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CELEBRATING HIM

Our celebration of Christian holiness should prompt us to a renewal of emphasis on the Holy Spirit. We recognize Him to be the “third Person of the Triune Godhead” and believe “that He is ever present and efficiently active in and with the Church.” (Quotes are from the Manual Articles of Faith.)

We further recognize we are living in His dispensation, and from the day of His inauguration at Pentecost until now He is leading, guiding, directing, and inspiring those who have chosen to follow Jesus, not only into a deeper fellowship with God but in the ongoing and expansion of the Kingdom as well.

It is possible that because some extremist religious groups have abused the doctrine of the Holy Spirit we have allowed ourselves to become not just defensive but even dangerously silent when it comes to preaching about Him and declaring His ministry in our world today. The holiness movement received much of its early momentum right at this point, a momentum we could afford to recapture.

Our traditional doctrinal position states that He convinces the world of sin, that He regenerates those who repent and believe, sanctifies believers, and that He guides into all truth as it is in Jesus.

(Continuation of Article 3.) In Article 10 of the Manual we have further expressed our faith concerning the work of entire sanctification by declaring that it is wrought by the baptism with the Holy Spirit and “comprehends in one experience the cleansing of the heart from sin and the abiding indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, empowering the believer for life and service.” Included in the terms representing the different phases of the experience of entire sanctification is this one—“the baptism with the Holy Spirit.”

In a sense our celebration of Christian holiness means we are celebrating Him, the blessed Holy Spirit, His coming, His ministry, and His lordship in our lives and service. Let us not be hesitant to speak of Him, preach about Him, and testify to His work in our lives. It just may open doors for Him to move in upon us with a new dynamic and thrust, sanctifying our people, giving life and zest to our services, and generally exercising control over our entire church. What an inspiring prospect this is!
ONCE UPON A TIME, long long ago, there lived in ancient China a great, noble king. He lived in a palace of splendor and wealth. He ruled a vast kingdom of lofty mountains, of beautiful hidden valleys and fertile plains that stretched all the way to the sea. It seemed that this king had everything a king could wish to have. He had riches that could scarcely be counted. His kingdom was safe and secure, and his many loyal subjects loved and obeyed his every command. But there was one thing that this king did not have. There was one lack in his life. There was one area of incompleteness. He had no queen to rule by his side.

Thus it was decreed one day that there would be a great search made. All the young ladies of that wonderful kingdom were lovely and fair to look upon, and they were the ones to make the search. The maiden who could find the greatest, most valuable, and loveliest gift in the kingdom was to bring it and present it in the castle. She would be made the queen and would sit by the king and help rule the land.

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One can hardly imagine the search that was made. One maiden found a very large and beautiful sapphire of exquisite brilliance. Another discovered a small chest fashioned of pure gold, intricately ornamented. Another found a large and perfectly formed pearl of exceptional glow and radiance. One uncovered an ancient knife, carved from a piece of rare jade, flawless in color and texture. One tailored a handsome riding jacket of Persian Morocco, richly embroidered with threads of silver and gold.

Finally came the day of presentation. The sights were too numerous to tell. At the very end of the line came a young maiden who carried no carefully wrapped box. The previous gifts were of such beauty and splendor that she was almost unnoticed as she came to the king to make her presentation. Slowly she drew closer, and closer, and closer. Then they began to notice, and a hush descended on the great throne room. Finally she came so close that she reached out and put her arms around the king himself and said, “Through all my searching, and of all the many beautiful things that I have seen in the land, there is nothing to me so great and precious as my lord the king himself.”

Well, needless to say, she was made the queen, and so ends this ancient story of the Orient. But is there not a truth here for us as Christians today?

We bring our gifts to the King. We give our diligently prepared Sunday School lessons, and our carefully crafted sermons. We bring our practiced and flawless solos and songs. Our treasures of talent and time are offered before Him. Our presents of salary and paycheck are laid at His feet. They truly are beautiful.

But did not Jesus once say to one of two sisters, “Mary has chosen what is better”? The gifts of Martha are lovely and valuable and necessary, but we must never neglect the “Mary” part of our worship. There must be times when we draw closer, and closer, and closer, and “put our arms around Him,” and give Him the adoration and intimate praise that only He is worthy to receive. Have you done that today? Why not do it right now? Tell Him He is most precious to your own soul.

Editor’s Note: Stephen Rieder translated this story into English that it might be shared with our readers. It was taken from a sermon in Mandarin by pastor Jwang Tyan Gau.
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A SCRIPTURE that has impressed me since early childhood is Malachi 3:10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." My vivid imagination could almost see great casement windows in the sky opening, and blessings raining down upon me.

Another scripture is in the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus told the people to take no thought for the morrow, but seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and everything would be added unto them. And yet in spite of these scriptures, and my love for them, it wasn't until just a few years ago that I found they were true, and God intended us to take them literally!

I have paid tithes and offerings since I was a teenager, many years ago. I noticed that even on a very small salary, I always had a little tucked away when my friends who made more than I did were continuously broke. I didn't really give it too much thought; perhaps I was a better manager than they. Then it happened, the realization of everything I had envisioned for so long. During the early years I thought of the blessings of God strictly in a spiritual sense; good health, peace of mind, faith in Him, etc. Now I know God's blessings are not that limited. They also extend to the daily living, the "tomorrows," and the financial needs of His people.

When I moved from a small town to Vancouver, Wash., in 1970, I put a little down payment on a home. It left me with $1,000 savings, but by the time I found a job and began to work this was down to $100, so I might as well have been considered broke. For a period of two months (the first time I could remember) I let my tithes and offerings slide, feeling I should take care of first things first, such as light bills, etc. Down inside I hated it, and when I got my next paycheck, I caught up to date with those tithes and offerings.

I could go on forever about the doors that opened, the new jobs that came about, the awards and raises. But it is enough to say that after having become established in Vancouver with that paltry $100, I began to prosper. I was able to increase my tithes and offerings. I was able to take care of all my needs, through the blessings of God.

My car wore out, and I had to get another. Taxes came due, and were paid. Sewer district, new roof . . . the list was endless. Yet as I continued to serve God, to pay my tithes, to literally take Him at His word and do all I could here on earth to help establish His kingdom, those bills were paid. My bank account began to grow. Inflation raised the value of my little house.

In the spring of 1978 my mother and I felt God wanted us to move. We were led to a home in Auburn, Wash. I thought and thought. I was going into self-employment now, writing. I knew writing was a talent God had given me. I also knew income would be sporadic and didn’t want to start out in debt.

Could I trust God enough to use all my financial resources at once? That is just what I did. I paid cash for my home.

Vancouver, 1970—$100 left in my account.

Auburn, 1978—I was able to pay nearly $40,000 for a home, and pay it in cash!

In eight years the Lord had not only provided for all my immediate needs, but had increased my value in dollars from $100 to $40,000! Eight years . . . eight short years, that amount of increase . . . after paying all my bills!

Now I have my home paid for. I do not have much of a bank account! Or do I? Isn’t the greatest bank account in the world knowing you have access to God’s blessings? Those windows I used to see as showers blessings have nearly drowned me with God’s goodness!

I feel it has come about because I attempted in my own small way to be faithful, to keep His commandments, to “prove Him,” as He said in Malachi. But it it the last sentence of the verse which recurs in my thoughts so many times. Not only has God blessed me, He has blessed me more abundantly than all of my wildest dreams. I am able to be home, doing the thing I love. I have been allowed to teach classes for a community college, sharing my writing skills. I walk in joy.

“...open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” Words to listen to, to live by, to take literally. The windows of heaven stand waiting to open, if we will unfasten the latch by faith and obedience. But the greatest blessing of all has not been financial, although it has been abundant. The greatest blessing is the growth I have been able to make, the increasing trust that God truly will take care of our tomorrows if we will follow Him in the todays.

The windows of heaven . . . waiting to open. Why not unlock them? But one thing . . . when you do, you’d better stand back. God’s blessings come in such a shower you may find (as I did), there truly is not room enough to receive them.
WILT THOU not revive us again; that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psalm 85:6).

Israel had a glorious past. Her leaders could look back to the halcyon days of David and Solomon. They could recall the glory of God that had come into the Temple, the generations when Israel had been "a praise in the earth."

But times had changed—evil kings and dissolute priests had done their damage. After centuries of idolatry Israel and Judah had been taken into bitter captivity. Then, after 70 years the Jews had come back to Jerusalem, chastened and forever cured of idol worship.

It was at this time that Psalm 85 was written, as is indicated in the psalm itself. It was written to be a part of the Temple worship "for the sons of Korah," the official musicians of the day. Let us ask this question of God for ourselves today: "Wilt thou not revive us again?"

WE NEED TO BE REVIVED. We claim to be a revival church. Nearly any self-respecting local congregation will attempt one or two revivals a year. Only a few quasi-sophisticated churches will disclaim the need and value of revivals.

But realism demands that we reevaluate our revivals. Do they really revive? Are people saved who have never been saved before? Are the church's problems resolved? Do 25 percent of the members still bear 75 percent of the load? What about the many on our rolls who just couldn't care less about what happens to the church they belong to?

Yes, we need revival—the "gullywashing" kind that will unclog the channels, clean out the old riverbed, and start the church out on a new life.

WHAT IS A REVIVAL? It must first of all come from above: "Wilt THOU not revive us again?" Evangelism comes from the human effort to meet divine conditions for divine power, and as such it has value—but it is still human. We often confuse evangelism with revival. Evangelism can exist without the Holy Spirit, but revival never can, for it comes from Him.

Revival is a direct invasion of God into human life and the life of the church. We cannot command its coming, though we can make ourselves available for its coming.

When the Holy Spirit comes, His coming will advertise itself. Spontaneous combustion will characterize the believers until Pentecost becomes a reality, not a remembrance. The zeal of His followers will become contagious until others will want what they have.

Real revival from above brings conviction, precipitates decision. They cried out at Pentecost, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" There wasn't any altar call, or inquiry room. There were no trained counselors or altar workers, though we certainly have no quarrel with these. There wasn't a long, hard pull willing surrender to victory. And whenever real revival comes, whatever else we have, we will have some spontaneous response to the Holy Spirit's invitation.

WHAT WILL A REVIVAL DO? It will restore joy to religion. It's altogether possible for God's people not to enjoy their religion—otherwise, this text has little meaning.

Duty powers many Christian lives, and fear is the
motive force in others. Of course, this is far better than living for lust and selfish ambition—but it is still kindergarten Christianity!

We cry out for more than this in the most important area of our living. We are living for eternity, on a plane above the earthly, and our religious life should have qualities of permanence and strength.

The world realizes that there should be joy in serving God. The formal church realizes it, though they are not sure what to do about this need. Consequently we have, in some rather fantastic ways, attempted to achieve joy in religious activity.

There is the jazz band which one church imported on Sunday night "to bring back radiance into religion," as it was reported in the press.

There are the modern "jazz masses," and the churches that have dancing in the aisles (not necessarily because of spiritual joy).

Regardless of how we may view these excesses, we are glad at any rate that people are beginning to realize that religion should never be boring. And we subscribe to that. The almost unpardonable sin for any preacher or lay witness is to present Christ in such a way as to bore those whom he is trying to reach. The message of salvation is the greatest ever proclaimed. We ought to act as if we believe it and would give our lives for it—joyfully.

