Jesus Calls Us

Cecil F. Alexander

Day by day His sweet voice sound-eth, Say-ing, “Chris-tian, fol-low Me.”
From each i-dol that would keep us, Say-ing, “Chris-tian, love Me more.”
Still He calls, in cares and pleas-ures; “Chris-tian, love Me more than these.”
Give our hearts to Thy o-be-dience, Serve and love Thee best of all.

William H. Jude

1. Je-sus calls us, o’er the tu-mult Of our life’s wild, rest-less sea.
2. Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship Of the vain world’s golden store.
3. In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease.
4. Je-sus calls us. By Thy mer-cies, Sav-iour, may we hear Thy call.

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THE WRITER of the Epistle to the Hebrews has much to say concerning the two great covenants of God with men and their meaning in terms of the Old Testament and New Testament dispensations.

But at no point does he portray with more dramatic force the striking contrast between the two covenants than in the twelfth chapter with its portrayal of Mount Sinai and Mount Sion.

Having exhorted the Hebrews, “Follow peace with all men, and holiness [or the sanctification], without which no man shall see the Lord,” he continues a few verses later, “For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness [storm clouds], and darkness [an impenetrable pall], and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words.” Such was Mount Sinai.

“But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant” (Hebrews 12:14, 18-19, 22-24).

What a blessed contrast! Dr. H. Orton Wiley, in his book “The Epistle to the Hebrews,” summarizes this contrast as follows: “(1) Sinai was in the wilderness with its barrenness and desert storms; Sion was in the promised land of Canaan, fertile, fruitful, and watered from heaven. (2) God visited Sinai for only a brief season; He is said to dwell in Sion forever. (3) Sinai was a mount of terror and fear; Sion, a habitation of peace. (4) Sinai, of massive rock and steep precipices, stood storm-crowned, alone; Sion was crowned with the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, where God manifested himself to His people. (5) God gave the law from Sinai; He proclaimed the gospel from Sion. (6) Israel came trembling with fear to a physical mountain; Christians come with confidence to a spiritual mountain, for Sion is the foundation of a spiritual economy, a new and eternal order.”

Thank God for Mount Sion!
“I’m Determined to Be a Soul Winner!”

By E. E. WORDSWORTH

He that winneth souls is wise (Proverbs 11:30).

ADAM CLARKE SAYS on this text: “Wisdom seeks to reclaim the wanderers; and he who is influenced by wisdom will do the same.” There is pertinent truth here: (1) Souls can be won. (2) It is wise to be engaged in the business of winning souls. (3) It takes wisdom to win souls. I recently visited a devoted pastor in his church study. While there we talked of many matters of common interest to Nazarene ministers. He told me he had been in his study since five o’clock; it was then about ten. I saw his open Bible on his desk, over which he had been praying.

As we conversed together that morning he said, “Brother Wordsworth, I’m determined to be a soul winner.” I replied, “He that winneth souls is wise.” Before parting that morning we threw our arms around each other and I prayed for him that God would grant him the answer to his deep soul passion for the lost. Tears flowed freely ere we parted.

We tarried with friends overnight, and after breakfast, while seated around the table, the husband brought the Bible for family worship. He gave it to me for reading. After the Holy Word was read we bowed our heads in solemn prayer, and the Spirit led me out to pray with real soul burden for some time. As we prayed we all felt that we too, laymen and preacher, must be soul winners. All eyes were moist as we closed worship that morning.

As I have thought of the words of this godly pastor, I have said to myself, It takes determination to win souls, and without it we do not win them. It demands toil, sweat, blood, tears, agony, prevailing prayer, fasting, dogged determination, and persistent pursuit of the lost. Revivals do not come easy. Personal reaching out for the unsaved is “sweaty” business. It takes time, effort, and whole-hearted devotion to bring men and women into the kingdom of God. With Paul we must feel that “the love of Christ constraineth us.”

Moody made a solemn vow to God that he would not let one day go by without speaking to someone about salvation and trying to win him to Christ. One day he had been unusually busy working on a manuscript. Nine o’clock in the evening came and he had not spoken to a soul that day.

The Spirit whispered, “Go and speak to the grocer of the corner store.” Instantly he obeyed, and walking briskly he arrived at the store just as the owner was closing for the day. The key was in the lock outside; but the grocer now opened the door, thinking Mr. Moody needed groceries.

Moody said to him, “My friend, I was in my room and thinking of you a few moments ago, and I have come, not for groceries, but to talk to you about your soul.” The man answered, “Mr. Moody, you are the first man ever to talk to me directly about my soul.” Soon they were on their knees and Moody led another lost soul to Christ. Moody was determined to be a soul winner.

Gypsy Smith was conducting a city-wide revival in Spokane, Washington. He said to the lady operating the elevator as they separated, “I hope your last trip will be up—I mean to heaven.” Another soul was won, for she could not shake off those words.

Have you ever spoken directly to the milkman, the filling station operator, the neighbor, the man in your office or store, that ragged boy on the street, that orphaned girl, that careless youth? If we are going to win souls to Christ we must bear in mind that it will demand of us determina-

God’s Love

By VIOLA E. HODGE

There’s nothing in the Book
That says that we must understand
The things that happen to us.
But it does say
That we must trust God’s love,
And know that
All the problems and the trials
Permitted by His kindness
Are for our good—
For we are dear to Him.

That He should care for me
In little things
Is past my comprehension—
But it is true; I know He does.
And if I wait with patience,
And in faith,
He’ll bring things all out right,
In His good time.
And so I thank and praise Him—
Although I do not understand.
tion. An indifferent and careless attitude spells defeat. "I'm determined," said my pastor-friend. Anything short of Christian devotion to this worthy objective means failure. Don't be like a clam. Open your mouth. Speak tenderly, boldly, and wisely for your Master. Paul said, "I am not ashamed...", and we read again, "He that winneth souls is wise."

Then beware of substituting secondary church duties for this primary work of the church. Alas! thousands are willing to sing in the choir, play the piano, teach a class, serve on the board, pay the tithe, mow the church lawn, paint the buildings, ad infinitum—all good and proper in their place—who are not busy trying to bring the unsaved to the Saviour of men. Honestly now, how long has it been since you even tried to win just one soul to the Christ of that "Old Rugged Cross"?

Listen, dear layman, if you will take this sacred business seriously and work at the job, and not try to shift the responsibility to the pastor, the evangelist, and others—you, with thousands more, could turn the world upside down and right side up. Yes, the preachers too must carry heavy burdens for lost men. Dr. J. B. Chapman, of precious memory, said we must be "All Out for Souls!"

