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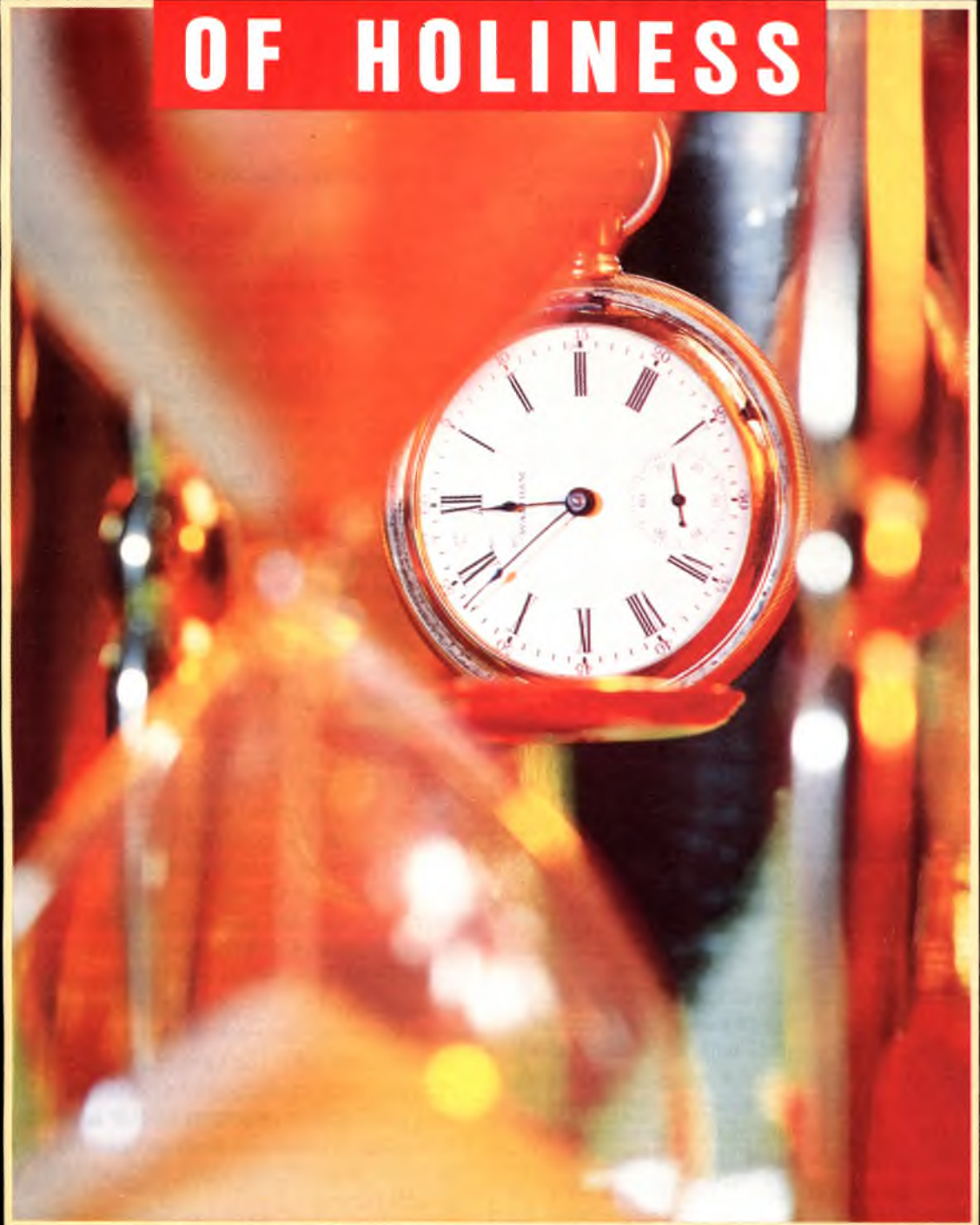
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# MAINTAINING THE SPIRITUAL GLOW



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*General Superintendent*

**M**aintain the spiritual glow," Paul admonished the Roman church. So James Moffatt renders Romans 12:11.

Only a zealous Christian is an effective Christian. As the burning logs in my fireplace radiate warmth on a cold January evening, my spirit should glow with zeal for Christ. "Never be lacking in zeal, but

keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11, NIV).

Two factors are essential to a glowing fire: a good draft and a plentiful supply of fuel. For Christian fervor this translates into prayer and growth in the knowledge of God and spiritual reality.

Prayer provides the "draft" for spiritual fervency. In keeping filled with the Spirit nothing can take the place of a life of communion with God. "Praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God" is the tested and tried formula for spirituality (Jude 20-21, NKJV).

But more is involved, even than prayer. Maintaining the spiritual glow always requires that I continue to feed the flame of the Spirit with truth from God. "Many have unwisely sought for religious feeling as such. The essential factor, however, in the development of the emotional life of the Christian is to search the Word for new truth, or plead the Spirit's guidance into the deeper aspects of truth already known. Feeling apart from truth leads into dangerous fanaticism, but truth which gives rise to strong emo-

tion becomes a supreme power in the life of holiness."\*

In the quest for deeper understanding of God's truth I am part of the Christian community that has existed from the time of the apostles. Accordingly I have available in my search the writings of saints and scholars of the Church who have enjoyed the illumination of the Spirit in extraordinary ways. This activity of the Spirit continues through contemporary saints and scholars. Often illumination comes to me as I sit alone with my open Bible in quiet and prayerful attention. But the Spirit illuminates me also through the works of these fellow pilgrims in the Way.

Believing that only growing Christians can be glowing Christians John Wesley wrote and created for his early Methodists a veritable Christian library, representing not only his own spiritual insights but also those of men and women in various traditions of the faith. Over the course of more than a half century a continuous flow of homilies, pamphlets, articles, and tracts poured from Wesley's pen and fed the flame of devotion in the hearts of his people.

The Church of the Nazarene has sought to emulate Wesley in this grand endeavor of producing holiness literature for the edification of the people of God. Like Wesley we believe that only growing Christians will be glowing Christians.

In this issue we salute Nazarene Publishing House for its long and illustrious record in this area of ministry. From the presses of NPH have rolled multiplied thousands of books and other forms of holiness literature for more than seven and a half decades. In close cooperation with the Communications Division, charged with creating and coordinating the editorial and publication concerns of our movement, NPH continues to pour from its presses the gospel on the printed page, for the glory of God and the edification of His people. **H**

\*H. Orton Wiley and Paul T. Culbertson, *Introduction to Christian Theology* (Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 1945), 355.



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# A Christmas Outcome— **FORGIVENESS**

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**C**hristmas is over, but should we be over Christmas? One critic has spoken of the “mantle of merriment” wrapped around Christmas. Folk grow warm and generous in wishing all a “Merry Christmas.” It’s only a cover for a little while, he maintains. Among most people, nothing really changes amid the parties and pretense. Division and ill tempers remain. There’s only a temporary suspension of evil habits. A few days after the celebration—certainly by income tax time—everything returns to normal.

This need not and certainly should not be the case. If we truly worship the Christ of Christmas, we will not get over its enduring message of confidence, love, forgiveness, and self-emptying sacrifice. Henry van Dyke challenged us to “keep Christmas” by being unselfish, by “closing our book of complaints against the management of the universe and to look around for a place where we may sow a few seeds of kindness.” Then he adds that if we keep Christmas for a day, we can keep it always.

The Word became flesh! God was enfleshed in the body of man and the enduring Truth must be fleshed out in our lives. One of our more perceptive Christmas cards said, “If we could have been forgiven in any other way, God never would have sent His Son to us on Christmas day!” We are to enter into His spirit by giving back some of that love by forgiving others. That’s a life-changing Christmas outcome!

In speaking of forgiveness, we must clear away some misunderstandings. Forgiveness is not forgetting. We remember the facts, but they no longer have emotional significance. “He takes the stinger out,” one teenager explained. Forgiveness is not a feeling. It is a clear, logical action on our part in obedience to Christ’s command. It is not pretending but honestly facing the facts. Forgiveness is not bringing up the past. Some keep a trading book of hurts. When the right time comes, they vengefully cash in their grievances. Also, it is not de-

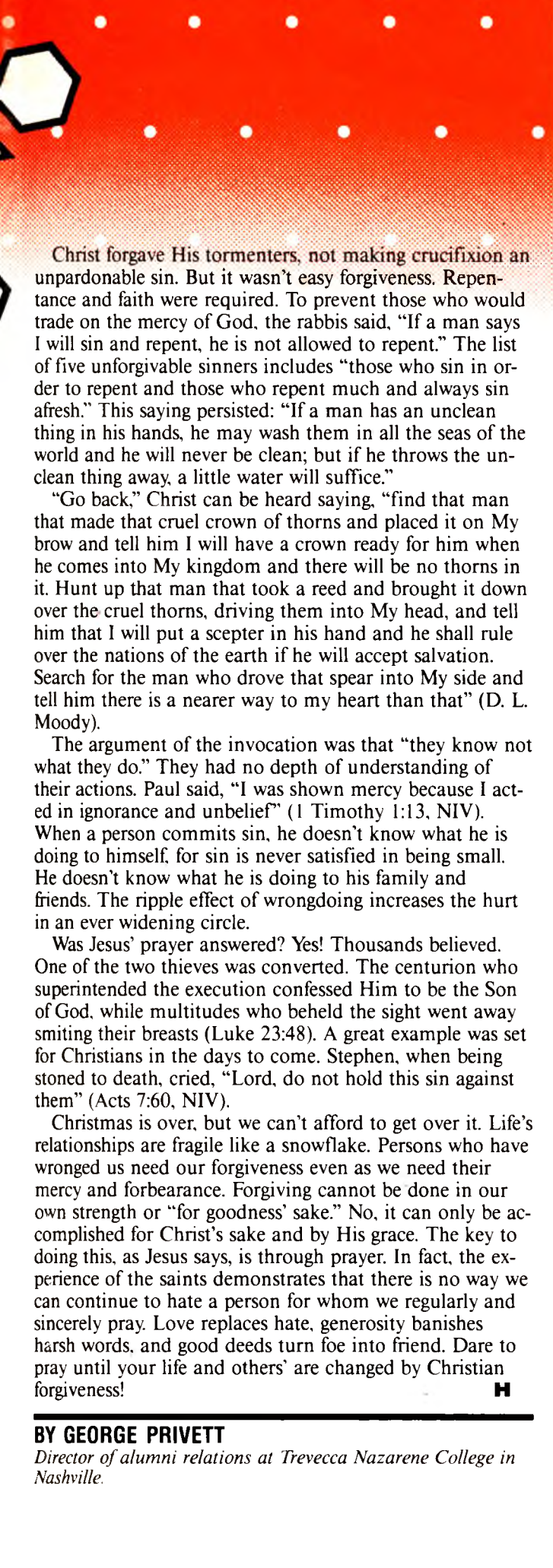
manding change before forgiving the offender. We are to “be . . . kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:32).

Forgiveness involves self-giving and is therefore costly to love of self and pride. It occurs when love accepts the hurt and then drops all charges against the offender. It involves giving freely without any assurance of restitution. Simon Peter, probably feeling religious, asked the Master, “How many times shall I forgive my brother? . . . Seven times?” (Matthew 18:21, NIV). To his surprise Jesus replied, “Seventy times seven!” (v. 22). How could one keep track of 490 instances of pardon? That’s the point—forgiveness is to be free and without calculation.

“And when ye stand praying, forgive,” counseled Jesus, “if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses” (Mark 11:25). Catherine Marshall indicates that in failing to forgive, we may imprison another person mentally in a certain pattern of behavior, thereby condemning him to remain unchanged. She suggests a systematic releasing of our “oughts” to free others and to clear our own hearts of the snare of bitterness.

Jesus said, “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44, NIV). He taught us to pray, saying, “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,” and then added the admonition, “If you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins” (6:12, 15, NIV). He practiced what He had preached when on the Cross His first words were, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). When trouble strikes, we wonder where God is and if He still loves us. However, in the midst of chance and change, if we can be sure that behind it all is a God whose name is Father, we can endure, knowing the world is organized not for our comfort but for our training.





Christ forgave His tormenters, not making crucifixion an unpardonable sin. But it wasn't easy forgiveness. Repentance and faith were required. To prevent those who would trade on the mercy of God, the rabbis said, "If a man says I will sin and repent, he is not allowed to repent." The list of five unforgivable sinners includes "those who sin in order to repent and those who repent much and always sin afresh." This saying persisted: "If a man has an unclean thing in his hands, he may wash them in all the seas of the world and he will never be clean; but if he throws the unclean thing away, a little water will suffice."

"Go back," Christ can be heard saying, "find that man that made that cruel crown of thorns and placed it on My brow and tell him I will have a crown ready for him when he comes into My kingdom and there will be no thorns in it. Hunt up that man that took a reed and brought it down over the cruel thorns, driving them into My head, and tell him that I will put a scepter in his hand and he shall rule over the nations of the earth if he will accept salvation. Search for the man who drove that spear into My side and tell him there is a nearer way to my heart than that" (D. L. Moody).

The argument of the invocation was that "they know not what they do." They had no depth of understanding of their actions. Paul said, "I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief" (1 Timothy 1:13, NIV). When a person commits sin, he doesn't know what he is doing to himself, for sin is never satisfied in being small. He doesn't know what he is doing to his family and friends. The ripple effect of wrongdoing increases the hurt in an ever widening circle.

Was Jesus' prayer answered? Yes! Thousands believed. One of the two thieves was converted. The centurion who superintended the execution confessed Him to be the Son of God, while multitudes who beheld the sight went away smiting their breasts (Luke 23:48). A great example was set for Christians in the days to come. Stephen, when being stoned to death, cried, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (Acts 7:60, NIV).

Christmas is over, but we can't afford to get over it. Life's relationships are fragile like a snowflake. Persons who have wronged us need our forgiveness even as we need their mercy and forbearance. Forgiving cannot be done in our own strength or "for goodness' sake." No, it can only be accomplished for Christ's sake and by His grace. The key to doing this, as Jesus says, is through prayer. In fact, the experience of the saints demonstrates that there is no way we can continue to hate a person for whom we regularly and sincerely pray. Love replaces hate, generosity banishes harsh words, and good deeds turn foe into friend. Dare to pray until your life and others' are changed by Christian forgiveness! **H**

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# Spent, One Year

**W**e have done it again; in fact, all of us have done it. We have spent a whole year and now are saying, "Where did it go?" The silent river of time flows quietly along, whether or not we are in step with it. The clock again has metered out 8,760 hours as we have rhythmically clicked off the 365 days of another calendar year. The old saying is, "Time waits on no one." We have heard it said, "My, doesn't time fly!" but this is really false. Time is very systematic and moves at the same measured speed for everyone. Time does not fly; rather we are the ones who let time slip by without giving it usefulness.

No doubt we can think of wasted time, things that we have been involved in which really were not worthwhile. Also, we think of time spent for necessities such as our working hours, our eating hours, our sleeping hours, and the whole spectrum of activities that are important for living.

Invested hours are another important cut of the pie—those moments and hours we spend for others and invest without any immediate return. The baking of a cake for the neighbors where sickness had struck, the calling on absentees from the Sunday School, the cup of cold water given in the name of the Lord—interests and dividends will be gleaned from these securities throughout eternity.

My face turned red with embarrassment when I asked myself, How much time have you spent in prayer during the past year? Immediately I found myself being defensive. Well, this has been a very unusual year; the work of the office has been more pressing than I can ever remember. You know, too, about the accident, Lord, how the queen of the parsonage was in a wheelchair for three months. On and on, I strung out my argument, but it was soon apparent that I was not making any points with the Lord.

God, give to us a real sense of values as we prepare to spend another year! **H**

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## C ONTEMPLATION

*Farewell, Old Year!  
So many blessings  
from Your hand.  
Thank You, Lord!*



*Welcome, New Year!  
So much to do  
and be.  
Yes, Lord!*

—**GERALDINE NICHOLAS**  
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# SEIZE THE Opportunity

Moses, the man of God, prayed, "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12, NIV). That is good advice in a great prayer, prayed in the 14th century before Christ and applied in the 20th century after Christ.

It is especially meaningful for us as we contemplate and take action in the New Year of 1989. "Numbering our days aright" means to give due regard for their significance and seriousness. We will pass this particular way but once, and it is incumbent upon us to make the most of every opportunity. David prayed, in Psalm 39:4, "Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life" (NIV). Numbering our days in true righteousness is to realize the brevity of our life span and to be aware of the evangelical significance of the power of our influence over the lives of others whose pathways intersect ours.

The words of Paul, in Ephesians 5:15-16, underscore the power of our influence: "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil" (NIV). Numbering our days aright means giving due regard for the kind of environment in which we exist and seizing the opportunity to invest it with the goodness of God. How we live will influence the decision of others.

The apostle makes this even more clear in a parallel passage: "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone" (Colossians 4:5-6, NIV). If our hearts are full of God's grace, instead of ourselves, then our communication with our fellowman will be gracious. Conversation seasoned with the preserving "salt" of God's

love and mercy will make a lasting impact. A mind full of God's grace will have a sense of how to respond to each situation, because love is never out of place.

We are called as Christians to make the most of every opportunity. This was illustrated graphically to me in a story that unfolded during a radio program aired on CBC radio one Sunday morning in December, while I was dressing for church. Titled "The Food Show," the program host was interviewing a woman whose father had established a large bakery business in New York City in the early part of this century. Steinberg was his name. He had seen an opportunity in a new product called "the doughnut," a piece of sweet bread in the shape of an "o" and with a hole in the middle. The story was unfolded in this way:

During World War I, American soldiers in Europe had been treated to a breakfast delicacy served by Salvation Army ladies, known as "the doughnut." The ladies had set up pots of oil, and fried the doughnuts right in the trenches. When the soldiers returned home they began to demand that bakeries sell doughnuts. Prior to this time they had never been mass-produced for public consumption but always fried in private homes, in pots or on stove-tops. But here was a new product demand!



