Ye Which Are Spiritual

GRADING PERSONS as to their spirituality is difficult and perilous. Proneness to exercise such judgment freely is a reflection on the judge. One is never a capable analyst of his own spirituality any more than of his humility. The meek are hesitant to classify their brethren more or less spiritual lest they seem to make themselves the criterion.

The discerning distinguish between sins and faults. Sins confessed and forsaken receive merciful forgiveness. Faults are pardoned without penalty. The inspired exhortation is, “Confess your faults one to another . . . that ye may be healed.” There is an obvious difference between faults confessed and amended and those never admitted but rather defended as virtues.

Those who are spiritual show charity toward the erring brother by readiness to restore him to full confidence and by helping to repair any damage done. The harsh legalist demands the “pound of flesh.” The relentless critic who uses the sword on a brother overtaken in a fault may perish by it. Restoration is the role of the spiritual. Destruction is the bent of the unjust judge.

All who have the spirit of Christ allow for differences of opinion in issues far from center. Those who permit no variation in marginal teachings or patterns of conduct may reduce membership in their society to a very few and possibly to one.

The temptation to linger over the faults of his brethren reminds a Christian of his own. When he thinks of the mercy shown to him by the One who is at the top of judgment, he is ready to show mercy.

Dr. J. B. Chapman was wise in reminding us that one who is drifting away from God inclines to be harder on others and easier on himself, while the one who draws nearer to God is easier on others and harder on himself. O Lord, draw me nearer!

In Paul’s letter written to correct the errors among the Galatians he counseled, “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”
perfect Christians? Do we pledge a partial and incomplete love to God? No, our pledge and promise must be to attain God’s requirement of perfection.

Jesus had in mind every conceivable relationship when He spoke. He understood the difficult human relationships involving those who will sinfully smite the people of God, and also those who will purposely persecute the innocent-hearted. His command gives no quarter to a sentimental compromise. He declares our deeds and dispositions must reflect the spirit and love of our Father which is in heaven.

It is sobering to note our righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the modern scribe and Pharisee who spurn such a divine requirement. It is just as necessary to be perfect as it is to be holy. The Christian life must preclude all sin, disobedience, and imperfection. Too often our friends who say, “No one is perfect,” use a human yardstick for their measure. God measures our lives by both divine requirement and divine provision.

Faithful and trustworthy is the Father who calls us to a life of perfect obedience, for He will honor and keep us by His supreme power. The blessed of the Lord are those who do not default in the face of this high spiritual attainment, but rather commend themselves by their faithful trust and willing obedience.

The thought of having a perfect heart toward God is soul-satisfying. Paul wrote the Colossians urging them above all else to let God put into their hearts that Heaven-sent affection called charity, for it is the bond of perfectness. “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, . . . And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Colossians 3:15-17).

God is still looking for men to make perfect. This is His eternal undertaking. “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness” (Genesis 1:26). Prophet, priest, and patriarch all have proclaimed God’s standard of perfection. Finally, God spoke through His own Son, “the express image of his person” (Hebrews 1:1), but the message remained the same.

Scientists agree that one of the most disappointing sights on earth today is a satellite standing in polished beauty, poised for a trip into the heavens, but lacking just one thing—power to generate motion. How must God view the creatures of His goodness who stand as though they are ready to help Him save a lost world but who lack that one essential element—the perfect love and compassion of His Holy Spirit!

JUST THE OTHER DAY I walked into the B. R. Baker clothing store to try on a suit of clothes. This suit was distinctive in appearance and just my size. I slipped into the coat and moved toward the large mirror to see how it looked on me. Even before the salesman had time to check the measurements I could tell it was snug. It was binding my arms and cramping my shoulders. I knew it would not be comfortable, so I asked, “Sir, are you sure this is my size?”

“No,” he replied. “Let me use the tape measure, to be sure.” In just a moment Mr. Stoiber handed me another coat and asked me to try it on. It felt so very comfortable that I said to him, “Now I feel as if I have been measured to perfection.”

Jesus Christ stood one day before a multitude of people and by His words sought to “measure them to perfection.” He gave them many statements declaring the beauty of the Christian life. With many contrasts He portrayed the deep differences that exist in the lives of the godly and the ungodly. Finally He summarized with this command, “Be therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” (Matthew 5:48).

In a recent service one of our much-loved members stood to testify. In concluding her testimony she exclaimed, “I guess no one is perfect, but I know that I love Jesus with all my heart.” As pastor, I could rejoice for her witness and assurance of affection to the Lord, but her question posed a problem of concern. How many good people there must be who despair of a pure and perfect heart because they have heard it said, “No one can be perfect”?

Can we be perfect? If we cannot be perfect as Christian believers, why did our Lord say, “Be ye therefore perfect”? Surely those who stumble at this holy command do not understand the definition nor the implication of the Scripture. The dictionary defines perfection as the highest degree of a thing. To be perfect is to be without defect or flaw; to be complete. Would any say that, when they knelt at the altar to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, they prayed for Him to make them imperfect?

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"Measured to Perfection"
THE PROBLEM CHURCH

THIS MORNING I visited the most wonderful Church of the Nazarene that I have been in for a long time!

Yet this church has nothing but problems. It is almost hidden around a bend of the road. It is just a block beyond a major road junction, making the traffic so heavy that it is very difficult to turn into or leave the parking lot. The parking lot is down a steep hill by way of a very narrow drive, which many women would not try to make. The lot is about half the size needed to accommodate the number of cars, and someone must direct the parking and park the cars like sardines to get in all that is possible. Once inside the auditorium, one is immediately aware of the large number of people, the heat of the day, and the lack of air conditioning.

The Sunday school is so short of classroom space that there are four classes in the main auditorium, which is not too large. In the class I sat in, it was impossible to hear any of the comments from members of the class. Only the teacher could be heard. At the end of the class session, the film on personal evangelism, by Roscoe Pershall, was shown; but it was impossible adequately to darken the room since the windows could not be closed or the people would have suffocated.

