It does not stand amid the chaos and conflict unscathed. It is affected by all the whirlwinds of change that sweep through that country. But the people of God realize that His Word must go out and His work must go on, even in the most difficult, dangerous periods of history. And when people who know Jesus keep telling others about Him, the Lord will bless the word of witness and make it fruitful whatever the stressful circumstances in which it is proclaimed.

Do not misunderstand me. I'm not saying that you must jail a preacher to turn loose the Word of God. A man said to me, "When the jails are full of preachers, the land will be full of revivals." I had to ask, "Doesn't that depend on what they are jailed for?"

Neither am I suggesting that the gospel automatically flourishes best when political and social conditions are chaotic or repressive. But I am saying that "the gospel is the power of God" and no powers of men or demons can overcome it. They cannot imprison the gospel, much less execute it.

God loves the world. He chooses to save it through the preaching of the gospel. His loving purpose triumphs over all opposing forces. Given committed people as its channel, the gospel will always flow through turbulent human affairs to bring salvation to all who hear and believe.

NO CARBON COPIES

Clad in Saul's armor, David was dressed for success, wearing just what a battle leader was supposed to wear. But he could hardly move, much less fight. That armor was tailored for Saul. Armor was heavy and awkward at its best; you couldn't buy it off the rack and hope for a good fit. David clanked around and decided against it.

Swapping the royal armor for his shepherd's garb, and the king's sword for his own trusty staff and slingshot, he was ready. Bring on the giant! No doubt Goliath was insulted. Didn't this brash kid know how to dress and act on a battlefield? "Am I a dog," he roared, "that you come out against me with a stick?"

For an answer, David knocked him down with a rock, slashed off his head with a sword, and turned him into instant vulture food.

This ancient story is a good one to remember when the seminary gets a new president, or the Herald gets a new editor, or a district gets a new superintendent, or a church gets a new pastor. To expect a man to fight in his predecessor's armor is unwise and unfair. Every man has to be himself and do his job with proven tools and skills. He must be an original, not a carbon copy. The quickest way for any man to destroy his own effectiveness is to try to pattern completely after another. And people who expect or demand this are opposing God and assuring their own failure.

On the desk as I write this is a copy of Newsweek containing an interesting story of a "scientific breakthrough." A gray rat has been cloned. In an accompanying photo, three mice look out at the reader. If we succeed in cloning leaders and preachers in the church, this is what we will get—gray rats!

Elisha cried, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" One preacher said his question should have been, "Where is the Lord God's Elijah?" That sounds clever but it isn't. The continuity and success of God's work does not depend on a succession of Elijahs. It depends on a succession of people, all different from each other, who trust in the same mighty God. Elisha had his head on straight and his question right. Don't try to force Saul's armor on David.
To expect a man to fight in his predecessor’s armor is unwise and unfair. Every man has to be himself and do his job with proven tools and skills. He must be an original, not a carbon copy.

IN GOOD HANDS

It was my pleasure recently to read Sir John Barrow’s history of the mutiny on the Bounty. First published in 1831, this account has become the classic treatment of the famous naval incident.

Among those court-martialed for the mutiny was young Peter Heywood, who protested throughout his innocence of any crime against Captain Bligh or the King’s government. He was found guilty, however, and sentenced to be hanged, but recommended to the king’s mercy.

While waiting for execution, with scant hope of royal intervention, Heywood wrote a number of letters which are incorporated into Barrow’s history. In one of them, the young seaman writes:

> If earthy Majesty, to whose mercy I have been recommended by the Court, should refuse to put forth its lenient hand and rescue me from what is fancifully called an ignominious death, there is a heavenly King and Redeemer ready to receive the righteous penitent, on whose gracious mercy alone I, as we all should, depend, with that pious resignation which is the duty of every Christian.

As it turned out, King George III did grant Heywood a full and free pardon, and he had a distinguished career afterwards in the royal navy. But his words, penned as he faced near-certain death, convey a message every Christian needs to remember. We are never in the hands of men only, or in the grip of circumstances merely. We are in the hands of the heavenly King, the King of kings. And in His hands we have reason to be calm and unafraid, whatever may be threatened against us.

This heavenly King is also Redeemer. Men may or may not pardon our wrongs, real or supposed, but this gracious King offers full and free pardon to all penitent sinners. His pardon is the foundation of true and abiding peace.

You may seem to be in the hands of those who oppose you, or in the clutch of events that menace you. But you are really in the hands of God, who wills to be your Sovereign and Savior. You’re in good hands!

PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING

Russell V. DeLong died on January 29. An alumnus of ENC, he served our church as pastor, district superintendent, college president, radio preacher, and evangelist over a long stretch of years.

I met him on occasion, but it was not my privilege to be well acquainted with him. After I became editor of the Herald, however, he corresponded with me. In his last letter, he enclosed a clipping which listed his “Twelve Principles and Rules by Which to Play the Game of Life.” On the margin he jotted my name and the words, “I thought you might like to see this.” Perhaps he thought it would be good material to publish in the Herald. Or perhaps he thought I needed the message personally! Or both. At any rate, here they are.