H. Armstrong Roberts



So Steinberg set up giant pots of oil in the windows of his bakery, and he began to sell fresh doughnuts to his customers. The lines of customers waiting for his doughnuts became so extensive that he could hardly keep up with the demand. Traveling one day on the railway in New York, he sat next to an engineer who, upon hearing about Steinberg's dilemma in production, said he thought he could build a machine that would mass-produce them. He went home, drew a plan, constructed the machine, and Steinberg was in the business of mass-producing doughnuts. They became a popular food and continue to be.

The Food Show host said that doughnuts were a "god-send" during the Depression Years of the 1930s, for you could purchase six or eight for a nickel. Further, it turned out that actually Mr. Steinberg had begun the bakery business in a true entrepreneurial risk-venture. Becoming depressed by the poor circumstances in his small hometown, he had discovered a secret cache of money that his wife had been keeping under their mattress, and had taken these savings to New York City to begin the bakery business. Through his wisdom to see the implications of the lowly doughnut, he parlayed "the mattress bank deposit" into a very successful business! He seized his opportunity.

Oh, that God would grant us the eyes to see our spiritual opportunities in 1989! Oh, that we would see the power of our influence and seize every opportunity to invest the preserving salt of God's grace into the moments of our relational intersections with our colleagues at work, at school, or in our leisure.

So often we fail to see the presence of Christ in the ordinary events of our lives. We wait for the spectacular happening, the miracle-moment. A folk tale about Christmas instructs us in this regard:

Many years ago there lived in a small village a cobbler by the name of Conrad. This kindly old man was alone and poor, but he was full of friendly and warm words for everyone.

One Christmastime, some of his neighbors decided to cheer the old man by paying him a visit. They were amazed to find him so radiant and happy when they arrived.

Entering his shop, they found a room made festive with holly and evergreens. The table was loaded with delicacies of the season.

"Who is coming to visit you?" a neighbor asked in surprise.

"Last night the Lord appeared to me in a dream and told me that He wanted to be my guest on Christmas Day. I am all prepared for His arrival," Conrad replied.

After the neighbors left, greatly encouraged themselves, Conrad sat by his window, waiting for his hallowed guest. While he waited, a beggar passed his window, ragged and half-starved. Conrad invited him in, fed him, and gave him shoes for his nearly frozen feet. After the beggar had gone, an old woman hobbled by, carrying a sack of wood. Conrad insisted she come inside. He served her dinner and let her rest by the fireplace, then helped her on her way.

Again, the cobbler sat by his window, waiting for his sacred guest. Suddenly, he heard the sobbing of a child. When he opened the door, he found a frightened and cold youngster. After some warm milk and soothing words, Conrad took the child to his worried mother.

Once more, he returned to his vigil, conscious that night

was falling fast. Where was his promised guest? Anxious and weary, Conrad dropped upon his knees.

"O, Lord," he pleaded, "what has delayed You?"

Then out of the silence there came a voice: "Conrad, be not dismayed, for three times I came to your friendly door; three times My shadow crossed your floor.

"I was the beggar with frost-bitten feet.

"I was the woman given food to eat.

"I was the child in the lonely street."

May God give us the eyes to see our opportunities, and the will to seize them throughout this year! **H**

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# THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

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**O**ne of the great lessons of life learned by the Psalmist David was his practice of a diligent devotional life. He pursued personal holiness by regularly measuring his life against the ruler of God's Word: "I seek you with all my heart; . . . I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:10-11, NIV).

When you get as close to God as you can get, you are as far from sin as you can get. Remember the Gingerbread Man? He met a hungry woman whom he easily outran. A determined man was no match for him, nor was a hungry boy, a bear, a pig, and a ravenous wolf. The Gingerbread Man felt very sure of himself when he met Sly Fox. He bragged, "I have already run away from a woman, a man, a boy, a bear, a pig, and a wolf. I can run away from you too."

"Eh?" mumbled Sly Fox. "Come a little closer; I'm just a little hard of hearing."

The confident little man edged closer and repeated his story, but he had to move still closer to be heard. "I have already run away from a woman, a man, a boy, a bear, a pig, and a wolf. I can . . ."

Snap! Sly Fox clamped his jaws down on a tasty meal, and the Gingerbread Man was no more.

If you want to get as close to God as you can, get as far from sin as you can. Seek the Lord with your whole heart, and store His Word in your heart to tide you through the tough times that will come. Trying times will come, but your hills and valleys will be leveled into a highway called holiness, and you will walk in that way experiencing strength for each day and hope for every tomorrow. **H**

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# Resolutions for a Family New Year

New Year's Day is a time to take stock, evaluate, set goals. In the year that I've been writing this column on family matters, I've asked you to think about some tough issues that affect families—poor communication between parents, forbidden emotions, low self-esteem, alcoholism, infertility, depression . . . At the beginning of a new year it feels appropriate to consider some positive helps to growth in our family lives. I asked some of my colleagues who, like me, work as therapists with troubled families, to suggest some New Year resolutions that could help improve the quality of Christian family life. Wayne Dunlop, Dick Fish, and Jan Lanham, all on the faculty here at Eastern Nazarene College, came up with the following suggestions:

*Resolve to reestablish date night.* How long has it been since you went out on a date with your husband or wife? Does your spouse have to make do with what little time and energy are left over after you have given your best to your career, the church, the children, and all those other people who look to you for support? Remember what a high priority it was to spend time together when you first fell in love?

The Bible talks about the importance of the marital relationship as a man leaves his father and mother and cleaves to his wife (Matthew 19:5), and it is the ongoing closeness of this primary relationship that gives stability to the home, providing a secure foundation for healthy family life. Once children come along, many couples get so busy being parents that they lose touch with each other. They rarely have opportunities for long uninterrupted talk; their sex life suffers through lack of privacy and persistent tiredness; they feel guilty about the little amount of time their schedules allow for family life, so they don't even consider taking time for themselves. But if, as the experts maintain, a strong marital relationship with good communication and



mutual support is a key ingredient in family well-being, then it is essential to nurture that relationship. A regular date night is one way to help do that. The money spent on a babysitter once or twice a month, or even once a week if that is feasible, will be one of the best investments you can make in your family.

Dates don't have to be expensive—a cup of coffee at Dunkin' Donuts and a chance to talk without the kids, a drive to a favorite beauty spot, a walk in

the moonlight—any activity that allows you to enjoy each other's company and to talk. The elegant dinner or night on the town could be an occasional treat when the budget permits. Don't worry if your kids feel left out. They will reap the benefits, and after they've left home you won't wake up total strangers.

*Resolve to initiate regular family conferences.* Does everyone in your family have a chance to say how he feels about what goes on in the family? Do Mom and Dad always make unilateral decisions, because they know best, without finding out what the children think? We do not advocate democratic family government with each person having an equal vote, for clearly there are many situations in which parents must decide for the family. But it is important for the children's developing self-esteem and self-confidence that they be able to talk about what they think or how they feel without being ignored, criticized, or ridiculed.

A family conference can be a useful device to get communication started for families that rarely express real feelings. It will mean setting aside a regular time and should involve everyone who lives in the same household. Agenda items could include ongoing family problems, decisions that have to be made, plans for vacations, family outings and celebrations, redistribution of chores, ways to reach out as a family to a neighbor or a person in need. At first parents will have to gather issues from family interaction

during the week, but gradually the children should be encouraged to bring up things that they want to talk about. There will have to be rules about not interrupting or putting others down even if someone thinks or feels differently. Mom and Dad might take turns being the facilitator, making sure that each issue gets a proper airing and that everyone gets a chance to speak.

*Resolve that in one or two situations this year you will let your teenage son or daughter fail!* Adolescence is the time when kids have to begin to learn to stand on their own feet, and a time when parents need to learn to begin to give up control. When children are small, of course we must protect them from hurting themselves and insist that they do what we know is in their best interests, like doing their homework and eating their vegetables. We may carry this protectiveness over into the teenage years, believing that as good parents we are responsible for their grades, their friendships, and the way they spend their money. Part of growing up is learning to make choices and to live with the consequences of our actions. If you are an over-protective parent, you need to think of a less-than-life-threatening area where taking your hands off will allow your child to risk failure. Examples might be to stop nagging Tracy about math homework with the understanding that if she fails the course she will have to repeat the class, or to require Bill to save up for that youth group bicycle trip from his allowance (adequate) with the risk that he'll fritter away the money and that this time you won't bail him out. Be warned, letting go is not easy. But if you don't start gradually while they are still at home, your kids won't know how to make responsible decisions when they get out into the real world.

*Resolve to be more patient with yourself.* There are so many experts offering their opinions on better parenting that it is very easy to feel inadequate. Moms and Dads feel they ought to be experts with unlimited skill, energy, and wisdom for every family situation. If you feel frustrated in your parenting role, it will be hard for you to be patient with your children. God is extremely patient with us. He loves us and knows our limitations. He even knows that we don't always have the energy to be at our best, but He is patient with us and gives us permission to be patient with ourselves. So resolve to relax, give up striving to be super-moms and superdads with superkids, and you will enjoy your family more.

These are only a few of the resolutions we might have come up with if we had more space, but perhaps one of these can make a difference to your family. A word of caution—don't attempt to adopt them all or you'll be doomed to failure. If you do choose one, then both parents need to agree that it's a good idea and decide together how to implement it. If you are a single parent, some of these ideas can work for you, too, but you may need to get a friend to support you in your resolve.

May 1989 be a good year for your family. **H**

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## TUNING LIFE TO THE

# Law of Love

**A**t first I thought my car radio was playing tricks on me. The dial was at its usual spot. But the music was not the lovely chords of familiar classics. The instrument was obviously a piano, but the harmonies seemed distorted.

Soon the number ended and the announcer identified the work as "In the Wind," created by Mathieu, for "retuned piano." I was fascinated by the concept.

It seems that the standard piano is tuned to A, above middle C. That A is the starting point for tuning. It is exact. It registers on a sound scope at precisely 440 vibrations per second. All orchestras tune to that A. It is the same everywhere in the world.

The announcer commented that the listener's aesthetic sense may have been offended by "In the Wind" for, he explained, the piano had not been tuned to the A standard.

The concept of the retuned piano so sparked my curiosity that I did a little research on the topic. And I discovered three facts.

1. While music is more than scientific law, it functions within a law that may be transgressed but not ignored. Even an untrained ear like my own can tell when the instrument is not tuned to the standard.

2. The law of physics dictates the pattern of the vibrations that are sympathetic—or similar—to the first tone. For instance, the A an octave lower vibrates at 220 cycles per second, while the A an octave higher vibrates at 880.

3. In addition to the law of physics there are also rules of music theory, but they are really only aids to help would-be musicians work within the law. The ways in which creative musicians can function within the law vary



greatly. In fact, the rules may even be altered from era to era to accommodate the genius of certain people or cultures. But the law never changes and the rules, if they are reliable, must always reflect that law.

Soon the dissonant sounds of the “music for retuned piano” was over, and my mind was brought back to the present reality by the news. There were reports of cocaine deaths, court battles over “right to life,” and comments about how disease was affecting the “sexual revolution.” The voice of the newscaster sounded strangely like the music I heard a few minutes earlier. Different. Offensive. Almost hypnotic. “Music for a retuned piano.”

It reflected a culture that is out of tune with the point of beginning. It has denied that point of beginning and has retuned to others. Because of this, the closing phrase of Judges describes our culture well: “Every man did that which was right in his own eyes” (Judges 21:25).

Jesus spoke the law that all rules must reflect. The authoritative voice of Scripture echoes the authoritative voice of the Son of God who declared, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments” (Matthew 22:37-40, NIV).

The perfect 440-vibrations-per-second A has been sounded. Every ethical instrument of every cultural orchestra may now be tuned. Love for God is the point of beginning, the A above middle C. Love for neighbor and love for self are the octaves that synchronize perfectly with and are a further expression of the first tone. This is the law that may be transgressed or ignored only at great peril.

All rules must reflect that law. Rules are really aids to help us function within the law.

The basic law has enabled men of faith to devise rules regarding practices not mentioned in the Scripture. The Bible, for instance, has no specific word on tobacco, drugs, alcohol, abortion, or entertainment. But the law of Scripture regarding the sanctity of life invested with God’s own image, calls for reverence from man. And this law is the basis of rules that are as synchronized with the law of Scripture as A below middle C at 220 vibrations is with A above middle C at 440 vibrations.

Can rules ever be unfaithful to the Scripture? Certainly. It is one reason we function as the community of faith. The church carefully studies the application of the law of Scripture. As in music, the rules will sometimes vary from era to era. But reverence for the law and the conscientious reflection of that law in daily living is the continual commitment of the church-at-large.

If rules are troublesome to you, ask yourself these two questions:

1. Am I a “retuned piano”? Have I allowed the culture to divert me from the law of love as my starting point? If this has happened, return to the great Law-giver for reorientation.

2. Have I failed to see the full implication of the law of love in my relationship with myself, others, and nature?

Usually when these questions have been answered, distress with rules is replaced with a healthy appreciation. **H**

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## THERE IS HOPE: A MOM'S

**I**t happened on our annual visit to our son. One afternoon Dave said, “Mom, Dad, there’s something I have to talk to you about.”

“Sure, Son, no problem about that,” we answered. No problem! If we had only known!

Dave began by reminding us that during high school he had dated very little. He had always said dating was too expensive. He often went out with groups of both males and females and enjoyed that.

Some months after leaving home, he talked to a man who, Dave discovered, was a homosexual. After a long, heart-to-heart talk, the man said, “You’re gay, too.” Dave was furious at him for suggesting such a thing. Homosexuality was sinful. He was a dedicated Christian, active in the music program of his church. This just could not be. However, as Dave began to honestly analyze things he eventually admitted that any physical attraction he had was to men. He was crushed at this realization. In his own words, **“For a year I prayed and fasted and cried buckets of tears pleading with God to heal me. He hasn’t done it.”**

He decided if he would start dating a girl and really make an effort, that would probably take care of “it.” Dave chose an attractive, dedicated Christian girl who enjoyed some activities that he enjoyed, particularly music. Prior to this they had spent time together, but always just as friends. For a year, as they dated, Dave continued to think of her as a friend. Before long, although Sue knew of Dave’s homosexuality and was willing to date him, she realized she no longer saw him as a friend. Sue had fallen in love with him. **Dave could not respond as other men would have. While her desire was, “Come closer,” his response was to move away.**



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Long before Dave finished talking to us, I understood what he was saying. He did not know how we would respond. Would we still love him? He finished by saying, "I am gay."

I walked to the kitchen, put my head on the counter, and burst into tears. I soon felt his arm across my shoulder and he asked softly, "Are you OK, Mom?"

How could I answer him? I could only sob, "How awful it must have been for you to have to tell us!" Oh, how my heart ached for my handsome, talented son who had already suffered so much. Never had my hug for him been filled with so much love and compassion.

The inevitable, "Why, God, why?" pounded in my heart and mind. "What did we do wrong? What caused this? Why did You allow it to happen? Why haven't You healed him? What possible good can come from this? Your Word condemns homosexuality. *Do something* about it!"

Dave continued to be active in the music ministry. He shared his struggle with the pastoral staff. Dave explained that although he was struggling with homosexual feelings, he was not a practicing homosexual. In fact, he told them that he'd even stopped going to his health club because it posed a temptation for him. What amazing men! They sympathized, loved, did their best to counsel, suggested other counselors, prayed for him and with him, and *kept their mouths shut*. The congregation was not told. **Christians, as a whole, will accept ex-cons, alcoholics, various down-and-outers and attempt to minister to them. Unfortunately this same compassion is not extended to the homosexual.** So he must keep his secret or run the risk of being rejected and forced out of the church.

Dave went to seven different counselors, including Chris-

tian psychologists, before he found one that helped him really begin to deal with the issues. Healing is a process, not an event. He was greatly discouraged many times, and was tempted to give up, but persisted instead.

After going to many counselors, receiving acceptance from pastors, parents, and wife, and continuing to submit to God, Dave is overcoming his problem. Through counseling he gradually learned to open doors that helped him respond to Sue, and eventually she became his sweetheart as well as his best friend. They have been happily married for several years and recently became parents. Dave is enraptured with the miracle of fatherhood.

I suppose some of you who read this will be angry and outraged. Perhaps you feel that this kind of "abominable" topic shouldn't even be discussed in a Christian magazine. Maybe you never realized that true, born-again Christians could possibly have to struggle with this very real issue. Others will immediately identify with it because you have a son or daughter who is homosexual.

I want to hold out hope. Homosexuals can change. However, there is no quick fix. The problem is complex. A simple, "Ask God to forgive you," seldom brings healing. **We wanted a glorious, instantaneous healing for our son. It didn't happen that way, but what is happening is no less a miracle.**

Many pastors and counselors do not understand homosexuality enough to help. Others tell the homosexual to accept his preference, find a lover, and be happy. But there are others who will stick with your son or daughter. Above all, don't reject your children. They need your love more now than at any time in their lives. Tell them you love them.

Several months had passed after that fateful visit in Dave's living room. I felt frustrated and somewhat angry at God because He hadn't answered our prayers. I yelled at Him, "Why don't You do something? You could heal him with no problem. It's not fair! It's not fair!" When I looked up I was standing in front of a mirror and saw my reflection as God saw me. Stricken with remorse, I apologized to God. Suddenly to my mind came the thought, "[He] was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15).

I asked, "All things, Lord?"

His reply was, "Yes, in all things." My soul was lifted and comforted. I saw hope anew.