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This church had something, however, that was bigger and more valuable than all the things I have mentioned that it didn’t have! It had a spirit of worship in the service that was inescapable. It has had only three Sunday night services in the last year without seekers at the altar. It is hard to say which is the friendliest Church of the Nazarene I have visited, because there are so many friendly churches, but this one was very high on the totem pole. The first time I visited this church I was sick, and even in my half-stupor I knew something unusual was happening here; so although a much nicer, air-conditioned church was closer, I went back to see.

Both times I attended, someone (a different person each time) tried to take me home to dinner. This is the third church that I can remember in my lifetime where I was invited to someone’s home when I was a stranger. It reminded me of the scripture, “I was a stranger, and ye took me in.” Most of us (myself included) seem to think that we shouldn’t try to “take them in” lest we offend them. I have since come to the conclusion that it would take an enormous amount of this kind of friendliness to offend someone. I assure you that if I lived in this area they would have little trouble in taking me in. I would be asking if I could join.

These people are building a new church. I hope the air conditioning doesn’t close the front doors or chill the fervor of their services. I hope that the acoustics of their new auditorium won’t drown the sound of an occasional “Amen.”

This church has something that makes all of its problems, by comparison, insignificant. I hope I may visit it again.

Your Church Visitor
WHEN I WAS A LAD on a Kansas farm it was a great pleasure to lie on my back on the warm earth on a summer night and gaze upward into the heavens at the beauty of the stars. There were times when I longed to be an astronomer, to be able to look closer at the wonders of the heavens. I had never seen through a telescope. I had only heard that there was a way to view the surface of the moon more closely, to bring the stars nearer, and to learn some of their secrets.

One day in a weekly newspaper that came to our house I read an advertisement of a telescope for $1.98. I saved the ad and confided in my mother a long-felt desire for a telescope with which to view the stars. I told her of my intention to save money and send for the telescope. Having a mother’s love and understanding, she encouraged me in my dream.

The day came when the telescope arrived. It was really not much of a telescope; the main body of it was cardboard. It did have a little magnifying power, however, and with it I gazed into the heavens at night to learn the secrets of the universe.

What I saw was actually not much more than I was able to see with my naked eye but in my childish imagination I thought I was unlocking the secrets of the ages. Even then I dreamed of getting a larger telescope.

Time passed and I grew to young manhood and went away to college. There at college while taking a course in physical science our class visited the observatory at the University of Oklahoma. We were given opportunity one by one to view the surface of the moon magnified many times. We saw the moons of the planet Jupiter, the ring around Saturn. We beheld wonders never imagined until that moment.

Even at that the telescope at the University of Oklahoma was nothing in comparison to the giant eye that looks into the heavens in the state of California. At Mount Palomar, there is a 200-inch telescope which is used to photograph the heavens and with which man can look far, far into the galaxies and unlock their secrets.

The sights, sounds, and knowledge of the physical universe are now available to me by the power of the telescopes of science.

For a long time as a boy growing up on that Kansas farm I realized that there were spiritual areas in my life that were unexplored. I heard others talk of the joys of serving God, of the peace that passeth understanding, of the knowledge of sins forgiven. These things were as mysterious to me as the secrets of the Kansas night sky.

How can I explore these spiritual frontiers? I wondered. Can a person really have these mysteries of the soul revealed to him? Can you really come to know God? Is there a spiritual power that I am not realizing?

And so I bought a little cardboard telescope. With the cardboard telescope of expanded human knowledge I began to realize that there really was something out there that I had been missing with my natural eye.

But it was not until I came to Calvary, not until I climbed the mountain of Golgotha, upon which Jesus Christ died for sinful man, that I really realized the riches of spiritual wisdom and knowledge in sins forgiven.

Then I heard of the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Climbing the mount of self-denial, death to self, and separation from the world, I found the presence of the sanctifying Holy Spirit, who has revealed the secret things of God to me.

Now I have comprehended for myself the meaning of the truth of God’s Word which says, “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6). Now I see the world in its true light. Now I have taken the step beyond into the area of spiritual exploration.

I would hasten to add that I can see from this vantage point of the observatory of the Holy Spirit that there is far, far more to be learned, seen, and heard about God than I shall ever be able to see, hear, or understand this side of heaven.

Are you living only on the level of the physical? Are you depending on your own “cardboard telescope” of ability to bring you to a knowledge and comprehension of God’s love and of spiritual realities?

Why not right now take the step beyond the low level of the physical and natural man? God has made you with a possibility of realizing the secret of fellowship with Him through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

Take the first step by coming to Jesus for forgiveness of the sins in your life.

If you have already taken this step, then take
another and allow the Holy Spirit to dwell within and take "the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" and reveal them to you!

AMERICA

walked past my church door

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I HAD just had a conference visitor in my office and was seeing him to the front door of the church—when America walked by my church door! And for a minute she paused at the curb entrance! And she was in the care of watchful, dedicated minds and hands.

To the casual onlookers, it was only two classes of first graders out for a brief afternoon walk around the block—to stretch legs, let off some unused energy that hadn't yet settled into the confining mold of public school life, with children having so recently come from the protected environment of the home and its neighborhood. The children were directed by two typical American women, hired to educate our young; and they had stopped the group to make sure of the safety of the street crossing.

But this day I was more than a casual onlooker, for somehow I was overwhelmed with the feeling that here was a tremendous "piece" of America—a little inexperienced and hesitant—walking past my door. As soon as I got my visitor off, I went to my study to weep and pray, shaken by a fresh awareness of the awful responsibility a pastor has. God did not ordain our church here in this community merely to receive, but to give something leavening and influencing. So with the minister; I must invade the spiritual and moral atmosphere which sets the tone and motivates the educational work of this community. And, oh, how I need the wisdom of the Spirit as well as His power! For the gospel I represent doesn't easily present itself to the average materialistic community; it is more apt to cut cross-grain to that life. And yet my church has something to say to that life.