With my dear pastor-friend, let us all say with passion, prayer, and proficiency, "I'm determined to be a soul winner." "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalms 126:5-6).

And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children" (Luke 23:27-28).

I am glad my church encourages emotion in worship and religion. I believe that love for God should encompass the whole man. But I am glad as well that my church has little place for cheap sentimentality or unthinking do-goodism.

The women who were weeping were not Galileans. The Galileans followed a long way off. They were the sob sisters who wept, not because they cared, but because it was fashionable to do so. Their weeping put a thinly veiled cover of respectability over the atrocious death that was about to take place. They played with their emotions. They turned on the tears wherever it made them feel pious or virtuous.

Weeping can provide healing for sorrow and bring us into richer blessings. Weeping can express personal involvement, too. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalms 126:5-6).

What disturbed Jesus was the kind of polite or irrational weeping which clings to sentimental feelings against facts. He knew that there are people who will weep over little things while they ignore the really important issues. There are people who will cry over an injured cat but who will be drunk on Good Friday. There are people who will give generously to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals whose children are starved spiritually. There are people who will protest in rage the mistreatment of the flag whose hearts are closed to the Word of God.

Jesus did not say, "Do not weep." For there was much that the people needed to weep about. Rather, He said, "Weep for yourselves." Weep for the sickness which finds compensation in the petty. Weep for the shallowness which pours our...
its energy on the symptoms to the neglect of causes. Such a sickness leaves us the prey of every sugar-coated deception. How quickly can we be enslaved when our depth of perception is blinded by shallow sentimentalism! On both sides of most controversies which tear our times are the unhinging who weep about the superficial.

Weep for your churches, seems to be another part of His admonition. In a sense the people were weeping that day because Jesus had to die so that they would not have to face the inadequacy of their religious structure. The church is God’s house only to the extent that it is a place of prayer for all people. It must constantly be under the judgment of God. For so quickly does it become a place of personal manipulation for private gain. It becomes an institution for our own benefit instead of for the work of God. It becomes a means of self-aggrandizement rather than service. We make it an instrument of our ambition or prestige instead of a challenge of ministry to the lost and dying.

God intends His Church to be the place of healing for the nations, and we have made it the last stronghold of our self-delusions about our superiority or holiness. Weep, He advises, for institutions that in God’s name perpetuate man’s escape from reality. Weep that the din of her business drowns the voice of God’s judgment. Weep that her paeans of self-praise deafen her to “what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”

Weep for the spiritual erosion of affluence, is another thing He must have had in mind: “the destruction that wasteth at noonday.” “Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.” was the word Jesus had said to the people of Jerusalem only a day or two before (Luke 21:34). When it was economically difficult to spend much time or money on the dissipating pleasures, we were strict. But what slow and steady retreat our consciences are forced to take when prosperity and increased leisure time become common characteristics of the days!

Both the luring enjoyment of sensuality and the time-consuming care of constant amassing of greater treasure starve the soul. The awareness of the eternal purpose and plan fades as we seek to exploit the immediate. Holiness has come to mean numbers and ecclesiastical wealth rather than transcendence. Weep for the distortion of values which places greater emphasis on the “horsemen of Egypt” than on fulness of the Spirit.

Or again, remember that He said, “Weep . . . for your children.” They grow up in cities we have built, cities which deny in every phase of their structure the “kingdom of God.” Their vast concrete canyons echo with the lonely cry of lost men in crowds. Their bright-colored lights camouflage the bottomless pit of godlessness and sin. Their busy streets and stores poorly conceal the vast wasteland of poverty of true culture and spiritual sensitivity.

Weep for cities which grow because many come in and none go out. Babylon proclaims security, wealth, and peace for all. We live and die in her, wordlessly declaring her to be mother. Weep that no one tells our children she is really a “harlot.” Weep that no pilgrims move out of her gates testifying that they have found here “no continuing city, but . . . seek one to come.”

Weep for children who must live through the day of reckoning. Our shallow healing of the problems of society make more terrible the day “when whirlwinds of rebellion sweep the world.” In comfortable times, men crucify the prophet. What will they do when bombs fall? What will they do when the upheaval of God’s wrath shakes the heavens and the earth?

Finally, may I return to the promise that if the sob sisters turn their weeping to repentance, there are forgiveness and healing. This is why Jesus is on His way to the Cross, not under the compulsion of Roman soldiers really, nor even the carping of frightened and hating ecclesiastics, but of His own free will.

This death is a propitiation for their sins. It is no use to weep that it is necessary, but rather weep that it may be effective. Weep for joy that He freely forgives. Weep for regret that we have not accepted it fully and gladly before. Weep that so few have appropriated its merit even now and that so many have not, as yet, heard.

“BE QUIET,” said the voice. This was not the first time I had heard these words. Perhaps I should listen to them.

It had begun some time ago when my prayer life seemed to be at a low ebb. Not that I had stopped praying, but somehow the answers didn’t seem to be there the way they used to be.

At first I hadn’t noticed—it was such a gradual thing—and then when I did notice I thought I knew the answer at once. God was not answering
The most difficult member of the body to control is the tongue. We use it so much that it gets in the habit of racing nonstop. Then the first thing we know it races ahead of our minds, and we are guilty of thoughtless words. . . . The best way to be sure of a kind tongue is to let the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with love. The best way to safeguard the purity of our speech is to seek pure hearts. If our words are to bless rather than blast and burn, our hearts must always be filled with blessing.”—Richard S. Taylor.

my prayers because I was not spending enough time praying. So I carefully set aside more time to talk to God. Longer and longer my list of petitions became, but to no avail. It seemed that the more frantic I became, the harder I knocked, the more firmly the door was bolted.

So I had another thought. Perhaps I had been neglecting the reading of God’s Word, and that was why my prayers were not answered. By now, Scripture reading and lengthy prayers had begun to take up more of my life than ever, but still the bolt remained in place—the answers did not come. And yet I knew that Christians far newer in the faith than I were receiving daily answers to their prayers.

But one day into the midst of my frantic petitioning broke a voice.

"Be quiet!” it said. That was all. And still no answer to my prayers.

I paid no attention that first time, nor the second, but soon I began to be annoyed. Why must these words keep interrupting my thoughts? At last, after many such interruptions, it occurred to me that perhaps I should listen to the words.