1. God is on the side of truth.
2. Right always triumphs (though slowly).
3. Keep your chin up and your shoulders back.
4. Keep smiling externally even when you are dying by inches internally.
5. Ignore evil surmises and premeditated slander and don’t be upset by untrue accusations or by cheap acts.
6. Don’t permit little people to affect your bigness of spirit.
7. Forget foul play, extra-legalities, and illegalities.
8. Treat every person as if he were a genuine Christian even when the evidence appears to reveal hypocrisy.
9. Watch your spirit. Don’t become bitter, censorious, revengeful, critical, or retaliatory.
10. When forced to act, do so only to support principles, to protect institutions, to safeguard persons, and to build the kingdom of God.
11. Never fight for yourself—if God, truth, right, and your friends won’t speak for you, the game is lost.
12. Always remember—the Great Scorer keeps the record, and the Great Umpire makes the decision whether you win or lose.
Rev. L. Dean Thompson, pastor of Eufaula, Okla., First Church, recently received notification from the American Biographical Institute, Raleigh, N.C., that his name and biography would be included in two of their five publications this year, “Personalities of the South,” eleventh edition, and the third edition of the “Book of Honor.”

The recommendation for inclusion in the “Personalities” volume followed the review of the Institute’s Board of numerous news articles telling of his religious and civic contributions. This edition recognizes thousands of outstanding southerners in various fields of endeavor while the “Honor” volume is chosen from a select group of biographers whose achievements merit representation. The Editorial Board of ABI selects only 1,000 for inclusion in this second volume.

Born and reared in Kansas, Rev. Thompson graduated from Bethany Nazarene College in 1968. He later received his master’s degree from Pittsburgh State University and has done further graduate work at the University of Kansas.

NAVY CHAPLAIN HONORED

Captain Dudley C. Hathaway, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for service as the Navy’s chaplain at Arlington National Cemetery. During a two-year period at Arlington, Chaplain Hathaway was involved in more than 950 chapel/graveside services for Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel and dependents.

Chaplain Hathaway developed and implemented an extensive and unique program of follow-up ministry to bereaved families that won high praise. A feature article describing some aspects of his ministry at Arlington National Cemetery appeared in All Hands magazine, an official Navy publication that is distributed to U.S. Navy bases throughout the world.

Chaplain Hathaway is a member of the New England District, Church of the Nazarene. He is now in his 20th year of service as an active duty chaplain in the United States Navy. He is Senior Chaplain, Commander Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan. Mrs. Hathaway’s name is Faith. The Hathaways have three children.

—Earl C. Wolf
Chaplaincy Services

WELL-KNOWN CHURCHMAN DIES


Born in August, 1901, his service to the church began early in life. He was ordained as a minister in 1926, and in 1927 was elected president of Northwest Nazarene College, the youngest person ever elected to this office. His first term as president ranged from 1927 to 1933; in 1935 he again became president, serving until 1941.

The years chronicle his varied activities and summarize a life devoted...
to God and His kingdom: 1941-45, district superintendent of Northwest Indiana; 1945-53, professor of philosophy and evangelism, Nazarene Theological Seminary; concurrently, 1946-53, dean of Nazarene Theological Seminary; 1958-61, president of Pasadena College; 1961-72, evangelist; 1972, retired status, although he continued to minister in many ways.

During this time he acquired four academic degrees, A.B., Th.B., M.A., Ph.D., and two honorary degrees, D.D., L.L.D. He also served as the radio minister for "Showers of Blessing" for 21 years. As a contributor to the literature of the church, he authored 38 books and many periodical articles.

Dr. DeLong is survived by his wife, Doris, of St. Petersburg; two daughters, Carolyn Willis, St. Petersburg, and Marilyn Shepherd, Palm Harbor, Fla.; three sisters, Reita Rundlett, Bertha DeLong, and Laura Pope, all of Claremont, Calif.

A memorial service was held, February 2, at the Gulfport, Fla., church. Rev. Ralph Moulton, pastor; Dr. J. V. Morsch, superintendent of the Florida Central District; Rev. C. E. Winslow, and Dr. A. Milton Smith participated in the service. Dr. R. T. Williams, accompanied by Mrs. Rundlett, sang a medley of songs that were favorites of Dr. DeLong: "The Love of God," "God Is Still on the Throne," and "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

Executive Directors Dr. Raymond Hurn and Dr. Bill Sullivan represented the general church at the service.

**HOW CAN WE SAY THANKS?**

The hostage ordeal enveloped all of us. Yet in a specific way, we were all personally involved as our son Gary was one of those taken on November 4, 1979.

Hazel and I and our entire family have been so tremendously supported by our church. Throughout more than 444 days, you have written, called, and expressed your continued love and prayers. Nazarenes around the world have become deep friends through this adversity.

Now . . . Jan. 20, the freedom is ours. Through the kindness of the *Herald* editor, we do wish to thank you individually. Through the kindness of the *Herald* editor, we do wish to thank each of you personally.

**REVIEW OF PASTOR'S SALARY URGED**

Although average salary for Nazarene pastors reached an all-time high during the 1979-80 assembly year, purchasing power was less than during the previous year. For the past three years, Nazarene pastors' salaries have failed to keep up with rising prices and runaway inflation.

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At Nashville Grace Church, December 7, 1980 was designated as Scutt Sunday. Former pastor, Dr. George Scutt, brought the morning and evening messages, both of them blessed by the Lord with seekers at the place of prayer. At the conclusion of the service, Dr. Scutt, who with Mrs. Scutt has located in the Nashville area following retirement from the superintendency of Northwest Indiana District, was presented with a plaque in appreciation of outstanding service as pastor 1957-64. Pictured with Dr. Scutt (r.) is Pastor Harold D. Latham making the presentation.

Spanish Bible Studies Produced
The World Mission Video Network is producing a series of Bible studies for Spanish-speaking people. Rev. Ismael Amaya, one of the speakers on "La Hora Nazarena," teaches from the Book of Romans.

The program is in response to requests by missionaries in the field who have replay equipment and wish Bible studies for use in churches on the field.