In that passing of young America by my church door, there were pony-tailed girls and toothless, freckled boys; some happy and outgoing; some sullen and ingrowing; some standing on tiptoes, excitedly curious about why the group had stopped; some lagging behind, caught in their own preoccupation. All of them are the products of a family heredity and environment, but now to be molded into the group consciousness of a community. In a sense, America stood there in pigtail, and on tiptoes; expectant of the future, curious about present meanings. Never was there a more apt illustration of the oft-quoted sentence, "Our greatest wealth is people."

What can I offer the America that is continually passing my door? I must offer the pure, powerful Word of God each Sunday. I must somehow be the catalyst that causes the spiritual fusion of grace in needy hearts; the beginning flame that starts the fire of personal witness-work in the lives of my people: the oil that keeps this witness-flame burning constantly. And every day of the week I must move through this America that surrounds my door, saying by audible word and silent deed: In the inevitable group-molding process, forget not your unique individuality in the sight of God.

None of these can I do in my own strength, but in the fullness of His Holy Spirit I can influence for God some of young America walking past my door. And so can you, friend; for isn't America walking past your door too?

As God Will

As God will He leads His own
Where it seemeth best—
Sometimes by a path unknown
And devoid of rest;
Sometimes where the way is sweet
With roses and with song.
Ours to walk in trust complete—
His to make us strong.

As God will He portioneth
What each child shall bear.
(Crosses are so lightly borne
When He comes to share!)
Question not God's best intent;
Follow, and be still,
Knowing all for good is meant
In the Father's will.

By KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK

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The Bible predicts a great coming storm called the tribulation. This forecast came from an “on-the-spot reporter” named Matthew. In his twenty-fourth chapter he reports some clues from Christ that point to this great catastrophe at the end of the age. Some of the warnings are spiritual. “Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. . . . the love of many shall wax cold. . . . then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another. . . . when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.”

Beside the spiritual warnings, there are physical calamities to emphasize: “All these are the begin-

**Watch Hurricane Flora!**

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“SPECIAL WARNING from the Weather Bureau. . . Hurricane Flora is traveling north-northwest at thirty miles per hour. The wind at the hub is 165 miles per hour. If the storm keeps its present course, it is due to hit the Florida coast about 3:30 p.m. TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS! I repeat, Take Necessary Precautions; heed and spread the news!”

It is remarkable how the weather bureau can predict the coming storm with such accuracy. When it seems like the forecast has been in error, it is because an unforeseen element has altered the direction of the storm.

There are many instruments used in predicting the weather. Various instruments are sent aloft in balloons or in airplanes. These send or bring back reports from the different strata of air and its movements. Barometric readings with the “highs” and the “lows” are analyzed along with the moving or stationary fronts plus the findings of other instruments; then a prediction can be made with accuracy.

In severe weather an on-the-spot coverage is a public service, and the saving of many lives can be attributed to the faithfulness of the operators of our numerous communication systems. They repeat every few minutes the words of warning and caution hearers to follow instructions. As the result of the predictions and the faithfulness of the technicians of both the weather bureau and the broadcasting stations, many people get ready for the coming storm. They put all their valuables in a safe place, board up the windows to protect them from breaking, gather some personal belongings, and evacuate to higher and safer ground. It is important that the warnings come in plenty of time for residents to make preparations. There is little reason for anyone to lose his life where this information is available and where one can make arrangements to avoid the coming storm.

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ning of sorrows. . . . And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: . . . For nation shall rise against nation.” “When they shall say, Peace. . . . then sudden destruction cometh upon them” (I Thessalonians 5:3). Drouth shall reduce the production of food, and pestilences shall attack what little food is raised, causing famines in divers places. Food will be scarce and people who will receive “the mark of the beast” in their forehead will be given special privileges for buying and selling. The Christian will be delivered to be afflicted, “And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”

Signs in the elements will be varied. The sun, moon, and stars will be darkened or shaken from the heavens. Just as we know that summer is near when we can view the trees putting forth tender leaves, we may anticipate the nearness of the tribulation by the prophecies of Christ.

The report presents as evidence words by the Son of Man referring to the days of Noah. Most of those people refused to heed the weather forecast of “rain” and “knew not until the flood came.” Noah broadcast, time after time, the coming of the great storm. He reported many times that the storm would hit the mainland any day. “Take all necessary precautions; take heed and spread the warning!” In spite of all he could do, most of the people were destroyed by the Flood.

All of these signs are given to us so we may “take all necessary precautions,” and prepare for the coming storm. It is the moral obligation of every individual to “take heed and spread the warning” to his neighbors and friends. One does not stop to try to decide if his neighbor has heard the same news report he has heard, or if he is a relative or a close friend. He becomes a “Paul Revere” and warns everyone whom he meets of the impending danger.

If this is true in the case of Hurricane Flora, how much more does the truth apply to us as Christians?
to warn of the coming of the Christ! We must repeat again and again, There is a great day coming! The day of judgment is drawing near. Get ready for His coming! Make all necessary preparations!

TONGUES

in the

Book of Acts

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THE INTEREST of the Church in “speaking in tongues,” sometimes called “glossolalia,” is one of the notable aspects of twentieth-century religious life. Some who are members of old and staid denominations, college and university students, businessmen and preachers have shown a serious concern for this experience.

We do not question the fact that many devout people have had an experience involving some kind of ecstatic utterance. We do challenge the assertion that “without the evidence of speaking in tongues there can be no fully scriptural baptism with the Holy Ghost.”

Because the supporters of the doctrine of speaking in tongues claim a biblical basis for their teachings, it appears that the best way to deal with the problem is to examine the Scriptures. The two primary sources of biblical statements regarding speaking in tongues are found in the Book of Acts and in I Corinthians.

There are three references to speaking in tongues in Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6. In addition there are several references to the actual coming, or filling, of the Holy Spirit in Acts 4:31; 8:17; 9:17; 13:9. Since speaking in tongues when it did occur is related to the baptism with the Holy Spirit, all the above references must be discussed.