For some time after I stopped my chattering nothing happened. But as I began to empty my mind of my own thoughts, I gradually became aware of a strange sort of silence. Not the silence of loneliness, but the silence of a wonderful peace. Slowly my heart and mind grew still and then began to fill with an indescribably joyful feeling. I had not been able to hear the voice of God before because the sound of my own unceasing voice had been drowning it out. It had, I was sure, been God trying to tell me to be quiet so that He could speak. And as I obeyed, the answers to my many questions and problems began to come.

Now at last I realize that prayer is meant to be a conversation, not a monologue. Not in vain does God tell us in His Word to be still and know that He is God. If only we will remember to listen as well as to talk when we pray, we will find that He is willing and eager to answer our every petition. All we need to do is give Him a chance to speak too.

What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder (Matthew 19:6).

NEVER HAS THERE BEEN more defection from the teachings of Christ regarding marriage and divorce in our national life than in our generation. Two things are clear in this statement of our Lord: He put His sanction on the Genesis account of the divine origin of marriage—“From the beginning it was not so” (v. 8); and He classified interference in any way with the marriage union—whether by in-laws, by divorce, or by murder—as a crime against nature and a sin against God. “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

We know by this that divorce is never right. Someone is always a sinner when a marriage is broken up. It is a soul-shattering experience. Animals mate on a purely instinctive basis, but human beings mate on a spiritual basis. The mind, the heart, and the soul are always involved in the physical union of two human bodies. No person can be the same after such a union, whether in marriage or out.

The breakup of marriage is often a crime against children. Regardless of how the home is broken up, the child suffers irreparable damage. There is absolutely no substitute for solid family life for a child: and solid family life is founded upon marital solidarity between the child’s own parents. Millions of helpless children are emotionally ravaged by philandering parents.

On the basis of these words of our Lord, every Christian must wholeheartedly reject the standards of modern society as being completely unchristian and godless.

We have drifted much too far afield regarding marital fidelity. There are too many concessions, compromises, and too much corner-cutting as we
strive to conform to contemporary concepts rather than the plain words of Christ.

Forgiveness, wholehearted and completely final, when sought by the offending partner, is God’s answer to most of our family problems. Patience, love (divine and human), and chastity can often restore the sinning partner. And it is always Christian to forgive in every situation. Not to forgive is to be not forgiven. “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matthew 6:11-15).

There is also forgiveness from God for truly penitent adulterers and adulteresses, whether legally married or unmarried. Marital infidelity is not the unpardonable sin. And while ministers must ever be firm and true to our Lord when dealing with this sin in or out of legal marriage, we must hold up to the truly penitent the hope of forgiveness and restoration.

Marital sinners are in need of our prayers and understanding. While some defy God and His laws in the plain daylight of truth, presuming on the mercies and goodness of God, many are caught up in the popular tide of glamorized adultery, easy divorce, and social sinning, and do not know that the wrath of God is poured out against the faithless. They do not know that God hates divorce. They are not aware that broken marriage vows lead to sorrow and hell. And they will not learn these things from unregenerate entertainers, marriage counselors, or their companions in sin. They must learn these things from the true Christian Church and the minister of God.

Let any marital sinner be assured, when every effort is made to rectify a sinful past, that divine forgiveness through Christ is his.

Spiritual Neutrality

By GORDON D. HALL, Pastor, Gardendale Church, East Liverpool, Ohio

DRIVING down the highway one day, I noticed two boys hitchhiking. To the American motorist the hitchhiker is not an unusual sight, but these boys were. They were “thumbing” all cars regardless of which direction they were traveling.

Apparently these lads were going nowhere in particular. They had no goal. Their destiny would be determined by chance or the whim of someone who happened to be driving along that road—one way or the other.

While this action may be strange on the highway, it illustrates a way of life that is all too prevalent. Far too many people are on the highway of life with no more goal than these boys. In the battle of life they would remain neutral.

Jesus said, “No man can serve two masters... Ye cannot serve God and mammon” (Matthew 6:24). And yet millions of “religious” people are trying to do it. They may attend a church or synagogue, observe ritual, and chant prayers, but their lives are bound by sin and the spirit of this world.

For an hour or so a week a cloak of piety is put on, but the rest of the week the Bible is neglected, prayer is forgotten except as an emergency measure, the family altar is unknown, and life is given over almost completely to the search for pleasure and material benefits.

In short, the average person has never really taken sides in the battle between good and evil, between Christ and Satan. While he would recoil in horror at the suggestion that he cast his lot with Satan, he has never given himself to the Lord either. To do this, one must renounce all sin and turn in humility and repentance to Christ and yield himself without reservation to the Lord to be used as He sees fit. In a weary, sinsick world which needs so badly a demonstration of genuine Christianity, very few have come to this place. We are spiritually neutral.

But are we spiritually neutral? Joshua urged the ancient Israelites, “Choose you this day whom ye will serve”; and Jesus said, “He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad” (Matthew 12:30). Thus the plain teaching of the Scriptures is that we cannot be neutral in spiritual things.

Like Peter, many of us have tried it and found to our sorrow that it cannot be done. When Jesus was betrayed and taken away to be tried, Peter followed “afar off” and warmed his hands at the enemy’s fire. Soon he denied that he ever knew the Lord.

Attempts at neutrality are really the outgrowth of fear and the desire for self-preservation, and the sooner we confess that this is sin and turn to Christ in utter abandonment of ourselves to Him the better off we’ll be. We must beware of trying to be “Mr. In-between” in the battle of life. We must beware of trying to play both ends against the middle, for our eternal destinies are involved. We must beware of having only a halfhearted profes-
sion of religion when Christ offers the “full assurance of faith.” We must beware lest we fall short of holiness, “without which no man shall see the Lord.”

In the early days of Israel’s history while Moses was on Mount Sinai with God, the people fell into idolatry, making and worshipping a golden calf. Descending from the mountain, the man of God put the question squarely to the people: “Who is on the Lord’s side? let him come unto me.” And the Word continues, “All the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him” (Exodus 32:20).

In these days so marked by materialism and covetousness (which is idolatry—Colossians 3:5), God surely would ask us, if we would listen to His voice, “Who is on the Lord’s side?”

May we draw near to Him and, resisting all tendencies toward neutrality, deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him.

PONCA CITY . . . BLUES

By DALLAS D. MUCCI
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“I HAVE the leaving Ponca City blues . . . down in my heart,” sang big George Waldrop, tackle on the Carl Sandburg High School football team. George soon had his five missionary-for-a-week friends singing with him. They sang quietly.