Ray Hendrix of Nazarene Communications says this is the first of several types of video tapes on various themes that will be developed.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH BURNS DOWN
The St. Louis Wellston Church was totally destroyed by fire, January 8. The suspected cause is arson and grand theft. A number of musical instruments are known to be missing.

The building, an older structure which housed a Nazarene church for many years, was purchased by the Missouri District recently when the former congregation moved out and formed the new Bridgeton Church. The district organized a black congregation with a day-care center. The day-care building adjoined the church, but was spared from the fire by metal doors. It did suffer a great deal of water damage, however.

The congregation is now worshiping in a public school building through
Local Christian Life chairmen and their wives from the Northwestern Ohio District took the grand tour of Nazarene Publishing House while on a visit to Kansas City. The trip and tours of Nazarene landmarks was a prize for winning a recent Sunday School attendance campaign. Rev. D. L. Huffman (far l.) is the chairman of the District Board of Christian Life.

Marriage Enrichment leader-couple, Paul and Pat Robbins of Red Deer, Alberta, have been busy leading several retreats. Pictured are couples from the Red Deer Church. Canadian Nazarenes interested in Marriage Enrichment may contact the Robbinses at (403) 347-1191.

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the gracious efforts of the mayor and Wellston community. Pastor Wilbur Solomon, a graduate of Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, says that plans for the future are uncertain. The community has been so supportive that he hopes a smaller sanctuary can be built with the insurance money and help from the district. District Superintendent Art Mottram has set up a disaster fund to help the congregation. —NCN

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American Evangelical Slates

ABNER, JOHN: Oak Ridge, TX (First), Mar. 17-20. Indian Lakes Estate, FL (First), Mar. 25-29.
ANDERSON, ROBERT: OKLAHOMA CITY, OK (First), Mar. 17-22. Czech Hill, IL (First), Mar. 24-29.
ATKINSON FAMILY CRUSADES: Dunmurry, TX (Spanish, Mar. 17-22. Columbus, OH (First), Mar. 24-29.
BECKETTES, THE MUSICAL: Lebanon, OH (First), Mar. 16-21. Cincinnati Wide (First), Mar. 22-27. Columbus, OH (First), Mar. 28-33.
BROWN, ROGER: MIDDLETOWN, OH (First), Mar. 17-22; Kemper, OH (First), Mar. 22-27. Madisonville, OH (First), Mar. 28-33.
CRAWFORD, BILL: Lima, OH (First), Mar. 10-15. Findlay, OH (First), Mar. 24-29. Warsaw, OH (First), Mar. 30-Apr. 5.
DREW, RALPH: Columbus, OH (First), Mar. 10-15. West Jefferson, OH (First), Mar. 22-24. Bryan, OH (First), Mar. 25-29. Dover, OH (First), Mar. 30-Apr. 5.
DUNN, DON: Quincy, IL (First), Mar. 16-21. Mount Vernon, IL (First), Mar. 22-27. Springfield, IL (First), Mar. 28-33.
EADIE, RICHARD: Baylor, TX (First), Mar. 17-22; Dallas, TX (First), Mar. 23-28. Denton, TX (First), Mar. 29-34. Lubbock, TX (First), Mar. 35-40.
Evangelist Slates

BURLINGTON, N.C.: Mar. 1-10; May Ave., NJ, Mar. 11-20; Mount Sterling, KY, Mar. 21-30.
JACKSON, CHUCK & MARY: Scranton, KS (Evangel Convent), Mar. 6-8. Oklahoma City, OK (First), Mar. 12-25; Kan-kelle, IL (First), Mar. 25-29; Houston, TX (First), Mar. 30-Apr. 5.
JACKSON, TRAVIS: Charleston, WV (First), Mar. 16-21. Cambridge, OH (First), Mar. 22-27. Columbus, OH (First), Mar. 28-33.
JAEGER, LARRY: Brownsville, TX (First), Mar. 17-22. Wharton, TX (First), Mar. 23-28. Cleburne, TX (First), Mar. 29-34. Payson, AZ (First), Mar. 35-40.
JACOBS, PIERCE: Pembroke, MA (First), Mar. 10-15. Cranston, RI (First), Mar. 16-21. Woonsocket, RI (First), Mar. 22-27. St. Albans, WV (First), Mar. 28-33.
JENKINS, RON: Athens, OH (First), Mar. 10-15. Columbus, OH (First), Mar. 16-21. Dayton, OH (First), Mar. 22-27. Cincinnati, OH (First), Mar. 28-33.
JOHNSON, DR: T Rex, MO (First), Mar. 9-13. Kansas City, MO (First), Mar. 14-18; St. Louis, MO (First), Mar. 19-23. Columbia, MO (First), Mar. 24-29. Kansas City, MO (Second), Mar. 30-Apr. 5.
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1. Indianapolis Westbrook | 36,662 |
2. Concord, Calif. | 30,604 |
3. Oklahoma City Western Oaks | 30,021 |
4. Belflower, Calif. | 29,049 |
5. Chattanooga, Tenn., First | 28,754 |
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8. Little Rock, Ark., First | 27,146 |
9. Oregon City, Ore. | 27,025 |
10. Lansing, Mich., First | 26,854 |

**($80,000-149,999)**

1. Portland, Ore., Central | 34,524 |
2. Lexington, Ky., Lafayette | 24,213 |
3. Marley Park, Wash. | 24,036 |
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1. Maryville, Tenn. | 7,800 |
2. Mount Pearl, Newfoundland | 7,479 |
3. Bishop, Calif. | 7,348 |
4. Cory, Ind. | 7,001 |
5. Petersburg, Wash. | 6,452 |
6. Yuma, Colo. | 6,244 |
7. Coraopolis, Pa. | 5,952 |
8. Santa Ana, Calif., Edinger Street | 5,871 |
9. Union Chapel, Ind. | 5,502 |
10. Colfax, Wash. | 5,470 |