1. Acts 2:4. “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Three things may be said about this verse: First, the people spoke in known languages, for “every man heard them speak in his own language” (2:6).

Second, speaking in previously unlearned languages was one of three physical manifestations on the Day of Pentecost. For sound as of a wind and visible tongues as of fire were also in evidence. If one is going to insist on a literal reproduction of Pentecost in every Spirit-baptized Christian, then all three evidences ought to be present, not just one.

Finally, the three physical manifestations at Pentecost indicate the beginning of a new dispensation—that of the Holy Spirit. As God introduced the law at Mount Sinai amid rolling thunder and flashing lightning, so God initiated a new era of grace by evidences to eye and ear. As the symbols at Sinai passed, leaving a permanent ethical and spiritual law, so the symbols at Pentecost passed, leaving a permanent ethical and spiritual state of grace called holiness, or heart purity. At Pentecost the wind symbol indicated God’s power, the fire symbol witnessed to God’s purging power, and the speaking symbol revealed the universality of the gospel in the new Church age.

2. Acts 4:31. Here there is a record of Christians filled with the Holy Spirit without speaking in tongues. This verse seems to contradict the Pentecostal teaching that “in Acts, the speaking with tongues is always the direct result of the filling with the Spirit.”

The attempt has been made to explain this event as only a refilling of the disciples. But such an explanation is weak and strained. In Acts 4:4 there is a record of five thousand men won to Christ. These five thousand are the majority of the ones who were filled with the Holy Spirit—without speaking in tongues.

3. Acts 8:17. The revival in Samaria also illustrates the coming of the Holy Spirit without the evidence of speaking in tongues. Peter and John went to Samaria and found a full-scale revival in progress under the preaching of Philip. When Peter and John laid their hands on the new converts, “they received the Holy Ghost”—without speaking in tongues.

Because Simon tried to purchase the power to convey the Holy Spirit on people, the point is made by some that “circumstantial evidence” indicates that the people must have spoken in tongues. But direct witness and direct teaching, not circumstantial surmises, are necessary to support the statement that “in every instance where the believers were baptized with the Holy Spirit after Pentecost they spoke in tongues.”

5. Acts 10:16. Eight years after Pentecost, Peter reluctantly accepted an invitation to preach at the home of Cornelius, a Gentile. While Peter preached, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word” (10:44). Peter was amazed, “For they heard them speak with tongues” (10:46). This experience is sometimes called the Gentile Pentecost.

Scholars disagree as to the meaning of “tongues” in this instance, but it is logical to accept tongues here to mean the same as in Acts 2:4, since the same author is using the same word and does not indicate any difference in meaning. Further, the effect on Peter indicates that it was not an unknown tongue, but a language. For when he recounts the event later Peter says, “... the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning” (11:15). “And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith” (Acts 15:8-9). It was on the basis of this baptism that the Gentiles were fully accepted into the Church.

6. Acts 19:6. When Paul went to Ephesus he found converts who had not progressed in the Christian life. Paul immediately baptized them, laid his hands on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. Commentators such as Adam Clarke connect speaking in tongues and prophesy­ing here—regarding it as the proclamation of the gospel in known languages.

In Acts there are six references to people receiving the Holy Spirit. In the first case (2:1) the people spoke in known languages. In the second, third, and fourth instances (4:31; 8:17; 9:17; and 13:9) there is no record of speaking in tongues. In the fifth and sixth cases (10:46; 19:6) the people spoke in tongues, but in these instances the phenomena came as a confirmation and can be assumed to mean a language, as at Pentecost.

The conclusion is that the Book of Acts does not support the claim that speaking in tongues should accompany the baptism in, or with, the Holy Spirit.

(The next week Dr. Metz considers the glossolalia of Corinth.—Editor.)

By W. T. PURKISER

The Carnal Bent to Sin

That unsanctified humanity has in it a serious twist or warp is a fact too evident to be easily denied. Socrates supposed that to know what was right was all that was necessary. To know the good is to be good, he thought. But it has become crystal-clear across the centuries that there is a great gap between what people know to be right and what they do. As the little girl put it, “Why should I ask God to help me be good when I want to be naughty?”

The carnal bent to sin is seen in a preference for what seem to be the immediate goods of life in place of the ultimate values of the will of God. Rudyard Kipling expressed it in pensive verse in “Kim” when he wrote:

Here come I to my own again—
Fed, forgiven and known again—
Claimed by bone of my bone again,
And sib to flesh of my flesh.

The fatted calf is dressed for me,
But the husks have a greater zest for me,
I think my pigs will be best for me,
So I’m off to the sties afresh.

This does not mean that every unsanctified Christian will openly forsake the Father’s house to be “off to the sties afresh.” But it means that the pull is there. There is an inner weakness in the face of temptation. There is a hidden foe in the heart, ready to open the gates to the enemy without.

The carnal bent to sin can never successfully be curbed by self-discipline or human suppression. It is an outlaw nature that stubbornly resists all effort to keep it in restraints. It is the strange and paradoxical self-contradiction of fallen man. It is “en­mity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be” (Romans 8:7).

THERE IS ONLY ONE REMEDY for the carnal bent to sin. Describe it as you may, it is what God means in His Word by a pure heart, a cleansed nature, a fully sanctified soul. How much simpler the Christian life would be if all were content simply to take it on God’s terms! That we want to analyze and dissect is human enough. But it may serve only to compound and confuse what the Lord has meant to be so plain that wayfaring men, though fools, need not err therein.

God’s purpose for His people is the destruction of carnality and the discipline of their humanity. He sent His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to condemn—literally, to doom—in the flesh (Romans 8:3). Christ suffered without the gate that He might sanctify the people of God with His own blood (Hebrews 13:12). Those who, like Paul,
have been made free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2) are then to keep their bodies under, lest having preached and witnessed to others, they should themselves be castaways (I Corinthians 9:27).

Let none mistake the scope of God’s deliverance from the carnal bent to sin. It is as complete as the finished work of Christ on the Cross. “If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (I John 1:7).