If only we will understand, the true religion of Christ is one of joy. “The joy of the Lord is your strength.” “Ask... that your joy may be full.” “Rejoice evermore.” How often in the Bible is joy emphasized.

And the nearer we get to the divine Source of our salvation the more we find joy becoming real and lasting. And, as we become more interested in institutional values and formal routines for service and worship, we find joy retreating and finally leaving the shell, as does the butterfly its chrysalis—as empty and meaningless as can be.

During three weeks of illness I watched on television for three consecutive Sundays the international ceremonies of three great groups in Christendom—and through them all I never saw one vestige of joy on the face of any preacher or participant—not one thing that would make me want what they had, if indeed they had anything. Lest that sound critical, let me hasten to say that this could happen in a Nazarene meeting, and sometimes does.

“That thy people may rejoice in thee”—“in thee”—there is the key to this verse. The acid test of love is: “Do you rejoice in the loved one?”—to be in his or her presence, to read the letters that come, to do the little extra things, to go beyond the call of duty, to express love in word and deed, to make sacrifices and not even realize they are sacrifices—this is really to love.

This revival of joy in the Lord is needed today, so we won’t look as if we had lost our last friend, so we won’t groan when called on to render a service or to deny self or to give to His cause, so we will rejoice in His love and gladly pour out life’s treasure-store without hesitation and without computation.

A real revival will fill God’s people with joy in Him. They will glow with zeal, radiate with light, scintillate with joy, and others will want what they have. This is the best evangelism there is. In fact, it is the only real evangelism there is!

I Stand at the Door

Behold, I stand at the door and knock;  
Won't you let Me enter in?  
I can give you life where there is death  
And peace where there is sin.

Behold, I stand at the door of your heart;  
Let Me make you one of My own.  
I can give you riches beyond compare  
And joy you've never known.

I'm waiting here so patiently,  
Won't you let your heart believe?  
I will cast your burdens to the winds  
And all your fears relieve.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock;  
Don't you hear My gentle pleas?  
I can quell the storms of your battered life  
And calm the raging seas.

Behold, I stand outside your heart,  
Gently knocking at the door.  
The world may give you many things  
But I can give you more.

Have you ever known a greater love  
Than this I offer you?  
I shed My blood; I gave My life;  
What more would you have Me do?

Even now, I'm standing at the door;  
The hour knows naught but its own.  
Tomorrow may not ever come  
And today is almost gone.

—Anne Walker  
Belleview, Florida
THE BLOSSER HOME FOR CHILDREN:  

A Unique Ministry

THE BLOSSER HOME FOR CHILDREN in Marshall, Mo., offers a unique service to abused children and their parents. There parents and children live together while the parents learn how to care for their children without hurting them.

Each year, at least 2,000 children die in the United States from parental abuse. Blosser can help only five families at a time, but no effort is too great if even one child is helped.

While an entire family lives at Blosser in their own apartment, individual counselling is provided which seeks to eliminate the causes of parent-child problems. We help the parent and child become “bonded” — that emotional closeness all successful families have, perhaps without even realizing it.

Parents also receive intensive training in practical child care and homemaking skills, ranging from cooking meals to bathing babies. This may sound unnecessary, but our young mothers have never been taught these things.

Our staff consists of professional and lay women whose common bond is a desire to help others. For many of us, our work at Blosser is an extension of our faith in God and His will in our lives.

Here is how five of our staff think about their work.

Resident Counsellor—Ronda Becker

Fulfillment and happiness can be found only as one comes face-to-face with Jesus Christ. Since I’ve worked at Blosser, this belief has become more clear and important to me.

Along with our spiritual needs, the Lord desires to meet our emotional and physical needs. I feel that the work I do here with our residents is an extension of His love. We deal daily with such immediate needs in the parent/child relationship as the proper care of the child, parenting skills, physical problems, loneliness, hurt, anger, and low self-esteem.

Through my work here, I have become aware of the different sets of values our residents hold as opposed to my own. There are difficulties in working with people whose concepts of honesty, loving, giving, and forgiveness are basically different from mine. Many times I come to a point where the only answer to these parents’ hurt and disappointment is to love and forgive. For those without Jesus’ influence this is often a foreign concept. Yet the residents question me about my values when they recognize a difference. At these times they open the door to learn about Jesus.

As a resident counsellor, I live with our families all day long. This closeness helps them to feel free to ask questions, discuss spiritual topics, and read the Bible. I never force my beliefs on them, but they know that I am available to talk with them whenever they ask. I depend greatly on the Holy Spirit for strength and wisdom in dealing with our families every day, for I want them to know the joy and peace I’ve found in having a personal Savior.

Parent Aide—Shirley McGowan

Blosser has given me opportunity for one-to-one sharing with parent and child. This unique program gives a mother a second chance to regain respect and confidence. I play three roles in her life. First, I am her friend, to accept her as she is with all her faults, misunderstanding, and lack of knowledge. Second, I am an instructor in parenting skills that I am learning and have successfully used with my children. Third, I am the backboard, so to speak, for the difficult times and frustration a mother has when trying to use her skills for the first or tenth time. I am then to remind her of her responsibilities to herself and her child.

Working daily with a troubled parent drains me; strength, and I must rely on God’s Word, prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit to give me inner peace to be an effective witness for Christ.
by PATRICIA E. WOOD
Marshall, Missouri

Social Worker—Renee Anderson
I graduated from school with a degree in social work and Bible, but found myself unemployed, so I worked in a dental office for a year. Through a patient, I learned of Blosser and was intrigued by its concept of working intensely with the total family. I have always loved children, but have become aware that many of the parents we work with were the hurting children of a few years ago. Working with the total family will help stop the perpetual cycle.

As a social worker, I help assess a resident’s progress, advise on methods for handling problems, and counsel with individual residents.

I have been continually reminded of my need to turn to the Lord for both wisdom and strength. We are often working with families whose needs are great and have been unmet for years. Working closely with residents and staff makes it difficult to maintain a clear emotional perspective. By turning to the Lord and seeing His example, I am able to turn to the residents and staff again with love and concern.

Blosser has expanded my view of the Lord and His love for people.

Parent Aide Coordinator—Wanda Cantrell
If someone had told me five years ago that I would be working in Blosser, I would have laughed and said, “Not me.” As a mother of four and a minister’s wife, I always felt that my place was in the home and assisting my husband in his church work. I had not held a paying job since our first child was born until God led me here.

I contacted Blosser to ask if the women of our church could do something to help them. The director told us we could furnish some sewing supplies, but I felt the urge to do more as he talked about the needs. He mentioned the need for someone to work with the young mothers in crafts. I offered my services as a crafts teacher. I now know that God was leading me.

While doing volunteer work as a crafts teacher, I saw the need for a parent aide and accepted that job, teaching young mothers to be responsible for their own lives and for developing parenting skills. When a parent aide coordinator was needed, I was asked to take the job. In my work I know God leads me day by day.

Director—Patricia Wood
As director, I know that all my life I have been moving toward my job here at Blosser. So often when I worked for public welfare and saw parents and children separated by foster care, I kept wondering how parents could learn to take care of their children when parted from them. That’s why I know what we do here at Blosser is so right.

I often find myself saying, “I don’t have enough time or patience or ability or money in the budget or strength to face whatever has to be done.” But there is always a way. Because in the end, it isn’t time or money or patience or ability or personal strength, it is simply faith... faith in God and His remarkable people who work and live at Blosser.

THE JUDGMENT CALL

by PAUL D. MANGUM
West Chester, Pennsylvania

That was a ‘judgment call’ on the part of the referee.” I heard this familiar phrase as I watched a preseason Saturday afternoon football game. Then the announcer said, “Let’s see what the instant replay reveals.” In this particular instance the instant replay revealed that the referee was right, though thousands of the people in the stadium were still not convinced of the fact.

I was facing a situation in which I, along with two of my ministerial associates on the District Advisory Board, had made a “judgment call.” A decision had to be made and to make it either way would draw criticism. We weighed the evidence at hand and made the “judgment call.”

Like the referee in a football game, decisions have to be made on the spot. They are made by the person nearest to the situation. The grandstand makes a decision also, but the one that really counts is the “judgment call” made by the referee who is close at hand. That’s the call we live with.

It would be wonderful in life’s touchy situations and critical decisions if we could immediately have an instant replay. If we could, it might show that the “judgment call” was wrong. The instant replay doesn’t change the outcome of the football game, but it could drastically change decisions in life’s situations. I have always felt that the reverse gear was one of the best gears we have. If the “judgment call” in life’s situations could be proven wrong by instant replay, most of us would be willing to back up and say, “I’m sorry, I was wrong,” and proceed to correct the situation.

Life’s “Judgment calls” have no instant replay. We live with our decisions many times throughout our entire lives. Therefore we must be careful in making such decisions. Many of life’s “judgment calls” will only be revealed at the judgment bar of God where all things will be made plain.

Meanwhile I believe in Romans 8:28. Christ can take my humble efforts and use them for the advancement of His kingdom, but wouldn’t it be wonderful to have instant replay and be able to say “I was right” or “I was wrong, forgive me!”?

NOVEMBER 1, 1980
Are your eyes open to learn spiritual truths from the world around you? I'll always remember visiting the Kruger National Park in South Africa, and some lessons the animals there taught me are etched deeply in mind.

As we traveled at a snail’s pace through the Park, everyone in the car was intently looking for wild animals. There had been a drought in the land causing all the grass and bushes to be tinder-dry and brown, making it even more difficult than usual to spot the animals.

Suddenly, as we rounded a bend in the road, we came upon a reservoir tank where there was a good supply of water. Since all of the animals were thirsty because of the parched land, we found herds of them congregated there. Leading out from the tank was a long trough where the animals could freely drink, but we were amazed to see that none of them were drinking.

Soon, we discovered why! There, alongside the tank and just behind the trough, lay two lions resting in the shade. On either side, the impala and other animals kept slowly advancing toward the cool, clear water. But they were terrified of those lions as none of them wanted to be their next meal! Now and then the lions would move slightly or switch their tails and the animals would jump back and then repeat the process all over again.

Eventually, one lion stretched his legs and walked to the back of the tank. The bucks looked to each other to see who would go and drink first. Courageously, one impala finally led the way and came to the water trough and drank. His example gave courage to some of the others and, one by one, they stealthily came from both sides to drink. Some nearly reached the water and then jumped back, failing to have their thirst quenched. It was impossible to drink and watch those lions at the same time!

I noticed two that had come to the water to drink and then retreated just a short distance from the trough and started fighting as impala do—butting each other with their horns. They were wasting their newfound strength right there in front of many others who were so thirsty. From a high limb of a nearby tree, some baboons also enjoyed watching the proceedings.

Soon the lion came around the tank into full view again and all the animals fled some distance into the bush and stood in a line at attention as the “king of the beasts” marched back and forth, keeping all from the water.

While I observed all of this, the Lord spoke to me these spiritual lessons:

There is a spiritual drought in the world today. Men and women need the Water of Life, which is there free for all to come and drink because Christ died for all. But the devil is also right there, “as a roaring lion,” to keep us from drinking at the Fountain. Sometimes he just lies there, sometimes he walks around and roars, but he’s always around. He wants to delay our drinking—our accepting Christ—until it is too late.

It takes much courage to be a Christian, but it is a personal decision. We may have to go alone for a while, but we must not look to others to take the

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**DRINKING AT THE FOUNTAIN**

Frank Remington
lead. Our courage will encourage others to drink at the Fountain also.

