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NAZARENE HIGHER EDUCATION—MEANS TO MINISTRY

by General Superintendent John A. Knight

Today around the world the Church of the Nazarene has colleges, seminaries, Bible colleges, and schools. They are all designed through the educational process to disciple students and equip them for service. The seminaries and Bible colleges seek specifically to prepare students for the ministry of preaching, teaching, or for the diaconate. While the eight liberal arts colleges in the United States have strong religion departments and equip students for full-time ministry, their purpose is more inclusive. They also seek to develop students to bear witness to their faith in the marketplace and to be good stewards of their talents (skills), time, and treasure in their respective fields of endeavor.

Although the immediate focus of these institutions varies, their overall aim is to serve as a means to ministry. There are several significant reasons for maintaining liberal arts colleges; but if they were not a *means to ministry*, they would not serve their primary function.

Our Christian colleges are valuable because they provide a network of fellowship and enable students to form lifelong friendships with others of like precious faith. They are still good places to choose a marital partner, but these are not sufficient reasons to maintain such colleges.

An education in a liberal arts setting has distinct advantages in contrast to technical training by which one learns a particular skill. Some authorities say that the average working person will change jobs or roles five or six times during a lifetime. It may be claimed with justification that the person educated in the arts—including ability to think logically, to articulate, and to understand oneself and others—will be better able to adjust to these dramatic changes. As important as the liberal arts may be, that alone does not merit support of our educational institutions.

Far more important than these and other somewhat prudential considerations, a *Christian* liberal arts college seeks to enable the student to shape a perspective of life that is based on the Christian vision. The idea of the university came primarily from the medieval period. Its purpose was to interpret all the data of life from a common perspective. The term *university* came from two Latin words, *uni* (meaning "one") and *veritas* (meaning "truth"). Thus a university was designed to teach every discipline and understand every area of study from the standpoint of "one truth"—namely, the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. The university, then, by definition was to be Christian.

Modern Western culture long ago abandoned this heritage so that the university today is a stranger to its original mission. Truth has become fragmented, and there is no common vision—unless it be that of a secular mind-set with humanistic assumptions. The Christian college and specifically Nazarene colleges are the true universities because they teach every discipline in the light of the fact that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." That is, ultimate Truth is one, and Christ is the clue to all of reality. Sociology, psychology, history, philosophy, literature, the natural sciences, and so forth, are all viewed from the perspective of the Christian faith.

This "philosophy of Christian education" gives the student an opportunity to build a framework for interpreting all of life. This kind of integrative perspective brings a fullness and richness to living that is not otherwise possible.

Even with this, however, liberal arts colleges would be less than they can be and ought to be if they do not serve as a means to ministry. All of our educational institutions must model and promote the vision of servanthood, motivate to service, challenge to action, and equip for service in Jesus' name. This service presupposes a right relationship with Jesus Christ, the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and loyalty to Christ's Church.

Thousands of former students around the world can testify to the quality and power of Nazarene higher education—not an end in itself but a means to ministry and service.

April 27 is Nazarene College Day. I salute those men and women who administer, teach, and serve in our colleges and schools everywhere. They are worthy of our encouragement, our prayers, and our financial support.

WHAT IS A Christian College?

by WILLIAM J. STRICKLAND

"What is a Christian college?" It is:

—students preparing to serve Christ through their chosen vocation.

—students developing as whole persons—intellectually, spiritually, socially, and physically.

—students receiving a quality education in a Christian environment.

—a personal concern for the welfare and success of each student.

—a dedicated Christian faculty with professional competence in their subject areas.

—the *Church* performing its educational *mission:*

—in *chapel,* it's the Church worshiping.

—in *the classroom,* it's the Church teaching.

—in its *outreach ministry,* it's the Church witnessing.

What is a Christian college? It is:

—praying in chapel and in the dorm.

—combining the love of God and the love of learning.

—providing the best education and the best in religion.

—being motivated by the spirit of service to God and to others.

—learning to integrate academic life and spiritual life.