“Confusion of Faith”

One pastor, commenting on one of his members, said that the man seemed to have joined the church on “confusion of faith” instead of “confession of faith.” This situation is not as rare as we wish it were.

The difficulty seems to come from two sources. One is the failure to include enough in faith. Faith can be too small both as to its strength and as to its extent. True Christian faith is as big as the essential issues of life. It takes in all that is really necessary for us as children of God in a wicked, wistful world.

But confusion of faith may also come from the attempt to take in too much. It is as harmful to make issues of nonessentials as it is to mistake the essential for the incidental. Some people have never realized that there is a difference between opinion or notion on the one hand and faith or convictions on the other hand. They therefore fall either into confusion within themselves or fall out with their Christian brethren over items that really do not matter a great deal.

It is really important to work toward a firm faith in regard to the great central truths of the Word of God. We may never come to agreement on the mode of baptism. Some will hold to immersion. Others will settle for sprinkling or pouring. Each can quote Scripture data to support his view. But it is stark tragedy in the discussion of these matters to drift into such ugliness of spirit or pride of opinion as to lose “the washing of regeneration” without which no person can enter the kingdom of God.

We may never come to agreement as to the calendar of the prophetic future. Some will contend for a pre-tribulation rapture, that Christ will come for His own before the outbreak of the final great tribulation. Others will argue for a mid-tribulation or post-tribulation coming of Christ to take His Church. Many of the fathers of the holiness movement, living before the catastrophe of two world wars and a possible and perhaps imminent third conflagration, were postmillennialists. But the irony of the situation is that some get so furious and so mean in contending for their own theories they utterly fail to show any signs of that “holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”

I do not suggest that these instances, and a dozen others that might be named, are mere matters of personal whim and that one opinion is as good as another. I do not suggest that it is wrong to be interested in such areas of Christian teaching. The point is, there are some matters in which every man may be fully persuaded in his own mind while still having enough basic humility to recognize that he does not have papal infallibility and that there are both good and wise people who take another view. As a wise statesman once remarked about one of his know-it-all young critics, “I wish I was as sure about anything as he is about everything.”

Let me say it again: The person who has all the answers just hasn’t understood the questions. There are basic and fundamental certainties in the Christian faith. But they are not many. Those items “essential to Christian experience” can pretty well be summarized in the eight short sentences of the “Agreed Statement of Belief,” and there will undoubtedly be some in heaven who haven’t understood the Christian faith in exactly the terms in which we have spelled it out.

We may avoid “confusion of faith” by stressing the items of our “confession of faith,” holding to the truths of the gospel as God has given us to see them:

“We believe:

“In one God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

“That the Old and New Testament Scriptures, given by plenary inspiration, contain all truth necessary to faith and Christian living.

“That man is born with a fallen nature, and is, therefore, inclined to evil, and that continually.

“That the finally impenitent are hopelessly and eternally lost.

“That the atonement through Jesus Christ is for the whole human race; and that whosoever repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ is justified and regenerated and saved from the dominion of sin.

“That believers are to be sanctified wholly, subsequent to regeneration, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

“That the Holy Spirit bears witness to the new birth, and also to the entire sanctification of believers.

“That our Lord will return, the dead will be raised, and the final judgment will take place” (Manual, paragraph 24).

Be strong and of a good courage: . . . Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.—Joshua 1:6-9.
THE LOCAL CHURCHES

WESTLAKE, LOUISIANA—In our recent weekend youth revival, Brother Darrell Zumalt, son of our pastor, Rev. R. H. Zumalt, brought the messages, with youth of the local church in charge of the music and special singing. We had the best crowds the church has had, with new people attending the services, including Darrell’s classmates from school. God gave some wonderful altar services with young people praying through. We thank God for His presence.—Reporter.

DISTURB, CALIFORNIA—On January 26, Pastor Clarence M. Kilion observed his twentieth anniversary as pastor, and in the evening service gave interesting side-lights from the past. An unusual feature is that all five of his pastorates have been within a radius of ninety miles in the area of the present Central California District. Our church, in downtown Dinuba, is now engaged in a building improvement program, including new carpeting and pew. The congregation has extended a four-year call to Pastor Kilion.—HELEN ROBINETTE, Secretary.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA—The Will Rogers Field Church enjoyed the ministry of Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt as evangelist in our recent revival. Brother and Sister Tom Holland served well as the song evangelists. The Lord helped, and some genuine victories were witnessed. We praise God for the uncom­mitting ministry of Dr. Rehfeldt, and the spontaneous response of our people. The spirit of revival continues in our services.—BERRIE DAWSON, Pastor.

FRANCISCO, INDIANA—Recently our church had a good youth revival with Evangelists Roy and Lilly Anne Norris as workers. We had good crowds, with ten seekers at the altar, and we appreciated the ministry of Brother and Sister Norris with us. The revival spirit continues and we have had four more seekers since the close of the meeting.—C. M. SCOTT, Pastor.

Evangelist John H. Lanier writes: “I have three open dates for the summer, which I shall be glad to slate as the Lord may lead: one in May, one in June, and the third beginning July 22. Write me, Poplar Street, Junction City, Ohio.”

Evangelist Bob Palmer writes: “As I enter my sixth year in the field of evangelism, I give God all praise for His rich blessing. I have an open date in the spring, May 20 to 31, and also in the fall, October 7 through 11. I shall be glad to slate as the Lord may lead. Write me, 102 Melmore Street, Tiffin, Ohio.”

REV. C. S. Nutter writes: “Due to illness I have been forced to cancel many of my scheduled meetings. I wish to thank all the wonderful pastors and lay people with whom I have had the pleasure of working for the past years, and for all your prayers and hospitality. Now because of illness in the home I am leaving the field of evangelism, and I do covet your prayers that I may soon be able to return.”

SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA—Hollydale Church honored Rev. Charles McKinney with a week of special services celebrating his twenty-fifth year in the gospel ministry. Brother McKinney started his ministry in West Virginia as a young teen-ager, and God has blessed him in successful pastorates in Michigan and New Mexico, where he has been able to construct or remodel each church and parsonage. Many souls have been won to Christ through his ministry. We concluded the Silver Anniversary jubilee week with the largest attendance of the year.—MRS. PAT JONES, Secretary.

REV. John Lambert reports from Har­mon, Oklahoma: “Recently our church enjoyed a good fifteenth anniversary rev­ival. On Sunday afternoon of February 28 a special anniversary service was held, with Dr. J. T. Gassett, district superin­tendent, as special speaker. The church gave the pastor a unanimous recall. We are happy serving the Lord here; the church is enjoying unity and the at­tendance is up.”

SALESBY, NORTH CAROLINA—This church, under the leadership of Pastor Robert F. Turner, recently enjoyed a wonderful youth revival, with Evange­list W. W. Rose as musician and singer. God poured out His Spirit in a won­derful way as we gathered at the altar, most of whom were young people. We have a cooperative church, and new people in the community are being reached.—WANDA TURNER, Report­er.

Pastor Don Thurman writes that he has resigned as pastor of the church in Davis, California, to accept a call to the church in Yreka, California.

Colleges Provide Overnight Accommodations for General Assembly Travelers

Thousand of delegates and visitors driving to Portland, Oregon, this June for the General Assembly may enjoy the hospitality of our Nazarene colleges, see one or more of our campuses, and save dollars at the same time.

Northwest Nazarene College would be a logical “last night” stop to, or a “first night” stop from, Portland. Nampa is 425 miles from Portland. It is an eight­hour drive chiefly on freeways over the Blue Mountains and along the Columbia River.

Plan your trip to the General As­sembly so you can stop by your colleges. Meals and overnight accommodations are available at the following colleges: Bethany, Northwest, Olivet, and Tre­vecca. (Refer to page 14.)

THE BIBLE LESSON

By NELSON G. MINK

Topic for April 5:

This Is God’s Universe


GOLDEN TEXT: The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein (Psalms 24:1). A great deal of time and expense is being involved in a study of our physical universe. This is known as the “Space Age.” One man (Dr. Fred Gladding) commented: “The Space Age is teaching us that God is not found in ‘far off realms of space’ or ‘heights of upper air,’ but He is found in the hearts of men.” And Sydney J. Harris has remarked: “Science can tell us how to do things, but not which things are worth doing, and which are not.”

The Christian has a wonderful starting point in understanding how the universe began. The story is quite simple. “In the beginning GOD!” Those who try to climb up some other way have bits of difficulties on their hands. H. G. Wells, in his Outline of History, makes for tiresome reading in the first part of his work as he tries to get the universe established without God. Being an athe­ist, he must resort over and over again to evolution. As we believe, “It is thought,” “It is supposed,” “It is conjectured.”

I read a tract the other day about the common woodpecker. The author, chattering on “The Flying Power Drill,” answers the question, “Why does the woodpecker not knock his brains out, when he violently slams his head against solid wood hundreds of times a minute?” This Christian writer pointed out that, in opposition to the evolution theory, “many specialized or­gans that all creatures have, have been perfect from the beginning.” There was “irregular evolution or random mu­tations.” He added that, “In all nature, there is not one example of a partially developed ‘special organ’ that is not now a useful one.”

Many today are willfully ignorant of the fact that our God is the Author and Sustainer of the universe; that there is beautiful harmony, and wise design in the management of all that He has brought into being. Only the Chris­tian’s faith in God and the Bible can

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find the scientific and sensible explanation for things as we see them.

The little boy asked his father the big question. "Dad, how do we know there is a God?"

The answer was this simple: "Son, you remember in the Robinson Crusoe story how Robinson knew there was another man on the island?"

The boy replied, "Yes, Dad, it was because he saw his footprint in the sand."

"True, my son! And this same philosophy will help establish God for us, so we see His footprints everywhere we look."

"The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalms 19:1).

This was added: "The stars go singing as they shine."

The hand that made us is Divine.

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—Miss Suellen Gaertner and Danny Craig O’Neal — to William and Dolores (Wanser) Norris of Van Buren County, Arkansas, for special help from God, and Brother Gould is a good, strong preacher, and they are both excellent singers. Already they have a number of engagements through the local church and enthusiastically counsel them for church revivals and district camp meetings.

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Albright, J. C. 24 Pleasant St., Oak Side Trailer
Abla, Glen W. c/o N.P.H.*
Applegate, Nellie T. 742 Elysian Ave., Toledo 7,
Allen, Jimmie (J. A.), c/o N.P.H.*: Gaylord, Kans.,
• Ahlemann, John E. 109 West Sycamore, Blytheville, Ark.
• Ashby, Kenneth and Geneva. 6249 Hardegan Rd.,
Baldridge, Willis and Velma (DeBoard). Songland, Ind., April 19-26
Battin, Buford. 3015 47th St., Lubbock, Tex.:
Bender Evangelistic Party, James U. P.O. Box 8635, Tampa, Fla.
Bebout, R. E. 296 W. Oakview Dr., Oak View, Calif.
Bettcher, Roy A. 3212 Fourth Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.
• Nazarene Publishing House, Box 527, Kansas City, Mo. 64102.
Brown, Curtis R. Song Evangelist, 449 Brese Ave., Bourbonnais, Illinois
Carruth, W. R. 1506 Farnsworth Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Carr, Tom. 502 N. 10th, Toledo, Ohio
Chandler, Elmer. 940 N. 26th, Columbus, Ohio
Chapman, A. W. 1010 Hyland Park Dr., St. Louis, Mo.
claim, C. Ross
Cravens, Rupert. 823 N. Kramer Ave., Lawrenceville, Ind.
Cridar, Jim and Janet. Singers and Musicians, Box 157, Shirley, Ind. (North)
Crider, Marcellus and Mrs. Roger, Evangelist and Singers, Route 1, Darlington, Md., (Indian Meadows), April 13-19; Hartford, Ind., (Pine Lawn), April 1-12; Ottumwa, Iowa (Trinity), April 26-27; Washington, Iowa, April 29-May 3
Cromwell, D. L. 1319 Center St., Des Moines, Iowa
Dannelly, R. L. 802 Upper 11th St., Vincennes, Ind.
Darell, H. E. P.O. Box 742, Vivian, La.: Mohawk, Ind., April 22-26; Madison, Ind., April 27-33
Darell, Leo & Pauline. 1524 Laurel Dr., Columbus, Ind., Assumption, Ill., April 25-30; Fairland, Ind., April 17-26
• Dennis, Darrell and Betty. Song Evangelists and Musicians, c/o N.P.H.*: Clermont, Ind., April 1-12; Seaview, Ind., April 15-26; Madison, Ind., April 27-33
Dennis, Crafton C. 1314 E. 7th, Pueblo, Co.
Dennis, Laxon and Ruth. Evangelist and Singer, c/o N.P.H.*: Indianapolis, Ind.
Dobbs, C. H. Yoder. Angola, Ind., April 10-17
Duncan, W. Ray. Waverly, Ohio North Lewisburg, Ohio
Dunham, L. J. 512 W. Cruger, Eureka, Ill. 61500
Drayton, M. C. 2137 S. 9th, Kansas City, Mo.
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**SHORES OF BLESSING**