Some people will almost come to the Water of Life, and may even come to the altar of prayer, then the devil scares them off by saying they will lose their friends, or they will be ridiculed, or they have cried before and failed. Then they back off with their thirst still not quenched. Still others will die of spiritual thirst before humbling themselves in front of others.

The two who drank but started fighting are like those who so soon forget how their thirst was quenched—how wonderful their salvation from sin—how changed are their lives—and soon become critical and faultfinding. We never know who is watching our lives as Christians. We can't afford to use our spiritual strength to fight each other when we are in God's army!

The devil is called a "lion" in the Bible to express his fierceness and strength. 1 Peter 5:8 reads, "Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." He is not satisfied until you are eternally lost.

How can we stand against the devil? The Bible says, "Be sober, be vigilant... resist [the devil] steadfast in the faith" (1 Peter 5:8-9). James 4:7 says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." We must be steadfast in the faith to resist the devil.

Christ says, "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17). But we are not alone, for when we do our part, then Christ is there to do His part. In 1 Peter 5:10 we have the promise, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you."

Let's be smarter than the animals! Do not allow anyone or anything to keep you from drinking at the Fountain of Life freely today!

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PEN POINTS

THE ELECTRIC CHURCH

Many Christians have discovered the wonderful world of the "electric church." It provides the latest and best of sacred music. The speaker is always interesting, often a person of great personal charisma. Further, one cannot be bored when the camera sweeps the audience for reactions or focuses on interesting scenes around the auditorium.

The "electric church" also provides a great variety for the connoisseur of church services, from informal patter on religious topics to great, inspiring services of uplifting music and dynamic messages.

Finally, there is convenience. Why get dressed up, and use precious gas to go to a church where the music isn't nearly so good, nor the crowd nearly as interesting, nor the preaching as exciting as you can see and hear in your own living room?

So why go to church? Why not stay home? Some are forced to be away from the fellowship gathering of God's people. They would be delighted to come together for the celebration of divine truth and life, to share and sing and sit under the preaching of God's man. But health forbids or other problems prohibit.

Other Christians choose to go to the gathering because they need the fellowship of people they love. They know that nothing can take the place of sharing the traumas and triumphs of friends in the atmosphere of God's presence.

When trouble comes, Jesus is our Rock and our Hope. A television service might provide some element of comfort. But most of us are just human enough to need a flesh-and-blood pastor and friend on whom to lean.

It is futile to call the TV pastor and ask him to come to your house to pray. He cannot. That is not his ministry. But it is the ministry of the local pastor, whose church faithfully supports him for just such a ministry.

Few TV or radio evangelists would encourage a person to abandon his home church in favor of the "electric church." They know full well that without the many ministries of the local church family their work would be in vain. The nurture of that local church family is essential for growing strong, faithful followers of Jesus.

The Early Church leader knew the importance of community when he wrote, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together ..." (Hebrews 10:25).

—HERBERT STEELE
Sacramento, California
THE STORY is told of a church choir director who strongly disapproved of receiving compliments about the singing of his choir. His reply to an admiring worshiper was liable to sound something like this—"It is generous of you to praise us, but it is also most disappointing; if you consciously liked our music or our singing of it, then we have fallen far short of our ideal. We worship God through our singing, and as a feature purely incidental to that we try to create for you not something to evoke your admiration, but merely an appropriate and above all inconspicuous background for your attitudes of worship."1

Well, this unexpected sermonette was obviously an extreme reaction to a sincere comment by an enthusiastic member of the congregation, but it does set the stage for a brief look at the role which music should play in our worship services. However, before we talk about music, let's back up one step, and try to determine the meaning of true worship.

One of the most interesting discussions of worship anywhere can be found in a series of essays by Soren Kierkegaard, entitled Purity of Heart. He writes.

It is so on the stage that someone sits and prompts by whispers; he is the inconspicuous one; he is, and wishes to be, overlooked. But then when there is another, he strides out prominently, he draws every eye to himself. For that reason he has been given his hame, that is; actor. He impersonates a distinct individual. In the skillful sense of this illusory art, each work becomes true when embodied in him, true through him—and yet he is told what he shall say by the hidden one that sits and whispers.

No one is so foolish as to regard the prompter as more important than the actor.2

Kierkegaard continues by lamenting the fact that churchgoers often consider the singers or speakers as the actors, and themselves as the audience whose task it is to pass judgment on the artists. But this should not be. The singers and speakers are not the actors. Rather, they are the prompters. Nor is the congregation to be the audience, for each listener must be searching his own heart and, as actors in a drama, seeking to embody the cues as received from the prompters. All of this takes place on the stage of eternity, with God himself present as the Audience.

So how does all of this apply to us? A frequent occurrence in Anywhere, U.S.A., on Sunday is the public commending of choirs and soloists for their presentations in the services. We must ask ourselves at this point, "Does not the intrusion of such accolades in a group worship situation call unjust attention to the individuals or ensembles who, as 'prompters from the wings,' are in no sense the actors?"

Of course, the need to express proper appreciation is important, and ministers and congregations should make special efforts to express it in the appropriate manner and time. I remember one particularly trying choir rehearsal at the church where I am privileged to serve as minister of music. We were struggling through some very difficult music which was scheduled to be performed at an important service coming up much too soon. As we approached quitting time, the choir members (and I, admittedly) were a bit discouraged, and I planned to try to give my usual "pep talk" about how important their ministry was, etc. Just then, the pastor happened to drop by (as he was wont to do on occasion). After excusing himself for interrupting, he proceeded to voice a very sincere, unsolicited compliment concerning the choir number on the previous Sunday. He further commended the choir for doing such a wonderful job of aiding the congregation in worship. As you might imagine, the effect on the choir was quite visible, and the discouragement immediately melted away, only to be replaced with new energy. As one back-row tenor put it so succinctly, "That couldn't have come at a better time!"

Just as public back-slapping seems out of order
IF YOU KEEP a warm heart and a cool head, you'll make it!" This was the advice that the late General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers gave me one memorable evening in Jerusalem 19 years ago.

We had just been transferred from our mission field in Lebanon to Jordan where we had not had resident missionaries for several years.

The new assignment was not an easy one, and Dr. Powers was very frank when he told me that I would face many problems in the days ahead in that difficult area.

As we sat in the car that cool, starry evening, Dr. Powers told me that, as a young missionary, I probably would have the urge to write him for help, advice, and direction when I faced a difficult situation. He was very kind in assuring me that if and when I did write him about my problems, he would do what he could to help. However, he asserted that it would be best for me to take the problem first to the Lord in prayer before talking or writing about it to anyone, and God would not fail to guide and direct me according to His promise: "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Psalm 32:8). Also he told me in every situation to "trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Dr. Powers went on to say that often when we have a problem the tendency is to go to other persons, and to approach the Lord for help as a last resort. In doing this we have wasted time, energy, and bothered others unnecessarily, as if they did not have problems of their own to contend with! God should be our first resort in time of trouble, difficulties, and problems.

It is very encouraging and helpful to know that if we heed the checks of the Holy Spirit, and listen to the "still small voice" saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it" (Isaiah 30:21), often He will prevent us getting into unnecessary difficulties and unwarranted situations that are liable to precipitate additional problems of our own making.

Before we left the car Dr. Powers made a statement that I have not forgotten all these years, and have shared with many on numerous occasions: "IF YOU KEEP A WARM HEART AND A COOL HEAD, YOU'LL MAKE IT!" He said that there are too many people with cold hearts and hot heads who solve one problem and create several worse ones in the process. These people are problems themselves and need help.

Keeping a warm heart and a cool head is excellent advice for anyone, anytime, and anywhere. The only way we can have a warm heart is by keeping close to the heart of God through a regular, daily, unhurried, devotional life. This will help us have a continuing and growing trust in God's power, wisdom, and never-failing promises. This in turn will enable us to hold steady in times of crisis by having a cool head.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26:3).
Sandpaper people come in all sizes and shapes—some big, some small, some medium, some talkative, some reticent. However, sandpaper people have one thing in common. For some reason, they irritate us. We don’t want them to bother us! We don’t want them to annoy us. We don’t want to feel cool towards them, but they rub us the wrong way!

Just a few short years ago, God brought a sandpaper person into my life. She was cut, designed, and molded to eventually work into my heart some basic qualities of Godlikeness—love, grace, forgiveness, and long-suffering.

This person had one habit that got under my skin—she was an incessant talker. She was everywhere I went—on the telephone at 7 a.m., at my door when getting off to work, sitting beside me in church, and all the time talk, talk, talk.

I knew God’s desire for me towards her and I spent time in prayer asking God to change her and help me with this problem. My Lord, in teaching me about sandpaper people, brought His sense of humor into the lesson.

As I prayed for time away from the problem, it seemed to demand more of me, time beyond my imagination (and willingness). God’s greatest lesson came when He put us together for a week-long conference in a faraway city. Just us for seven whole days! During that time God showed me a different side of her. He let me see the seriousness of her marriage problems. He let me see her overwhelming loneliness. He let me see her financial problems. He let me see her lack of purpose in life. It was shortly after this, at a ladies’ prayer fellowship where she prayed for my concerns, that God took away my sandpaper person. When we rose from prayer, God had forgiven me, cleansed me, and replaced that “annoying” person with a new sister in Christ.

We are still losing altogether too many converts who make a sincere start. When even one goes back to the life of sin, we should be able to say, “We did our best to hold him.” But, alas, during more than 30 years in the ministry I’ve seen them come, make an honest start, and then go back into the haunts of sin without an audible groan or a visible tear from many in the church.

I’ve heard all the old worn-to-the-bone excuses as to why we fail to hold our converts. They are glibly given by laymen and preachers alike. Do any of these sound familiar? “They didn’t pray through.” “They refused to pay the price.” “They didn’t really mean it.” “They came just to please so-and-so.” “They loved the world so much that I knew they wouldn’t hold out.” “They were emotionally upset at the time.” However, in my years of experience, far more fell by the way because of unloving Christians who weren’t concerned enough to throw a canopy of love around the converts which would make it difficult for them to hear the siren calls of the world.

In my early years of pastoral ministry, a young lady came from “the rough” and found Christ as her Savior. She had so much to learn about the Christian way. All went well for some time until she got wind of some unloving and unkind remarks by some of the church folk. One day she came to the parsonage to announce her withdrawal from the church. She could have been saved for Christ and the church had the church rallied around her with a genuine manifestation of caring love. Love is the only guarantee method for preserving new converts for Christ and His church. Love extends itself and reaches out helping hand. Love builds a bridge to span the pitfalls they must face. Love still makes a difference!

I once pastored a lady who publicly complained “We’re getting too much like the Salvation Army around here,” when she saw a host of children at youth attending and finding Christ. And then the
had not changed her. He had taken the blinders off my eyes and changed me!

My sandpaper person was a talker, but they can come in other packages, too. They can always drop in with nothing to do, for three hours. Or they are always gloomy, like they had just emerged from the crash of '29. Or they are always late for everything except dinner. Or they never, never carry through with a promise, unless they promised not to help.

These qualities, and scores of others that could be written, are often minor flaws of character. Yet they bround the deeper friendships and fellowships. I believe God continues to work the answers into my life is a minister’s wife. I believe that His answers to me can be of help to all of us.