—becoming aware that study is just as sacred as prayer. All of life is sacred before God. Therefore the vocation of being a *Christian student* is just as sacred as any other vocation. The laboratory and the chapel are not contradictory but complementary. As Jesus said, we are to love God with all our *mind* as well as our *heart.*

What is a Christian college? It is:

—combining the best of the liberal arts, career and professional education, and Christian values.

—pursuing an education in an environment conducive to faith, in the context of love and support.

—realizing that spiritual development is as normal as academic development, and learning that honest doubt can be the growing edge of one's spiritual life.

—emphasizing the wholeness of life in learning to think, to pray, and to serve.

—serving the church by training its future leaders and by sending out Christian businessmen, teachers, social workers, doctors, lawyers, scientists, civic leaders, pastors, evangelists, missionaries, music and youth ministers, and many others.

—Christian fellowship at its best, the development of lifelong friendships. They say that "marriages are made in heaven," but I believe our colleges are branch offices.

What is a Christian college? It is:

—part of the 25% of the broader Christian higher education in the United States, responding with a renewed emphasis on excellence in Christian education to the recent National Commission on Excellence in Education report titled *A Nation at Risk: The Imperative of Educational Reform.* This report on the quality of education in the United States concludes, "The educational foundations of our society are being eroded by *a rising tide of mediocrity* that threatens our future. . . ."

—realizing that excellence is seen not only in academics and spiritual life but also in Christian service. As Albert Schweitzer once said to a group of students, "I know not what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know, the only ones among you who will really be happy are *those who learn to serve.*"

—holding up a standard against the superficial, the shoddy, and the undisiplined life; against self-indulgence, sexual promiscuity, and lack of responsibility.

—emphasizing education with a moral purpose—the building of Christian character. As Alfred North Whitehead put it, "Moral education is impossible apart from the *habitual vision of of greatness.*" And our best "model of greatness" is found in the servanthood of Jesus Christ.

What is a Christian college? It is:

—being reminded of Woodrow Wilson's statement that "church colleges are the lighthouses of civilization."

—a place where all teaching is done from a *Christian* perspective, where *chapel* is given a central place, where there is a sense of *wholeness* to campus life, where there is a commitment to *Christian values,* and where each student is encouraged to find a *personal relationship with Jesus Christ.*

—a college that offers a *Christ-centered education* where truth is ONE with Jesus Christ, in whom are found all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

—girdling the globe with *Christian holiness*—in belief, experience, and life.

—the lasting influence of godly teachers and their impact on my life.

Finally, a Christian college is an *investment in Christian higher education* that will pay rich dividends both today and in the future.

A Christian college means many things to many people, but these are some of the things that it means to me. And I believe this is what *Christian education* is all about and what gives our colleges their distinguishing characteristics. □

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WHO ARE HEROES?

The seven who perished in the space shuttle explosion have been heralded as brave heroes. The "Bears" as winners of a Sunday Super-Bowl are madly welcomed as they return to Chicago.

To me it seems that our nation has a wrong conception of heroes—at least from a Christian perspective. To me the real heroes are those like a dear pastor in California who has written about his tiredness and frustration in his task of trying to provide for many children in many countries, or of a Nancy from Washington, D.C., who has been deeply concerned about saving the lives of children in Africa.

The Bible does not tell us to explore outer space (spending millions and billions of dollars), but it does tell us about evangelizing planet Earth and our responsibility to the poor. Someone mentioned over the radio that there might be a lesson from this shuttle explosion that we should pay more attention to earthly problems. I agree. We need to know that true heroes are those who try to promote God's will, love, and compassion in this wounded, sin-cursed world.

Hattie Laughbaum
Pellston, Michigan

DISAPPOINTED READER

The *Herald* proclaims holiness to a people called out to stand against sin. One of the greatest sins of our day is abortion, with over 4,000 being performed each day in America alone.

With Sanctity of Human Life Sunday being January 19, I really expected to hear about it in our great magazine. As I glanced through the January 15 issue I was disappointed.

The issue presented NTS well! But we need to be a strong voice for the voiceless. We stand against abortion in our *Manual.* Let's stand against it and for the unborn and their mothers, in our *Herald* and in our pulpits!