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 22, 23, 24
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REGISTRATION
If you plan to attend part or all of the activities of the General Convention and Assembly, fill out the following and mail at once.

NAME
ADDRESS
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BOY OR GIRL

Please check:

Plan to sing in the choir at Convention (June 18-20)

I plan to bring a brass instrument (type ...)

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All teens are welcome to participate in the choir or activities even if unable to take part in all of the schedule. Check at the registration booth in the foyer of the auditorium or coliseum.

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Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

If the blood of animals was only for the forgiveness of sin and not for the salvation of the soul, how then could those before the death of Christ be saved?

I'm not too sure I know what you have in mind by distinguishing between the forgiveness of sin and the salvation of the soul. I don't believe there is or ever has been divine forgiveness without the salvation of the soul. Perhaps what you mean is a forgiveness which covered the sins of the past, but left the person to go right on sinning, only to need forgiveness over and over.

The sacrificial offerings of the Old Testament had a twofold purpose; they were designed to hold the worshipper in the covenant relationship God had established with Israel at Sinai; and they were symbolic of the supreme offering of "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world" (John 1:29). Forgiveness and salvation in the Old Testament rested upon the acceptance of God's provision of a blood atonement: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it upon you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Leviticus 17:11).

The writer to the Hebrews points out that the failure of the law was in that it was "a shadow of good things to come," and because it could not "make the comers thereunto perfect," it was necessary that the sacrifices be offered continually (Hebrews 10:1-4). In contrast to this is the "once-for-all" sacrifice of Jesus Christ which expressed the will of God, "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (v. 10). Salvation in the Old Testament was by faith in the symbols God provided, which in turn pointed beyond themselves to "Christ our passover."

Was Jesus born with inbred sin in received the baptism with the Holy Ghost at the baptism on the banks of the Jordan?

Jesus was miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary without the taint of inherited sin. The angel told Mary that the Son born to her would be holy and the Son of God (Luke 1:35). At the time of His baptism by John at Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove. This was His divine anointing (the meaning of "Christ" is "anointed One").

I am writing to ask if characters in the Bible—Moses, Joshua, James, John, or Paul—have last names, or family names.

In Bible times, what we would call a surname or family name was the father's name prefixed with ben (Hebrew O.T.) or bar (Aramaic in the N.T.). Ben and bar both mean "son of," example, Ben-Ammi means "son of Ammi." Ben-Hadad means "son of Hadad," and Ben-Oni means "son of Oni." Moses full name would be Moses ben-Amram, and Joshua would be Joshua ben-Nun.

In the New Testament we find Peter called Simon Bar-Jona (Matthew 16:17). James and John would be Bar-Zebedee. The name of Paul's father is not known. A trace of this practice is found in many of our English family names, namely, Johnson, Peterson, Williamson.

In our church we have a song director who will not sing any of the beautiful hymns of meditation for Sunday morning service. The song service almost ruins the meaning of the hour. I feel that we are missing half of the peace and deep soul-searching when we rattle on through some of these lighter numbers without realizing what words we are singing. What do you suggest for this type of situation?

Buy your song leader a copy of Singing Disciples, by Dr. Hugh C. Benner, general superintendent. It is eighty pages of guidance and suggestions for church music as Nazarenes need it, and costs only one dollar at the Nazarene Publishing House. Every music director and song leader in the church should have this excellent little book.

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Abneys Leave for Samoa Next Month
Rev. and Mrs. John Almey, mission ary appointees to Haiti, will first serve for one year in American Samoa, under the Department of Home Missions. With their four children, they will leave for Pago Pago, Samoa, early in May. They will pastor our Samoan church while Rev. and Mrs. Jarrell W. Garsee are in the United States for a year of furlough.
Mr. Almey held pastorates on the New Mexico District for four years before moving to Kansas City, Missouri, to attend Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Trevecca Students Back New Entry
The Trevecca Nazarene College student body has voted to accept as an all-school project the financing and construction of a four-lane drive leading to their campus off Murfreesboro Road in Nashville, Tennessee. A contemporary-styled arch will accent the 100-foot-wide drive. The cost is expected to approximate $12,000.

Mrs. Starr Passes
Mrs. R. V. Starr passed away Thursday, March 12. Funeral services were held in Richmond, Michigan, and she was buried in Vicksburg on March 16. Rev. J. H. White, of Canton, Ohio, officiated. Mrs. Starr was the wife of Dr. R. V. Starr, district superintendent of the Illinois District, who was killed in a car accident in 1949. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Jane Arnold, Mrs. Jean Strawell, and Mrs. Thelma DeArrey.