What have we learned as parents from this experience? Many nights Romans 8:28, "And we know that *in all things* God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (NIV, italics added), was difficult to believe. But time has again proved it true. **We have a deeper love for each other, have learned to be much more compassionate, we have a stronger faith, we have a greater desire to reach out to others who are hurting.**

We gave Dave to God at a Nazarene altar as a baby. We watched him make his commitment to Jesus as Savior at the age of 9 or 10. We still have to trust that same God to keep Dave "in all things." Our son is a miracle. But I have to wonder what might have happened to Dave if we had rejected him? If we had thrown up our hands in, disgust as some parents have done? **What might have happened if we had not made a commitment to struggle with him on this? We would have missed out on a miracle-in-progress.** H

(Names have been changed.)



**W**orking up the courage to tell Mom and Dad that I was gay took about three years. By the time they came to visit each summer, I had rehearsed the scene hundreds of times in my mind, trying to think of a way to say it that wouldn't break their hearts. But their visit would come and go, I would wave good-bye to them, and I would have another year to agonize over how to reveal this horrible secret.

I could not risk being cut out of their lives, so I went on pretending. I was used to pretending. I've had lots of practice; I've been doing it all my life. Pretending that I wasn't really staring at the other guys when we'd hit the showers after gym class. Pretending that it was OK for my eyes to linger over some hunk with a gorgeous body; after all, I was an art student—I had to develop an eye for the human form, didn't I? It was perfectly normal, wasn't it?

That I focused every moment of my energy on school-work, clubs, projects, and part-time jobs was a form of pretending, too. If I kept busy enough, I wouldn't have to explain to Mom and Dad why I wasn't dating girls. And if I kept really busy, maybe I wouldn't have time to try to explain it to myself.

I couldn't talk to anyone about these confusing feelings. Though I was active in my church, I'd often heard the pastor denigrate homosexuals as about the lowest kind of perverted, disgusting life-form on the face of the earth. So it wasn't likely that he'd be much help. And most of the adults I knew went to my church; they probably felt the same way the pastor did. Talking to my schoolteachers was out. They gave me my best strokes; I couldn't take a chance on them. So I didn't talk to anyone. I just went on pretending—pretending that this was probably just a phase. Everybody went through this, didn't they? It was just taking a little longer with me, wasn't it? I'd grow out of it pretty soon, wouldn't I? Any day now I'd look at some pretty girl and have lustful thoughts. Wouldn't I? Oh, God, please?

After attending college for a year, I moved to California to work with a nonprofit Christian organization. One evening a new coworker and I were relaxing in the Jacuzzi after dinner. He started asking the usual questions about where I grew up, hobbies, interests, old girlfriends. I gave him the typically evasive answers that I had become good at. His response was anything but typical. When he casually mentioned that he was "gay, too" I felt like somebody had slugged me in the stomach! I was shocked enough that he admitted being gay, but gay *too*! I was stunned that he had included me in that category! Didn't he realize that this was just a phase? I'd grow out of it.

For the first time in my life I knew I had to be honest with myself. It wasn't just a phase. My carefully organized world started falling apart. I felt like I was on a ship in the middle of a storm; nothing was stable or solid anymore. All of the feelings that I had been stuffing down inside myself and trying so desperately to ignore for the last 20 years started clawing their way to the surface. I couldn't ignore them anymore. I didn't know what to do with them, but they wouldn't go away. Pretending wasn't working anymore.

For over a year a day didn't go by that I didn't cry out to God to heal me, change me, fix me. I confessed, I pleaded, I begged, I cried myself into exhaustion. I went to healing services. I even went to a deliverance service; since nothing



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else had worked, maybe I had a demon. But there was no demon. And at the end of the year, I still felt those same feelings, those same attractions. God hadn't answered my prayer.

Then a new idea struck me. Since God hadn't changed me, perhaps I was supposed to be this way! Maybe we had been misinterpreting the Bible all along; maybe if I studied the culture at the time the original manuscripts were written, I'd get some insight into what was *really* meant by the references to homosexuality. I knew how to study; I hadn't been a straight-A student for nothing.

So I studied. Surprisingly enough, I discovered that some of the most well-known references to homosexuality had in fact been interpreted differently than they were originally intended. But after exhaustive research, I couldn't fully embrace the idea that even a monogamous gay life-style was God's best. Where was the answer I so desperately needed?

After the gut-wrenching experience of "coming out" to my parents, they encouraged me to keep searching for change. I spent the next several years working my way through a series of well-meaning but mostly un-knowledgeable (about this issue) counselors before I found one that really started helping me in some tangible ways.

I've come a long way. For the past five years I've been married to an incredibly wonderful, supportive, talented, beautiful, and loving woman. To say that she is God's special gift to me is an enormous understatement. We also have a little chubby-cheeked cherub that is the absolute twinkle of my eye. I wouldn't trade my family for anything in the world.

But my struggle with my sexuality is not over yet. I am still faced with it in some way nearly daily. I will probably



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seek counseling again to further help me in this healing process.

When Mom showed me the article she had written, and mentioned that the publisher had expressed an interest in a companion piece from me, the overwhelming desire of my heart was to *challenge you*—especially if you're a pastor.

I can't say strongly enough that what we need to hear from you is not judgment but compassion. We need to be able to share our struggle honestly in an environment of love, support, and encouragement—not pious, self-righteous condescension. We need to feel safe and protected by you as our shepherd. We need to know that if we sat in your office and poured out our hearts to you, that you would love and embrace us, not treat us as lepers. I can't begin to communicate effectively how devastating it is to be the silent object of your ridicule from the pulpit, and then have to smile and shake your hand after the service—knowing that we dare not be honest with you.

If you feel uncomfortable or threatened by this issue, or if you don't know much about this subject, educate yourself! If you have more than six people in your congregation, you have someone who is struggling with sexual identity! This isn't "your ministry," you say? I beg you to reconsider. Please. If not you, who? If not your church, where?

I am currently serving as music director in a large church in California. It breaks my heart to tell you that I could not have the kind of conversation I referred to above with my own pastor. He is firmly convinced that homosexuals are simply in deliberate, defiant rebellion against God, and that they choose to become homosexual because it's the worst way they can think of to shake their angry fists in His face! What a twisted, distorted, and *dangerous*

perspective! But if I took the risk of attempting to "educate" him, I'd be out of a job. Even now, I must carefully protect my "secret."

Whether or not you're a pastor, you can still be a wonderful instrument of God's healing. Purpose in your heart to be a loving conduit of God's love—to everyone who is hurting. Maybe you could even start a "Spatula Club"—a support group for parents of gays. This colorful name was coined by Barbara Johnson (author of *Where Does a Mother Go to Resign?*) who decided that most parents, when told by their son or daughter that they're gay, need to be scraped off the ceiling!

No matter who you are, please reevaluate your attitudes about this subject. There are millions of "us" all around you; we're your neighbor, your niece or nephew, we sit next to you in church—pretending that we're fine. Reach out to us. We need you. **H**

## WITH YOUR WORDS

O Lord

*You touch me with Your words  
and I quiver like the  
birch in a northern breeze—*

*A frozen wind that breaks  
the dead tissue  
of fear and forgotten dreams  
which has diseased and rotted me.*

O Lord

*You swallow me with Your words  
like the Pacific,  
deep and briny.*

*Full of treasure and wonder,  
fathomless, endless, peaceful, and raging  
calling me to die  
in Your waters—drowning.*

O Lord

*You kiss me with Your words  
like a father  
in the evening*

*tucking me under the covers  
of Love and Strength,  
safe within the warmth of Grace,  
and my weeping runs away.*

—KARL A. PEARSON  
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# The Spirit Prays for Us

**I**n the Early Church, it was recognized that Paul wrote some things "hard to understand" (2 Peter 3:16, NASB). One such "hard saying" might be Romans 8:26—"We do not know how to pray as we should" (NASB). Christians who think they know how to pray find Paul's words problematic.

In Romans 8, Paul speaks of times of suffering (v. 18), emphasizing suffering with the word "groaning." The whole creation groans" (v. 22, NASB) as it anxiously awaits God's redemption. "We ourselves groan within ourselves" (v. 23, NASB). "The Spirit intercedes for us with unutterable groanings" (v. 26, paraphrase).

In such times of severe distress and excruciating suffering one does not know how to pray. Many might join me in confessing that not knowing how to pray is more characteristic of my life than the times when I know how to pray. I do pray, and I believe in prayer, but often I don't know how to pray.

"The Spirit helps our weakness" and "the Spirit prays for us" (Romans 8:26-27, paraphrase). What powerful words! The Spirit knows how to pray for us because the Spirit

knows the will of God. When I do not know how to pray and can form no words to express a prayer, I am grateful that the Holy Spirit prays for me with unutterable groanings!

Paul was not as sure as some contemporary evangelicals that he knew the will of God. To claim too often and too absolutely that one knows the will of God borders on idolatry. If one always knows the perfect will of God, it gives rise to the illusion of equality with God! We walk by faith and trust God but do not always have absolute knowledge of God's will.

Since we do not have the luxury of always knowing God's will, one should not imagine that prayer is a blank check. God does not sign His name and invite His children to fill in the amount. None of us are so unselfish and so clear about God's will that we can be trusted to "fill in the blank" in accordance with God's will.

To say one does not know how to pray is neither cynicism nor skepticism but honesty. We can hardly know our real needs, and we lack ability to discern God's perfect will for every situation. Extravagant claims for knowledge of God's will and how one should pray is more apt to be arrogance than piety or faith.

Sometimes we are chided for not being specific enough in our prayers to God. Do not forget that Jesus taught "Your Father knows what you need, before you ask Him" (Matthew 6:8, NASB). God's ability to supply our needs is not dependent on either our prayers or our faith. Let us remember that "No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly" (Psalm 84:11, NASB).

Prayer is too often like a child's "wish list" for Santa Claus. Our prayers seem to presuppose that God is the Chief Executive of the Heavenly Welfare Department. Thus, we come to God in prayer, presenting our list and expecting God to answer. Against this notion Paul protests that "we do not know how to pray as we should!"

It is clear that prayer, to the apostle's mind, is not a way to coerce God into giving us all we want. During the past 72 hours I have been aware that death was imminent for my mother. Only 3 hours ago I learned that she had died. Six months ago I was at her bedside when her physician thought she was dying. During the past six months, I have called her often. Every conversation has centered around her desire to "go to be with the Lord." I ask quite candidly, "How should I have prayed for my mother?" She says God came for her six months ago but the doctors got in God's way! Frankly, I have not known how to pray, but I have every assurance that the Holy Spirit has interceded for me and her. With that assurance, I am at peace.

My confidence is not in my ability to know God's will "beyond a shadow of a doubt." Nor is my confidence based on my ability to pray with so much faith that God will be forced to take my petitions seriously. No, my confidence is that even though I, like Paul, do not know how to pray, the Spirit prays for me.

Nels Ferre tells of a time when he was teaching at Vanderbilt University and he and his wife were experiencing some difficulties in their lives. One day he said to her, "Honey, we must pray harder," Mrs. Ferre corrected him, saying, "No, Nels, we must pray more easily." When we know that the Holy Spirit prays for us, we can relax in our praying because we know that "God is working in all things for good" (Romans 8:28, paraphrase).

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What then shall we say? If we do not know how to pray, shall we cease praying altogether? A thousand times "No!" We shall continue to pray, but we shall learn that prayer is communication with God. We shall give up our notions of God as the Cosmic Bellhop who runs every time we ring the bell. We shall understand that prayer is not a blank check, and God is not a dotting grandfather who gives us everything we ask.

Prayer is not a coin placed in the heavenly vending machine from which we can get whatever we want. God knows our needs and does not withhold good things from us. God loves us and is working in all things for our good. We can trust the goodness and the love of God. As children of God, we can cry "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15, NASB). We are "heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ" (v. 17). Our prayers need not be frantic attempts to force God into action. Indeed, most of the time, we don't know how to pray. But thanks be to God, the Holy Spirit, who knows our needs and God's will, prays for us. **H**

## JUST PASSING BY...

**N**ow that we are traveling, visiting churches, worshipping with all of you, I have been prompted to have a different kind of an offering call. It would have to take place before the worship service began, both morning and evening. It would have to be wherever the choir assembled for those frantic last five minutes of practice. (I have often doubted the value of the rushed time for rehearsal, quiet time would be better after Sunday School classes.) Oh yes . . . pass the plates, but better put a paper napkin at the bottom of the plate. The offering would be for all to donate his (even a pastor or two) chewing gum for the next special moments as we worship God. Is that OK? **H**

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## CHAPLAINS AND CHANGED LIVES

# RETURN OF THE BREAD CAST ON THE WATERS

**T**he following letter was received by Chaplain David Bon several years after his assignment to the 58th Signal Battalion where he knew the writer. CH (MAJ) David Bon is presently stationed in Japan.

Dear Chaplain Bon,

Remember me from the 58th Signal Battalion? I've been wanting to write you for some time now but didn't know where to find you. I finally gave my wife the task of hunting you down. After making a couple of calls she was directed to call the Nazarene Church HQ in Kansas City, and they gave us this address. I hope you are still there so this letter finds you.

I am writing to tell you how much I appreciate you and all that you did to interest me in surrendering my life to Jesus. You may not even be aware of how the Lord used you, but you as an individual, and your evangelical ministry, were great tools leading me to conversion. I remember when we were on an FTX (Field Training Exercise), and I was chopping wood. You walked up to talk to me. You took off your shirt, grabbed the ax, and chopped some wood for me. Another time, I had my 2½-ton truck up on the grease rack in the motor pool. As I was working on the underside of the truck, your familiar face peered under the truck and invited me to come to the chapel. I remember your asking me to go on that boat cruise, and to make cookies, and the list goes on. You were always trying to get me involved in Christian activities in hopes that I would become a Christian.

Our Lord really helped me along when He gave me the Bn. Race Relations job. I started attending chapel 10 almost daily and hearing about our Lord *all the time*. My mother-in-law had been praying for a long time that my wife and I would give our hearts and lives to God through Jesus. God saw that He had a devoted chaplain at the 58th Sig. Bn., and He used you and other evangelicals in the unit to reach me. A short time before I became a Christian you invited a group called "Joyous Celebration" to play at the chapel. That night must have been one of God's final preparations because a short time later Jesus spoke to me in my living room and asked me to give Him the pieces of my life. He said if I would, He would put the pieces back together again . . . I have not been the same since that day!!

I want to thank you for being obedient to the Great Commission because it really paid off in my life. I encourage you to remain faithful to this Great Commission and reach the lost continuously. One of the things I miss most about being in the army is reaching the many, many lost souls that were always around me. God has blessed me with a job where I can and do reach people for Jesus, but not to the extent I was blessed with in the army every day. Keep up the good work!

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# THE EDITOR'S STANDPOINT

## PLANS MADE

As I was driving along, the electronic bulletin board of a local university caught my eye. It flashed the message, MAKE YOUR PLANS TO SEE "THE END OF THE WORLD." I assumed they were referring to a drama by that title. Whether it was being presented as tragedy or comedy I don't know.

The world will come to an end, and I'm glad I have made my plans for that eventuality. I carry insurance that will make widowhood a bit easier for Doris when I die. I have an assurance that gives me peace in the face of death or of the world's end, whichever comes first.

My assurance is the witness of God's Spirit with my spirit that I am His child. For Christ's sake, He has forgiven my sins, cleansed my heart, adopted me into His family, and now sustains me in hope through every passing day.

I have no guarantee against tragedy, whether as large as the collapse of planets or as small as my own demise. I long ago came to realize, through reading the Bible and looking at events, that in this world anything, good or bad, can happen to anyone at any

time. Being a Christian brings no immunity from pain, grief, sickness, or death.

In a "worst case scenario," I have peace, knowing that I will not be forsaken by my Savior. He has not promised me an easy journey, but He has pledged His constant companionship. That promise will not be broken if death comes or if the world ends.

Should the world suddenly come to an end, my only regret will be any hurt I have caused my Lord or others. I will not regret leaving behind anything I have possessed or held in trust for creditors. Some things have made my life and work more pleasant and more effective, but none of them have supplied my identity, none of them have supplied my security. They are just things.

My plans are made, not simply to see the end of the world, but to survive it, and to resume life on a higher level in a better world. That coming world is more real than the present world, and the end of this one will make way for that one. So let it end!

## HURRAH FOR NPH

I never hold a new book in my hands without a sense of gratitude for publishers. How impoverished my life would be if their contribution to my intellectual and spiritual welfare was subtracted! What I owe to good literature is impossible to calculate or describe.

When I was a pastor, I would return from district assemblies with my clothes stuffed into sacks and my suitcase filled with books. I spent so much time around the bookstands that the publishing house representatives must have wondered if I had been exiled from the business sessions of the assembly.

When your natural abilities are decisively limited you need all the help you can get from extraneous sources. Without my books my ministry would have been much less fruitful. At its best it does not invite comparison with most of my colleagues, but had I not been an avid and constant reader of quality material—well, it hurts to even think about that!

I have never tired of study. Sometimes I have to suspend reading because of eye strain—or orders from Doris—but never for long. This year, as usual, I have read over 100 books. Without attempting to judge myself, I know that I am a better man and a better minister for having done so. Measured in

terms of the joy alone that my reading program has afforded, I have been amply repaid for the time, money, and energy expended. Add to joy the factors of information, challenge, and strength and the benefits increase exponentially.

Among the publishers who have made large contributions to the enrichment of my life, our own Nazarene Publishing House stands tall. It does not stand alone, but it does stand tall. Their ministry to the life and work of our church—as well as other churches—has been enormously helpful. To its personnel and products we owe a huge debt of thanks.