God simply taught me that I need to realize that every person that comes into my life is sent into my life as a special individual whom God created. I need to ask God to help me look beyond their faults to their hurts and needs. As their particular needs focus on our thinking, it is truly a miracle of the Holy Spirit that those faults which drove them from our close fellowship no longer plague each moment together. They are no longer the sandpaper persons whose approach we might have dreaded, but living, loving persons created by God who need to be understood, encouraged, and helped.

was a board member who openly objected to receiving new members into the church since they might disturb the balance of power (his power) and disrupt the atmosphere of the church. All would agree that these were extreme, and they did not show the spirit of Christian love and concern for new converts. However, I often wonder how many others show the same attitude by their spirit of indifference toward those who are starting to come to our churches.

Dr. J. B. Chapman once said that our church has been accused of keeping the most wonderful message in the world to ourselves. He went on to say that in our cozy little circle of fellowship and mutual admiration we are apt to lose the tender spirit of concern. Far too often our circle fails to include new folks, fails to extend the hand of fellowship until after they have proven themselves. Too many are left at the mercy of the world. It is little wonder that only the hardy survive spiritually.

The spirit of tender love is still the secret to getting our new converts established. It reaches out beyond self and takes them in. While experience has proven that some who make a profession will find their way back into the ways of the world, we need to make it difficult for them to do so. We must throw a canopy of love around each new convert and show them that we really care. Should one begin to stray, we need to be able to say, “We are doing our dead level best to hold him for the Lord.”

Amen we in danger of losing our song because of the crowded schedule of modern living, the pressure of duties, the crushing burden of care?

Some of us remember with genuine nostalgia, a family group gathered around the parlour piano (or pedal-pumped organ) singing one old hymn after another. What spiritual uplift it afforded! Or the social gatherings when the entire group sang the gospel songs and well-known hymns of the Christian faith!

The music department of your publishing house (Lillenas) offers a collection of 132 all-time favorites under the title "The Golden Hymnbook" (MB-381). It's big in size, 8½ x 11½, with very large print. The book has plastic ring binding which allows it to lay open flat. The price is only $4.95.

Compiler Robert W. Stringfield says, “Originally this book was designed for those whose eyesight is impaired to the extent that the standard hymnbook is difficult or impossible to read. It has proven to be very usable for the elderly and those in rest homes and hospitals.

“The selection of content began with the list of America’s best-loved hymns as revealed by a nationwide survey. To those we added a variety of sacred favorites that are ageless. The result has been a best-seller.”

To Order, see page 23.
A RUINOUS PHILOSOPHY

Ira Bray, one of our retired elders, is a proven friend to this editor. He writes me on a fairly regular basis to assure me of his prayers and to share his latest thoughts and concerns.

In a recent letter, he reminded me that the philosophy of this age—"I did it my way"—is not really modern. "Do your own thing" goes clear back to the Fall, and was expressed in the fig-leaf attire which Adam and Eve provided for themselves, and which God rejected, insisting upon more adequate covering which He himself supplied.

Another example of "do it yourself" was Sarah's attempt to provide the heir of promise to Abraham through her maid Hagar. Yet another was Israel's rash insistence upon invading Canaan after refusing to enter the land in obedience to God.

New Testament examples are the suggestion of the disciples to "buy bread" for the multitude, and the desire of James and John to call fire down upon a hospitable Samaritans. As Brother Bray points out all these attempts to ignore God's will and to do man's thing resulted in tragedy and defeat.

History and the Judgment will reveal that "doing your own thing" is the sure way to botch up human life. Playing God can only result in disaster. The Christian and the Church must reject the ego-centered philosophy and spirit of the age and insist upon the Lordship of Jesus over all of life.

Jesus did not buy this "do your own thing" philosophy. He said, "I came down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him that sent me" (John 6:38). Those who would follow Jesus must accept the Father's will as their own rule of life, and not determine their lives by their own wishes or whims.

Doing your own thing is ruinous. It's like the fellow who boasted of being a self-made man. His wife said he was a horrible example of unskilled labor.

A MAN OF FAITH AND HOPE

M. M. Snyder was the oldest ordained minister in our church until God called him home on August 27. In the New Orleans area, he was for many years the best-known Nazarene. Few men have been more deeply loved and respected by those who knew him. He lived 101 years, and filled 76 of them with intense, devoted service to Jesus Christ.

Manno Snyder was apprenticed to a blacksmith when he was 10. In his early 20s, he was a bartender. At 25, he was converted and called to preach, never wavering from his commitment to God and the gospel.

In 1937 he was assigned to a small church of 20 members in New Orleans. It became a strong church, spawning 7 others across the years. M. M. Snyder had a part in the establishment of them all.

A single incident, relayed to me by his pastor, A. Ray Faulk, illustrates the profound respect in which Snyder was held. A Catholic businessman approached Rev. Faulk to suggest that some kind of monument should be erected in memory of Rev. Snyder. This businessman volunteered the first thousand dollars and offered to help raise the funds required. The local church will probably erect a building in Snyder's honor.

Brother Snyder's last few years were spent in a nursing home. Active for 97 years, he found this difficult to accept at times. When he had been there three years, he confessed that in moments of depression "It seemed like a small eternity." But on his 100th birthday, he wrote about it from a perspective of triumphant faith: "The Lord shut me in to teach me in a schoolroom where I could learn more in six months than I could learn anywhere else in lifetime."
Doing your own thing is ruinous. It's like the fellow who boasted of being a self-made man. His wife said he was a horrible example of unskilled labor.

This dauntless saint turned straitened circumstances into enlarged opportunities. "It is my daily privilege," he wrote, "to visit, encourage and pray for more of those in need than ever before in my life."

Through his testimony shines a bright hope.

The Lord shut me in to prepare me for a new world. . . . Won't it be heaven to no longer be shut in? What a heaven it will be for those who have always been sick when they are always well, and after 20 years of pain have millions of years of health. The light of heaven will be glorious for those who on earth could not see their hands before their faces. The music of heaven will be thrilling for those whose ears had ceased to hear. . . . Are we old? One breath from heaven will make us everlasting young again. Have we aches and pains? They insure Christ's presence and sympathy through the darkest nights. Have we lost loved ones? Here is the resurrected Christ whose voice is full of resurrection power. Are you lonely? All the angels of heaven are ready to become our companions. . . .

As you can see from these words, written at age 100, he lived and died in quenchless hope.

Through his long journey, M. M. Snyder never lost his sense of humor. At 98 he wrote his first article, which was published in the Herald of Holiness. When someone asked, "Why did you start writing at 98?" he answered, "It's either now or never!"

At his graveside in Bethany, Oklahoma, college president John A. Knight led the assembled family and friends in Brother Snyder's favorite hymn, "Amazing Grace." Amazing grace is the enduring message of his long life, well spent for Christ and the church. By the grace of God he was converted, sanctified, called to preach, and sustained throughout a long, happy, and fruitful ministry. People like M. M. Snyder made possible the Church of the Nazarene. And people like M. M. Snyder are made possible by the amazing grace of God.

DRESSING FOR SUCCESS, II

The September 15 issue carried an editorial entitled "Dressing for Success." The editorial attempted to make a single point, that you cannot equate a minister's credibility with his clothes. A man in "proper" attire may be a phony and preach a false gospel.

My mailbox and my telephone have alerted me to the fact that some missed the one and only point I intended, and read into the editorial another point altogether. I have been charged with justifying sloppiness. While the charge is untrue, I am willing to hear it kindly. Perhaps I didn't make myself clear. Sometimes what I lack in clarity, I make up in obscurity.

To make things perfectly clear, let me say that I fully and firmly believe that a man in the pulpit should look neat and smell clean. No preacher should appear in the pulpit looking like a candidate for a "slob of the week" award. Preachers should dress neatly, cleanly, and modestly. God is not glorified by deliberate scrounginess and grubbiness.

To use the previous editorial as a defense for slovenly or immodest appearance is to misuse it. Neither by word nor example have I ever advocated an "anything goes" attitude toward dress.

Having made that clear, I hope, let me return to the point, the only point, of the previous editorial. A preacher's credibility is the integrity of his gospel. If he preaches the truth, whether his suit is black or green, whether his shirt is white or tan, whether his tie is solid or striped are not important to sensible people.

To sensible people, it is important that their minister have a sense of what is appropriate to the occasion. They would not expect him to repair the engine of his car in a good suit. Neither would they expect him to come to the pulpit in grease-smeared coveralls. Clothes do not make the man. They do reveal his measure of common sense.
ON A FRIGID DAY in February, I witnessed the crucifixion of a brother in Christ. The executioners were not government soldiers or atheists gone mad. They were fellow Christians, I sat just a few feet away, numbed by the ugly scene. I had heard about this sort of thing. About mobs of self-appointed executioners who, in the name of Christ, carry out their bloody tasks by telephone, around tables in the office lunchroom, over cups of hot coffee. I didn’t want to believe it. Even as I watched the scene before me, I hoped that it was just a dream.

But it wasn’t. I became tense as a large, rusty nail of slander broke this brother’s flesh. With each pound of the hammer of intolerance the shrieks pierced the ears of my heart.

As they lifted the cross, I jumped to my feet and motioned for them to stop. “Why are you crucifying this man?” I asked. “What has he done? Isn’t he your brother in Christ?”

They glared at me through eyes full of vengeance and snapped, “He was our brother. But no longer! He does not see eye to eye with us on matters of our faith!”

As I drew closer I saw that I knew the victim. He was a man of integrity and I knew he held true to the essentials of the faith. I protested, “But he is in sympathy with the things you hold dear! There has been a terrible misunderstanding!”

“Get out of our way,” they warned. “Ours is a simple faith and this man has been questioning it!”

With that, they slid the cross into the hole of narrow-mindedness dug for just this occasion. While the victim screamed and gasped for air, the executioners held hands as they stood around the cross and offered a prayer of thanks that, once again, the simple faith had been preserved. The cold winter wind rustled the sign posted above the brother’s head. It read, “A Destroyer of the Faith.”

No doubt that was the title some gave to B. F. Haynes, the first editor of the Herald of Holiness, who wrote in his autobiography, “My life has been simply one of protest, my voice and pen have been kept busy in dissent.” The heat of dissent not only shocked Haynes’s life but played a significant role in the heritage of the Church of the Nazarene as well.

This debate and protest was not over what brand of pork-and-beans should be served at the next church picnic! What was “under fire” were issues vital to our faith. Issues which were so important that it mattered intensely what one believed. A similar tension exists today. On the one hand, we must be guardians of right doctrine. On the other hand, we must understand that it is because right doctrine is so precious that it is subjected again and again to fresh thought and, subsequently, debate.

Executioners of those accused of questioning “the simple faith” commit two flagrant errors in their zeal. The first error is overconfidence in their finite ability to comprehend divine truth. The second is to equate a simple faith with a simplistic faith. A simple faith affirms the salvific message of the gospel. A simplistic faith robs the gospel of its richness by ignoring its complexity. Thus a simplistic faith is easily threatened by questioning. It becomes intolerant and harsh and unforgiving. And it isn’t long before another crucifixion is scheduled.

A truly simple faith is just the opposite. It is a faith that is not so fragile as to be destroyed by questioning and debate. It is a faith so flexible that it is teachable and not afraid of gaining new understanding. It is a faith that calls into play both heart and mind. The epistle of James declares, “For the wisdom from above is in the first place pure; and then peace-loving, considerate, and open to reason; it is straightforward and sincere, rich in mercy and in the kindly deeds that are its fruit” (James 3:17, NEB).