Philo to Australia
Dr. L. C. Philo, chairman of the Department of Philosophy at Olivet Nazarene College, has been appointed to the staff of Nazarene Bible College in Sydney, Australia. Dr. Philo will complete his work at Olivet Nazarene College during the summer session and will leave for Australia the latter part of August. Mrs. Philo and two of their children will also be going to Australia. One daughter will remain in school at Olivet Nazarene College. The appointment was made by Dr. Hugh C. Benner for the Board of General Superintendents.

Hilo Church First 1964 Achievement Award
The Hilo Church of the Nazarene, located on the island of Hawaii, was the first church to be awarded the "most outstanding" in the Small Church Achievement Program in 1964. The award was made at the Hawaii District Assembly last month. Rev. William Sever is the pastor.

First Panama Church Dedicated
The First Church of the Nazarene in the Republic of Panama was formally dedicated last month with a congregation of around six hundred in attendance. Nazarene foreign missionary work was begun by Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Nelson in Panama in 1960. Already five congregations have been gathered. Mr. Nelson reports that God wonderfully blessed the dedication of the first permanent building. He writes, "We have felt the undergirding of the prayers of the folks at home. Continue to remember us in these critical days."

Dr. Morgan to Chicago Hospital
Dr. Arthur Morgan, superintendent of the Northwest Indiana District, entered recently the Billings Hospital in Chicago for further treatment of a malignancy.

B. Edgar Johnson of Upland, California, as General Secretary and the General Board has elected him by ballot with a unanimous vote.

On behalf of the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents, I hereby declare B. Edgar Johnson elected General Secretary effective March 16, 1964. Mr. Johnson expects to begin his assignment in Kansas City, Missouri, on or about April 15, 1964.

SPECIAL NOTICE
Because of the vacancy created by the death of S. T. Ludwig, general secretary, on March 8, and in accordance with the requirements of the Manual, Paragraphs 365, 358 (Section 3), and 398, the Board of General Superintendents has unanimously nominated Rev. Dr. L. C. Philo, chairman of the Department of Philosophy at Olivet Nazarene College, to be the new general secretary.

Mrs. R. V. Starr passed away Thursday, March 12. Funeral services were held in Richmond, Michigan, and she was buried in Vicksburg on March 16. Rev. J. H. White, of Canton, Ohio, officiated. Mrs. Starr was the wife of Dr. R. V. Starr, district superintendent of the Illinois District, who was killed in a car accident in 1949. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Jane Arnold, Mrs. Jean Strawell, and Mrs. Thelma DeArrey.

Defense Department Hospitals Bar Free Cigarettes to Servicemen
WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—Free distribution of cigarettes in military hospitals and clinics, long a goodwill advertising project of tobacco companies, is ended.

The Defense Department announced a ban on gift cigarettes in its 479 medical institutions.

And in another reaction to the federal report linking smoking to health hazards, the military establishment said it would establish an educational program to point out dangers of the cigarette habit to the 2,700,000 men and women in the armed forces.

Hold Home Missions Conference
CINCINNATI (EP)—Over 160 delegates from all the major areas in the United States attended the twenty-third annual Home Missions Conference at Moody Church here.

The colorful, week-long conference centered attention on practical workshops as well as the spiritual trends affecting home missionary work in America.

One of the significant discussions concerned the recent Supreme Court ruling on religion in the schools, an area which has been most fruitful in home missions in past years. Although the ministry to public schools has not been completely stopped, spokesmen for the Conference expressed concern that the court ruling would place increased stringencies on these schools which desire to maintain some form of spiritual instruction. It was resolved that concerned believers voice their protest to Congress and bring pressure to bear in order to get some relaxation to the measure.

East African Presbyterians Elect Native Officers
Nairobi (EP)—For the first time in its history, the Presbyterian Church of East Africa has native African leaders in the top administrative and honorary offices.

Rev. John G. Gatu became the first African general secretary of the church, and Rev. Charles M. Kareri was re-elected moderator at the church's Fourth General Assembly here. Mr. Kareri became the first African moderator of the church in 1961.

In the past the administrative post of general secretary had always been filled by missionary clergy of the Church of Scotland, which founded the African church early in this century.
The Church of the Nazarene, Grand Haven, Michigan, was dedicated by Dr. Mendell Taylor and District Superintendent Fred J. Haivk. The new building will seat 350, with Sunday school rooms in the back providing an overflow seating for 100 additional. Fourteen class rooms, office, and pastor's study are included in the building valued at over $130,000. Rev. Paul K. Moore is the pastor.

Mrs. Mary Garcia (left), N.Y.P.S. president at the Southside, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Church of the Nazarene, presents a three-level silver server to Dr. Mendell Taylor (center), dean of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, as Rev. M. L. Turpkill (right), pastor of the church, looks on. The occasion was the twenty-fifth consecutive year Dr. Taylor has held special services in the church from the last Sunday of the year through the watch-night service.

The Church of the Nazarene in Temple, Michigan, participated in observing the fiftieth anniversary of the Michigan District by making special effort to honor their home department and older members. "Old Folks" day featured a fine meal provided for the honorees in the Town Hall. Not all of the group attending could stay for the picture. Rev. Arthur P. Fisher is the pastor.

Pressman James Spruill of the Nazarene Publishing House shows the cover of the "Herald of Holiness" which featured the Australia District picture of koala bears to Mrs. Richard S. Taylor (center) and Miss Jeanine van Beek (right). Dr. and Mrs. Taylor served in Australia at the Bible College for eight years; and Miss van Beek, a native of Holland, who now resides in New Zealand, is at the present time a senior at Northwest Nazarene College preparing to return to educational work in Australia. The lithograph press in the background prints the "Herald" covers.

Interior of new sanctuary in the Snoqualmie, Washington, First Church of the Nazarene. The room seats 235 with overflow areas bringing the capacity to 400. Rev. Bert Edwards, Jr., became pastor in September, 1962, and a year later the new building was started. General Superintendent V. H. Lewis, assisted by District Superintendent Bert Daniels, dedicated the church in January.
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