What they have produced has not easily happened. Christian men and women have labored long and hard to keep its presses running and its literature available. The employees of the publishing house are as truly engaged in Christian ministry as are pastors, evangelists, and general superintendents. Among them are some of the choicest people on earth. For them we ought to offer special sacrifices of praise to God. An occasional hurrah for NPH might shock the church, but it would never offend heaven. God knows their ministry has been a vital force in His kingdom's affairs.

# A SERMON ON DEATH

If a preacher occupies a pulpit and preaches about death he will be tagged morbid by many listeners. He will likely be called “negative,” too, and these days nothing worse can be said about a preacher. Strange how people are unwilling to hear discussed the one thing they are certain to do. Face it—even Dale Carnegie died, and so will Peale, Schuller, and McCumber—all those positive preachers.

We can’t escape the death message. We may reject it from the pulpit, but it will be proclaimed in less helpful ways—in every daily paper and on the six o’clock newscast each evening. Every cemetery one passes proclaims it, and every genealogy is a subtle witness to death.

During America’s horrible Civil War, a military chaplain, describing wretched conditions in a cold, rain-soaked bivouac, wrote, “now and then the barking, hectic cough of some afflicted soldier preached a sermon on death.” The man who cannot, or will not, hear a sermon on death is a fool.

To everyone God says, as He did to King Hezekiah, “Set your house in order, for you shall die”

# A MAJOR ATTRACTION OF HEAVEN

I always preferred being a do-it-myself travel arranger. All the reasons why wouldn’t interest you and some of them were probably hidden from me. A desire to preserve all possible independence was a chief reason I resisted the services of a travel agency urged upon headquarters personnel at the time restructure was effected.

Later on I decided to give the agency a whirl. Now I arrange every flight through them. They save me time and money, and money saved for me is money saved for my church. That alone is enough to gratify my Scotch blood and please my Christian conscience.

But best of all, using the agency has provided opportunities for brief and joyful fellowship with the choice Christian couple who operate the agency. Bob and Karen Hayse are two of the kindest, nicest people I’ve ever done business with.

All of that to say this—that our lives are greatly enriched, not only by persons with whom we have spent much time across many years but also by infrequent, too-brief encounters with other lovely people. That we cannot see them oftener and know them better is one of life’s frustrations.

A major attraction of heaven for me is the oppor-

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(2 Kings 20:1, RSV). How would you react to that message? We know what Hezekiah did—he cried a lot. God pitied his tears, answered his prayers, and gave him 15 more years. Was that a good deal? Who knows? What is certain is the inevitability of death. In 15 years (how swiftly they passed!) “Hezekiah slept with his fathers.”

Death is real but not final. Beyond death comes judgment—God’s judgment, where no lying witness, no clever lawyer, no incompetent judge, and no buried evidence can prevent truth from surfacing and justice from triumphing. Beyond death, judgment; beyond judgment, eternal destiny. This is the no-nonsense message of the Bible.

Those who are wise will hear the message and prepare for death. Those who are otherwise will meet the event even though they scorn the message. There is no escape from death and no evasion of the judgment.

We may complain that the message about death is negative, but we had better take positive steps to die at peace with God.

tunity it will afford to share life in depth and at length with those we scarcely got to know because time and change dictated such a rapid pace here. Imagine having eternity to cultivate enriching friendships!

In my travels and on my preaching missions I have met many folk in our church family I would like to know better. Their personalities and experiences and concepts, on meager acquaintance, have intrigued me, challenged me, blessed me. I long to see them oftener, to converse with them at greater length, to share some of their exciting insights and experiences.

The major attraction of heaven is, of course, Jesus Christ. I *thirst* to know Him more truly and fully, that I may become like Him completely and eternally. But I am also fascinated by His people and want to *really* get acquainted with them. There I shall have time and opportunity to do so.



# DIRECTIONS

**"CAN  
ANYONE  
TELL  
ME  
WHERE  
I AM  
AND  
WHERE  
I AM  
GOING?"**

**A** while ago I stopped at a restaurant in a city for dinner. The restaurant was located at a busy intersection where four lanes of traffic roared by the door.

Suddenly the door shot open and a frustrated, middle-aged woman driver rushed in. With her car keys in her hand, she stopped a few feet from the counter and, addressing no one in particular, she asked loudly, "Can anyone tell me where I am?"

I laughed—not because she was funny but because I have been in that situation so many times myself.

It turned out that she not only didn't know where she was but also didn't know where she was going. She had the name of a trailer park and a street number, but had never been in the area before.

Someone told her the name of the street she was on. Then three of us gave conflicting directions on how to get to her destination. My directions consisted of an inadequate suggestion that she turn right beyond the overpass. A customer in a booth near mine directed her to take a right turn beyond the restaurant. But the counterman, who apparently traveled the route to and from work daily, told her how many traffic lights she'd pass, what street to turn on, and how many blocks to travel after the turn.

The woman left the restaurant, tired from battling rush hour traffic in a strange city, but with renewed hope because of the counterman's clear directions.

I sat drinking my coffee, thinking about how often we need help in this life. Sometimes we need the advice of a good friend, the listening ear of a family member, or the strength from a Sunday church service. In sickness we respond to a nurse's tender touch and the comforting presence of a doctor at our bedside. We need the mechanic to fix the car, the plumber to repair the pipes, and the next-door neighbor to help us start the balky lawn mower.

God depends on help from people, too. In the story of the good Samaritan, God does not touch and heal supernaturally the man who had been left half dead by the roadside. Instead, Jesus tells us that the bruised man was helped by a kind traveler who treated his wounds and took him to an inn to be cared for. People helping people. Ordinary folk taking time to help ordinary folk. God teaches us to love one another.

Sometimes we get so busy that we don't see the person by the roadside beaten by "robbers," bruised by the problems of life, hurting from neglect and loneliness, crushed by tragedy, or lost among conflicting road signs. There always seems to be so much to do and so little time. But helping our neighbor is what life is all about. Jesus made it His lifework.

Life becomes so complicated at times that, like the confused woman driver, we feel like throwing up our hands and asking, "Can anyone tell me where I am and where I am going?" At such times, we appreciate brotherly kindness and clear direction. **H**

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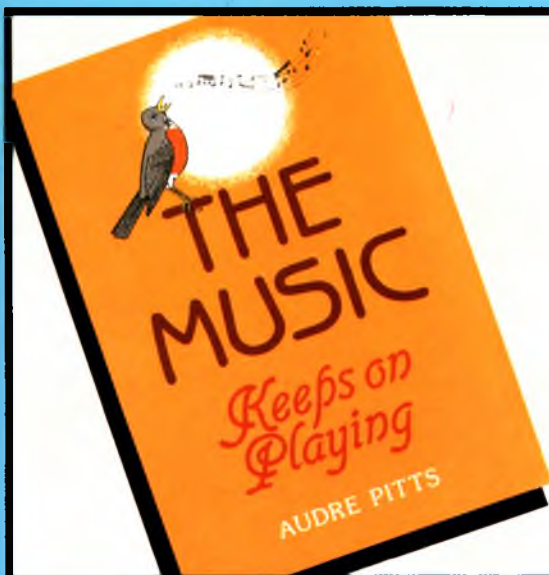
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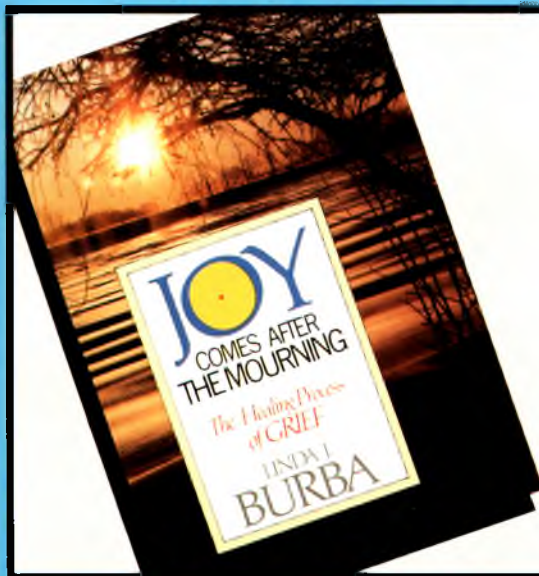
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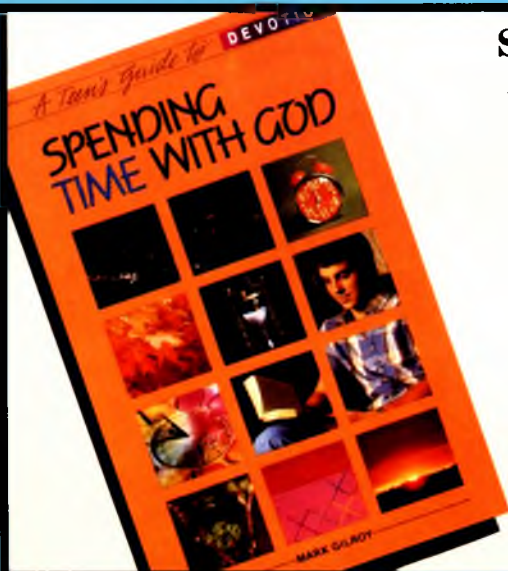
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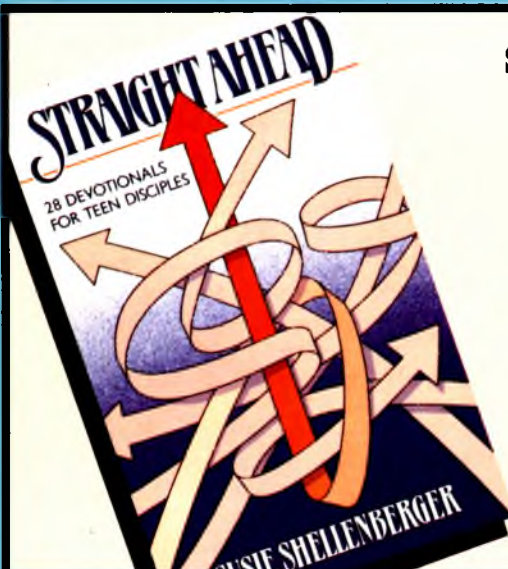
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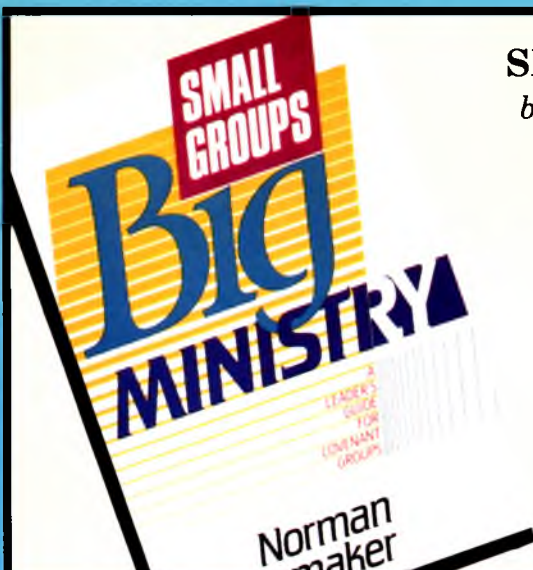
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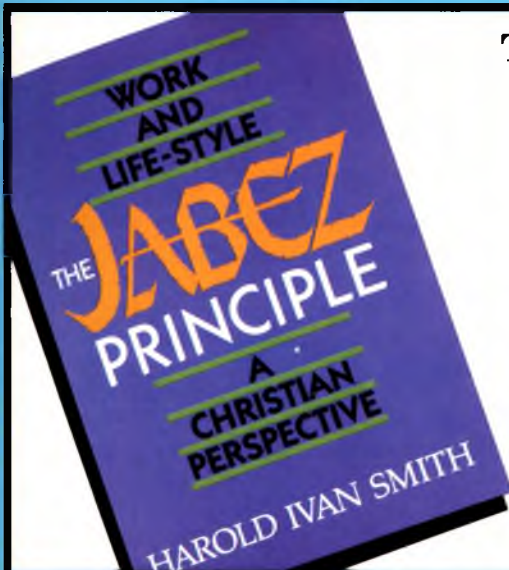
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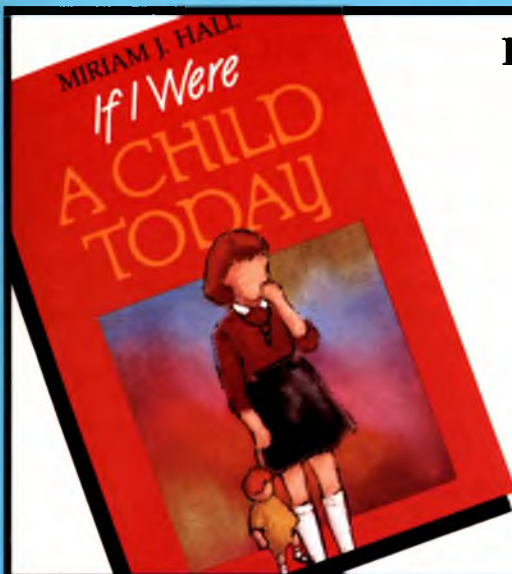
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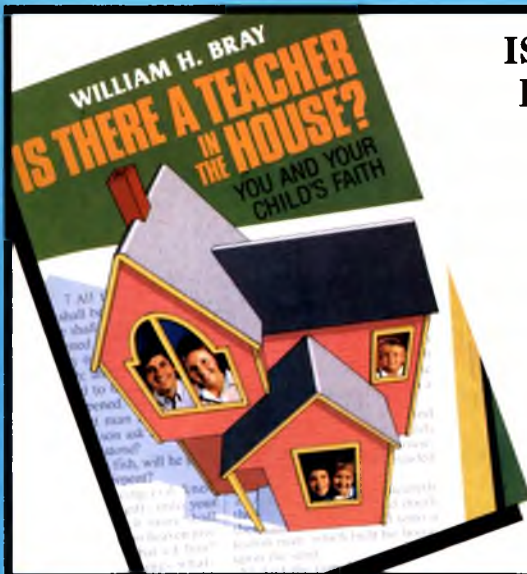
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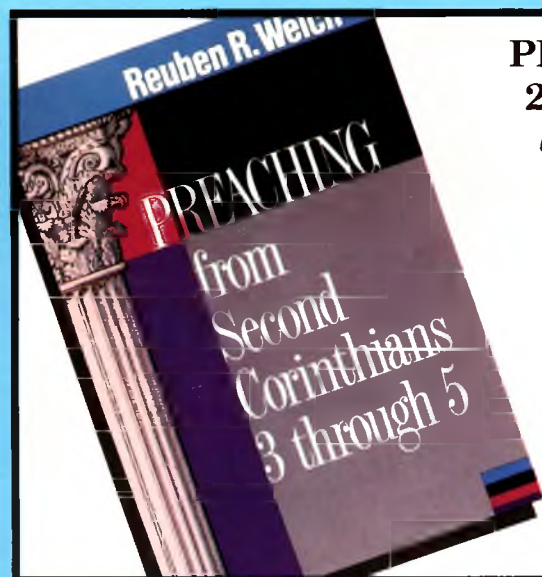
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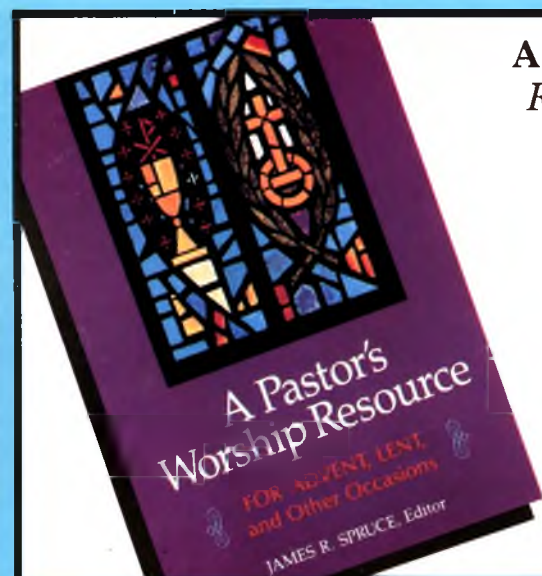
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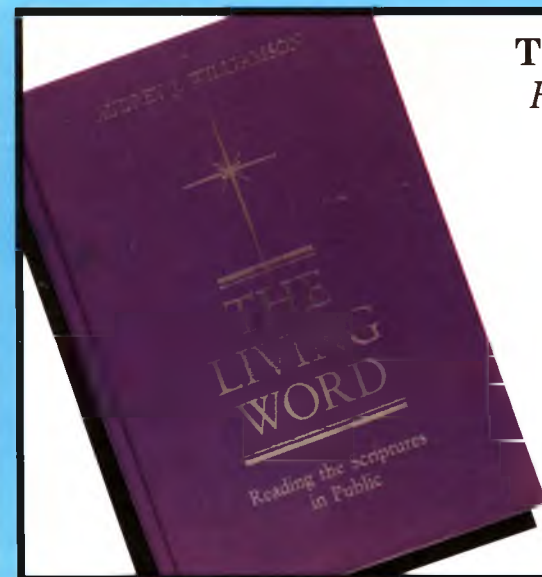