Certainly it is the responsibility of every committed Christian to be a guardian of the faith. In The Incendiary Fellowship, Elton Trueblood notes that committed Christianity is based on a conviction which is definite. He writes, “In the most profound sense of the word [committed Christianity] is ‘narrow,’” and “is the exact opposit of mild religion with its easy tolerance.”

Yet there is a big difference between definite belief and dogmatism, between conviction and closed-mindedness. This distinction is important. It serves as a compass as we navigate our way between doctrinal carelessness and the simplistic faith of the circle of pious executioners. To disregard this compass will be to forfeit the faith we hope to defend.

Rev. David Denson, pastor of the South Daytona Beach, Fla., church and director of the Family Life Counseling Center there, has recently edited a book entitled Written Not with Ink. It is a collection of letters written to God from the heart of today's teenagers. These letters were collected during the years Rev. Denson taught at a local Christian high school. The book is being published locally by the Champion Printing and the proceeds from its sale will go to support the Counseling Center and its community ministries.

Robert R. Chenoweth of Fenton, Mich., has been selected to the list of Who's Who in the Midwest. Chenoweth has been president of Chenoweth Construction Company, Inc., since 1974. He was born in Columbus, Ohio, and attended Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee, Ill. He and his wife, Arlene, who works with him in the business, have three sons, Timothy, Eric, and Gregg.

Chenoweth served as president of the Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce in 1977. He also served as president of the Fenton Kiwanis Club in 1978. He is a member of the building committee of Flint, Mich., Central Church. In 1977 he was a lay contractor, builder of five mission churches in Nicaragua.

Paul W. Spear, executive administrator of Headquarters Operations at International Headquarters, Church of the Nazarene, was recently elected to Who's Who in the Midwest and published in the 1980 edition. Persons selected for Who's Who in the Midwest represent a broad spectrum of achievements in many fields of endeavor. Included are executives and officials in government, business, law, education, and religion. To be selected, a person must have accomplished achievement in some field affecting the development of the midwestern region of North America—something that has distinguished him from the majority of his contemporaries.

Mike (Paul Michael), Dale Prescott, and David Wayne are the sons of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Beals, of James-town, N.D. The boys did not attend a regular elementary school. The Bealses were missionaries in Belize (British Honduras) for 10 years, so Charlotte Beals taught them at home through a correspondence course. Dale was taught to the sixth grade, David to the fourth grade, and Mike to the first grade at home.

Dale attended West Point for two years and then decided he didn't want to be an officer. So he left the academy and went to Vanderbilt School of Engineering at Nashville. The family thought Dale's resignation would hurt David's chances of being accepted at West Point. But David was accepted after being nominated by Senator Bill Brock (R-Tenn) and Congressman Clifford Allen (D-Tenn). David graduated this spring and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps May 28. He has been assigned to Germany for three years.

And now Mike will attend West Point. He received nominations from Congressman Mark Andrews, Senator Milton Young, and Congressman Bill Boner (D-Tenn.).
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MEET THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL BOARD

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Accountable to the Board of General Superintendents, the Finance Committee, and the General Board, it is the responsibility of this committee to invest all funds of the church that are committed and reserved for future use. Of these funds, the largest portion represents the actuarial reserves for the pensions of ministers, their widows, and full-time district-credentialed laymen of the United States and Canada. More than 82 percent of all ordained and district-licensed ministers in the International Church of the Nazarene are covered by the "Basic" Pension plan. Wise investment of funds is essential to the well-being of the retirement program.

In this capacity the Investment Committee has served the church well. In the last three years, the Church of the Nazarene has realized the largest return on investments of any of the churches of its size in the membership of the Church Pensions Conference.

YOUTH MINISTERS TO GATHER FOR RE/PRO

Youth ministers from across the nation will be gathering for the second RE/PRO (Retreat for Professional Youth Ministers), sponsored by the Department of Youth Ministries of the Church of the Nazarene, in cooperation with the Free Methodist, Wesleyan, and Missionary churches. Hueston Woods State Lodge in Hueston Woods, Ohio, will be the site of the biennial conference, scheduled for April 28—May 1, 1981.

Reuben Welch and Barry St. Clair headline the list of guest resource speakers. Rev. Welch currently serves as chaplain of Point Loma College, and is a noted writer and Bible teacher. Mr. St. Clair, presently the director of Reach Out Ministries, has been a featured speaker at several youth conferences nationwide, and has authored a number of youth discipleship books.

According to Michael Pitts, RE/PRO coordinator, the retreat will include three and one-half days of ministry equipping, personal spiritual growth, professional training and tips, and sharing. RE/PRO will also provide full-time youth ministers an opportunity for contact with the Department of Youth Ministries staff and with...

The King Conference Center was the site of an intensive week of writing and editing as the Discipling Committee finalized work on the new discipling materials which will be introduced at PALCON II.

In opening the conference, Dr. Eugene L. Stowe reminded the special committee that this project, initiated by the Board of General Superintendents, was in response to one of the major expressed needs in the church. He stated that these new materials are a high priority for the denomination and for each pastor in reference to all new converts and to any needing a deeper understanding of what it means to be a holiness Nazarene.

Representing the Nazarene Publishing House, Mr. Bud Lunn, manager, emphasized the project is one of the most important of the last 20 years.

The Discipling Committee, chaired by Dr. Neil B. Wiseman, pastor, Pompano Beach, Fla., had set the scope of the book at previous meetings and assigned authors and editors. These authors—Rev. Melvin McCullough, Rev. Jerry Lambert, Rev. Gordon Wetmore, Dr. Al Truesdale, Dr. Ruben Welch, Rev. Bill Sullivan, Dr. Millard Reed, Dr. A. F. Harper, and Dr. Neil B. Wiseman—met the week of August 25 to complete and edit manuscripts. Dr. Fred Parker and Dr. A. F. Harper are editorial consultants for the materials.

Dr. Mark R. Moore, executive director of the Department of Education and the Ministry, cosponsor of this project, explained that PALCON II will serve as the launching pad for this new discipling program. He said, "Each pastor's ministry should be enriched by these materials and benefited by the other emphases which will be a part of PALCON II scheduled for the summer of 1981."

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The *Herald* index should provide an invaluable guide to students and researchers who are interested in the historic development of the Church of the Nazarene.

—Reported by B. Edgar Johnson

CNC BOARD APPOINTS NEW DEAN OF STUDENT LIFE

Last week the mail-balloting of the Canadian Nazarene College Board of Governors was completed and Rev. Don Kauffman was elected. President Neil E. Hightower has announced that Rev. Kauffman has accepted the offer and the seminary libraries for the coming school year. Headquarters personnel and other researchers will have access to a copy in the Nazarene Archives.

He is a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College, with a B.A. in sociology, and of Nazarene Theological Seminary, with the Master of Divinity degree. His wife's name is Dee and they have a young son, Kyle.

Rev. Kauffman will replace Rev. Colin Campbell who accepted a similar assignment at Eastern Nazarene College. He is charged with the immediate oversight of campus life and student affairs, a full-time administrative position responsible to the president and the Board of Governors. He will work closely with the Student Council and the Administrative Council of the college.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO SUPERVISE MAJOR HOLINESS PROJECT**

Many of the literary classics of the church's holiness heritage are out of print, difficult to obtain, or are buried in larger works. In its concern for both the basic and continuing education of our ministers, its desire for the enrichment of the ministry, and in response to the challenge of our quinquennial theme of "Celebrating Christian Holiness," the Department of Education and the Ministry, in cooperation with the Nazarene Publishing House, has announced sponsorship of a new major publishing project to meet this need.

The committee which has been appointed to supervise this series of six books, to be released over a three-year period, is as follows: Dr. Mark R. Moore, chairman; Dr. William M. G. Hurst, Rev. and Mrs. O. G. Karker, Rev. Miss I. Koffel, Rev. and Mrs. H. O. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. D. Moyer, Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Penn, and Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Smith.

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**THE R.S.A. SOUTH FIELD COUNCIL MEETS**

The Republic of South Africa South Field's 10th annual council was held July 14-17 at Come Together Guest Farm. Missionaries present were Rev. and Mrs. P. Bedwell, Rev. and Mrs. G. Hurst, Rev. and Mrs. O. G. Karker, Rev. Miss I. Koffel, Rev. and Mrs. H. O. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. D. Moyer, Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Penn, and Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Smith.

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August 11, 11 teens, forming the singing and drama group called HIS, left Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, for an 18-day tour of the United States. The group visited Nazarene churches all across the United States before returning home. The Medicine Hat church uses a four-year program of summer ministry tours as a drawing card for one-on-one discipling in the group as well as training the teens for public ministry. While in the United States, the group visited the Nazarene Headquarters, Publishing House, and seminary. Pictured is the group in front of the Headquarters building.

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News of Evangelism

Bridgeport/Brewer, Wash.: Rocky Butte church had Earl McCool of Pasco, Wash., as evangelist on a Sunday over Sunday revival. Rev. McCool challenged people to live a Christlike life. Several were converted.

—Gary Waller, pastor

Austin, Tex.: Grace Church recently had a revival with Rev. Lindard Wells, evangelist, and Bruce Wade, song evangelist. Both labored under the Holy Spirit’s anointing. Many of the services saw seekers at the altar, with at least 15 persons finding definite answers to prayer. The entire congregation grew spiritually.

—D. U. Shockoe, pastor

New Black Congregation Organized

On July 19, people from all the Jackson, Miss., Nazarene churches, along with a number of children from the community, gathered to distribute handbills for the Happy Life Crusade. This was held at the Jones Community Center, Jackson. July 21—August 10.

July 21, a children’s crusade began with 146 in attendance, which included the Day Care Center children. Mrs. Juanita McKinnon of Charleston, W. Va., directed the children’s crusade, with the assistance of Rev. and Mrs. Warren Rogers, Prescott, Ariz. Rev. Elvin Frame ministered to the children each morning with his puppets and helpers.

On Sunday, July 27, the Happy Life Crusade began with 265 in attendance. Rev. Charles Johnson and the Meridian Fitkin Choir, along with Rev. and Mrs. Rogers, presented special songs during the service. The crusade continued for two weeks with approximately 75 people seeking the Lord. Rev. and Mrs. Rogers also ministered to those who attended and visited in the community, winning several to the Lord in their homes.

During the days of this crusade, many helped to make it a success. Mrs. Ruth King of Kansas, an interested layperson, took her vacation and came to Jackson at her own expense to assist the Rogerses. Revs. Ray Wilson, Joe Jones, J. T. Drey, Bill Horne, Louis Lovell, and Marvin Denton, along with many laypersons, helped in various ways.

Rev. Bill Lancaster, superintendent of the Mississippi District, organized and arranged for the crusade. Publicity was given by the newspapers, radio, and television.

The new congregation (Bethany Church of the Nazarene) was organized August 16 at 2 p.m. with 16 charter members. Rev. Bill Lancaster, district superintendent; Rev. Warren Rogers, Sr.; and Rev. Warren Rogers, Jr., took part in the service. Rev. Warren Rogers, Jr., was installed as the pastor of the new church.

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Rev. Warren Rogers, Jr., pastor of the new Bethany Church, receives one of the charter members.