Merv Friberg
Coquille, Oregon

Editor's Note—We have published every good article on the subject ever received—and some editorials also.

BUDGETS BOOSTER

I thank God that I come from a church that pays its budgets. I don't personally know any church that doesn't, so I am not casting any reflection on any one directly. I have

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STATE OF THE COLLEGES

An interview with MARK R. MOORE by WESLEY TRACY

WESLEY TRACY: Mark, a lot of people today are saying that American education has dangerously deteriorated. The Scholastic Aptitude Test scores since 1963 have skidded downward 50 points in verbal skills and 40 in math. College courses have become gimmicky. Grade dilution is prevalent.

Is this a true picture, and if so, what are our colleges doing to resist this trend?

MARK R. MOORE: As a whole, the picture you paint of education in general is true. American education has lost a lot of ground in recent years. In fact, the 1983 National Commission on Excellence in Education declared, "Our nation is at risk . . . The educational foundations of our society are presently being eroded by a rising tide of mediocrity that threatens our very future as a nation . . ."

Wes, you know Nazarenes are not much for going along with the trends. While education nationally declined in quality, Nazarene education in the last 20 years has increased in quality. We have done this through a strong commitment to excellence. The Nazarene presidents, deans, and faculty members have had a firm determination that Nazarene education would not be mediocre. The record of our graduates in all the professions testifies to the success of these lofty ideals. We simply have not made some of the compromises that many colleges have.

TRACY: But how can you have quality liberal arts education and job-related courses at the same time?

MOORE: It is true that career-minded students have demanded job-related courses. I want to say two things about this: (1) Nazarene schools have added many courses in these areas and are doing a pretty good job in keeping up with demand. (2) While we have done this, we have still maintained a strong liberal arts education offering. The experience of successful business leaders has convinced them that a liberal arts education better prepares a person for decision-making. Thus, we are seeing a renewed emphasis on the arts.

TRACY: They tell me that the number of high school graduates will decline 20 to 29% by the end of this century. Can our colleges and seminary survive with diminishing enrollment and resources?

MOORE: To allude to William Faulkner, I believe they shall not only "survive but prevail." Americans are "drunk" on bigness, but small can be beautiful too. You can have an excellent liberal arts college with 700 to 1,000 students. If our colleges operate at that level and provide for every Nazarene who desires a basic education, then the colleges will be fulfilling their mission.

But our schools need not decline with the diminishing numbers of high school graduates. There are many ways to build enrollment. If the Church of the Nazarene keeps growing, our student pool will increase. Another source of enrollment is the boom in adult education. Adults are studying to learn marketable skills or for personal fulfillment. If we meet our people's needs, we could have net gains, not losses.

TRACY: Thank you, Mark. I hope you are right. We have been speaking of Nazarene education in North America. Give me a global overview of Nazarene higher education, and your relationship to it.

MOORE: We have 52 colleges, seminaries, or ministerial training schools worldwide, 40 of which are under the administration of the World Mission Division. One, Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary, is a graduate school in Manila. I am secretary of the APNTS Board of Trustees. There are 14 colleges or university level seminaries, and 22 ministerial training schools at the academy or mission school level. There are also three specialized schools—nursing, teacher training, and a junior college—not to mention schools for elementary or secondary education. I serve as consultant to these institutions.

The Council of Education includes eight liberal arts colleges in the United States, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Nazarene Bible College, Canadian Nazarene College, and British Isles Nazarene College. These institutions conferred 1,800 undergraduate degrees in 1984. Many of these graduates went directly into full-time ministry.

TRACY: How important are these schools to the mission of the Church of the Nazarene?

MOORE: Not merely important—urgently crucial sounds better to me. It's this simple. If we have strong schools from Bible colleges through seminary, we have an excellent probability of fulfilling our mission. Without strong schools we do not have a shadow of a chance of fulfilling our mission.

TRACY: Can we really finance these institutions in the face of escalating costs?