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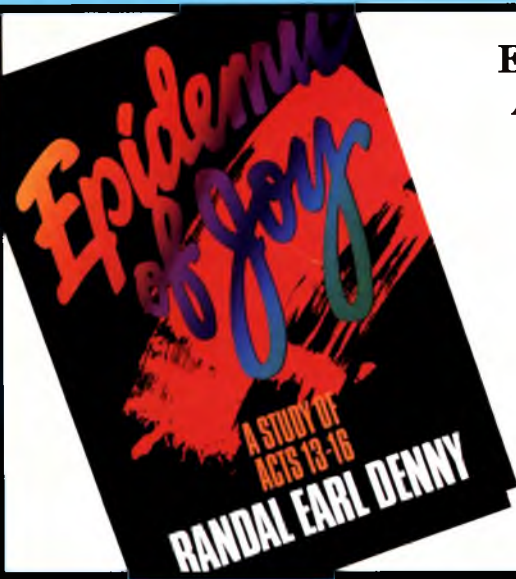
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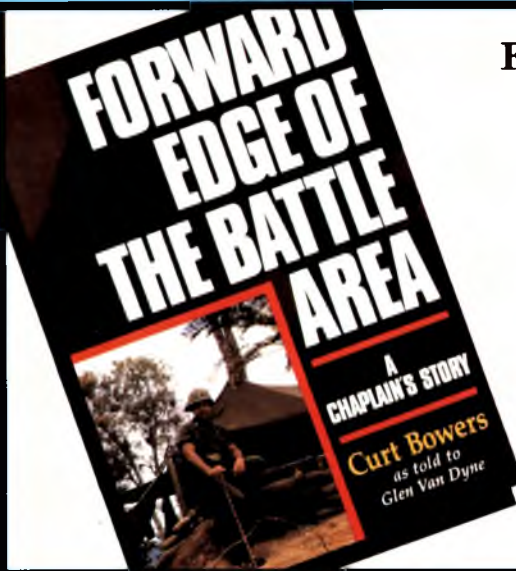
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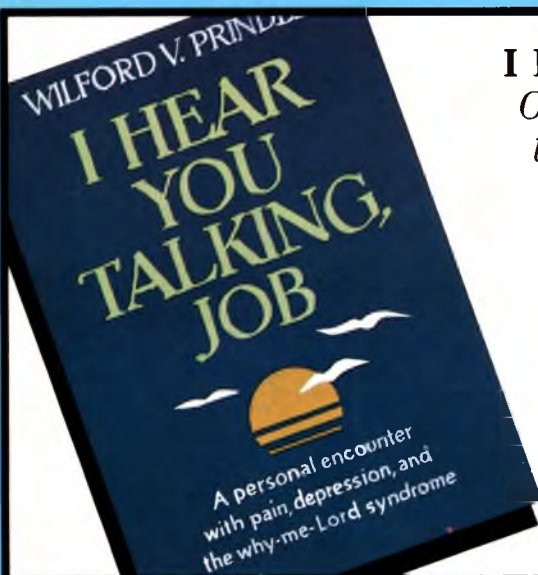
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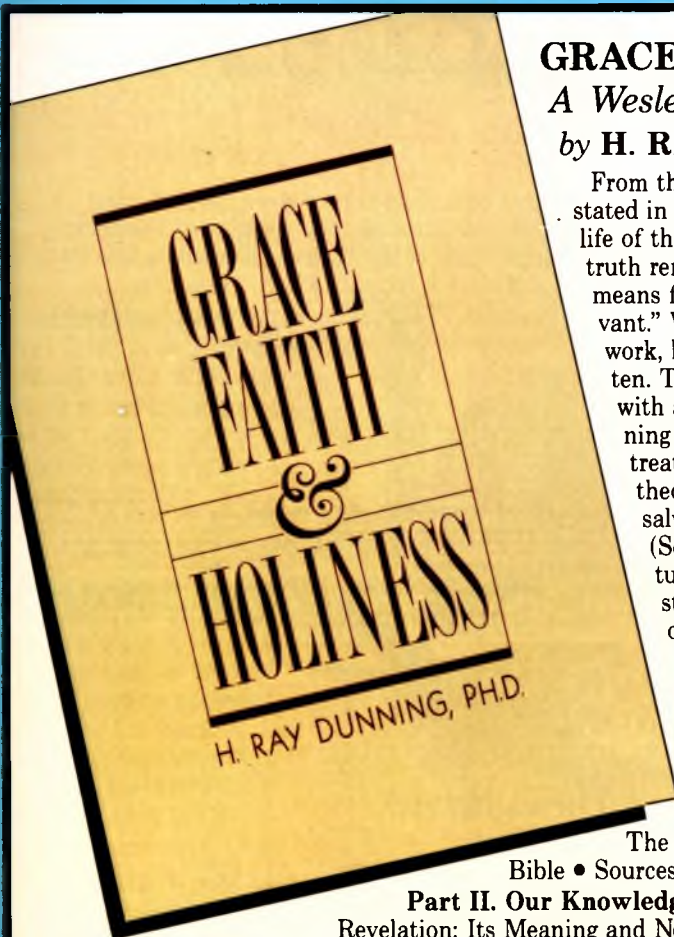
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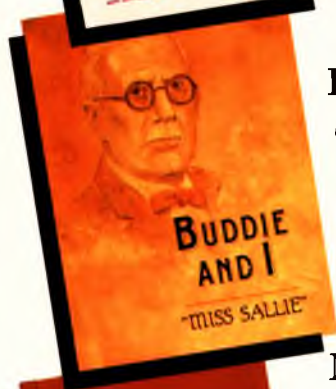


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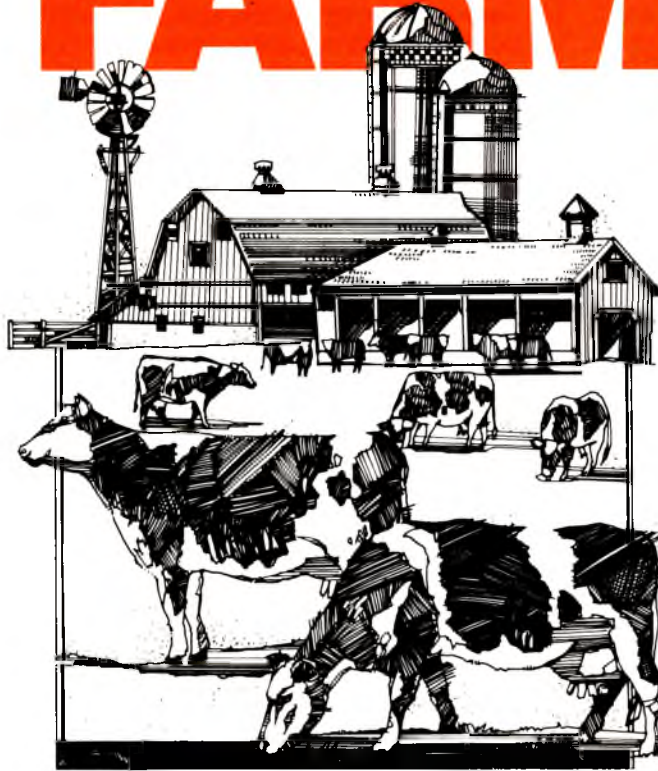
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# Lessons from the FARM



Some time ago the Umbel family traveled into Pennsylvania to see old friends. It was refreshing to escape the rigors of the urban rush and reexperience the peace and tranquillity of rural life for a couple of days.

One of the many stops we made was to a farm owned by John and William Mertz, former neighbors in Kutztown. They milk 45 head of cattle and just this past year captured the first place award for the highest milk production in all of Berks County, a coveted honor among fellow grangers. During our three-year stay in Kutztown, Ben had developed a special attachment to these farmer-brothers. They let him ride in the big enclosed tractor, help feed and milk the cows, romp around in the hay, and play with the calves. It was a fascinating experience for a toddler, one he has not forgotten and from which he has learned much. Naturally, a trip to Kutztown included a visit to the farm.

On the way home I recalled the spring months when John and William would busily prepare for the planting season. To a dairy farmer, *everything* depends upon a fruitful harvest. All winter long, in addition to their regular chores, they would repair equipment, evaluate and order the newest strains of seed, arrange plots of land for the most efficient crop production, and care for new heifers who, in due time, would join the larger herd. Then, in April, as winter's chill gives way to the warm breezes of spring, the field work would begin. The long hours of farm life would stretch out still longer as barren ground would be tilled, fertile seed planted, fertilizer spread, and prayers for the right balance of rain and sunshine lifted heavenward. We urbanites might fail to grasp the spiritual lessons of living off the land. Allow me to share a few.

First, in order to grow, we must plant. In the terminology of the Easter season, in order to live we must die.

This basic principle is written into the fabric of all nature. The processes of what biologists call ecosystems indicate, for example, that in order for some things to be, others must yield. Without the planted seed (a grave of sorts), corn, wheat, or hay would remain a thing hoped for but never realized. Without the crops, the cattle would be unable to subsist. Without the blood, sweat, and tears of the Mertz brothers and others, dairy and meat products for

daily consumption would be in short supply. Without . . .

Two questions arise from this simple lesson. One, what parts of my life must die, yield, give way so that the more needful parts can grow and flourish in the soil of God's grace? Second, where and what does God want me to plant in the soil of fellowship with His people?

The second spiritual lesson from the farm is this: We will receive commensurate with our giving but, as the farmer knows, we give in the full knowledge that the return might not equal the investment.

We laymen have no idea of the risk involved in planting thousands of dollars worth of seed in the ground to be left

to the elements. We city types cannot fathom the expense in labor, time, and resources without much guarantee of success. However, even though his livelihood is in large measure dependent upon his harvest, the joy of the real farmer is found in his investment in his land and his cattle. In light of the financial crisis facing many farmers today, perhaps some commit suicide because their reason for giving and living is taken away from them and they have nothing for which to live. The farmer's deep commitment to the land and his ready willingness to invest his all provides a target at which our own sense of spiritual dedication might be aimed.

Finally, as we are willing—and enabled by God, just like the farmer—to plant and give, we will reap the harvest.

Despite the obstacles and the years of meager return, the persistence of the farmer has taught him that his investment will be rewarded. At times the fruit of our efforts appears slight, imperceptible, almost nil. But, as surely as the corn will be "knee high by the fourth of July," what we have sown will, in due time, come to life. The steadfastness of the Mertz brothers, their trial and error over the years, their losses as well as their gains have propelled them to a position of prominence and respect, and yet they are among the most humble men I have met: Perhaps we can learn from their planting, their giving, their fruitfulness.

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**BY W. THOMAS UMBEL**

*Nazarene elder attending Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.*



# THE ANSWER CORNER

What does Paul mean in 1 Corinthians 5:5 when he speaks of delivering a man to Satan "for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus"?

This passage has been a poser.

To begin with, most Bible scholars are agreed that such a deliverance to Satan was done only by the first apostles, and that no one has such authority now.

In the second place, the destruction of the flesh is often understood to mean an illness that results in death but produces repentance before death occurs. Some, however, regard "flesh" as a reference to the nature of man as sinful. In that case, the physical sufferings imposed by Satan would awaken the person to his sin and cause him to seek its remedy in Jesus Christ.

In no case do scholars believe that Satan consciously and deliberately does anything to prompt a person to repent of his sin and turn to Christ for pardon and cleansing. God uses an unwitting devil to accomplish a divine purpose. As Luther used to say, "Satan is God's devil." God is over him.

Probably the whole transaction refers to a formal and dreadful excommunication. The immoral man would be severed from the church, and that would place him back in the world that is dominated by Satan—"the god of this world." As a consequence, he would suffer but his sufferings would induce him to repent. The penitent would be restored to Christ and saved

for His coming kingdom. Physical suffering does not always have this result, but in this case Paul seems confident that it will.

The passage does not teach that in any and every case the backslidden will be restored and saved. The passage does imply, as the entire Bible teaches, that salvation is conditional and does not occur in the absence of repentance.

**A person testified that when God sanctified him wholly such carnal traits as hatred, bitterness, evil temper, and the desire for revenge were taken out of his heart. He was told that anyone who believed that was self-righteous and headed for a big fall. Does God destroy carnal traits or does He simply give grace to resist them so that they will not cause us to backslide?**

The Bible teaches that the blood of Jesus Christ *cleanses from all sin*, not *in* all sin. In Ephesians 4:22-32, Paul mentions some of these very carnal traits. According to him, they are to be "put off" and "put away," not put down. In a similar passage—Colossians 3:5-10—they are to be "put to death" and "put away" and "put off," not put down. The New Testament teaches the destruction of sin, not the repression of sin. God gives grace to resist temptation, and He supplies grace to cleanse from sin (Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 9:13-14; 1 John 1:5-2:3; 2 Corinthians 7:1, et al.).

**Has it become an accepted practice in the Church of the Nazarene for the**

**pastoral prayer to consist mostly of talking to the people, directing them in silent praying? I find a constant diet of this leaves me hungry for a fervent, Spirit-filled oral prayer that can help to lift me into the presence of God. Are we getting away from the strong, anointed public prayers of our leaders?**

I think such praying as you describe is the practice in an increasing number of churches, but how widespread the practice is I really cannot say. I don't get into that many different churches. I do know that I am sometimes momentarily confused when a man is talking to God and abruptly begins to talk to the congregation, then just as abruptly switches back to talking to God, etc. This does not edify me, perhaps because I am too simple. It leads to less real prayer in my case, not to more. In public I am helped more when someone leads the congregation in prayer by praying, not by telling them during prayer when and for whom and in what manner to pray.

However, my experience may be eccentric. Perhaps all the other folk are finding the newer way more satisfying.

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## LETTERS

### COULD BE

They built an altar, then "... their earrings which were in their ears, Jacob hid them under the oak ..." (Genesis 35:4).

Many Christians today are contestants in a race to outdo each other with gaudy, expensive earrings, some dangling to their shoulders—a display of pride that would have shocked our parents a generation past. Even the charismatic TV demonstrations are obscured by the ear medallions dis-

tracting from the natural beauty of the person.

A need to return to the basics of worship is obvious by the careless manner of dress. The wearing of shorts and slouchy attire into the house of worship is a lack of respect and reverence for God's house, and is steadily becoming worse. Remember the command to "dress modestly" (1 Timothy 2:9), and "Be thou an example of the believers" (1 Timothy 4:12).

Our churches have set up food pantries, why not add clothing supplies for the needy?

Could these be the "last days?"

**Forrest Woodward**  
*Kingfisher, Oklahoma*

### WHITHER BOUND?

Self has been the bane of mankind since Eden's golden hour.

The person with an exaggerated ego is unwilling to wait for opportunity, pleasure, or recognition. Never mind the restraints or delays God's will or way may seem to dictate. Momentarily such things seem totally irrelevant.

Presumptuous mortals proceed as if there is no tomorrow. Plunging heedlessly ahead, such persons recognize no authority but their own desires and ambitions.

Sensual gratification becomes more important than heaven, more impor-

tant than God's will, more desirable than anything else. So often youth mortgages his future, sidetracks or destroys his development, and pushes lightly aside his brightest potential for a momentary taste of the forbidden fruit.

Whither are we bound? Is worldwide judgment impending? Will God again intervene as in Noah's day?

J. M. Yarbrough  
Valrico, Florida

## TREND STOPPING

The most difficult thing in the world to stop is a trend.

The trend that I see in our Nazarene Church is one that I can no longer ignore or pretend that it doesn't exist—our complacency toward carnal pursuits and worldly pleasures.

We are a called people to be HOLY, which I still believe to be true, and that should separate us from the worldly in appearance as well as actions.

Further, what has happened to our respect for the Lord's Day and our associated activities? It seems to me that

we have lost sight of the purpose of "His day" and perverted it to a day of personal activities, personal gratification, and many different pursuits under the guise of recreation (Isaiah 58:13).

By God's help I do not intend to be swayed by the liberal attitudes, but what about my grandchildren and great-grandchildren?

It is past time for an old-fashioned revival in the Church of the Nazarene. I intend to lend my efforts and prayers in that direction.

Dean H. DuVall  
New Waterford, Ohio

## LITERATURE FOR LIFE

It's good to learn that all six volumes called *Great Holiness Classics* will soon be available for reading.

Let us pray that holiness literature, including the *Herald of Holiness*, will be a challenge to our churches to get their feet out of the concrete of the 60s; to cease following worldly-minded preachers and laymen who have chosen to tiptoe around the sub-

jects of sin, holiness, and holy living; to stop listening to those who sow confusion about sin by casually stating that "we (including Christians) are all sinners"; and, according to Dr. Jerald Johnson, "a challenge to our entire denomination to bring holiness and holy living to their rightful place, 'front and center,' in all our churches."

This could bring "a new surge of power and strength to the Church and stem the tide of sin and questionable practices that are attracting so many of our fellowships." It could precipitate a genuine revival for which so many of us are praying.

Charles C. Davidson  
Eustis, Florida

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## BY ALL MEANS...SAVE SOME

# DIFFERENT MEANS, SAME RESULT

**W**hen Larry and Margie first came to one of our worship services, it was apparent that there was a lot of pain in their lives.

Though in his mid-20s, Larry was afflicted with diabetes, kidney dysfunction, 100% loss of sight, and complications from a motorcycle accident. Margie was burdened with all of Larry's problems plus the responsibility of raising two small children.

And so they came with their pain to the one place where they believed they could find help; and the church reached out in love and began to take them in and to help with their needs.

Through the church's Evangelistic Outreach program, the bridges were being built. On the day that the gospel presentation team was to go through the plan of salvation with them, Larry was admitted to a local hospital. When the calling teams gathered on that Thursday evening, the out-

reach director decided that one team should go to the home and make the presentation to Margie, while yet another team would visit Larry at his bedside in the hospital. With Margie, a visual aid would be used in the gospel presentation. With Larry's sight failure, a totally oral presentation was employed.

Under the leadership of the Spirit, the gospel was shared in different ways on opposite sides of our city and a young couple were "born again."

In the ensuing months, many things have transpired for Larry and Margie—hospital stays in San Francisco, surgeries, more tests, and more hospital stays. But God has been in it all. While in San Francisco, they were disciplined by Dr. Irving Laird, and their spiritual growth was apparent to all.