1. Houston, Tex., Denver | 4,211 |
2. Novato, Calif. | 3,911 |
3. Heber Springs, Ark. | 3,315 |
4. Gagelown, Mich. | 3,270 |
5. Yakima, Wash., Trinity | 3,129 |
6. Lisbon Falls, Me. | 2,908 |
7. Truth or Consequences, N.M. | 2,907 |
8. Meeker, Okla., Horton Chapel | 2,858 |
9. Andersonville, Ind. | 2,822 |
10. Argillite, Ky. | 2,711 |

1. Peniel, Colo. | 3,226 |
2. Madison, Fla., Barbara Memorial | 2,061 |
3. Cora, Okla. | 2,014 |
4. East Ely, Ida. | 1,794 |
5. Kingman, Ark. | 1,589 |
6. Feversham, Ontario | 1,487 |
7. Burnell, W Va. | 1,355 |
8. Needles, Calif., (N. American Indian) | 1,294 |
9. Alliance, Neb. | 1,224 |
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- **V. H. LEWIS**
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THOMAS A. HAVENER from associate, Baltimore,
WALTER G. GARDNER II to Drexel, Mo.
EDGAR S. CAMPBELL II from Carrington, N.D.,
LEWIS W. GOULD from Merritt (Mich.) Zion
THOMAS J. JACOB from student, Olivet Nazarene
RANDY T. HODGES from student, Nazarene
PETER A. HEILEMANN from Brentwood, N.Y.,
ORVILLE JENKINS, JR., from associate, Bethany
IVAN E. LATHROP, JR., to Lawson (Mo.) Bethesda
THEODORE R. MCKENZIE to St. David, Ill.
STEPHEN A. ADAMS to Meridian (Miss.) Oakland Heights
J. COPELAND to New York Manhattan
FRANK HOWIE, Mozambique and Mines, Field
JOSEPH PENN, R.S.A. South, New Field Address:

MOVING MINISTERS
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RECOMMENDATIONS
DENNIS SMITH, pastor of the Rosemead, Calif., church, has felt the call of God to enter the
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8 STEPHEN R. MCWILLIAMS from East Gadsden, Ala.. to Meridian (Miss.) Oakland Heights
WESLEY W. WANKEN from evangelism to Lan-
sing (Mich.) Zion
DONALD D. MAYNARD from Goshen, Ind., to
Coal Valley (Ill.) Plainview
PAUL S. MOORE from New York Manhattan to
Cupertino, Calif.
CHARLES F. FUGH from New Cumberland, Pa.
R. WAYNE RUTHERFORD from Lenoir City (Tenn.) White Wing to Maryville (Tenn.)
First D. EUGENE SIMPSON from Wichita (Kans.) Lindsey
W. ADVANCE to Marion (Ohio) First
STEPHEN J. SORRENSEN to associate, Washington
(D.C.) First
DANIEL L. STEMEN from student, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., to Hartbert, Mich.
LARRY P. STOVER from associate, Danville (Ill.) First to Silvis, Ill.
DONALD R. SWANSON from Montrose (Ga.)
ST. John to Rock Hill (S.C.) Oakdale
JAMES O. THORNTON from Ottawa, Kan., to
Mound City, Mo.
DONALD G. TURNER from Rockford (Ill.) First to Eureka, Ill.
LESTER W. TURNER from Las Animas, Colo., to
Boulder (Colo.) South Broadway

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VITAL STATISTICS
MISSIONARY NURSE DIES
EUNICE MANITA CLEGG, R.N., 51, died Nov.
14, 1980, in Rotan, Tex. She had been a mis-
sionary in Swaziland for 23 years, serving in the
Raleigh Fiskin Memorial Hospital, at the Endin-
geen Clinic, and for 5 years at the Mbuluzi
Leprosy Colony in Swaziland.
Rev. F. W. Rogers officiated at the funeral
services. Burial was in Cottonwood Cemetery.
Miss Clegg is survived by her mother, Mrs.
Narcissia Clegg; six brothers, Revs. L. H., Leo,
Clifford, Willard; James, and Dr. Luther; and
four sisters, Mrs. Alberta Thompson, Mrs. Millie
Hudnall, Mrs. Naomi Vinyard, and Dr. Frances
Ferris.

DEATHS
MRS. ESTHER E. BAKER, 82, died Dec. 31 in
Salisbury, Md. Rev. William Ballew officiated at
the funeral services. She is survived by her hus-
bond, Rev. Walter Maywood Baker; 2 sons,
Dona and Wayne; 8 grandchildren; 10 great-
grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2
sisters; and 1 brother.
MRS. MINNIE BALDWIN, 74, died Nov. 21 in
Westbury, N.Y. Funeral services were conduct-
ed by Rev. Clifton T. Matthews. She is survived
by two sisters.
MELVIN R. BERKOPHAS, 67, died Oct. 7 in
Marion, Mich. Funeral services were conducted by
Rev. Dominick Prosperi, George Smith, and
Keith Simon. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy;
one daughter; two sons; and several grand-
children.
DOROTHY E. BROKAW, 65, died Jan. 13 in
Newbury Park, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Norman Shoemaker, E. H. Edwards, and Jack Nash. Interment was in Westlake Village, Calif. Surviving are her husband, Francis, and two daughters, Mrs. Warren (Janet) Glupker and Mrs. Jon (Cherry) Johnston.