MOORE: I believe we can and we must. To Nazarenes, education is a vital part of the gospel. The church has been very generous to our schools. Pastors have led the way in sacrificial giving and fund-raising. Nazarene Bible College and Nazarene Theological Seminary receive a special offering each year—nearly all our churches participate. The colleges depend on the churches of their region for regular educational

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budget payments. Through the church giving, each student at a Nazarene school receives a "hidden scholarship."

TRACY: What's this about a "hidden scholarship"?

MOORE: By that I mean that our churches pay for a large percentage of every student's education through budgets and special offerings.

TRACY: I think that is wonderful. But it is still expensive to send a student to college. Why send my son or daughter to a Nazarene school when I can send him or her to a state college for less?

MOORE: Bertha Munro believed that our colleges offer the best in education and the best in religion.

Both state colleges and the church colleges have their purpose. The state school is to educate. The Christian college is to educate with a "bias."

By "bias" I mean the church college endeavors to nurture integrity and develop emotional and religious stability. The church college also provides friends and associations in a community of believers. The added values of a Christian college have proven to be worth the effort and expense.

TRACY: We hear a lot about the church's sacrificial giving to colleges, NBC, and NTS. But isn't it true that finances and other benefits flow back to the church?

MOORE: Yes, definitely. You know that in most professions or businesses, a college degree means more earning power. Our colleges turn out teachers, doctors, dentists, psychologists, accountants, and degreed business men and women by the thousands. These people earn a lot more than they would without a college education. This comes back to the church in greater tithes, offerings, and special gifts.

A lot more than money comes back to church . . . college-educated laypersons bring high levels of leadership capacity, community service, compassionate ministry, and so forth, to the church.

But, Wes, the benefits are also immediate. Students carry their own weight in churchmanship. A study of any of our colleges will show many new churches are planted near the colleges, countless compassionate ministries are performed, and students help develop stronger local churches while they are enrolled in college.

Further, our schools supply 30 or 40 new missionaries every year, in addition to the many pastors and other special church workers. I think that any of the barons of business scrutinizing a balance sheet like that would say that the Nazarenes are investing wisely in education.

TRACY: I agree. Mark, what is your vision for the future of Nazarene education?

MOORE: My dream is that our schools will become even more creative in doing whatever is necessary to provide a Christian education for the coming generations.

In short, I envision us doing whatever it takes to offer, by God's grace, experiences of academic and spiritual excellence! Nothing less will do. □

REFLECTION AND WEALT

by GORDON WETMORE

His eyes twinkled with delight as he mused on how God had kept him over the years. Our discussion began around the topic of why a young person in the Church of the Nazarene would benefit from attending a college of the church. He had made that choice many years ago. He was eager to tell me about the returns on that investment. I will paraphrase the conversation, amplifying it with statistical data.

"I see it more clearly now. The thought of attending college in the early 1930s seemed impossible to me at the time. We had little money. It seemed more sensible to learn a practical skill and get a job, any job. I'll be forever grateful to those who wisely pointed me to my church college because they saw better than I did how God could use my life, strengthened by a quality liberal

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arts education in the setting of Christian holiness. That provided both a job and a foundation for my developing life.

"I am a wealthy man," he said. "God has given me more of this world's goods than I ever could expect. Greater than that, however, is the satisfaction that comes from a heart at peace, knowing that my life has been lived in the center of God's will."

I watched him as he donned his plain topcoat and left the church foyer with his family. By a financial counselor's standards he was not wealthy. God had enabled him to provide for himself and for his family, but I could assume with some certainty that his financial portfolio would not be too impressive. What was impressive was the point he had made. The liberating, developing setting of his Nazarene college had given him a set of Christian values on which he could build his life. His real wealth, just starting to be realized in this earthly existence, was enormous.

In our conversation he asked at one point, "What if I had missed my education at my Nazarene college? Would I have come to know those Spirit-filled faculty members who in addition to their professional preparation lived before me the Christlike life? Their influence has stayed with me as God has challenged me to develop my own talents. I might have taken the easy way several times if it had not been for my concern not to fail them in their faith in me. What about all the friends I made at my college? I now have, thanks to my church, a network of Christian friends around the world. I met my wonderful wife there, too.