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**SBI PROGRAM ADMITS BNC BUSINESS DIVISION**

The Small Business Administration has announced the addition of Bethany Nazarene College as a member of its Small Business Institute Program, according to Robert K. Ball, acting director of the SBA.

The SBI program was established in 1972 as a joint effort between college business divisions across the United States and the SBA to aid small businesses with management assistance.

Currently, there are nearly 450 colleges and universities participating in the program, serving about 8,000 business concerns annually.

According to Dr. Larry Mills, SBI coordinator at BNC, the SBI program consists of a student/faculty team which receives assistance from SBA resources and SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) for the designed purpose of helping small businesses analyze and overcome their management problems. They thus have an opportunity to receive outside assistance that may be otherwise too costly, and students receive practical business problem experience.

Dr. Mills, who is also chairman of the Department of Professional Services, brings 12 years of small business consulting experience to the position.

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**SWAZILAND SOUTH DISTRICT REPORT**

The new Swaziland South District had a 47 percent growth in membership this past year. Two new churches were organized, and the average Sunday School attendance was 106.

The district assembly, held August 28-29, accepted an increase of 174 percent in district budget allocations for the coming year. The first unit of the district center, begun by Nashville First Church, is nearing completion.

Rev. S. E. Dlamini, district superintendent, challenged the assembly to plant 12 new churches during this quinquennium.

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**CAPE VERDE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORT**

Rev. Gilberto Evora, national district superintendent, presided over the 27th annual assembly of the Cape Verde District, held in St. Vincent, August 5-10. He challenged the district to strive to take in 200 new members during the coming church year. He was unanimously reelected to serve his second year.

Rev. Antonio Leite, pastor of the Boston, Mass., Dorchester Church, preached in the evangelistic services each evening. Rev. Roy Henck, field chairman, brought the morning devotional messages.

Elders Daniel Barros and Antonio Barbosa and laymen Lourenço Lima and João Dinis Brito were elected to the Advisory Board.

Reelected as NWMS president was Pastor David Tavares. Rev. Mario Lima was reelected NYI president, and Mrs. Maria Luisa Barros, chairperson of the Board of Christian Life.

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**FOR THE RECORD**

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

**TENNESSEE**

The 69th annual assembly of the Tennessee District took place at Nashville, Tenn. Grace Church. District Superintendent W. Talmadge Johnson serving under appointment, was elected for a one-year term. He reported the organization of Whitehouse, Tenn., and Jackson District churches.

Presiding General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Richard L. Brantley, Stephen G. Green, and Darrell Robert Poppelmeyer..

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders James Craig, Harold Latham, and Millard Reed and laymen Lev Barnes, Wendell Poole, and Leon Guille.

Ruth Leviner, NWMS president; William Strickland, NYI president; and Edmond P. Nash, chairperson of the Board of Christian Life, were reelected to their respective positions.
Pictured (l. to r.) are Dr. Milton B. Parrish, superintendent of the Kansas City District; ordinands and their wives, Rev. and Mrs. David DeBord, Rev. and Mrs. David Downs, and Rev. and Mrs. Chris Fosback; and Dr. V. H. Lewis, general superintendent.

KANSAS CITY
The 39th annual assembly of the Kansas City District met at Olathe, Kan. College Church. District Superintendent Milton B. Parrish, reelected for a four-year term, reported the organization of Fort Oatage Church at Independence, Mo., and the transfer to First Spanish Church from the Latin American District.

General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained David Errol Downs, Chris Elmer Fosback, and David Lee De Bord.

Elders Howard Borgeson, Gordon Wetmore, Richard Young, and Paul Cunningham, and laymen Howard Hamlin, C. W. Bud King, Leland King, and Frank Rice were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Tommie Parrish, NWMS president; Rev. Leon Skinner, NYI president; and laymen Howard Hamlin, C. W. Bud King, Leland King, and Frank Rice were elected to the Advisory Board.

MINNESOTA
The 41st annual assembly of the Minnesota District took place at Lake Koronis Camp, Paynesville. District Superintendent Virgil K. Grover, elected for another four-year term, reported the organization of the Bemidji church.

General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Walter T. Maharry and Ramon Vanderpool.

GEORGIA
The 66th annual assembly of the Georgia District convened at Atlanta First Church. Dr. J. W. Hulett, district superintendent, completing the second year of an extended term, reported the organization of Lilburn Parkview Church.


Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Emory Lindsey, Robert E. Maner, and Terry W. Soles and laymen Marcus Clements, John Faircloth, and Howard Marks.

Mrs. Eugene Wiseman was reelected president of NWMS, Rev. Scott Lowry was elected NYI president; and Rev. James B. Hubbard was reelected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

NORTHWEST INDIANA
The 38th annual assembly of the Northwest Indiana District met at Kokomo. Ind. District Superintendent George Scott retired, and Thomas M. Hermon, district superintendent of South Arkansas, was elected for a one-year term.

Charles H. Strickland was the presiding general superintendent.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Carlton D. Hansen, Earl L. Roustio, and Richard L. Leffler, and laymen Tharen Evans Bud Goble and Robert Ward.

Jean Goble was elected NWMS president. Stephen Gladding was reelected NYI president, and Oscar Sheets was reelected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

JOPLIN
The 23rd annual assembly of the Joplin District met at Carthage, Mo. District Superintendent James C. Hester, reelected for a four-year term, reported the organization of Fort Scott West Park Church.

General Superintendent William M. Greathouse ordained Philip C. Kent James Sukraw, and Raymond Willard.

Elders Tom Daniels, B. J. Garber, and John Moles, and laymen Marvin Cherry, A. R. Motley, and John Van Dyne were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. James C. Hester was reelected NWMS president. Tom Tinker was elected NYI president, and Ark. Noel Jr., was elected chairman to the Board of Christian Life.

SOUTH CAROLINA
The 38th annual assembly of the South Carolina District met at the Carolina Inn, Columbia. S. C. District Superintendent Dwight Moody Gunter, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained John Mark Mellish, and Ronnie T. Taylor.

Elders Harold M. Liner and Harry Widener, and laymen J. B. Hawks and Oscar B. Pullen were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Nina G. Gunter, NWMS president, Rev. Max Downs, NYI president; and Rev. Harry Widener, chairman of the Board of Christian Life were reelected to their respective positions.
MISSOURI

The 70th annual assembly of the Missouri District met at the St. Louis, Mo. Southwest Church. District Superintendent Arthur E. Mottram, completing the third year of an extended term, reported the organization of a new church in Bowling Green, Mo.

William M. Greathouse, presiding general superintendent, ordained Steven R. Cakebread, Larry E. Emerson, Wilbur Solomon, and Aldean Wood.

Elders Douglas Clem, Chester Kneir, and Harold D. Wright, and laymen Al Bain, Don Cork, and Jack Whaley were elected to the Advisory Board.

Arlene Mottram, NWMS president; Robert A. Wade, NYI president; and Wayne LaForce, chairman of the Board of Christian Life, were reelected to their respective positions.

SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA

The 32nd annual assembly of the Southwest Oklahoma District met in Oklahoma City, Okla. Western Oaks Church. District Superintendent M. Bert Daniels, completing the third year of an extended term, reported the organization of a new church at Newcastle, Okla.

Presiding General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Jim Slaughter and Terry Edwards.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Carl Summer and Dave Humble and laymen Ken Hughen and James Emmert.

Mrs. Bert Daniels was reelected NWMS president; Rev. Terry Rowland was reelected NYI president; and Rev. Garland Wallace was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

ILLINOIS

The 37th annual assembly of the Illinois District met at Decatur, Ill. First Church District Superintendent James E. Huntion, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.


Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Carl H. Carroll, Sr., Gilbert Hughes, and John Ruzich; and laymen Kent Nisbitt, Gerald Oliver and Kenneth Whittington.

Mrs. Kenneth Whittington, NWMS president, William D. Chensault, NYI president; and L. W. Hindmand, chairman of the Board of Christian Life, were reelected to their respective positions.

LOUISIANA

The 70th annual assembly of the Louisiana District met in Shreveport, La. District Superintendent Ralph E. West, completing the first year of an extended term, reported the organization of a new church in Slidell, La. Dr. V. H. Lewis was the presiding general superintendent.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Ford Boone and Everette Johnson, and laymen J. T. Henderson and D. A. Peterson.

Mrs. Juanita Holladay was elected NWMS president; Rev. Mark Liner was reelected NYI president; and Rev. Bryan LeJeune was reelected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

NORTH CAROLINA

The 53rd annual assembly of the North Carolina District met at Raleigh, N. C. District Superintendent Oval Stone reported the organization of new churches at Mount Jefferson, New Bern, and Roanoke Rapids.

General Superintendent William M. Greathouse ordained George Gately, Jr., David Graves, Michael Jackson, Dale Lovett, and Stephen Sorenson.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders William Sever and Paul Pearson, and laymen Odie Page and Bill Tate.

Mrs. Joyce Pearson was elected NWMS president; Rev. Howard Plummer was reelected NYI president; and Rev. Dan Boone was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA

The 29th annual assembly of the Southeast Oklahoma District met at Durant, Okla. First Church. District Superintendent Wendell O. Parise, completing the third year of an extended term, reported the organization of a new church at Choctaw, Okla.

Elders Clifford E. Jones and Harold Blankenship, and Laymen Bob Ketchum and Jimmy Hazen were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Wendell O. Paris, NWMS president; Kenneth M. Brown, NYI president; and Charles Slipes, chairman of the Board of Christian Life, were reelected to their respective positions.

MOVING MINISTERS

KENNETH D. ARDREY from Prince Albert, Sask., Canada, to Toronto (Ont., Canada) Read

L. EDWARD BARKER from Colton (Calif.) Inland Empire to Pampa, Tex.

W. H. BARNETT from Ozark, Mo., to Billings, Mont.

GLENN O. BLAIR, JR., from Springfield, Ohio.

MOVING MINISTERS

KENNETH CROW from Boulder (Colo.) South to Humboldt, Iowa.

D. M. DUKE from Lake Charles (La.) First to Empire, Mich.

HARPER L. COLE from Bethany, Okla., to Roanoke, Va.

RICHARD S. DICKINSON from Paulding, Ohio.

Kenneth M. Brown, NYI president; and Charles A. FRANK from associate, Pueblo (Colo.) Central to Monticello, Fla.

PHILLIP J. EIGSTI from Keokuk, la., to Evanston, Ill.

EMILY T. DUNCAN from Grand Bay, Ala., to Paducah, Ky.

DAVID FELTER from Bloomington (Ind.) First to Ottawa, Ia.

NOLAN HARING from Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, to Dallas, Tex.

E. WAITMAN HAGER from associate, Roswell, N. M.

JAMES WAYNE KAYS from student, Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass., to district superintendent, Virginia Beach (Calif.) North

CHARLES M. ICE from Riverton, Wyo., to Manhattan, Kans.

R. A. HOLLOWAY from Grand Saline, Tex., to Tyler (Tex.) First Church Growth. Field Address: c/o Judy Slater, P.O. Box 75, Kansas City 66111.

MELVIN RAYBORN from Kimberly, Idaho, to Parma, Idaho.

GEORGE SCOTT from Valparaiso, Ind. to Hendersonville, Tenn.

CARL D. SELFridge from evangelism to Latham, N.Y.