Dan Caringer, teen sponsor, feeling the same, sang with the teens, “I have the leaving Ponca City blues . . . .” as he turned the 1963 Ford station wagon north onto Highway 40 toward Chicago and home.

Sponsors Ralph and Jan Close, tired, but feeling the same emotion as the teens, trailed the station wagon from the Ponca Indian Reservation in the GMC pickup, thinking, “I have the leaving Ponca City blues . . . .”

The group had just spent a week directing the vacation Bible school and assisting in the camp meeting at the Ponca City Nazarene Indian Mission. The young people were from the Tinley Park (suburban Chicago) Church of the Nazarene.

The “Ponca City Blues” was sung in spite of a week of “killing pace”—prayer meeting at 6:30 a.m.; breakfast; V.B.S. opening 9:00 a.m. . . . close at 3:30 p.m.; relax—dinner at 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.; youth service—camp meeting at 7:30—end of service about 11:00 p.m. Then no trouble sleeping.

“Boy! That was a six-day schedule,” remembered Kim Helliwell, high school sophomore. “But I’m ready to spend another! It was the greatest experience!” Merrilyn Meissner, oldest teen, told the Tinley Park Church, “Our schedule for the week was busy, but that didn’t matter. We found that real working for the Lord makes you forget time and tiredness. We looked forward to each day.”

The schedule didn’t cause the Tinley Park teens any problem. They were more surprised by other things. “I expected to see the Indians in blankets, but they wore the same kind of clothing we did,” George said. Mr. Caringer said, “The Indians were more excited about the tepee they built for us than we were. It had been a long time since they had built a tepee.”

Actually, the teens were more impressed and moved by working with God than by the lack of Indian war paint. “If I hadn’t gone, I probably wouldn’t be sanctified tonight,” Linda Kirby told the hometown Nazarenes.

“I too cleared up spiritual problems,” Kim told the local church. “The entire experience was a spiritual uplift.”

Linda Padgett, youngest member of the group, summed up well the feelings of all ten: “By helping in the V.B.S. and camp meeting, I was blessed. It has caused me to increase in my love for the Lord and I always want to serve Him. I want His will to be done in my life.”

The teens and sponsors said, “We received much more than we possibly contributed to the Indians.” Rev. Samuel Mackety, Ponca pastor, took issue
with them on that point. "I hope the teens will be able to return. This has been one of the greatest single experiences in our ministry on the Ponca Reservation. Our people proved it by giving the young folks the highest honor a Ponca can bestow—an Indian name for each."

Friday morning, in an impressive ceremony, the teens were named. Linda Kirby, who had helped the Indian women wash the dinner dishes, was called "Ponca we"—meaning "one of us." Mr. Caringer explained, "Few persons have ever received this honor." George was renamed "Fire-shaker," but his fellow teens dubbed him "Flame-thrower."

After honors, work, and the presence of God, it was the tepee that left a lasting impression. One evening a severe electric storm hit the reservation. About 3:00 a.m., George was awakened with a steady drip on his face. He awakened Kim and they tried frantically to shut the open flaps at the tepee tip. The flaps always did the opposite of what they wanted. In the excitement of building the tepee, the Indians had forgotten to show the teens how to close the flap.

At last they found a spot where the rain was not dripping in. Soon the rain stopped—but not soon enough. "We were just asleep again when it was time for prayer meeting and breakfast," George growled!

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**The HARBOR PILOT**

By DON A. HECOX, Orofino, Idaho

ALONG the eastern coast of Vancouver Island, just outside of the city of Victoria, there is a sandy ribbon of beach. The heat of the sun glitters on the water as it warms the sands. The blue sky, the gliding gulls, a cloud-dotted sky—all speak a picture of peace.

In contrast to this picture of vibrant life lay the skeleton of a ship partly buried in the sands. The decks were gone. The cabin was a skeleton-like frame. The blackened, weather-beaten, wood hull told a story of being battered, torn, and driven by the sea.

One might wonder at the story this once brave and gallant craft might unfold. Was she left to the mercy of the sea that knows no favorites, pounded by the surf, cut by the jagged rocks? There she lay now, a wreck of someone's hopes and dreams. She would sail no more. She would hear no more words of joy or shouts of command to the men who made her cabin their home.

Life itself is like a ship at sea. The ship may be a vessel of beauty. It may be a sleek runabout, or it may be just a common work craft. Be what it may, we need a captain to chart our course, to pilot our ship to the right harbor.

We need someone of experience for counsel and assurance when the storms of life rage. There are many adverse winds. Their purpose seems to be to dash us against the rocks of despair and destruction.

With no pilot at the helm, our hearts fail for fear. Yet there is an experienced harbor Pilot for every ship of life. He will guide your ship in calm seas or amid the storm-tossed swells.

This harbor Pilot never comes aboard unless invited. He never takes command of a ship unless the owner gives permission.

There is one thing sure: When He takes over, the sea may not be calm, the rocks may not move out of the way, the darkness may not turn to light. However—and here is the secret of it all—he knows the channel. He knows how the reefs and rocks lie. He knows the strength and power of your ship. He will guide it according to the eternal light of truth that never changes. For He, the Pilot, is the eternal Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Will you invite Him aboard your storm-tossed vessel, here and now, to be your harbor Pilot and Saviour for time and eternity?
The Secret of Victorious Living

A bishop of The Methodist Church recently wrote: “The church which makes it clear that it possesses the secret of victorious living will find a response that will overwhelm it. For the people have been walking in darkness and hoping to see a great light. Evangelism that allows the Light of the World to shine through men will redeem us. All we wait for is the realization of who we are and what we possess.”

There is tremendous truth in these words. Whatever may be the reasons we find for failing to win the masses, chief among them must certainly be the fact that we have not made it clear we possess the secret of victorious living.

Yet we do share this secret. It is not ours alone. It is known to all who accept the full reach of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The bishop’s own church made its greatest strides while it emphasized the complete adequacy of Christ for every personal human need.

That early vision—“to spread scriptural holiness across these lands”—was the key to Methodism’s progress, and has been the key to the progress of the holiness movement, which has largely inherited the mission.

There is nothing appealing about a limited and halfhearted Christianity. The world has quite enough of defeat on its own without being invited to share the defeats of a nominal religion. Religion that makes no difference just doesn’t matter to anybody. Only in the radiance and lift of personal victory is there attraction and appeal to the baffled and defeated who throng the streets.

THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF FAILURES in the Church, amazingly like the two groups of disciples at the transfiguration of Jesus. There are those like the three on the mountaintop, fully occupied with the things of God but completely out of touch with human need.