"My church became dearer to me while I was at my college. I was led into the experience of Christian holiness at the fall revival one year. Since that time my life has grown and my commitment to Christ and the church has deepened. How wealthy I am!

"As a young person I felt that there was a conflict between real academic development and Christian life. One of the greatest gifts my Nazarene college gave me was to understand, in a way I could apply to my own life, that my Spirit-filled mind and heart were now set free to achieve academically in a way that the self-centered life could never do. What if I would have missed all that?"

What he could not see was how God had taken his individual talents in the setting of his surrendered life and had enabled him to become a great and influential man. Someday he will realize how great he really was.

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His Christlike spirit has delivered him from worshiping his own achievements.

"I know that it appears to be quite expensive to attend our Nazarene college. It has always required sacrifice to finance an education at a private college. When I attended college in the early 1930s my total yearly cost for tuition, room and board, and fees was around $350. A working man's average yearly income then was about $1,600. An inexpensive car then would cost something around $600. That $350, comparatively, was a great deal of money. Financial aid then was summer work, if one could find it, and part-time work during the school year.

"When my son attended his church college in the early 1950s his costs for tuition, room and board, and fees were around $700. The average working man's salary then was around $4,000. We bought a house then for $8,500. I remember we bought a family car for $2,200. Financial aid for school was not too available then unless you had been in the military. There were five loan funds at our college that were available to students who could qualify.

"Now my grandson is attending his Nazarene college. His cost this year for tuition, room and board, and fees is approximately $6,000. His father's salary for this past year was $25,000. An equivalent family car today would cost about $12,000. A house similar to the one I bought in the 1950s would now cost somewhere around $48,000. More financial aid is available now. The financial aid officer at his college has helped him with a 'financial aid package' to where scholarships, grants, and loans provide about 85% of his basic college costs. Cost is a relative thing, isn't it?

"You can see that I am convinced that an investment in holiness higher education is smart. In a world that is shaking morally and ethically, I have a sure foundation. I have been taught how to use the Scriptures and to benefit from prayer and from the counsel of Christian friends in making Christian decisions. It pleases me to know that my children and grandchildren hear those words, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

"I suppose a secular higher education would have shaped my intellect and challenged me to develop as a human being. I'm afraid, however, it may have missed the vital ingredient of the eternal perspective of the Christian mind and heart. A well-educated pagan is still a pagan!"

He concluded his words to me by saying, "You know, the idea of the Church of the Nazarene is like a seed that must be sown in each new life and in each new generation. The challenge of the holy life in Christ attracted me, and I gave my life to that quest. My investment in Christian higher education has come back to me many times through family and friends, a clear conscience before my God, a loving and supportive church, and the kind of education that equipped me to excel in my profession.

"I'm totally convinced that our founding church fathers were led of the Spirit of God to place world missions and higher education at the heart of the Church of the Nazarene. I am a product of that kind of vision."

Was he not a wise and wealthy man? □

God's Sustaining Promise

by HUGH RAE

"I will be with thee." This was God's promise to Joshua, successor to the great leader, prophet, and lawgiver Moses. There is a "Moses" figure in most of our lives, someone with special gifts, whose influence has been such that we are afraid if called upon to follow them. Fresh out of university in 1952 and invited to be dean of the college in a situation fraught with many uncertainties, I felt like Joshua. I did not have the ability and talents for such responsibilities as were thrust on me.

The promises of God have been fulfilled many times over as the years have passed, and the ways in which fulfillment has occurred have been legion. In those first days of service there were students who were patient and kind as they suffered from my impatience and inexperience. God has been with me in that those students became and have remained my colleagues and friends. What a precious thing such friendship has been.

The promise has been true when doubts and discouragements have assailed; when the enemy has rolled up his "Big Bertha" and the artillery fire has been heavy; when decisions were misunderstood and plans have not always succeeded. The awareness of God's presence has been real in these moments.

Many of the decisions that have been made were hammered out on the anvil of anguish and uncertainty. The whole future of some other people depended upon the rightness or wrongness of that decision, and they were not all as good as they seemed nor free from partiality. How wonderful to know that God has always been there!