MRS. GLADYS (COLLINS) CAMPBELL died Oct. 21 at Kleinburg, Ont. Funeral services were conducted by Major Ernest Ibbotson. She is survived by her parents; three sisters; and one brother.

MRS. ALMA PEARL CARTER, 75, died Nov. 26 in Wellington, Tex. Rev. D. M. Duke officiated at the funeral services. Surviving are her husband, E. V. Carter; one son, Jimmy Gillespie; one daughter, Inez Hayes; one stepdaughter, Wanda Carter; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one brother.

LEO B. CHRISMAN, 82, died Dec. 7 in Fort Orchard, Wash. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Rick Jorgensen. Surviving are his wife, Hattie; two daughters, Dorothy Montgomery and Edna Smith; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one brother.

ELIZABETH GRACE COUZENS, 9 days, died Dec. 2 in Albuquerque, N.M. Rev. Don Cannon officiated at the memorial services. She is survived by her parents, John and Wanda Couzens.

ALLEN CULLEMBER, 78, died Jan. 14 in Annapolis, Md. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Marcus Briggs. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, Donald, 26 in Wellington, Tex.; and Dan, 26 in Mathews, Va.; two daughters, Mary Ellen Ecklund and Mrs. Jon (Cherry) Johnston; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one brother.

MRS. LULA PEARL MALLORY, 90, died Nov. 11 in Jacksonville, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Samuel Pickernon and Rev. T. J. Gliddens. There are no survivors.

DAVID LANCE MALONE, 21, died Dec. 20 in Wichita, Kans. Rev. Gene Williams conducted the funeral services. Surviving are his parents, Howard and Donna Rae Malone; two brothers, Eric and Michael; his paternal grandmother; and both maternal grandparents.

CHARLES RANCE NICHOLS, 45, died Jan. 19 in Esparto, Calif. Rev. Ray Sanders officiated at the funeral services. He is survived by his wife, Janet; four sons, Bryce, Charles, Jr., Preston, and Rick; two daughters, Marie Umbay and Erin Nichols; five grandchildren; his mother; four brothers; and two sisters.

GUY LESTER NUSBAUM, 64, died Nov. 22 in Arcadia, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Charles Klaflke, Hugh Glass, Floyd Smith, and James Fox. Surviving are his wife, Verla; three sons, Donald, Cecil, and Kenneth; 4 stepsions, Oren, Blythe, Gaylon, and Verlin Gorham; two sisters; and five brothers.

HERBERT ORVILLE ORNDOFF, 74, died Nov. 29 in Gravette, Ark. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ralph Simpson. Interment was in Split Log, Missouri. He is survived by his wife; three daughters; and four sons.

REV. EASON EARL SMITH, 85, died Jan. 19 in Thomasville, Ga. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harold Mills and Rev. Alfred E. Moore in Pavo, Ga. Rev. Smith had pastored on the Georgia District. He is survived by his wife, Nellie; 3 daughters, Alvis Sisco, Earline Peebles, and Mary Redick; 3 stepdaughters, Janel Hendrix, Mary Brown, and Lynda Wester; 3 stepsons, Thomas, Daniel, and Alan Smith; 8 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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J. D. KENWAY, 68, died Dec. 15 in Holt, Mich. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Owen F. Underwood. He is survived by his wife, Lucille.

MYRTLE CORA KISSEE, 87, died Jan. 17 in Auburn, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. M. Best and Rev. Haf Honner. Surviving are her husband, Rev. Richard A. Kissée, retired; 4 sons, Marvin, Rev. John, Wiley, and Vernon; 2 daughters, Elizabeth List and Betty Ecklund; 19 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 1 sister.

REV. JOHN H. LANIER, 68, died Dec. 30 in Junction City, Ohio. He had served as a pastor and evangelist in Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Indiana for 40 years. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Terrell C. Sanders, Jr., and Rev. David L. Gee. Survivors include his wife, Mae L.; two sons, Rodney and Dean; one daughter, Martha Sites; seven great-grandchildren; and one brother.

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Walter; one sister, Jane Hansen; and one brother, Lewis.

HARRISON STUPLES, 92, died Jan. 3 in Waynesboro, Va. Services and interment were in Craigsville, Va., with Rev. Robert F. Turner and Rev. A. T. Underwood officiating. Surviving are 2 sons, Guy L. and Marvin V.; 3 daughters, Mrs. Beatrice Jackson, Mrs. Virginia M. Herb and Mrs. Ethel B. Petty; 27 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

D. H. VAN HUSS, 73, died Aug. 29 in Johnson City, Tenn. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Troy Daggett. He is survived by his wife, Hazel; one daughter, Dorothy Pickenpaugh; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

RANDOLPH B. VANNOY, 88, died Dec. 16 in Monticello, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. Richard Lord, Jr., and Rev. G. Charles Finney. He is survived by his wife, Hazel; one daughter, Dorothy Pickenpaugh; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

REV. ALBERT H. WILLIAMS, 75, died Dec. 19 in Shaftsburg, Mich. A retired elder, he had pastored a number of churches in Michigan. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. George V. Harris, William Tibbets, Fred Cunningham, Dr. Harry T. Stanley, and District Superintendent C. Neil Strait. He is survived by his wife, Armina; one son, Robert; and one daughter, Betty Lou Schoneker.