Then there are those like the nine in the valley, as Alan Stibbs describes them—“very much in touch with the world, good mixers, living at the ordinary workaday level, but quite unprepared to be tackled with the genuine spiritual enquiry of a soul in need.”

The three on the mountain must not lose their touch with the radiant Saviour. The nine in the valley must not lose their contact with the crowd. But somehow, in the power of the Spirit, the message of the mountaintop must be brought to the people on the plain.

It is estimated that there are today in the United States of America eighty million uncommitted people. They have no religious affiliation of any kind—Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish. In addition to other millions who are merely nominal church members, these people have no soul-saving, life-lifting experience of God in Jesus Christ.

But these are the very people who will determine the destiny of our nation. As Wayne Dehoney put it, “Whoever wins these eighty million uncommitted souls will win America. We are in a life-and-death struggle to win them. We will win them to our way, or they will be won to another persuasion. They will not continue in a spiritual vacuum.”

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE who are walking in darkness, who are hoping to see a great light. Not that they are conscious of either the darkness or the hope. But their unfulfilled need shows itself in their restlessness, their groping for fulfillment, their seeking for causes worth living and even dying for.

Theology will not interest them. Doctrine will not challenge them. Abstract theory will only leave them cold. They have had it all and turned away from it. The one thing they have never seen is the radiant, joyous life of Christ consistently and daily lived out in the experience of victorious power.

What do we wait for? Is it the realization of who we are and what we possess? Have we sold our gospel short by our failure to keep open to the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit? These are questions we may well ask ourselves in a day of unparalleled need and opportunity.

Lazy Listening

One of the most frequent commands throughout the Bible is, “Hear the word of the Lord.” Each of the seven messages to the churches in Revelation 2 and 3 concludes with the words of Jesus, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”

“Hearing” as the Bible uses the term means more than “listening.” It means obeying, heeding what is heard, putting it into action.

But “hearing” starts with “listening.” In ordinary life, to be sure, one may hear some things for which he doesn’t listen. Some voices, some sounds,
in the life of the spirit, however, we generally hear only as we listen. The words may fall upon our ears, but they do not reach our hearts or penetrate our minds until we give them our attention.

A recent writer said something of real significance in this area. He commented, "Not all of the vagueness displayed by many Christians about their faith is the fault of the preacher. Some of it is the result of lazy listening."

We who preach, of course, must accept our share of responsibility in this matter of communicating the gospel—and it is the lion's share. Recent books about preaching are filled with discussions of "the problem of communication"—getting the message through to the people to whom we speak.

But speaking is only one-half of communication. The broadcasting station may be ever so powerful, and its waves ever so pervasive, but if the receiver is out of tune or defective, nothing gets through.

It is true, as Paul says in his discussion of tongues: "Even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" (1 Corinthians 14:7-8)

But the melody is lost on the person who is tone-deaf. And the trumpet call, however loud and clear, cannot rally the soldier who will not hear.

LAZY LISTENING seems particularly prevalent in our day. Perhaps it is due to the habit of so many who turn on a radio and allow its cacophony of sound to wash over their ears as they go about other things. In church, some of it may be due to long-ingrained habits of preoccupation.

Sometimes we have failed to understand that going to worship means more than our physical presence within the sanctuary. There is a door in the heart which must be closed to the clamor of crowded lives.

One has only to look out over the average audience to see the signs of lazy listening. The deadpan face, the expressionless eyes, the doodling hands, the preoccupied look, all witness to the spiritual counterpart of what one of the advertisers called "the invisible shield."

Lazy listening is the particular peril of those who have gone long and often to the house of the Lord. We have "heard it all before," we think—and too many times we have. But there are overtones to the gospel message, however uninspiring we might think it to be in the human, which the Spirit gives to those who discipline themselves to attention.

As one of the profession, I am willing to admit that the unpardonable sin of the preacher is to be dull. But it is still true: "Not all of the vagueness displayed by many Christians about their faith is the fault of the preacher. Some of it is the result of lazy listening."

THE CHURCH AT WORK

WORLD MISSIONS
E. S. Phillips, secretary

Surgery Successful
For Missionary's Son

David Rudlecn, sixteen, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Rudlecn, missionaries to Nicaragua, is recovering in Oklahoma City from major heart surgery.

In a delicate operation, doctors removed a cartilage which was forcing his heart out of position. The operation was successful.

Hull Preaches in African Camp

Sixteen young people came forward to indicate their willingness to go into full-time church work during a recent Swazi camp meeting, and thirty-eight more were received into full membership following a baptismal service.

Dr. Nicholas Hull, superintendent of the Southern California District, was the camp meeting speaker. He later dedicated the Mary Wise Memorial Church at Mbabane. The more than 300 present gave $210 for world evangelism.

One hundred sixty young people attended the Manzini Zone youth camp, according to Rosemarie Hynd, reporter. Two new churches are also being started. "Our greatest need," according to Mrs. Hynd, "is for Swazi pastors to fill the new churches."

67 Find Peace in Kitchen Church

By Edna Lochner, Pigg's Peak, Swaziland

Alice Kumalo, one of Mrs. Chapman's Bible women of years past, and I go four times a week to "Power Station" lumber mill eight miles away from the mission compound for church. We worship in a dark communal kitchen, about fifteen by twenty feet in size. A fire is burning, even in hot weather, in an open hearth.

One night recently, Rev. Arthur Evans preached to sixty-seven people packed into the kitchen, while the food cooked on homemade "drum" stoves. That night I was fortunate to get a seat outside the door, where the air was cooler. People of all ages get spiritual strength and blessing in this kitchen church. Here they are encouraged to face victoriously the sin and wickedness of the compound in which they live.

MOVING MISSIONARIES

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Owen, on furlough. 472 Reeves Drive, Warr Acres, Oklahoma.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Pittam back to Nicaragua. Apartado 38, Granada, Nicaragua, Central America.

Rev. and Mrs. George Renci back to Taiwan. Box 936, Taipai, Taiwan, Free China.

Rev. and Mrs. Jack Riley, on furlough. 1626 Clemson Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Shremsebich on furlough. Box 1010, Nampa, Idaho.

Rev. and Mrs. Eric Courtney-Smith moved. P.O. Box 14, Mantini, Swaziland, South Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. James Smith, new missionaries to Africa. 5 Amos St., Robershamp, Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa.

Miss Mary Wallace, on furlough. c/o Miss Fee Millard, 52 Park Avenue, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada.