Then one bright Sunday morning in May, Larry, with eyes touched by God, drove his family to church, and unassisted, made the trek from pew to altar. With Margie at his side, they committed their all to Jesus, and He sanctified them wholly.

Their struggles are not over, but like countless others, they "have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us" (2 Corinthians 4:7, NIV).

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## BY GARY E. JOHNSON

*Resident evangelist at Eureka, California, First Church.*



## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### ANNOUNCEMENT

All ordained ministers not currently listed on Chaplaincy Ministries' roster of chaplains who have served as CHAPLAINS in any capacity, or surviving family members of deceased chaplains, are urged to contact CH (COL) Curt Bowers, USA (Ret) at Chaplaincy Ministries, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.



**B. Curtis Sellers**, 36, pastor of Thomasville, Ga., First Church, received the doctor of ministry (D.Min.) at graduation ceremonies at Drew University in Madison, N.J., October 21. His wife, Barbra, and his mother, Mrs. Vernell Sellers, were present for the occasion.

Dr. Sellers holds the master of divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary (1980) and the B.S. degree from Trevecca Nazarene College (1974). He served as minister of youth and music at Orlando, Fla., First Church (1974-75), associate minister at Miami, Fla., Central Church (1975-77), and as senior pastor at Newark, Ohio, Central Church (1980-82).

The Sellers have three children: Michelle, seven, Michael, five, and Ivan, one. □



**Rev. Frederick Grossmith**, commissioned evangelist, British Isles South District, is at the center of new develop-

ments to open up the air waves for the gospel in Britain. Grossmith is general secretary of The Christian Broadcasting Council of Great Britain, which has agreed with a major satellite channel to coordinate Christian programming for their Astra schedules when transmissions begin in 1989. In coming to terms with the new media of satellite and cable, the British gov-

ernment has announced the biggest shake-up in its broadcasting history, creating conditions for around 25 TV channels (only 4 have existed) and hundreds of new radio frequencies.

The Christian Broadcasting Council of Great Britain is the only organization of its kind in the United Kingdom with an annual conference when radio and TV (video) awards are made at a special banquet to recognize the best of Christian programming in Britain. □

### A COSTA RICA PROJECT

"It seems our district has done it! Monday we loaded 1,000 boxes and 1 barrel on to a 40-foot container. We had 30 teens and 15 adults helping to load the semi. . . . The project has been fascinating and exciting to see how God opens doors and fits all the puzzle pieces together."

So writes Mrs. Shirley De-



Pictured (l. to r.) are Costa Rican Ambassador Jimenez and Mrs. DeMolli, project coordinator.



The 30 teens from Sterling, Ill., First Church and adults from across the district who helped load the container. Missionary Arlene Garde is on extreme right.

Molli, clothing drive coordinator for the Northwestern Illinois District, about the district-wide clothing drive recently conducted for refugees in Costa Rica. Before the 1,000 boxes were shipped to Costa Rica, the Honorable Danilo Jimenez, Costa Rican ambassador to the United States, personally thanked the Northwestern Illinois District and churches on behalf of Costa Rica for the work and love expressed by the Church of the Nazarene.

Thousands of Nicaraguan refugees have streamed into Costa Rica, and space has become very limited. The living accommodations in the refugee camps have 200 people bunked in each

room. More than 70 percent of the refugees are children.

Mrs. DeMolli, coordinating the drive among the 73 churches on the district, made a personal trip to Costa Rica to talk with government and Red Cross officials and visit a refugee camp.

The Northwestern Illinois District clothing drive is just 1 of 11 clothing drives that have been held in 1988 on various districts in the United States. Much of the clothing has gone to Mozambique, with some going to Malawi, Honduras, and Nicaragua. If your district is interested in coordinating a clothing drive, contact the office of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, World Mission Division. □



Shown in Costa Rica are two large housing units (center covered unit has cook stove) at San Carlos refugee camp



## DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR ISSUING W-2 FORMS TO CHURCH EMPLOYEES

Every local church in the United States should issue a Form W-2 to each of its employees no later than January 31, 1989, according to current tax procedures. This W-2 should report wages earned by the employee during 1988.

Although ministerial employees and lay employees of a local church are treated differently for income tax and Social Security purposes, the IRS has clearly stated that both types of employees are to receive a W-2 by the January 31, 1989, deadline. IRS Publication 15, "Circular 3—Employer's Tax Guide" (Available from the IRS), states that there are criminal and civil penalties for willful failure to give a statement of required information.

By the same date, Form 4782, "Employee Moving Expense Information," must be given to any employee for which moving expenses have been paid or reimbursed. (See MEMO: CHURCH MANAGEMENT, No. 15.)

Additional information on how these apply to Nazarene churches is available upon request from the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. When requesting information, please ask for MEMO: CHURCH MANAGEMENT, Nos. 3, 6, 7, and 15. □

## INVOLVING YOUTH IN MISSIONS!

Between October 1988 and June 1989, the 240,000 members of Nazarene Youth International all over the world will be collaborating on the most extensive missions project NYI has ever undertaken.

Nazarene youth groups and students on Nazarene college and university campuses will be raising money for the 1989 Thrust to the Cities locations, São Paulo, Brazil, and Paris, France.

São Paulo and Paris are the targets for 1989's Thrust to the Cities, a Nazarene program geared toward planting churches and broadening ministry in designated cities throughout the world. Chicago, New York, Los

Angeles, and Mexico City are some of the target cities of the last few years.

The NYI project will allow more teens to get involved in missions. According to Gary Sivewright, director of NYI Ministries, the project will actually "help youth raise money for youth," mainly by providing funds to further youth ministry in Paris and São Paulo.

Sivewright added, "Some of the money will help finance YOUTH IN MISSION teams in those two cities to minister." (YOUTH IN MISSION is an NYI program that places college students and young adults in short-term missions assignments all over the world.)

Also, money may be raised by local churches doing projects, or

even whole districts working together.

NYI Ministries has produced a packet of materials in conjunction with the Paris Thrust called "Sharing the Light with Paris." This includes a collection of resources to help youth groups become more missions-minded plus supplies ideas for fundraisers.

"Eyes of the Harvest" is a new film from Nazarene Media International, which tells the story of NYI in Paris. "Eyes of the Harvest" introduces several French teens and gives more information about how the NYI missions project will support the ministry that has already begun there.

Slide sets with recorded narration about the Thrust to the Cities work in São Paulo and

Paris can also be ordered from the Nazarene Publishing House.

—"Dawning of a New Day" is an 11-minute presentation about São Paulo.

—"While It Is Day" is a 9-minute production centered in Paris.

The slide sets and the film are designed to be followed by a free-will offering. There is no rental fee for the film or the slides. Only shipping and handling charges apply.

With regard to this missions project, Sivewright said, "Our goal is \$125,000, which is twice as much as we have raised for any other NYI project." The money may be turned in at any time, but the total won't be counted until the General NYI Convention in Indianapolis this June. □



# MISSION TRIP!

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## GREATHOUSE ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED

More than 100 friends and colleagues honored General Superintendent and Mrs. William M. Greathouse at a special reception November 26. The event celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of the Greathouses as well as a half-century of ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. It was hosted by their children at the Overland Park, Kans., church, where the superintendent and his wife attend.

December 4 marked 50 years of ministry for the general superintendent. He took his first pastorate December 4, 1938, at Jackson, Tenn. The Greathouses were married December 20 of that same year.

A scholar, author, and former college and seminary president, Greathouse will retire from the Board of General Superinten-

dents at the 22nd General Assembly next June in Indianapolis. He was first elected to the body in 1976. □

—N.V.

## CLT HONORS INDIVIDUALS/CHURCHES

Continuing Lay Training persists in playing an important part in the lives of many Nazarenes, according to David J. Felter, general coordinator of training. Felter recently announced the "CLT Hall of Fame" for 1987-88. They are as follows:

### HIGHEST NUMBER OF CREDITS

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Arlington, Va.	204

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Marion Whitmon	Rialto, Calif.	66
James Foltz	Wellsburg, WVa.	54
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Louise Darby	Charlotte, N.C.	48
Brenda Fields	Cannonsburg, Ky.	47
Charlotte Foss	Waterloo, Iowa	44
Fred Hare	La Junta, Colo.	43
Patricia Davis	Elyria, Ohio	43
Veronica Francis	Brooklyn, N.Y.	42

## TOP FIVE CHURCHES REGISTERING CLASSES

CHURCH	CLASSES
Arlington, Va., First	18
Fort Morgan, Colo.	15
Calgary, Alberta, East	11
Charleston, S.C., Calvary	9
Indianapolis, Ind., Southside	8

CLT provides training resources for almost every role in the local church from teachers to ushers. □

—N/V

## NEWS OF EVANGELISM

### REVIVAL COMES AT "JUST RIGHT TIME" FOR NEW COUPLES

For several of the young couples at the Vivian, La., church, it was their first revival. And it couldn't have come at a better time, according to Pastor G. R. "Scott" Cundiff.

Rev. Cundiff says the church had been in a "revival spirit" for about six months preceding the special services with Evangelist Pat Burkhalter. As a result, seven people were saved and seven sanctified during the revival. □

### REVIVAL CONTINUES TO REKINDLE WORSHIP IN ALBANY, GA., CHURCH

The Albany, Ga., Grace Church experienced one of the greatest revivals since it was organized in 1985, according to Pastor Donald Hicks. The good news is that it is still going on.

"An atmosphere that is alive

and ablaze characterizes our worship services since the revival," is the way Pastor Hicks reports the ongoing result of the fall revival, which featured the anointed preaching of Rev. David Canen.

Many church members, including members of the board, testified to the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives, changing attitudes and healing spirits.

Another key fact: Pastor Hicks reports that not a single service went by without someone praying through at the altar. □



Missouri District Superintendent Hiram Sanders delivered the morning message at the 75th anniversary service in Lodi, Mo., October 16. Pastor Blanton Cook celebrated his 80th birthday the same morning, and took into membership (on profession of faith) Mrs. Stella Davis, who is 92 years of age. The church was filled to capacity and Rev. Cook continues to be an enthused and dedicated pastor. Shown (l. to r.) are Pastor Cook, Mrs. Stella Davis, and Superintendent Sanders.

## THE CHURCH SCENE

The Gallatin, Tenn., church celebrated Jesse A. Middendorf

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Day, Sunday, August 21. This special event honored Middendorf for his more than 50 years as a Nazarene minister. The Nazarene elder's son, Jesse C. Middendorf, superintendent of the Northwest Oklahoma District, spoke in a combined service beginning at 10:30 A.M. After dinner on the grounds, an afternoon service of praise and reflection followed in which Middendorf's other son, Ben, spoke. Ben pastors the Smyrna, Tenn., church. □

## OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES

### FIRST MAC REGION THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR SELECTED



Mario Zani is the first MAC Region Theological Education coordinator, according to Jerry Porter, Mexico and Central America regional director. Zani assumed his new responsibilities November 26 at the graduation ceremonies for Instituto Teologico Nazareno (Nazarene Theological Institute) in Guatemala. Zani had served for two years as director of ITN. Zani's responsibilities will include coordinating the residence schools in Mexico, Guatemala, and Costa Rica, as well as the extension ministerial training program throughout the 21 districts of the MAC Region. His wife Perla will serve as regional coordinator for lay training programs.

Zani is a candidate for the D.Min. at Nazarene Theological Seminary, from which he holds the M.Div. □

—N.V.

### WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETS

The Wesleyan Theological Society held its 24th annual meeting recently on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene College in San Diego. The Wesleyan scholars in attendance were commemorating the 250th anniversary

year of John Wesley's spiritual experience at Aldersgate.

The guest lecturer, Dale W. Brown, Ph.D., professor of Christian Theology, Bethany Theological Seminary in Oakbrook, Ill., addressed the society on "The Wesleyan Revival from a Pietist Perspective."

Papers were presented by WTS members Kenneth J. Collins, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Methodist College in Fayetteville; David L. Cubie, Ph.D., chairman, Division of Religion and Philosophy, Mount Vernon Nazarene College in Mount Vernon, Ohio; Thomas P. Haverly, Ph.D., associate professor of religion, Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass.; Robert D. Smith, Ph.D., associate professor of theology, Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, Ill.; and Susie Stanley, Ph.D., professor of church history and women's studies, Western Evangelical Seminary in Portland, Oreg.

The papers read included such varied topics as "Placing Aldersgate in Wesley's Order of Salvation," and "Empowered Foremothers: Wesleyan/Holiness Women Speak to Today's Christian Feminists."

Howard A. Snyder, Ph.D., associate professor of church renewal, United Theological Seminary, delivered the presidential address titled "The Holy Reign of God," to the 90 scholars in attendance.

WTS is a Commission of the

Christian Holiness Association with a membership of 2,468. The society encourages an exchange of ideas among Wesleyan-Arminian scholars, stimulates scholarship among theologians and pastors, and publishes a journal of significant contributions to Wesleyan-Arminian scholarship.

The WTS annual meeting in 1989 will be held on the campus of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. □

### NBC HOLDS BROTHERHOOD WEEK

Dr. R. W. Cunningham was honored in chapels at Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, November 15. President Jerry Lambert, assisted by Vice President for Ethnic Training R. T. Bolerjack, presented Dr. Cunningham with a presidential me-

dallion for his 21 years of service as president of Nazarene Bible Institute in West Virginia.

General Superintendent Raymond W. Hurn brought words of greeting and commendation, while written tributes from the other general superintendents were read. Professor Clarence Bowman, who served with Dr. Cunningham in West Virginia for 18 years and has taught at NBC in Colorado for another 18 years, shared his memories and esteem. Son, Dr. Barry Cunningham, professor of psychology at NBC, paid tribute to his father as a man of courage and strength.

This event was part of Brotherhood Week at Nazarene Bible College. Other featured chapel speakers during the week included: Rev. Samuel Chiang, Honolulu; Rev. Alvin Tso, Phoenix; and Rev. Michael Faulkner, New York. □



President Jerry Lambert (r.) and Vice President R. T. Bolerjack place presidential medallion on Dr. R. W. Cunningham.



Pictured are the NBC Brotherhood Week participants: (seated, l. to r.) Mrs. Barry Cunningham, Dr. R. W. Cunningham, and Mrs. Clarence Bowman; (standing, l. to r.) Dr. R. T. Bolerjack, Dr. Barry Cunningham, Rev. Samuel Chiang, Rev. Alvin Tso, Dr. Jerry Lambert, and Prof. Clarence Bowman.





# EVANGELISTS' SLATES

**ARMSTRONG, LEON, LINDA AND LANCE:** Waynesboro, VA (Community Fellowship), January 1-25; Asheville, NC, January 27-29

● **BAGGETT, DALLAS W.:** Sebring, FL, January 22; Delray Beach, FL, January 24-29

**BAILEY, ANTHONY T.:** Concerts in Oklahoma, January 1-22; Memphis, TN (Memphis Grace Indoor Camp), January 24-29

● **BALLARD, DON:** Reserved, January 1-31

● **BELZER, DAVE AND BARBARA:** Reserved, January 1-8

**BENTLEY, PAUL E.:** Lakewood, CO (Denver First Free Methodist), January 4-8; Cheney, WA, January 15-19; Kellogg, ID, January 22-26

**BLUE, DAVE AND DANA:** Baltimore, MD (Greater Baltimore Christian Association Concert), January 1-2; Bradenton, FL (The Breakfast Club), January 5; Sacramento, CA (City Wide Crusade), January 9-16; Pensacola, FL (Indoor Camp), January 25-30

**BOCK, DON:** Henderson, MD (C.C.C.U.), January 25-29

**BOND, GARY AND BETH:** Thomasville, GA (First), January 10-15; Fitzgerald, GA, January 18-22; High Springs, FL, January 25-29

**BOQUIST, DOUG AND DEBBIE:** Tulsa, OK (Central), January 6-8; Elkhart, IN (Northside), January 11-15; New Albany, IN (First), January 18-22; Bedford, OH, January 27-29

**BOWDEN, AL:** Palmetto, FL, January 17-22

**BRAATEN, DANIEL W.:** Ulysses, KS, January 13-15; Longmont, CO (Mountainview), January 22; Elkhart, KS, January 27-29

**BROWN, FRED D.:** Crystal Lake, IL, January 10-15; Concord, CA (Valley Zone Crusade), January 18-22

**BROWN, ROGER N.:** Lakeland, FL (Lake Gibson), January 1; Fort Lauderdale, FL (First), January 15 a.m.; Lake Worth, FL (First), January 15, p.m.; Fort Pierce, FL (First), January 18-22; Hollywood, FL, January 29

**BURKHALTER, PAT:** Post, TX, January 10-15; Corpus Christi, TX (Arlington Heights), January 22-26; Carthage, TX (First), January 31—February 5

**BYERS, CHARLES AND MILDRED:** Reserved, January 1-31

**CANEN, DAVID L.:** Manchester, GA (First), January 29—February 2

**CANFIELD, DAVE, EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES:** Chillicothe, OH (C.C.C.U.), January 1, Super Sunday; Amelia, OH, January 8, Super Sunday; Ashland, KY (Summit), January 15, Super Sunday; Inez, KY, January 22, Super Sunday

**CAYTON, JOHN:** Seekonk, MA (Free Methodist), January 4-8; State College, PA (Free Methodist), January 18-22

● **CHAMBERS, LEON AND MILDRED:** Circleville, OH (Bible College), January 9-20

● **CHANEY, REEFORD AND BARBARA:** Clearwater, FL (First), January 10; Fairfax, VA (Arlington Calvary), January 22; Reserved, January 24-29