BIRTHS

1. to DR. DENNIS AND LYNDA (ADKINS) BURGER, Tyler, Tex., a girl, Misty Dawn, Oct. 14
2. to RICHARD AND DARLENE (HUNT) CASE, Great Falls, Mont., a girl, Diedra Ellen, Nov. 21
3. to JOE AND CYNDI (KENSEY) CONGILIO, Columbus, Ohio, a boy, Jason Allen, Jan. 14
4. to RANDY AND IRENE (CLARK) DILLARD, El Paso, Tex., a girl, Amber Valerie, Jan. 10
5. to REV. WILLIAM R. AND JEAN (GLENN) DILLON II, Canton, Ohio, a girl, Cassandra Jean, Dec. 19
6. to PHIL AND SARA (HOPWOOD) EDWARDS, Seymour, Ind., a boy, Isaac Wayne, Nov. 25
7. to CLIFFORD AND MYRA (MOORE) FISHER, San Diego, Calif., a girl, Breanna Jeanne, Jan. 12
8. to DAN AND KAREN (SLUSHER) GRAY, Owasso, Okla., a boy, Zachary Aaron, Nov. 4
9. to DONALD AND DIANE HEDGER, Omaha, Ill., a boy, Johnny F. i., Jan. 6
10. to JACK AND JAVI (HANKINS) HINTON, Pasadena, Tex., a girl, Jana Leili, Jan. 2
11. to BILL AND MARLENA (CUNDIFF) HOLOPA, Jacksonville, Ark., a boy, William Albert, Oct. 17
12. to STEVEN PAUL AND TONI (TERRY) HOUTEN, Dallas, Tex., a boy, Steven Paul II., Jan. 4
13. to REV. FRANK H. AND MARCIE JOHNSON, Elk Grove, Calif., twin boys, Daniel Kirk and Da­vid Mark, Oct. 24

CHURCH-STATE SEPARATIONIST URGES REAGAN TO LEAVE VATICAN ENVOY POSITION VACANT. The executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State has called on President Ronald Reagan not to appoint an envoy to the Vatican. In a letter to Mr. Reagan commending him for his stated support of church-state separation, R. G. Puckett urged the president to “let this position die a quiet death by simply not appointing anyone to it.”

“This position has been controversial since the administration of Harry S. Truman,” Puckett asserted. “Whether called an ambassador or envoy, the fact is the same. The Vatican is first and foremost a church. Whatever its claims to being a state, they are secondary to its image and influence as a church.”

Though the American presidential envoys have not had the rank of full ambassadors (and thus do not require U.S. Senate approval), they have functioned in a capacity similar to ambassadors.

JUDGE Throws OUT O’HAIR CHALLENGE TO CHAPLAINS. Atheist leader Madalyn Murray O’Hair has failed in the first round of her legal challenge to ban the practice of maintaining chaplains in Congress.

In an oral decision announced January 6, Judge Louis F. Ober­dorfer of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled Mrs. O’Hair did not have standing to bring the suit challenging the practice. His decision, announced at the conclusion of oral arguments, did not deal with the church-state arguments raised by the case. Attorneys for both parties in the case say they expect a formal written opinion in the near future.

Reached at the Austin, Tex., headquarters of her organization, American Atheist Union, Mrs. O’Hair said she will appeal the decision. Mrs. O’Hair sued the government last summer, arguing that employing and paying chaplains from the federal treasury violates the Constitution’s ban on an establishment of religion. Both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives have been serviced by chap­lains for more than 200 years.

CHRISTIAN RADIO BROADCAST REACHES ALL STRATA OF SOVIET LIFE. Since it went on the air in 1973, the Far East Broad­casting Company’s 250,000-watt medium-wave station on Cheju Island, South Korea, has brought the gospel to countless millions, according to recent reports received from the Soviet Union and China.

One Russian believer in Siberia, in conversation with an FEBC broadcaster who visited the Soviet Union recently, spoke of the impact of the transmissions. He reported that all strata of Russian society, including government officials, university professors, and soldiers, tune in to these broadcasts, which at nighttime can be heard across the entire country. According to the same source, “great numbers” of people have come to know the Lord through these broadcasts, the Far East Broadcasting Company reports.

Rev. Kenneth Lo, FEBC’s Hong Kong director, reports that nearly half of the mail response from Mainland China is generated by the three hours of Mandarin programming broadcast only from the South Korea station. The Far East Broadcasting Company is the only missionary radio organization operating medium-wave stations that broadcast into the Soviet Union and China.

REPORT ON TITHING. IRS figures show that Americans who earn the most contribute the smallest percentage of their income to charity.

Those earning $4,000 to $6,000 donated an average of $425 last year while those earning $30,000 to $50,000 contributed $869.

I'm a Nazarene and have been a member since 1958. There have been some things on my heart lately about the way our church has changed. I would like you to answer a question for me: Our pastor, a godly man, asked the church board to issue a person, who has been married and divorced three times, a local preacher's license. I thought our church believed in the Bible (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6; etc.) about a bishop should be "the husband of one wife." Nearly all scholars understand this to mean one wife at a time, in other words, he must not be a bigamist or polygamist. If a man had been married to three successive wives, and each of them were divorced because they had been adulterous, these verses alone would not disqualify him. According to the Manual, 401.5, "Persons who obtain divorce under the civil law where the scriptural ground for divorce, namely, adultery, does not exist and who subsequently remarry are ineligible for the office of the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene." I know nothing about the grounds for divorce in the case you mention, so I cannot say whether the man is disqualified or not on this basis. 1 Timothy 3:2 and Titus 1:6 both insist that a bishop should be "the husband of one wife." Nearly all scholars understand this to mean one wife at a time, in other words, he must not be a bigamist or polygamist. If a man had been married to three successive wives, and each of them were divorced because they had been adulterous, these verses alone would not disqualify him. If your godly pastor honestly believed the man qualified, he was within his rights to recommend him for a license. The board is not automatically bound by a pastor's judgment and was within its legal rights to deny the license.