Dr. Jean Williams, on furlough. c/o Mrs. Monty Davis, 1261 Buckingham Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Hetrick on furlough. P.O. Box 7315, 2027 Hutton Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

Rev. and Mrs. Merrill Bennett, back to Japan. P.O. Box 4, Yotsukaido, Imba Gun, Chiba Ken, Japan.

Miss Joyce Blalack back to British Honduras.

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**GENERAL INTERESTS**

**Interest Rates Hiked For Gift Annuities**

An increased rate of interest on gift annuities to donors was recently adopted by the twelfth conference of the Committee on Gift Annuities, and will go into effect September 1. The General Board of the Church of the Nazarene will follow the increased interest rate table.

A gift annuity is cash, negotiable securities, or real property given to a religious or charitable organization which, in turn, agrees to pay a fixed amount (that amount is determined by the table below) to the person making the donation.

The new rates were recommended after a five-year study of mortality experience among people who have given to such organizations.

Existing agreements will not be affected, but all new agreements will be determined by the new table.

Representing the General Board was Dr. Jonathan T. Gassett, wills and annuities secretary. Also in attendance were Dr. L. Wesley Johnson, Northwest Nazarene College, and Rev. Donald Gibson, Olivet Nazarene College.

**DOTHAN (Ala.) CHURCH CITED—New members, increased giving, and church improvements**

Church membership showed a net increase of twenty-two, giving jumped one-third, and church improvements were made and paid for, all of which were tangible evidences of spiritual growth in the Dothan (Ala.) church during 1964. The church has been cited as the church on the Alabama District to receive the “Small Church Achievement” award, the Department of Home Missions announced recently.

Twelve of the twenty-two new members were by profession of faith, which helped to raise the church membership to fifty-eight. In a growing congregation, the parsonage garage was remodeled to be used as a youth auditorium. The church also bought new pews for its sanctuary.

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**DISTRICT ACTIVITIES**

**Martin Reelected In Eastern Michigan**

Eastern Michigan Nazarenes gave an all-time high—more than 11 percent—for world missions, gathered in 292 new Nazarenes, organized 2 new churches, and gave District Superintendent E. W. Martin a near-unanimous vote for a four-year term, according to Rev. Moody S. Johnson, assembly reporter.

Dr. V. H. Lewis, general superintendent, presided over the assembly held at Flint (Michigan) First Church.

Church membership reached 7,402, and total giving was more than $1.5 million. The district assembly gave Dr. and Mrs. Martin a “generous thank offering,” according to Johnson.

Rev. W. E. Varian and Mrs. H. Leslie Mackay were reelected youth and missionary auxiliary presidents. Dr. Kenneth Armstrong, Rev. R. N. Raycroft, Harlan Heinmiller, and Milton Mountain were elected to the district advisory board.

**Bible College Offering**

**September 12, 1965**

The church must assume responsibility for the formal training of those God calls to minister His Word. Establishing a Nazarene Bible college is a step toward meeting this obligation. The offering of September 12 for the launching of this project deserves generous support from all our people.

H. Harvey Hendershot

Member, Board of Control

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Kenneth Heaton, M. V. Scott, and Richard Spencer were ordained.

**Missions Giving 13.7 Percent In Northwest Oklahoma**

Two new churches were organized, plans for three more were announced, and 13.7 percent of money raised on the Northwest Oklahoma District was channelled to world missions, Rev. Jared R. Locke, superintendent, told the seventeenth annual assembly.

Dr. Hugh C. Benner, general superintendent, presided over the assembly held at Bethany (Oklahoma) First Church.

The two new churches organized were in Stillwater and Ponca City. Plans for two more churches in Oklahoma City and one in west Bethany were announced. Two churches—Pond Creek and Tonkawa—were reactivated during the year.

Rev. Locke was reelected for a four-year term on a nearly unanimous vote. Church membership gained 198, to 5,820. Sunday school enrollment was up 349, to 9,604; and average attendance increased 196, to 6,256. Twenty-seven churches made major building improvements, according to Gordon Wicker.
Two Churches Formed; Revivals Successful

Two new churches were organized, a district camp meeting had record attendance, and two summer revivals were held with good success, according to recent reports.

The two churches were organized: at Lake Isabella, California, where Rev. Oren L. Ice is pastor; and in Chicago Central Church, a Negro congregation pastored by Rev. R. V. Lavman, which was formerly the Van Buren mission before it was organized.

More than seven hundred were in attendance recently for the final service of the South Carolina District camp meeting, where Dr. T. W. Willingham, former Radio League secretary, and Dr. Otto Stucki, South Carolina District superintendent, served as director.

Nine members were added to the Fairfax (Virginia) church by profession of faith during a recent revival with Rev. and Mrs. Carl Prentice. There were seekers in nearly every service, reported Rev. R. Dean Ferguson, pastor.

New people were reached for the four Nazarene churches in a recent Bloomington, Indiana, holiness tent crusade, according to Rev. Ray Wilson, reporter, and pastor of Broadview Church. Rev. Morris Chalfant was evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Showalter, musicians; and Ron Lush, choir director.

The Three Rivers (Michigan) church showed a 45 percent jump in enrollment, and an increase of thirty-three in average attendance, and two summer revivals were held with good success, according to reports.
2. It is well to remember that even though—as it surely will to some extent—the environment of this present world removes evil and persecutes you, in the face of temptation is an aid to Christian growth.

**Topic for September 5:**
**Growing in Faith**


_Hebrews 11:1-6, 24-27; Acts 4:7-11; Galatians 5:22-23, 35-40_

Golden Text: *Lord, increase our faith.* (Luke 17:5)

The little box defined faith as “believing something you know to be untrue.” Not at all! It is rather trusting a God you know to be very true.

Faith is best understood, or better to be understood, by noting its effects in different life situations. In the vicissitudes of everyday life it is faith that saves from overanxiety. The mountainous crisis of distressing ill health can be removed by faith as a grain of mustard. Faith and courage are related too. A man must trust the all-wise and all-loving heart to forgive seventy-seven times seven. This astonishing altruism is accomplished in the human heart only through faith.

It also requires faith to know that the world was “formed by the word of God.” Reason may deduce that, since something now is, something must always have been. But it is faith which names Him God and calls Him Father.

Faith goes further; it knows the ultimate benefit of being on God’s side. Moses took the distasteful, but nonetheless the right, way of suffering with God and calls Him Father. We may also recall our own previous experience of God’s goodness. This is what David did when faced by Goliath. His reason bolstered his faith. The God who had delivered him from the hand of Saul, and the paw of the bear could and would also deliver him from the hand of the Philistine.