● **CLAY, D. E.:** Reserved, January 8-13

● **CLAY, M. E.:** Fayette, OH (Defiance Indoor Camp), January 11-15

● **CLIFT, NORVIE O.:** Duarte, CA, January 22-29

**COVINGTON, NATHAN A.:** Coalgate, OK (Family Life Seminar), January 6-8; Lee's Summit, MO, January 10-15; Dexter, MO (Southeast Missouri Holiness Crusade), January 17-22; Atlanta, TX, January 24-29; Muskogee, OK (Trinity), January 31—February 5

**CRABTREE, JAMES C.:** Reserved, January 1-7; Manchester, TN, January 8-11; Brooksville, FL (Wesleyan Bible Conference), January 12-22; Sanford, FL (First), January 24-29

**DALE, TOM:** Cheyenne, WY (First), January 8; Northwest Ohio Zone Camp Meeting, January 11-15; Concerts in West Virginia, January 22

**DARNELL, H. E.:** Sacramento, CA (Alleg. Wes. Indoor Camp), January 11-18

**DELL, JIMMY:** Coquille, AZ, January 1; Coquille, OR, January 5-8; Meridian, ID (Valley Shepherd), January 10-15; Las Cruces, NM (First), January 22-25; Prescott, AZ, January 26-29

**DIXON, GEORGE AND CHARLOTTE:** Nazarene Indian Districts, New Mexico and Arizona, January 1—March 31

**DOOLITTLE, KEVIN C.:** Albion, PA, January 1; Frankfort, KY (District Teen Retreat), January 20-22

**DUTTON, BARRY AND TAVIA:** Greenbrier, AR (Pleasant Hill), January 24-29; Malvern, AR, January 31—February 5

**ESSELBURN, BUD—THE KING'S MESSENGERS:** Barbados Work and Witness, January 23-31

**FADER, WES AND MARY:** Smyrna, DE (Faith), January 3-8; Capitol Heights, MD (America Rescue Workers Inc.), January 12-14; Newark, DE (Glasgow), January 15; Hebron, MD (Nelson Memorial United Methodist), January 16-22

**FAULK, A. RAY:** Reserved, January 10-15; Reserved, January 23—February 1

● **FISHER, C. WILLIAM:** Honolulu, HI (Hawaiian District), January 8-22

**FLOYD, THOMAS D.:** Glendale, AZ (West Valley), January 13-18; Phoenix, AZ (Deer Valley), January 20-25; Phoenix, AZ (Monte Vista), January 27—February 1

**FORTNER, ROBERT E.:** Reserved, January 17-22

**FRANK, RICHARD A.:** Langley, SC, January 4; St. Croix, Virgin Islands (Kingshill Church of the Nazarene), January 8-15; St. Johns, Antigua (Beacon Light Church of the Nazarene), January 17-22

**GARDNER, JOHN M.:** Avon Park, FL (First), January 10-15; St. Johns, Antigua, January 16-22; St. Croix, Christiansted, January 24-29

**GIBSON, NORRIS—TOBIE & CO. MINISTRIES:** Thomasville, GA (Church of God), January 3-8; Meansville, GA (Pine Mountain), January 10-15; Statesville, NC (Zone Retreat), January 20-22; Parkersburg, WV (Broadway), January 24-29

**GORMAN, CHARLES AND ANN:** New Albany, IN (18th Street Mission), January 8

**GREEN, JIM AND ROSEMARY:** New Castle, IN (First), January 1; Morton, IL, January 8; Three Rivers, MI, January 15; Sanford, FL (First), January 24-29

**HAINES, GARY W.:** Amarillo, TX (South Georgia), January 7-11; Tyler, TX (Lakeview), January 12-15; Las Vegas, NM (First), January 21-25; Englewood, CO (Denver First), January 29

**HAYES, ALVIN B.:** Reserved, January 23-29

**HELMS, MIKE AND GLORIA:** Tarrant, AL (Birmingham Tarrant), January 3-8; Tampa, FL (Westside), January 10-15; Archer, FL, January 17-22; Panama City, (Parkway), January 24-29; Horatio, AR (Nix Chapel), January 31—February 5

**HICKS, JOHN DAVID:** Stockton, CA (Fremont), January 4-8; Golden-dale, WA, January 11-15; Tulare, CA (Wayside), January 18-22; Lake Elsinore, CA (Bundy Canyon Christian), January 25-29

**HIGGINS, CHARLES AND MARJORIE:** Atwater, CA, January 8-12; Ashland, OR, January 15-19; Kalama, WA, January 22-26; Oregon City, OR, January 29—February 2

**JOHNSON, RON:** Lewiston, ID (Orchards), January 1; British Columbia and Alberta (Concerts), January 4-15; Southern Idaho, Eastern Oregon, and Washington (Concerts), January 22-29

**JONES, TERRY L.:** Alvin, TX, January 4-8; Lake Jackson, TX, January 11-15; Corpus Christi, TX (First), January 18-22; Houston, TX (Broadway), January 25-29; Luburg, CA (Parkview), January 31—February 5

**KEENA, EARL E.:** Metro-Manila, January 19—February 13

● **KNIGHT, JOHN L.:** Yukon, OK, January 4-8; Bradenton, FL (First), January 13-18; Lakeland, FL (Lake Gibson), January 19-22; Princeton, FL, January 24-29; Charleston Heights, SC (Dorchester Road), January 31—February 5

**LASALLE, RAY:** Moberly, MO (Church of God, Holiness), January 18-22; Nebo, IL, January 25-29; Oelrichs, SD (Bible Holiness Chapel), January 31—February 5

**LAWSON, WAYNE T.:** Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, January 8-13; Woodland, WA, January 22-27; Oakridge, OR, January 29—February 2

**LAXSON, WALLY AND GINGER:** Columbus, OH (Reeb Avenue C.C.C.U.), January 4-8; Winter Haven, FL, January 11-15; San Jose, CA (Cambrian Park), January 17-22; Marietta, GA (Morning View Baptist), January 25-26

**LAXSON, KIP:** Fairborn, OH (Wrightview), January 4-8; Columbus, OH (Grace Memorial C.C.C.U.), January 11-15; North Vernon, IN, January 18-22; Abernathy, TX (First), January 25-29

**LECKRONE, LARRY:** Cherryville, NC, January 3-8; Laurinburg, NC, January 10-15; Merritt Island, FL (Community), January 18-23; Reserved, January 25-29

**LEIDY, ARNOLD G.:** Los Alamos, NM (La Vista), January 1; Laramie, WY, January 8-15; Sebastian, FL (First), January 18-22; Tatum, NM, January 29—February 5

**MANER, ROBERT E., JR.:** Cleveland, MS (First), January 24-29; West Memphis, AR, January 31—February 5

**MANLEY, STEPHEN L.:** Swaziland, Four District Pastor's Conferences, January 4-6; Manzini, Swaziland (Holiness Revival), January 6-8; Siteki, Swaziland (Africa Region Conference), January 9-11; Swaziland, Evangelist's Training Conference, January 12-15; R.S.A. Western Cape District Zone Rallyes and City-Wide Crusade, January 16-22; R.S.A. Northern District Zone Rally, January 25-26; R.S.A. Vanderbijl Park Zone Rally, January 27; Johannesburg, R.S.A. (Northern District), January 28; Johannesburg, R.S.A. (Nasrec Auditorium Rally), January 29

**MANN, THURL AND MARY KAY:** Tice, FL (Fort Myers Palm Beach Boulevard), January 4-8; Xenia, OH, January 13-15; Ashland, KY (Zone Indoor Camp), January 18-22

**McFERRIN, RICK AND LANETTE:** Indiana, Concerts, January 10-24; Tilden, IL (Zone Indoor Camp), January 24-29

**McGEE, JERRY E.:** Thomasville, NC (Wesleyan), January 1-5; Arcadia, FL (First), January 15-20; Sarasota, FL (First), January 22-27; Winston-Salem, NC (Faith), January 29—February 2

**McWHIRTER, G. STUART:** Montgomery, AL (Zone Crusade), January 11-15; Charleston, SC (St. Andrews), January 18-22; Pascagoula, MS (United Methodist), January 25-29

**MEHR, BETHANY:** Allen Park, MI (Veteran's Hospital), January 8; Birmingham, MI (First Presbyterian), January 17

**MEREDITH, DWIGHT AND NORMA JEAN:** Reserved, January 1-31

**MILLS, CARLTON A.:** Orlando, FL (First), January 1; Stuart, FL, January 4; Lehigh Acres, FL, January 6-8; Punta Gorda, FL, January 11; Tampa, FL (Town and Country), January 13-15; Lessburg, FL, January 17-22; Hollywood, FL, January 24-29

**MONCK, JIM:** Eugene, OR (Fairfield), January 18-22

**MOORE, NORMAN L.:** Phoenix, AZ (Maryvale), January 11-15; El Cajon, CA, January 25-29

**MORLEY, FRANK W.:** Orange, CA, January 16-21

**MUNCIE, BOB AND JANE:** New Albany, IN (Hour of Power Evangelistic Mission), January 31—February 5

**NEFF, LARRY AND PAT:** Largo, FL (Seminole First), January 24-29

**OVERTON, WILLIAM D.:** Indian Work, Southeast, January 3-29; Indian Work, Southeast, January 31—March 5

**PERDUE, NELSON S.:** Uhrichsville, OH (Rush Community), January 4-8; Kent, OH, January 11-15; Fort Pierce, FL (First), January 18-22; Gahanna, OH (Columbus North Land), January 25-29

**PFEIFER, DON, EVANGELISTIC TEAM:** Orient, OH (Columbus Southwest Community), January 8; Greenville, SC (WGS-TV 16), January 10-11; Kankakee, IL (Olivet Nazarene University), January 18

**ROSE, WAYNE:** Alaska, January 1-31

**ROTH, RONALD W.:** Brookhaven, MS (First), January 17-22

**SELF, ERWIN A.:** Overseas, January 1-31

**SMITH, DOYLE C.:** Bamberg, SC, January 24-29

**SMITH, DUANE:** Jacksonville, FL (North), January 3-8; Valdosta, GA (First), January 10-15; Barnesville, GA (First), January 31—February 5

**STANIFORTH, KEN:** Phoenix, AZ (First), January 15-18

**STEVENSON, GEORGE E.:** Deltona, FL, January 4-8; Deland, FL, January 10-15; Tallahassee, FL (First), January 17-22; Panama City, FL (First), January 25-29

**TAYLOR, CLIFF—FAMILY EVANGELIST:** School Assembly Ministries, January 1—March 31

**TAYLOR, ROBERT W.:** Sand Springs, OK, January 4-8; McKinney, TX, January 11-15; Freeport, TX, January 18-22; San Antonio, TX (Indoor Zone Camp Meeting), January 24-29

**TOOLEY, JAMES:** Grand Island, NE (Extended Evangelism Effort Salvation Army), January 1-31

**TURNER, BEVERLY A.:** Centerville, OH, January 1; Sycamore, OH (Ladies Retreat), January 20-22; Wilmington, OH, January 28-29

**WALKER, BRIAN AND DEBI:** Reserved, January 25-29

**WELLS, GENE AND NANCY:** Childersburg, AL, January 3-8; Ridge Farm, IL (Olivet Zone Indoor Camp), January 11-15; Centraire, IL, January 18-22; Monroeville, AL, January 24-29; Altmore, AL, January 31—February 5

**WELLS, LINARD O.:** Sherman, TX, January 3-8; Burleson, TX, January 10-15; Monroe, LA (First), January 17-22; Denver City, TX, January 24-29; Otton, TX, January 31—February 5

**WOODWARD FAMILY EVANGELISM:** Orlando, FL (Colonial Evangelism Ministries Associate Pastor), January 1-31

**WRIGHT, E. GUY:** Tampa, FL (Grace), January 3-8; Brandon, FL (First), January 11-15; West Melbourne, FL, January 22-29

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*An adequate budget for evangelism at the beginning of each church year is imperative for each congregation.  
 A revival savings account is useful in building toward adequate support for the evangelist.*



Shown are 199 single adults from 17 states who gathered over the Labor Day weekend in Front Royal, Va., for the 1988 SoloCon East. Lives were changed and

many decisions were made for Christ. Rev. Stephen Manley was the special speaker with Mark Murphy and Rio Clemente providing the music.





# THE CHURCH AT WORK

## 1988 GENERAL STATISTICS

### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE  
GENERAL SECRETARY

\*Includes 12 regional directors and wives  
and 46 regional staff.

	Africa 41	Asia-Pacific 30	Canada 5
<b>DISTRICTS</b>			
<b>CHURCHES</b>	806	599	154
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>			
Full Members	42,305	36,026	10,482
Probationary Members	16,001	18,227	31
Total	58,306	54,253	10,513
<b>MINISTERS</b>			
Ordained	298	428	233
Licensed	287	281	48
Deacons		1	1
Missionaries	202	169	
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOLS</b>	853	557	150
Children—Responsibility List			5,973
Average Weekly Attendance			3,442
Cradle Roll			149
Youth—Responsibility List			2,320
Average Weekly Attendance			1,114
Adult—Responsibility List			5,736
Average Weekly Attendance			2,922
Summary—Officers and Teachers			1,302
Home Department			137
Outreach Enrollment			451
Total—Responsibility List	112,800	54,663	15,617
Average SS Attendance	53,379	34,491	7,478
Average Outreach Attendance			322
Average Total Attendance	53,379	34,491	7,800
<b>NYI SOCIETIES</b>	628	472	118
Membership	21,973	14,531	2,524
<b>NWM SOCIETIES</b>	683	438	139
Membership	36,001	17,713	7,690
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS</b>	229	313	49
Membership	24,559	22,887	3,562
<b>CLT CHURCHES</b>	39		12
Credits	187		364
<b>PROPERTY VALUES</b>			
Local Churches			\$36,083,596
Local Parsonages			5,672,640
District Centers and Other			1,486,000
District Parsonages			339,200
Educational Institutions			
Nazarene Publishing House			
International Center			
Total			\$43,581,436
<b>PROPERTY INDEBTEDNESS</b>			
Church and Parsonage—Local			\$ 5,648,079
All District Property			383,528
Educational Institutions			
Total			\$ 6,031,607
<b>CHURCH FINANCES (Paid)</b>			
Local	\$1,322,979	\$6,836,477	\$6,191,371
District	143,212	353,301	499,532
Educational	31,578	110,100	252,313
General	154,683	237,408	890,215
Total	\$1,652,452	\$7,537,286	\$7,833,431
<b>ANALYSIS OF TOTAL</b>			
Paid by Church	\$1,652,452	\$7,537,286	\$7,138,814
Paid by Sunday School			216,381
Paid by NYI			31,952
Paid by NWMS			387,843
Supplemental Giving			58,441
<b>PER CAPITA</b>			
Local	\$ 22.69	\$ 126.01	\$ 588.92
District	2.46	6.51	47.52
Educational	.54	2.03	24.00
General	2.65	4.38	84.68
Total	\$ 28.34	\$ 138.93	\$ 745.12

Caribbean 24	Eurasia 19	Mexico, Central America 21	South America 43	United States 80	General Church	Total 263	Gain 6
622	288	641	692	5,129		8,931	316
45,737	12,408	48,143	41,279	550,700		787,080	
31,135	1,108	10,961	7,871	1,564		86,898	
76,872	13,516	59,104	49,150	552,264		873,978	35,842 (4.28%)
193	187	312	267	8,939		10,857	
304	93	346	421	2,435		4,215	
6				49		57	
47	53	37	73			639*	
606	244	752	713	5,050		8,925	
	3,132			259,418		268,523	
	2,552			139,122		145,116	
	374			5,710		6,233	
	974			144,767		148,061	
	696			62,786		64,596	
	816			382,516		389,068	
	639			200,394		203,955	
	697			60,046		62,045	
	135			9,304		9,576	
	418			24,253		25,122	
89,291	14,421	83,368	67,359	861,761		1,299,280	34,404 (2.72%)
40,665	9,395	52,808	41,021	402,302		641,539	6,407 (1.01%)
	338			16,909		17,569	
40,665	9,733	52,808	41,021	419,211		659,108	
517	153	548	536	4,146		7,118	
17,687	3,242	15,518	15,745	156,637		247,857	4,121
528	190	562	554	4,653		7,747	
23,381	5,920	25,833	24,062	412,169		552,769	21,385
180	66	395	231	2,907		4,370	
19,904	3,898	30,226	17,712	247,167		369,915	
6	3			718		778	
55	34			17,006		17,646	
	\$25,327,781			\$1,855,622,386	\$	\$1,917,033,763	
	4,321,024			259,186,532		269,180,196	
				69,411,171		70,897,171	
				6,498,471		6,837,671	
					224,863,696	224,863,696	
					5,975,230	5,975,230	
					5,452,625	5,452,625	
	\$29,648,805			\$2,184,745,089	\$236,291,551	\$2,494,266,881	
	\$ 911,661			\$ 310,917,098	\$	\$ 317,476,838	
				9,988,075		10,371,603	
					42,958,301	42,958,301	
	\$ 911,661			\$ 320,905,173	\$ 42,958,301	\$ 370,806,742	
\$1,739,629	\$ 3,410,683	\$ 1,148,669	\$ 865,198	\$ 309,478,442	\$	\$ 330,993,448	
174,791	228,368	101,827	79,732	19,821,167		21,401,930	
17,946	65,275	15,185	9,971	11,129,269		11,631,637	
109,469	282,938	47,900	39,312	43,786,621	2,122,514	47,671,060	
\$2,041,835	\$ 3,987,264	\$1,313,581	\$994,213	\$ 384,215,499	\$ 2,122,514	\$ 411,698,075	\$21,540,313 (5.52%)
\$2,041,835	\$ 3,802,394	\$1,313,581	\$994,213	\$ 338,830,337	\$	\$ 363,310,912	
	47,768			9,273,131		9,537,280	
	23,308			2,087,280		2,142,540	
	113,794			33,410,206		33,911,843	
				614,545	2,122,514	2,795,500	
\$ 22.63	\$ 252.34	\$ 19.43	\$ 17.60	\$ 560.38		\$ 378.72	
2.27	16.90	1.72	1.62	35.89		24.49	
.24	4.83	.26	.20	20.15		13.31	
1.42	20.93	.81	.81	79.29		54.54	
\$ 26.56	\$ 295.00	\$ 22.22	\$ 20.23	\$ 695.71		\$ 471.06	



## FOR THE RECORD

### DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORT

The 75th anniversary Iowa district assembly was held in Cedar Rapids First Church. The presiding general superintendent was Dr. William M. Greathouse.