However, that the pastor lets the man fill the pulpit, if this is contrary to the board's wishes, points to a very serious lack of understanding and communication. What should be done, it seems to me, is obvious. All concerned about this matter should meet with the pastor and frankly, and kindly, discuss the problem. Our troubles usually worsen unless we first do everything possible to clear the air by conversing directly with those involved. A godly pastor wants what is best for the church, as do godly laymen. They may disagree on what is best, and then they need to hear each other out, in an atmosphere of mutual love and respect, and arrive together at the best possible solution. It's hard to solve, resolve, or dissolve difference if either side feels it is being coerced and not heard.

If John the Baptist did the first water baptism known to man, where is it prophesied that he should do so, and who told him to do it when he did? John the Baptist was not the first person to perform baptism in water. His preaching was prophesied in Isaiah 40:3, according to Matthew 3:1-3, but not his baptizing. But it was plainly God who told him to do it, as John's own testimony makes clear (John 1:33).

Who controls the elements, such as tornadoes, hurricanes, hail, etc.? God or the devil? Scripture makes it plain in many places that God does. See, for example, Exodus 15:10; Psalm 147:18; Jonah 1:4; Matthew 8:26; Nahum 1:3; Exodus 9:18; Psalm 105:9; Psalm 29:10; and Job 28:26. When the devil seems in charge, it is by God's permission, and the devil's power is definitely limited (see Job 1:6-19).
Havana, Ill.: The church had a revival with Dr. John L. Knight and Song Evangelists Jim and Rosemary Green. The attendance averaged 94 for six evening services, with 143 on Sunday morning. Dr. Knight preached holiness in a way that explained what it means.

Martin Arni, pastor

Kankakee, Ill.: First Church had a revival with Evangelist Dennis Wyrich and Song Evangelists Bill and Terri Cobb. A Moslem family of seven were won to the church, and a state college coach was sanctified. Scores of college students were helped. A six-year-old boy was healed of a birth defect! Thirty new members were received into the church and 23 people were baptized.

John J. Hancock, pastor

Trenton, Ohio: The church had a revival with Evangelist Bill Varian. We had the best-attended services in many years, with a nightly average of 194. The people had been praying and planning for the meeting for months.

Rev. Varian's preaching was positive, clear, and scriptural. God's blessing was evident as over 60 people received definite spiritual help during the campaign.

Larry D. Dennis, pastor

Bay City, Mich.: Faith Church had a revival with Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Crandall as evangelists and song evangelists. Hearts were moved toward God under the clear and direct messages of salvation and holiness by Rev. Crandall, while his wife, Barbara, presented a heart-stirring drama of "Pilgrim's Progress" on scene-o-felt each night.

William E. Naill, Sr., pastor

Lawton, Okla.: First Church recently had a revival with Rev. O. H. Ballard of Oklahoma City. God used Rev. Ballard in a wonderful way to speak to the needs of the church.

Several seekers responded to his timely messages on Bible holiness, as well as Christians being revived and inspired. Some new members were received into the church as results from the revival.

—Charles W. Smith, pastor

Costa Rica: During the month of August, Evangelist Luther Collins conducted revival services on our district. During the three week period, nearly 100 people found spiritual help at the altar. The unique altar ministry of Rev. Collins was used of the Lord to help people and pastors alike.

—Allen D. Wilson, Mission Director, Costa Rica

In the Sunday morning service, December 21, 1980, a new stained-glass window was dedicated in the Markdale, Ontario, church. The window depicts the ascension of Jesus Christ. The window, dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Harry Cothier, is the gift of Mrs. Harry Cothier, as a tribute to the life and service of her husband on behalf of his Lord and the church.

Mr. Cothier was a member of the church (Gospel Workers until 1958, when it became the Church of the Nazarene) for over 45 years. He faithfully served as secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School and as a trustee.

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, First Church celebrated its 50th anniversary with a week of meetings, November 4-9. Former pastor, Dr. Arnold
Airhart, and Mrs. Airhart were special guests for the week. The Holy Spirit touched many lives through the anointed holiness messages brought by Dr. Airhart. Other guests included many former members and friends from across the district. Rev. Joe Madill has been the pastor for the past two and one-half years.

Pastor Ross Johnston of the Calgary, Alberta, East Church, because of a special need, made an appeal for a 90/10 offering. Instead of the usual 10th, the people and pastor gave 90 percent of their income and lived on the 10th for a week. The Sunday of the appeal, $3,432.11 came in and the next Sunday, $1,058.70, making a total of $4,490.81. God blessed their dedicated giving in a special way.

MEMO
to church board members:

No doubt one of the reasons your church participates in the payment of the Pensions and Benefits Fund is because it believes in the philosophy behind “pensions”—the concept of “deferred compensation” whereby the current employer sets aside a portion of compensation for the employee’s retirement.

Since 1971, the Department of Pensions and Benefits has provided the “Basic” Pension for retired and disabled Nazarene ministers and widows of ministers. Their monthly retirement pension is determined by the number of years of full-time, active service after receiving a district minister’s license or other qualified district credential. Currently, almost 2,000 are depending upon the Pensions and Benefits Fund for their monthly pension check.

Since churches did not start participating in the payment of a “Basic” Pension Fund until 10 years ago, and since there were many thousands of years of service before that time, it is essential that each local church participate fully until such time that all of the past years of service are accounted for.

Industry recognizes the importance of the pension. We as a church should do no less. You can be happy that you are a part of a great church that feels the importance of adequately meeting the needs of our retired ministers, widows of ministers, and church employees.