For this life of following Christ we need faith. Let us resolve to have it by all means.

Announcements

**Recommendations**

---Dr. C. M. Mathis, on his own decision, declined re-election to the superintendency of the Northeast Oklahoma District. Even though the district leaders had wanted him to serve another term, his decision could not be given an exalted call. Dr. Mathis is an evangelist. He has had years’ experience as an evangelist, and, as a superintendent and as a pastor, he has maintained his spirit of evangelism. He knows our church; and his ministry will be a blessing to any local church or district, Address him, P.O. Box 366, Bethany, Oklahoma 73008.—E. H. Belden

**MARRIAGES**

Miss LaDonna F. Tinsman and Mr. Marvin R. Pemberton, on June 12, at College Church, Nampa, Idaho.

---Mrs. Norma Jean Wilson and Mr. Luther McLeod, on July 10, at Central Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

---Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lucas, on July 10, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Hymn, 2113 North 13th Street, San Antonio, Texas.

---Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McRee, on July 10, at First Church, 8th and Trudgeon, Henryetta, Oklahoma. Pastor David Krick. General Superintendent G. B. Williamson.

---Miss Linda J. Roberts and Mr. John H. Belcher, on July 16, at First Church, 8th and Trudgeon, Henryetta, Oklahoma. Pastor David Krick. General Superintendent G. B. Williamson.

**Special Prayer Is Requested**

---By a Christian reader in Indiana for better health, and that God may undertake in supplying a special need.

*Directories*  

**GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS**

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Southwest Oklahoma, September 8 and 9

G. B. WILLIAMSON

---District Assembly Schedule

South Arkansas, September 15 and 16

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SAMUEL YOUNG

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September 9 and 10

HUGH C. BENNER

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North Carolina, September 15 and 16

New York... September 24 and 25

**District Assembly Information**

SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA, September 8 and 9, at First Church, 21st and Magnolia, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Pastor L. Eugene Pierson. General Superintendent William. (N. Y. P. S. convention, September 6; S. S. convention, September 6; N. W. M. S. convention, September 7)

SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA, September 8 and 9, at First Church, 6th and Treadwell, Henrietta, Oklahoma. Pastor L. Eugene Pierson. General Superintendent Lewis. (N. Y. P. S. convention, September 6; S. S. convention, September 6; N. W. M. S. convention, September 7)

GEORGE COULTER

---District Assembly Schedule

North Carolina, September 13 and 14

New York... September 24 and 25


**SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA, September 8 to 11, at First Church, 14th and Arionton, Lawton, Oklahoma. Pastor Carl R. Sumner. General Superintendent Powers. (N. W. M. S. convention, September 8-9)

**NORTH CAROLINA, September 15 and 16, at First Church, 6400 York Street, Charlotte, North Carolina. Pastor B. E. LeJeune. General Superintendent Coulter. (N. W. M. S. convention, September 17-18)
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**September 12**—"No Neutral Ground," by **Russell V. DeLong**

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TWENTY YEARS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL—Walter Deaton, of Springfield, Ohio First Church, who is being congratulated by his pastor, Rev. Edward N. N.D.O. (left), on twenty years of consecutive Sunday school attendance. N. J. Elliott, Sunday school superintendent, has just pinned on the “Cross and Crown” award.

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Sharpe, J. and Wife. Evangelist and Singers,
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Shaw, Wayne and Mrs. 416 3rd Ave., Tempe, Ariz.
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Smith, Ark. (1st), Sept. 28—Oct. 3
Smith, Walt, and Zelma. 1407 Olympic Ave.,
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Smith, Frank E. 1111 5th St., Dallas, Texas
Smith, John c/o NPF*: Arkansas City, Kan.
Smith, J. W. 4022 W. 31st Ave., Denver, Colo.
Smith, Paul 500 St. Paul Ave., Eureka, Calif.
Sparks, Ada. 68 Lester Ave., Nashville 10, Tenn.
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W.Va., Sept. 12—19; Bluefield, W.Va. (1st), Sept. 21-26
Sprawls, Earl L. 1317 Lakeview Ave., Bristol,
Tenn. (1st), Sept. 22—Oct. 3
Stabler, R. C., and Wife. R.F.D. 1, Tamaqua, Pa.
Stafford, Daniel J., Box 11, Bethel, Ohio
Stanford, A. 82 Wilson Ave., Apt. 12, Kitchener,
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Ont., Canada (2nd), Sept. 25—Oct. 3
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Ida.
Swafford, J. W. 210 Monroe St., Bourbonnais,
III. (1st), Sept. 13-19; Aurora, Ill. (2nd), Sept. 13-19; Anderson, Ind. (E. 38th St.), Sept. 23—Oct. 3
Swain, Walter. 53 Oakwood Ave., Westfield,
N.J. (1st), Sept. 23—Oct. 3
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In view of the vacancy created by the death of Dr. R. C. Gunstream, I hereby appoint Rev. Harold W. Morris superintendent of the New Mexico District, effective August 8, 1965. This appointment is made with the unanimous approval of the District Advisory Board and the unanimous endorsement of the Board of General Superintendents.

SAMUEL YOUNG
General Superintendent

El Paso Pastor Named to Follow Gunstream
Rev. Harold W. Morris, fifty-one, pastor of the El Paso (Texas) First Church since 1942, was named August 8 as superintendent of the New Mexico District, according to Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent in jurisdiction.

Mr. Morris, an ordained elder since 1949, replaces Dr. R. C. Gunstream, who was accidentally killed August 2 at the district campground site near Capitan, New Mexico. A building, temporarily suspended, slipped as it was being moved. Dr. Gunstream was caught under it.

The accident happened only hours before the start of the annual camp meeting. Funeral services for Dr. Gunstream were held at 10:00 a.m. the following Thursday (August 5). Interment was in Albuquerque. The District Advisory Board then announced Sunday, the last day of the camp meeting, the appointment of Rev. Harold W. Morris.

A native of Cushing, Oklahoma, Mr. Morris attended Bethany Nazarene College from 1934 to 1938 and received a Bachelor of Theology degree with a major in religion. He married Ruth Ingrimm, who is also a graduate of Bethany Nazarene College. The couple have three children—two married and one—a pastor at Pasadenham, New Mexico, for three years.