M. EUGENE SMITH from Marianna, Fla., to Beaufort, S.C.

CLARENCE A. SPALDING, JR., from Amarillo (Tex.) San Jacinto to Nacogdoches, Tex.

MARK TIPTON from Cairo, Ga., to Franklin (Ky.) First Church Growth. Field Address: P.O. Box 2, Acornhoek, E. Cape, Transvaal 1360, R.S.A.

ELWYN A. GROBE from Cody (Wyo.) First to Council, Idaho

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Buffalo, N.Y., First Church observed its 50th anniversary October 19. A time of celebration will begin on November 9 with Dr. Raymond Hurn, executive director of the Department of Home Missions, and Rev. J. Wimmer Lambert, district superintendent speaking. The following week, former pastor C. J. Wheeler will hold revival services. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend. For more information, please write to Anne Flanders, 222 Baynes St. Buffalo, NY 14213 or Rev. Bill Wiesman, 1270 Kenmore Ave. Buffalo, NY 14216.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS


REV. CHARLES R. DICKERMAN, 74 died Sept. 12 in Oklahoma City, Okla. His entire pastoral ministry was on the Bethany Nazarene College educational zone. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Ponder Gilland, Jim...
Garlow, Paul Gray, and Lester Dunn. Surviving are his wife, Ethel; one son, Alvis; one daughter, Mrs. Doris Hart; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and one sister.

BERTHA MAY DILLMAN, 87, died Sept. 14 in Arco, III. District Superintendent Forrest Nash and Rev. John Hancock officiated at the funeral services. Survivors include four sons, Craig, Rhorer, Glen Leo, Newell Verne, and Victor Eugene; two daughters, Beryl Reese and Mary Gates; 20 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

DONALD ROBERT HAYS, 63, died July 30 in Bangor, Me. Rev. Rayburn officiated at services in Tacoma, Wash., and Myrtle Creek, Ore. Rev. Wayne Knox officiated at services in Fremont, Calif. Cremations were entombed in Roseburg, Ore. Mr. Hays helped to build 18 churches in Oregon, Idaho, California, Montana, Washington, and Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Martha; one son, Kenneth; 3 daughters, Shaun de Tolman, Donna L. Hathaway, and Loretta O'Sullivan; 13 grandchildren, and 5 sisters.

L. G. McCULLOUGH, 72, died June 28 in Scottsdale, Ariz. He and his wife had helped start several new churches in Colorado and Arizona. District Superintendent Crawford Vanderpool and Rev. W. L. Robertson conducted the funeral services. Survivors include his wife, Ruth; three children, eight grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

SAMUEL FLOYD MINNIS, 95, died March 19 in Safford, Ariz. Mr. Minnis designed and erected the chapel at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Calif. Rev. Bill Robertson and Rev. Willis Walker officiated at the funeral services. He is survived by his wife, Mary Grace; a son, Lawrence; one stepdaughter, Beth Rice; and several grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

ELIZABETH JEAN MOENY, 28, died Sept. 14 in Farmington, N.M. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Howard E. Hays. She is survived by her parents, Oliver and Helen Moeny, and a sister, Mary Anna.

MRS. BARBARA MOYER, 35, was killed in an accident July 3 in Edmond, Okla., along with her daughter, JENIFER. 6. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Fred C. Cook and Rev. Jack Bairdon. Surviving are husband and father, evangelist Brance Moyer; and two daughters, Suzanne and Melodi.

PRAYER CONGRESS LAUNCHES RENEWAL EMPHASIS TO PREPARE FOR '81 EVANGELISM FESTIVAL. Hundreds of prayer leaders from throughout the nation met in Kansas City September 18-20 for a meeting that organizers believe was crucial to the success of the American Festival of Evangelism.

Known as the American Festival of Evangelism Prayer Congress, the three-day conference featured both inspiration and practical know-how, according to Mrs. Vonette Bright, chairperson of the AFE Prayer Committee. She said the meeting was designed to train and equip prayer leaders at all levels for a concentrated prayer thrust that will continue past the Festival in July, 1981.

"Evangelism and spiritual awakening are not going to take place without concentrated prayer," said Mrs. Bright, wife of Campus Crusade for Christ president Bill Bright and director of that organization's Great Commission Prayer Crusade.

The prayer congress in Kansas City was open to all Christian leaders. The American Festival of Evangelism itself is slated for July 27-30, 1981, in Kansas City. A combination of Bible study, worship, workshops, and seminars, the Festival is designed to provide American churches and individual Christians with fresh vision for evangelism in the U.S., and the tools to act.

Dr. Leighton Ford, chairman of the International Congress on World Evangelization, was among the featured speakers at the prayer congress.

GREEK ORTHODOX, CATHOLICS DISCUSS REUNITING. Centuries after the Great Schism split the churches of Rome and Constantinople, 60 Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churchmen have begun the task of spiritually reuniting almost a quarter of the world's population. Greek Orthodox Archbishop Stylianos, primate of Australia and New Zealand, was chosen president of the 30-member Orthodox delegation in the reunification session held May 29 through June. The primate discussed the talks, held on the Greek islands of Patmos and Rhodes, while he was in Atlanta for the Greek Orthodox Clergy-Laity Congress.

The two churches, which separated in the Great Schism of 1054, have slowly begun turning toward one another, first with what the Archbishop called a "dialogue of love" beginning in the 1960s and later with a "dialogue of theology" initiated about five years ago.

In technical meetings during the late 1970s, it was decided the seven sacraments, which both churches hold in common, would be the topic of an initial series of talks beginning with the June session.

The reunification of about 200 million Orthodox and more than 600 million Roman Catholics is the "ultimate goal" of the dialogue, but Christians should not expect that within the next few years, he said. Following discussions of the sacraments, all other matters of church doctrine and practice will be considered over a period of years. Somewhere down the road, the primate said, delegations will tackle the issue of papal primacy and infallibility, which he called the "crucial point" of the discussions.

LUTHER'S 500TH. Communist East Germany is restoring all buildings related to Martin Luther to mark the 500th anniversary in 1983 of the reformer's birth. East German officials say Luther was a revolutionary hero whose ideas foreshadowed those of Karl Marx.
At our Bible study we were astonished when the pastor said that under the old covenant people could not know their sins were forgiven or have any assurance of heaven.

Some of us mentioned David, who was sure that he would “dwell in the house of the Lord forever,” and of Isaiah whose sin was purged. The pastor insisted that pardon and fellowship with God was granted to special people only, and had “this testimony, that he pleased God.”

I know that our privileges under the new covenant are greater. And I know that animal sacrifices could never atone for sins. But did not faith in God bring some assurance to people under the Law? Enoch walked with God and had “this testimony, that he pleased God.”

What was the standing or experience of people in the old dispensation?

Those who trusted in law-keeping to save them were frustrated and insecure, for the law was not perfectly kept then or now. But those who confessed their sins and trusted in God had the assurance of pardon and the hope of heaven, then as now.

Genesis 15:6 shows that a man could be justified by faith before the Law was given, and Psalm 32:1-5 shows that a person could be justified by faith under the Law, and “blessed” in the knowledge of his forgiveness and acceptance with God.

These benefits were not intended for, or restricted to, an elite few. The Old Testament has also its grand “whosoever” dimension of grace. For example, Isaiah 55:1-9 invites “everyone that thirsteth” to a free salvation. In one of my King James Bibles, this chapter is appropriately captioned, “A Free Offer of Mercy to All.”

Our light is clearer, our privileges greater, this side of the Cross and the empty tomb. But God has assured believers in every age of their acceptance with Him.

I am concerned about the casual manner in which our middle-aged minister relates to the women of our congregation. I do not consider myself a prude, but it seems that hugging the young ladies of the congregation, irrespective of their ages, is highly improper on his part?

As for what you can do. I recommend that all laypersons of the church should do regarding the conduct of our minister, and do you agree that it is highly improper on his part?

Without questioning his motives or sincerity, I question his common sense and sound judgment. Such conduct is bound to offend some, and to mislead others.

As for what you can do. I recommend that all concerned talk with the pastor frankly and kindly.

I am reminded of a story. Seems a pastor was hugging the young ladies of the congregation, and the deacons objected. The pastor argued that the Bible said the shepherd shall take the lambs to his bosom. Didn’t they want a Bible-pastor? They thought it over for a week, then told him, “Take the lambs to your bosom, if you must, but confine your hugging to the rams.” The offensive practice was discontinued.
Charleston, W.Va., Davis Creek Church enjoyed an unusual time of celebration on the occasion of its golden anniversary August 22-24. Former pastors Dallas Baggett, D. W. Thaxton, and Dennis Wyrick joined the congregation in giving praise to God for the past blessings. Commitment for the present and faith for the future were demonstrated as the church family gave $475,000 in a single offering for debt liquidation. Pastor Merlin E. Provance states 10 percent of the offering will be given to world evangelism and home missions in West Virginia.

Twenty-two teens from Eugene, Ore. First Church spent 15 days visiting three unique types of mission work. First they visited the Community of Hope Church in Washington, D.C.; then they went to the Dominican Republic for a Work and Witness venture. While there, they worked on the camp, making it ready for family camp. In the evenings, they sang and testified in a different church each night.

From the Dominican Republic they travelled to New York to visit the Lamb's Club, Manhattan Church. This trip made a lasting impact on the teens, who had raised over $11,700 to cover the cost of the trip. The group was led by Pastor Larry Blight, minister to Youth at Eugene First Church.

On Sunday, June 15, the Fortville, Ind., church celebrated its 65th anniversary and dedicated its new sanctuary and educational unit. Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, preached the dedicatory sermon. Former pastors W. E. Rothman, Phil Shomo, and Kenneth Riden shared in the services. The present pastor is Vernon I). Corzine. The present facilities include 20,000 sq. ft. with seating for over 500, and along with a parsonage, is located on S.7 acres of ground. It features a hexagonal design, with four sections of pews. The church acted as its own general contractor, with John Garrison, layman, serving as construction manager.

The Okeechobee, Fla. church has relocated and recently completed a new worship and education center. The sanctuary seats about 400. After careful demographic, membership location, and growth potential studies, a choice 10-acre site was purchased. Land, buildings and furnishings cost approximately $300,000. The old church was sold for $101,000 to the county and continues in service as a senior citizens’ center. Other needed funds came from enthusiastic and sacrificial giving by the congregation. Pastor Ron Glaspey and Richard A. Ward, treasurer, served as building chairman. Mr. Ward describes the project as a miracle wrought by “God, an optimistic minister, 69 dedicated laymen, and Christian business friends.”

The Hannibal, Mo., Riverview Church had a mortgage-burning August 24 during the morning worship service. The Holy Spirit came as District Superintendent Arthur E. Mottram brought the message. Mr. Leon Lee, chairman of the trustees, and Rev. Dorothy Reed, present pastor, held the mortgage paper as Dr. Mottram set it aflame. This debt-free church overlooks the Mississippi River, on the outskirts of Hannibal.

A former pastor, Rev. Charles Rache, and one charter member of the Illasco Church, Mrs. Clara Remenio, were special guests.

The Columbia, Ky., church recently held a Sunday dinner in honor of the Adair County and City of Columbia officials in the parsonage. Hosting the dinner were Pastor and Mrs. Jerry Cline and other people of the church. The theme of the Sunday message was “God Bless America,” in which government and leading officials were urged to seek God’s guidance in civic affairs.

Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, was the special speaker for the dedication of the Mitchell, S.D., church. The building has more than 15,000 sq. ft., has fixed seating for 530 at the present time, and the possibility of an additional 130 when the balcony is opened. It was constructed at a cost of $392,500, with an indebtedness of $215,000. Rev. Warren Koker has served as pastor for the past five years.

Rev. Gene Fuller, superintendent of the West Texas District, was guest speaker at dedication services August 24 for the new building of Vernon, Tex., First Church. Pastor Dean Ferguson led the congregation in responsive reading. The new building, a 3,200 sq. ft. facility, has been under construction since June of 1975 and has been occupied since February of this year. Consisting of education rooms and a fellowship hall, it is the first phase of a project that will see a sanctuary added later. Cost of the new building was approximately $45,000, with much of the labor donated by members of the congregation.
The Trenton, Nova Scotia, church has dedicated a new Christian education building (on the right) and an enlarged church sanctuary. Dr. Charles H. Strickland gave the dedication address. The new building includes Sunday School classrooms, kitchen and fellowship hall, nurseries, washrooms, lobby area, and pastor's study. The people raised $25,000 in one Sunday service to pay off an old mortgage and start the new building debt-free. Since 1976, the church has seen growth in all areas: Sunday School average has increased from 93 to 141 and total giving has gone from $32,000 to $80,000. Membership is presently 114. The church has built and paid for a new four-bedroom parsonage during this period. Rev. David M. Parker has been pastor since November, 1978.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING VANDALIZED

The six-month old, yet undedicated building of Coquille, Ore., church was vandalized and partially destroyed by fire, Thursday, August 27.

The pastor, Rev. Gene Delbridge, estimated the damage at $500,000. His library, the work of 25 years, was completely destroyed. The sanctuary

On Sunday afternoon, August 3, General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson presented the dedicatory message for the new sanctuary at Hernshaw, W.Va., Lens Creek Church, West Virginia District Superintendent M. E. Clay read the scripture and Pastor Charles L. Marker performed the act of dedication. The building is the second phase of a two-phase building program. A new 2,400 sq. ft. educational annex had been built previously with eight classrooms and rest rooms. The entire structure is brick veneer with laminated beams and decking. The sanctuary contains 2,400 sq. ft. of floor space carpeted throughout, padded pews, baptism, and office space. Cost of the building was approximately $135,000, with an indebtedness of $56,000. Pastor Charles L. Marker acted as the general contractor with much of the work being donated labor.

Memphis, Tenn., First Church dedicated their new building August 3. Rev. Tal-mudge Johnson, new superintendent of the Tennessee District, dedicated the new facility. The building has 10,400 sq. ft. of floor space, with a full-size gym. Rev. H. T. Young is the pastor.

CHURCH PLANTING IS WORKING IN CANADA

Pioneer church planting is increasing on the Canada West District, according to Rev. Alexander Ardrey, district superintendent.

Rev. Ardrey reports that services began September 21 in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, where Rev. Roy Kanhai, an experienced pastor on the district, will begin work in a sanctuary recently purchased and remodeled for use.

In Alberta Province, two-year-old Grande Prairie Church is mothering a church in Rycroft with Rev. Don Ardrey as pastor.

Red Deer First, with Rev. Chuck Westhafer, has started a new work in

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Sylvan Lake, using one of their clergy staff members, Rev. Doug Sedore.

Calgary First, where Rev. Bob Lindley is pastor, has begun a new extension work in Northwest Calgary with Rev. Bernard McArdle.

In Brandon, Manitoba, Rev. Ed Lykens began work in September to mother a work in Portage la Prairie. Winnipeg Beulah, where Rev. Don Kauffman is pastor, is moving to sponsor a new work in Winnipeg.

Fort Garry, with Rev. Ron Fry, is also planning to open a new work this year.

Red Deer Westpark has begun work with a group of Vietnamese and is looking for a leader for them.

GOD HEARS

by PATSY KLONTZ
Wichita, Kansas

IN MY BASEMENT I keep a box of ideas and attempts at writing. Periodically I read what I have jotted down and occasionally a line, hurriedly scrawled in a busy moment, later becomes the basis for an assignment or article. Usually, though, the scraps of paper pile up and I have to force myself to cull and sort. Each time I do, I find the beginning of the same story, several beginnings in fact, about my friend Kathy. The story of our relationship is special and I have tried to verbalize it several times, unsuccessfully. As I reread my attempts this last time, however, I realized the story is ready because it finally has a climax.

Kathy was in my sixth-hour English class, a rowdy gang of smart, talented kids who delighted in ending my day challenging, to say the least. I waltzed into class tired but spirited that day in May. I had almost survived a year of six lesson preparations per day and I was ready for a well-prepared closing session of a writing unit. I had no alternative lesson in mind and can't even remember what happened in class, but Someone was in the public classroom directing my teaching. Although I generally followed lesson plans closely to offset pandemonium, we managed by another method instead of working in groups as I had planned. When I sat down to grade a few papers before going home for the weekend, Kathy's was on the top. I was immediately thankful I had not asked my students to share their writings with each other since Kathy's paper was essentially a confession.

Kathy was an ideal student—on time, studious, cooperative, supportive—so I was particularly surprised to learn that she was confused, unhappy, and experimenting with drugs. I interpreted her writing as a cry for help. For several weeks I had become more aware of Kathy as an individual student. Consequently, I spent a long weekend of concern for her, a concern that culminated in the heaviest burden I have ever carried for another person's soul. I knew she was under constant pressure so I tried to make myself available to her and show my concern whenever I had an opportunity. I attended track meets, where she was a star athlete, and other school functions in an effort to evidence my interest in her life. Most important, I prayed for her almost constantly. On the last day of school, after all the firecrackers were set off and the halls were empty, Kathy came to my room. For the first time in our developing friendship, I broached the subject of Jesus and His ability to help her with her problems. She was receptive and told me she did pray occasionally and felt that she would probably want to become a Christian someday. My husband and I were moving to South Carolina so I had few chances to be with her.

Over the last three years Kathy and I have kept in close touch by letter, phone, and occasional visits. Although the number of my prayers decreased during that time, I still prayed for her regularly and intensely. Last January she wrote to tell me she had accepted Jesus as her personal Savior. I was ecstatic. She is growing and learning to trust in Jesus. Along with the usual news of what classes she is taking in college and how the basketball team is doing, is news of how she is spiritually. I have the January letter stuck in the back of the notebook I use for a personal journal and periodically read it again to reassure myself that our pleadings do not go unheeded.

But when I read that letter, there is a line which still haunts me: “I've been wanting to do this [become a Christian] for a long time but really didn't know how.” I've tried to tell myself that I was the “planter” or the “waterer” and God wanted to use someone else to lead her directly to Him. But when I am honest, I realize God might have been willing to use me, if I had been more sensitive. Kathy and I had been together during the Christmas holidays. Our visit was short and I was preoccupied with my newborn. I've wondered since how many joys I have missed because I was too distracted to really spend the time needed to listen and hear another person.

Despite the thrill and satisfaction I have in knowing Kathy is now a Christian, I also have a nagging knowledge that I may have missed a great opportunity. Thankfully, though, Jesus is still teaching me and I am genuinely trying to learn. I don't want to miss another chance.

"By ALL MEANS...
Save Some"
BRITISH LEADER DIES SUDDENLY

Dr. Jack Ford, 71, British Nazarene leader, died suddenly September 26. Jack Ford joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1955 when the Calvary Holiness Church united with the denomination. In the early days, he and Rev. Maynard James, with Clifford Filer and Leonard Ravenhill, established the Calvary Holiness Church in the mid 30s.

He served 19 years as president or lecturer at British Isles Nazarene College in Manchester, England. He held the B.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of London. He is the author of "The Church of the Nazarene in Britain."

Funeral services were held September 29 at the Keighley Parish Church in Keighley, Yorkshire, England. He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

LEADERS ASK RENEWED THANKSGIVING

The Board of General Superintendents has challenged the church to express its thanksgiving to God by giving a record $6,800,000 for World Evangelism this fall.

This goal is $250,000 above the 1980 Easter offering of over $6,550,000, according to Leon Doane, executive director of the Department of Stewardship.

PRINCE FOURTH PRESIDENT OF MOUNT VERNON

Dr. William J. Prince resigned the superintendency of the Pittsburgh District October 1, to accept the election of the Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Mount Vernon, Ohio, to be the president.

Dr. Prince is a graduate of Bethany Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary. He received his honorary D.D. degree from Bethany Nazarene College in 1975. Dr. Prince pastored churches at Lone Pine, Reseda, and Ventura in California; Minneapolis First Church; and Dayton, Ohio, Parkview Church. He served as president of European Nazarene Bible College in Switzerland for six years, 1970-76. His wife's name is Evelyn and they have one son, Shelburne, a student at Bethany Nazarene College.

Dr. Prince is the fourth president of Mount Vernon Nazarene College, which has had a steady growth since its beginning in 1966. The college achieved a four-year college accreditation in 1974.

The former president, Dr. L. Guy Nees, has resigned effective November 1 to accept the election of the General Board to be executive director of the Department of World Mission at International Headquarters in Kansas City.

DON OWENS JOINS WORLD MISSION STAFF

The Department of World Mission announced October 2, the appointment of Dr. Donald Owens as regional coordinator for Asia effective November 1.

Dr. Owens, a former missionary to Korea, has been serving as a professor in missions at Nazarene Theological Seminary. He will divide time between his new post and his teaching assignment for the rest of the academic year.

BIBLE SUNDAY ANNOUNCED

December 14 has been set as Bible Sunday in the Church of the Nazarene. This year's theme is "open the Word for the World." The Word of God, though in ample supply in the U.S., is in short supply in many countries around the world.

"It's estimated that seven out of eight Christian homes in the Third World do not have a Bible. A Bible in every Christian home is still an unfulfilled dream for the world at large," says Arthur C. Borden, Church Relations secretary for the American Bible Society.

The Bible societies are working with sister churches and mission agencies around the world to remedy the deficiency for millions who cannot immediately obtain the Word of God," says Borden.

While the society distributed nearly 259 million Scriptures at home and abroad last year, millions of people still do not have the Scriptures in their own language despite the more than 736 translation projects presently going on in which the United Bible Societies, the 64-member, international fellowship of Bible societies, is involved.

More than 80 million babies will be born into the world this year. During the decade of the 80s, ABS and its 63 member partners that form the United Bible Societies (UBS) will need a yearly increase of at least 80 million copies of Scripture just to remain where they are.

For its part, the ABS has a large variety of Scripture selections, portions, Bibles, New Testaments, cassettes, and films to fulfill the needs of all people. A guide for daily reading for 1981 is also available.

The American Bible Society, founded in 1816, is a nonprofit, interconfessional organization whose sole purpose is the translation, publication, and distribution of the Holy Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment.

Bible Sunday in the Church of the Nazarene is sponsored by the Department of Youth Ministries, Rev. Gary Henecke, executive director, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

In the vast subcontinent of India, Scriptures cannot be imported. This year the Bible Society of India will produce and distribute 100 million Scriptures for a population exceeding 600 million, speaking 1,652 languages and dialects. December 14 has been proclaimed Bible Sunday by the Department of Youth Ministries. Here Tamil New Reader Scripture Portions are being offered to passengers on a suburban train in Southeast India.
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