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Nampa Churches Hold City-Wide Faith Promise Convention

January 21-25, the seven Churches of the Nazarene in Nampa, Idaho, held Faith Promise Conventions simultaneously throughout the city and at Northwest Nazarene College, culminating in a united service in First Church on Sunday night.

A team of nine Nazarene missionaries and Executive Director L. Guy Nee of the Department of World Mission divided into units of two or three to speak in each of the churches each night. Speakers moved from church to church to allow all to be heard in every church. Chapel services at the college were shared by the team members. The team members also attended and/or spoke at men’s breakfasts and rallies, NWMS luncheons and dinners, teen rallies, an international dinner, and Men for Missions meetings. Fellowship times in the local churches allowed people to become acquainted with the speakers personally.

On Sunday morning, individual churches took Faith Promise pledges among their members, and the totals were reported in the united service on Sunday night. A combined total of $175,000 was pledged by the members of the seven churches.

Speaking of the high tide of enthusiasm generated by this unusual combined effort, Dr. L. Guy Nee said, “It was a tremendous illustration of churches in a community cooperating in a unique way to promote the cause of World Mission.”

Pictured (l. to r.) are speakers Dr. L. Guy Nee, Rev. J. Elton Wood, Brazil; Rev. and Mrs. Fred Forster, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. Peter Burkhart, Philippines; Rev. and Mrs. George Rench, Indonesia; Rev. Armand Doll, Caribbean evangelist; and Rev. Gordon Johnston, Middle East.

Pastors who shared in this united Nampa effort (l. to r.) are: Dr. Charles Higgins, Nampa First; Rev. Orval Hailey, Nampa Fairview; Rev. Frank Bernal, Nampa Iglesia del Nazareno; Dr. Kenneth Pearsall, president, NNC; Dr. L. Guy Nee, executive director, Department of World Mission; Rev. Kenneth Morrison, Nampa Karcher; Rev. Bob Carpenter, Nampa North; Rev. Clarence Kinzler, Nampa College; and Rev. Ronald McGilvra, Nampa Bethel.
believe, the “total abstinence” position held by the Church of the Nazarene, along with other Scriptures, such as Proverbs 20:1; 23:1; 31:6-7. The reference to wine given in the Scriptures when admonishing to abstain, are translated “fermented drink,” according to my recent study, and in reference to any Scripture encouraging the use of wine, the meaning is “unfermented” or “fresh fruit of the vine.”

Luke 5:37-38 is a good example, as well as Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:15-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (the account of the Lord’s Supper) where “fruit of the vine” is used.

Richard L. Fisher
West Mifflin, Pennsylvania

STOUT SUPPORT
I really appreciate your answer to the question on 1 Timothy 3:8 (November 15, 1980, issue).
I wish all of our preachers would be honest with the scriptures and not make them say something they do not.
Keep up the excellent work.
Tom Stout
Goshen, Indiana

PRAISE AND PEEVE
Because of the invitation on page 19 and the picture on page 11 of the November 15 issue of the Herald, I had the incentive to write this letter. First accept these words of commendation for the Herald.
It all started when Evangelist Uncle Bud Robinson was in our Escondido, Calif., Church of the Nazarene on January 1, 1929. After Uncle Bud made his usual appeal for Herald subscribers, I said, “Uncle Bud, I want to be a subscriber.” His reply was, “Brother Jones, you’re the first one this year. I’ll be glad to make you a subscriber.” That was 52 years ago.

Through the years, the Herald has been a source of comfort and consolation, bringing to pass in my life 1 Chronicles 4:10. Now, dear editor, please accept my “pet peeve” with love.

Tom Jones
Escondido, California

Editor’s Note: Mr. Jones’s “pet peeve” was color backgrounds for printed words which make it difficult to read the words, especially for older people.

**Letters (Continued from page 4)**

by AL VESCERA
As told to Wally Johnston

**A ONE-DOLLAR TESTIMONY**

WHEN WILL TAKE THIS DOLLAR, go to a gas station, buy gas, and witness to the attendant?” The words of my personal evangelism instructor sent cold chills all over me. This would be my first opportunity to witness. My timidity prompted me to decline, but I felt the Lord had me in mind. I slowly raised my hand and accepted the challenge.

By the time I reached my car I was shaking. “Imagine,” I said, “witness to a total stranger!”

I’m not sure how many stations I passed, but my gas gauge read “E” and I knew I must stop. “Lord, I’ll stop at the next station.”

I pulled in, turned the engine off, and waited. I held the dollar as if it were a security blanket. After waiting a couple of minutes I thought, “Maybe it isn’t God’s will for me to witness today.”

As I reached for the ignition, out came the attendant. “May I help you?” he asked.

“I’ll have a dollar’s worth of gas and here’s a road map to heaven,” I said nervously, shoving a tract in his direction.

He stepped back and looked with amazement. “Does he think I’m a nut?” I wondered.

“My mom has been a Christian a long time,” he began. “She has been praying for me over the years. When I got up this morning I had the feeling that someone was going to tell me about Jesus.”

I couldn’t believe my ears. He continued. “All day I was waiting for someone to come and talk to me, but no one did. Just before you arrived a woman pulled up. I knew she was the one. But I filled her tank and watched her drive away. The reason it took so long to wait on you is because I was so disappointed. It was closing time and no one had come to tell me about Jesus.”

I thanked God and then led Art to Christ! Praise His name!

I've often thought of Art. His story helps me realize it is almost closing time for a lot of people. I want to be His servant, whenever and wherever it may be.

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