The opening service, August 10, was a reenactment of the first Iowa assembly held in Marshalltown in 1913. Rev. Tim Tinker wrote and directed the scenes that were portrayed.

General Superintendent Greathouse ordained Rev. Mark Blankenship, Rev. Fred T. Morrison, Rev. Daniel Wiebesiek, Rev. Fred L. Wilson, and recognized the credentials of Rev. Philip E. Spears.

### MOVING MINISTERS

ROBERT M. ARMSTRONG from pastor, John Day, Ore., to student, Kansas City, Mo.

LYNN R. BEAN, student, NTS, Kansas City, to pastor, Reno (Nev.) First

GERALD R. BELL from Yakima (Wash.) Trinity to Sidney (Mont.) First

DARRYL J. BOGATAAY from Teays Valley, W.Va., to Titusville (Fla.) First

JACOB W. BLANKENSHIP from Lumberton, Tex., to Glenwood Springs, Colo.

EUGENE T. BRANTLEY from Duncan (Okla.) Oak Avenue to Mount Vernon, Wash.

RANDOLPH BROWN from Jefferson, Pa., to Meadville, Pa.

JAMES P. CORBIN from associate, Washington (D.C.) First to associate, Kansas City (Mo.) Grandview

JERRY D. CORDELL from Redding (Calif.) First to Boise (Idaho) First

PAUL CREW from Beckley, W.Va., to Grove City, Pa.

CHARLES E. CROSBY from Monterey (Calif.) Park Trinity to education, NBC, Colorado Springs

FRED M. CUNNINGHAM from Midland (Mich.) Community to Bedford, Ohio

TOMMY M. DAVIS from Ripley, Ohio, to Greeville, Ohio

LON E. ECKDAHL from Kahului, Hawaii, to Escondido (Calif.) First

JERRY L. FERGUSON from Kona, Hawaii, to Atascadero, Calif.

JOHN C. FRYE from Garrett, Ind., to Albany, Ind.

ALAN L. GRACE from Dille, W.Va., to Quick, W.Va.

JOSEPH E. HAND from associate, Bend, Ore., to associate, Porterville, Calif.

JAMES L. HECKATHORN from St. Louis (Mo.) Overland to Hartsville, S.C.

LARRY J. HOOKER from associate, Arlington (Tex.) First to pastor, Cleburne, Tex.

GARY HOWELL to pastor, Dallas (Tex.) Calvary

JAMES H. INGALLS from pastor, Warren, Pa., to evangelism

TERRY IRISH from associate, Baker, Ore., to pastor, Crescent City, Calif.

BERNARD JOHNSON from District Camp Center, South Arkansas, to pastor, Longview (Tex.) Aldersgate

JAMES W. KENT from Fremont (Calif.) First to Payette, Idaho

DAVID W. LAPP from Albany (N.Y.) First to Buffalo (N.Y.) First

JON D. MARTIN from Kalispell (Mont.) First to Gooding, Idaho

WILLIAM C. MEAD from student, NBC, Colorado Springs, to associate, Barberton, Ohio

LARRY MONSON from Reno (Nev.) First to Sacramento (Calif.) Florin

TOM MOORE to pastor, Mount Vernon, Tex.

CHARLES NELSON from Willows, Calif., to Azusa (Calif.) Community Mission

KEVIN D. NEWBORG from student, NTS, Kansas City, to associate, Seattle (Wash.) First

CHRISTOPHER E. NICHOLS from associate, Binghampton, N.Y. to pastor, Athens (Ga.) First

JAMES H. NORCROSS to pastor, Jasper (Tex.) Wesley Chapel

WILLIAM D. PORTER from Tucson (Ariz.) First to Denville, N.J.

WILLIAM J. RUSHING from Bonner Springs, Kans., to Cimarron, Kans.

CHARLES L. RYAN from Provo, Utah, to Homedale, Idaho

DAVID L. SHAW from North Waldbora, Me., to Windham, Me.

BILL SUTTON from Houlika, Miss., to Bamberg, S.C.

DANIEL L. WHITMER to Springboro, Pa.



Pictured (l. to r.) are the pastors who received the Great Commission Growth Awards at the Iowa district assembly: Mark R. Blankenship, Waterloo, Category II; District Superintendent Forrest Whittlatch; Daniel M. Arnold, Des Moines Southside, Category III; and Monte Asbury, Washington, Category I.

MICHAEL WORRELL to pastor, Sacramento (Calif.) West

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### VITAL STATISTICS

#### DEATHS

REV. JAMES A. BLACKWELL, retired elder, died Sept. 17 in Destin, Fla., 12 days following his 81st birthday. He was ordained in 1945 by General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers and pastored

churches in North Oklahoma and Northern Florida, where he organized the First Church of the Nazarene at Fort St. Joe. He was a member of the Fort Walton Beach, Fla., church at his death.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Audie; two daughters, Betty Blackwell and Martha Ward; two grandchildren, Angela Turner and Sam Ward.

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REV. ROBERT PALMER, ordained minister, died Oct. 20 in Portsmouth, Ohio. He attended college in Texas and earned a business education degree. He served in the Air Force and received two bronze medals. He then felt a call to preach and pastored in Central Ohio, Eastern Kentucky, and Southwestern Ohio districts. He also was an evangelist for 10 years.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Eina; two daughters, Betty Palmer and Patty Ratliff, both of Portsmouth; and two step-grandchildren.

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REV. JOSEPH W. TALLEY, 75, died of cancer Sept. 27 in Goldsboro, N.C. Interment was at Annapolis, Md. He is survived by his wife, Daisy, of 55 years; two sons, Joseph T. of Maryland and David F. of Delaware; a daughter, Janet Levan of Goldsboro; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 2 sisters. He pastored on the Washington District.

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VIOLET AGNES MAE BLACK, 74, Aug. 8, Cookstown, Ont., Canada. Survivors: husband Jerry; son Rev. Robert; daughters Geraldine, Pauline, Carmine, Darlene; 13 grandchildren; 3 brothers; 1 sister.

FLOYD HAMMERSLEY, 83, Sept. 6, Frankfort, Ind. Survivors: wife Beatrice; daughters Doris Marie (Oscar) Sheets; Sharon (David) Sheets; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers; three sisters.

RAYMOND L. HILKERT, 80, Nov. 14, Lewisburg, Pa. Survivors: wife Helen; daughter Doris; sons Rev. Dale, Warren, Larry, William, Paul, Lewis; 16 grandchildren; 1 step-grandchild; 10 great-grandchildren; 1 step-great-grandchild.

PAUL WESLEY JENSEN, 71, Oct. 11, Myrtle Beach, S.C. Interment: Fort Thomas, Ky. Survivors: wife Marjorie; five children; nine grandchildren; one brother.

EDWARD L. MANLEY, 53, Oct. 29, Eugene, Ore., hunting accident. Survivors: wife Regina; son Mike; daughter Sue (Dan) Fleming; four grandchildren.

P. RICK ROBERSON, 43, Oct. 27, Redwood City, Calif. Interment: Kankakee, Ill. Survivors: wife Sue; sons Sean, Shane; his parents; one sister; one brother.

LUCY STRACK, 85, Nov. 16, formerly of Jefferson, Ohio. Interment: Clearwater, Fla. Survivors: sons Rev. David W., William J., Jr.; daughter Dove Leonard.

## BIRTHS

to GRADY D. AND BECKI (RUTHERFORD) ASHFORD, Memphis, Tenn., a boy, Zachary Brett, Oct. 17

to GARY AND MARILYN (SEXTON) CARLSON, Kent, Wash., a girl, Shari Rene, Nov. 9

to NEIL AND BETH COURTNEY, Selinsgrove, Pa., a girl, Rachel Elizabeth, Sept. 9

to DANIEL AND BRENDA (WOOD-COOK) DUNLOP, Marion, Ohio, a boy, Riley John, Oct. 19

to KENNETH AND VALORIE (HURN) DUDGEON, Seattle, Wash., a boy, Kevin Bruce, Oct. 11

to BOB AND SHERRI (WHITE) SIMMONS, Nashville, Tenn., a boy, Matthew Thomas, Oct. 25

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to PHIL AND BECKIE TAU, Kaiserslautern, West Germany, a girl, Aimee Annaleise, Nov. 3

to DOUGLAS AND BARBARA (HORNER) STRICKLAND, Oklahoma City, Okla., a boy, Colin Kevin, Nov. 11

## MARRIAGES

SHERRY LEA RUCH and DAVID MARK HERROLD at Selinsgrove, Pa., July 23

CATHY ANN HERROLD and TROY ALLEN HERROLD at Selinsgrove, Pa., Aug. 13

MICA WATTERSON and BRAD CAMPBELL at Ava, Mo., Oct. 1

LESLIE RAE HERROLD and JAMES LLOYD CAMPBELL at Selinsgrove, Pa., Oct. 15

PEGGY ANNE DIXON and DARYL ARTHUR SCHENDEL, JR., at San Diego, Calif., Nov. 12

ANGELA DAWN ROBERTS and DONNIE RAY LINDSAY at Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 19

ARLENE A. MOTTRAM and DR. KENNETH VOGT at Spokane, Wash., Dec. 3

## ANNIVERSARIES

REV. AND MRS. M. D. CLINE of Concord, N.C., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 7 with a special service at the Concord First Church and a reception following. Friends and relatives of Rev. and Mrs. Cline, as well as members from former pastorates, were in attendance and assisted Rev. Tom Govin in recalling the accomplishments of the Clines through their almost 40 years of pastoring throughout the Southeast.

The Clines' three children and grandchildren were in attendance, and presented a "Book of Memories" compiled of more than 100 letters written by friends and associates expressing congratulations to the Clines as well shared memories of years past.

MILTON L. AND EVELYN LARSEN celebrated their 50th anniversary Aug. 14 at their home in Fargo, N.Dak. Their children: Melvin of Fargo, Esther Potter of Lynnwood, Wash.; Eunice Metzendorf of Bothell, Wash.; and Samuel of Denver, hosted a reception. Three of their six grandchildren also attended.

The Larsens are members of the Moorhead, Minn., church. Milton and his son, Melvin, assisted with the building of it.

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The YFC recovery centers will be located in existing hospitals. The first unit is in the Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village, Ill. The centers will be Christ-centered treatment units designed to provide a quality program for adolescents addicted to drugs or alcohol, experiencing emotional problems, eating disorders, or who are suicidal. Upon discharge from inpatient treatment, a 52-week FOLLOW-UP program has been designed to meet the ongoing needs of each individual for their continued recovery.

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## NEW STATISTICS ON CHURCH GROWTH IN CHINA REVEALED BY THREE-SELF LEADERS

China's Protestant Christian population is now "approaching 5 million" in 5,000 churches, according to Three-Self leader, Bishop K. H. Ting. "Church buildings," said Ting, "have for the last nine years been increasing at the rate of three every two days." This is believed to be the first time the figure of 5 million believers has been used by a Three-Self leader.

Ting also talked about a more worrying trend—pressure on the church from leftist cadres—and revealed that the China Christian Council had sent letters of protest to certain provincial governments who had toughened their religious policies in the past year.

Speaking in a News Network International interview in Nanjing, Bishop Ting maintained that this growth of roughly 1 million in the past year was due not so much to more Christians being discovered as more churches were opened, but to an increase in new converts to Christianity as seen in the applications for baptism. Said Ting, "In the hearts of the Chinese people there is an emptiness and they don't find fulfillment elsewhere . . . eventually they come into contact with the church and they are satisfied."—NNI

## FIRST POST-WAR CHRISTIAN NEWSPAPER EMERGES IN LITHUANIA

The first religious periodical to be published in Lithuania since the Soviet annexation of this predominantly Roman Catholic republic appeared October 22. It is a cooperative effort between Catholics and Protestants "to spread the good news about the living God" despite denominational differences.

The new journal, titled *The Word of Faith*, is published by the Christian Association of Lithuania, an ecumenical coalition of Catholic priests, Protestant clergymen, and Christian laymen, including prominent Lithuanian intellectual, Sigita Geda. Geda, a poet and translator, is an outspoken leader of the grass roots political movement, the Movement for the Support of Perestroika, commonly referred to as "Sajudis," with which the Christian Association is affiliated.

In a telephone interview with the Lithuanian Information Center in New York, Lithuanian Freedom League spokesman Vytautas Bogusis of Vilnius said the text of *The Word of Faith* was computer-generated. "It's being Xeroxed and distributed free of charge, compliments of the believing public."—NNI

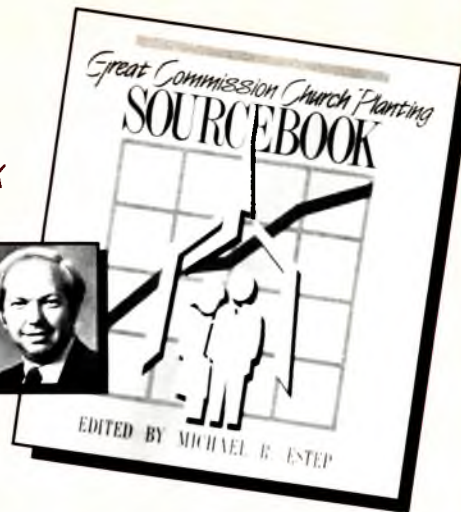


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## CORRECTION

The New York District adopted a goal of 23 rather than 213 new works during the 1988 "Thrust to New York City." The number "213" in the story "Big Apple Offers Big Challenge for Thrust to New York City," in the November 15 edition of the *Herald of Holiness* was a typographical error.

We regret the error.

## ALL MEXICAN DISTRICTS NOW SELF-SUPPORTING

All nine districts of Mexico are now self-supporting, according to General Superintendent Raymond W. Hurn who recently toured the nation to conduct assemblies and church growth seminars.

"Mexico is a very progressive nation, despite its problems," said Hurn. "The people are so warm and open—it affords an open opportunity for evangelism."

The districts, all of which are Regular except for Mexico North, have organized 55 churches during this quadrennium (an 18% increase). Full membership during the same period has grown by 31% to 21,375.

"Regional Director Jerry Porter is an outstanding churchman, and our churches are well-grounded in church growth principles. The work of our seminary under President Alberto Guang is adding to this church growth effort. He and his faculty are taking a strong leadership role not only in education by extension but also through personal involvement in personal and public evangelism."

—NN

## TRUESDALE INDUCTED AS DEAN AT NTS

Al Truesdale, professor of philosophy of religion and Christian ethics, was inducted as dean of the faculty at Nazarene Theological Seminary December 1. Truesdale delivered the installation address on the topic, "Responsible Theological Education in a Pluralistic World."

Former NTS President Wil-

liam M. Greathouse delivered the charge to Truesdale. This was followed by a prayer of consecration by NTS President Terrell C. (Jack) Sanders, Jr., as members of the faculty joined in laying hands on the new dean.

A member of the NTS faculty for 10 years, Truesdale succeeds Chester O. Galloway in the post.

A graduate of Trevecca Nazarene College, Truesdale holds the B.D. from NTS and the Ph.D. in systematic theology from Emory University. He pastored churches in North Carolina, Georgia, and

Massachusetts. Also, he has served as a member of the religion faculty at Eastern Nazarene College and as dean of Olivet Nazarene College.

He and his wife, Esther, have three daughters: Beth, Becky, and Brenda.

—NN

## GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS HOST POLLSTER

The Board of General Superintendents met with pollster George Gallup, Jr., for three

hours recently. Gallup was invited to meet with the superintendents during a planning and strategy session in Kansas City prior to the board's annual December meeting.

"We talked at length about the current state of the American Church," said board chairman Eugene L. Stowe. "He informed us that he has sold his political polling service and will devote his full energy toward religious surveys."

Gallup advised the superintendents that he is optimistic about the future of religion in this country, noting that the number of "churched" Americans remains at about 60%. He added that although many of these are what might be considered nominal Christians, surveys indicate that more of these persons are becoming active in their churches.

"He asked us what we as a board considered the most serious problem facing our denomination as we approach the 21st century," added Stowe. "Overall, we said it is keeping in the forefront our distinct mission and purpose as a Wesleyan holiness church. He encouraged us to stay with it and to maintain our evangelistic zeal."

—NN

# CALL TO PRAYER

In just five months, God willing, our 22nd General Assembly and its auxiliary conventions will be held in Indianapolis. All indications point to a record-breaking attendance from literally around the world. Decisions that will shape the future of the church will be made. It is imperative that we unite in earnest prayer that God will pour out His Spirit upon this great gathering. Unless He comes, our coming together will be in vain. When He comes, this great stadium will become an upper room. Our church and our world are still waiting to witness a modern-day Pentecost. But Pentecost was and always will be precipitated by united prayer.

The Board of General Superintendents calls the Church of the Nazarene worldwide to an all-out prayer vigil for the General Assembly. Days of fasting and nights of prayer must become a high spiritual priority. More than 1 million hours of intercession have already been pledged by members of the Nazarene World Mission Society for this cause. Let us all unite in unceasing prayer for the General Assembly "that the world may know."

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