Of People and Places...
Forty Olivet Nazarene College students and teachers, with friends, visited the Church of the Nazarene in Germany on a recent tour. The group provided a program of music and testimonies. Steve Gladding, who has pastored the American congregation in Frankfurt, joined the tour and will return to Kansas City to attend the Nazarene Theological Seminary this fall. ... Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Tapley, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, celebrated, on August 22, their fiftieth wedding anniversary. ... Rev. Earl G. Strong, a retired elder, died July 21 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. ... Nine new and returning teachers will join the Trevor College faculty this fall. They are: Dr. John A. Knight, religion, philosophy, and Christian education division chairman; Dr. Leon Chambers, religion department head; Dr. Mildred Chambers, biology department head; Dr. Ernest Moore, associate education professor; Dr. Paul Bassett, associate ancient and medieval history professor; Dr. Trafton D. Williams, psychology department head; Larry Finger, assistant English professor; Elmer Heaberlin, physical education instructor; Larry Jablecki, part-time philosophy instructor. ... Mrs. Ira Taylor, missionary to Bolivia, who suffered injuries in a recent car accident, is now able to walk about, although she is in a cast for a fractured vertebra.

CONQUEST Sponsors Creative Arts Contest
CONQUEST, Nazarene youth magazine, is sponsoring a creative arts contest for young persons from twelve to twenty-four. Competition will be in writing, artwork, and photography for three age groups—twelve to fourteen, fifteen to seventeen, and eighteen to twenty-four.

First and second prizes of $25.00 and $15.00 will be awarded in each age class and category. The writing division includes short stories, articles, rhymes, free verse, and drama, with a 2,000-word limit. The artwork division includes pen-and-ink drawings, etchings, block prints, and cartoons, all to be submitted only in black and white. The photography division will be judged on technical quality, composition, originality, and storytelling or mood-setting features. Contestants should submit only 8 x 10-inch, black-and-white, glossy pictures.

Special HERALD to Be Released Next Week
Nearly eight hundred thousand copies of the 1965 special edition of the Herald of Holiness will be released to individual subscribers and churches. The special issue carries a four-color cover, $15.00 will be awarded in each age group. Applications now received. In addition to the four hundred fifty regular subscribers, almost seven hundred reach their quotas, Dr. Edward Lawlor, evangelism secretary, said.

About four hundred fifty applications have been received, which is nearly one-fourth of the available accommodations at the Diplomat Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The two districts which have filled their quotas are Nebraska and Arizona. Other district superintendents may be holding applications in addition to the four hundred fifty applications now received.

A broad spread of age-groups is represented in the applications, the evangelism office said.

Procedure for registering is to complete an application form (found in the August 18 and July 21 issues of the Herald of Holiness) and mail, with registration fee and deposit, to your district superintendent.

F.M. Youth in Haiti
WINONA LAKE, IND. (EP) — Thirty-four young people under the new Free Methodist VISA (Volunteers in Service Abroad) program from the United States and Canada, with Directors Robert A. Crandall and Personal Coordinator Bill Cridgerman, flew into Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, June 20, to take part in crusade work there.

During the two-week stay in the capital city, team members participated daily in radio broadcasts, house-to-house tract distribution, hospital visitation, outdoor street meetings, and church services. In the second week, emphasis was placed on evening crusade rallies with Rev. Elwyn Cutler of the North Chili, New York, Free Methodist church as evangelist.

VISA members produced 15 radio broadcasts, took part in 81 meetings, directly reached 38,000 Haitians, and recorded 301 decisions for Christ.

Twenty-seven of the group returned to the States, July 5, while the other seven, with Missionary Clancy Thompson from Brazil, South America, stayed to do follow-up work.
If a person has his membership in a Church of the Nazarene in Dallas, Texas, but lives in Denver, Colorado, and attends a Church of the Nazarene there, can he be an active member of the N.W.M.S. in the Denver church while leaving his church membership in Dallas? Please give support from the Manual for your answer.

Yes. The only requirement for active membership in the Nazarene World Missionary Society is to be "twelve years old or over and a member of the Church of the Nazarene" (Constitution for Nazarene World Missionary Societies, Manual, 1963, paragraph 588, page 291). He could not be counted as an active member in both places, however.

An exception is the president of the society, who must be a member of the local church whose society is served" (p. 292). The reason for the exception is, of course, that the president of the society is a member ex officio of the church board and of the District Assembly.

A good question to raise would be why this person doesn't transfer his membership to the church he regularly attends, assuming, of course, that his residence in Denver is relatively permanent.

Shall we have work to do in heaven? I believe scriptures such as John 5:17; Hebrews 1:4; and Revelation 2:15 point to the conclusion that life in heaven is to be a life of activity, progress, and spiritual development on the highest lines. I think of a boundless Kingdom of truth and of useful occupation, assignments according to personal powers, qualifications, and tastes. Some of my friends hold out that heaven is a place where we will not do anything but rest.

In general, I should be on your side. With due regard to Rudyard Kipling's deficiencies as a theologian, he had a point when he wrote:

When Earth's last picture is painted, and the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colours have faded, and the truest heart has died,
We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need it—lie down for an age or two,
Till the Master of All Good Workmen shall put us to work anew.

Perhaps the terms in your friendly debate need to be sharpened a bit. Work does not necessarily mean drudgery, and rest is not necessarily idleness. Work can be restful if it is freely chosen and done with zest. And enforced idleness can be the heaviest burden anyone ever bore.

To your list of scriptures you might add Revelation 22:3: "And there shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him."

Certainly no one can argue this point: Whatever be the nature of the eternal state of the redeemed, it will be just right. The important point for us is to be ready to go.

What happens to the soul when a person dies for about twenty minutes (more or less) and is revived by heart massage? Does it go up and then come back down to reenter the body? And if Lazarus was in heavenly bliss, why was he called back to life? I have no very certain answer to any of these questions. It seems to me that we must distinguish between "death" medically and death theologically in the case of persons revived by human action.

One might have no discernible physical signs of life and thus be "dead" medically, whose soul had not actually been separated from the body and was thus in the same state as the soul of a person in deep unconsciousness. I do not believe that a person who is dead theologically—that is, dead in the sense of separation of soul and body—could ever be revived by human action.

As to Lazarus, he was brought back to life and was "dead" theologically. We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need it—lie down for an age or two, Till the Master of All Good Workmen shall put us to work anew.

The secret of the soul-winner's power is the baptism with the Holy Spirit. The last words of Jesus to His disciples witness to this truth: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses." (Acts 1:8.) The "baptizing" for the Holy Ghost always precedes the "telling" of the gospel story. If the teller of the gospel story is not endued with "power from on high," his appeal must resort to logic and emotion alone.—Jim Bond.
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