These have been years of change in our world; the age of increased technological know-how; the age of spiritual and moral impoverishment. The cultural and social revolution that has gone on in society has not been without its impact on the church and nowhere more so than among college students. Standards of dress and conduct have all been challenged. "As I was with Moses so I will be with you" has been an anchor to my soul, to the institutions in which I have served, and most of all to the young people who have been looking for security in the faith of their fathers.

Many things, and many methods, have changed in these 33 years. But let me hasten to say that some things have not changed. The need of the human heart for forgiveness and cleansing has not changed, and I observe young people, college students, who have found the saving, transforming work of Christ as a personal relationship that has altered the whole meaning and purpose of life.

There have, of course, been disappointments and frustrations. The most poignant relate to young people full of talent and promise who along the road of life have been sidetracked. They have lost their way and today are living unfulfilled lives. Those whose lives gave such promise, whose talents made success seem inevitable, have failed to realize that hope. The promise to Joshua never seemed to be sufficient for them and thus spiritual growth has been stunted. How often I have asked the question, "Where did we fail them?" Perhaps the question has no answer and its real value is to challenge us to greater effort and firmer commitment to God.

On the other hand, what encouragement has come over the years as I have stood beside men newly ordained, or being inducted into some responsible charge, and sensed the feeling of their commitment to the living faith of the church. Some showed little promise, but by faithful service have built the Kingdom. Harold was such a one. He did not have all the schooling background; there were many who felt that he would not really make it in the Christian ministry. When I first met him he was serving as an usher in a local church. I watched him over several years and he was not only faithful but also had an uncanny ability in placing visitors to the church beside the people who were able to help. People were added to that church because of his care and concern.

He took that same spirit into the pastoral ministry and in his first charge he saw growth and development that surprised most of us. Why? Because he dared to believe that God's promise to Joshua of old was also for him.

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God transforms not only people but also situations and in the process what seems impossible becomes possible. Faith is strengthened as we walk by faith. It is not without significance that the two spies who gave a minority report were men whom God could trust. Joshua became a leader of renown in Israel. Caleb at 80 years of age was still ardently enthusiastic for God as he cried, "Give me this mountain."

As I knelt to pray at 7:30 this morning with a group of students, I became aware of the fact that they were claiming the promise of Joshua. God will be faithful, the church can grow. Methods will change. Some things that my generation thought to be important are less significant to a new generation. But one thing remains—God is being faithful to His promise. Whatever the future holds, one thing is certain, "God will be with His people and He will be their strength." He is, after all, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Can we not paraphrase His promise thus: "As I was with Phineas Bresee, Hiram Reynolds, George Sharpe, Roy T. Williams, J. B. Chapman, and many others, so I will be with all who follow in the pathway of righteousness and true holiness"? □

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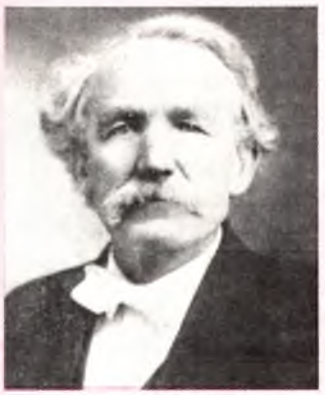

Fiery Scot, J. O. McClurkan, founded the Pentecostal Mission and Trevecca College in Nashville.

Shown are students outside the building that housed both the college and the tabernacle of the Pentecostal Mission.

SOURCE BOOKS OF A TRUE EDUCATION

"'Is not the Bible divine revelation?' you ask. Certainly it is, but it is not all of it. Nature is also a divine revelation. Our schools are a protest against the neglect of the Bible. Shall we, then, accept the Bible and neglect nature? Of the two errors we prefer the latter; but why have either? We have no protest against nature. Our objection is against a false science built upon a single source book. . . . The Trevecca ideal is a scholarship based upon these two [nature and scripture] as God's voice to man and the accurate sources of information [for human life]." With these words, E. P. Ellyson sought in 1921 to delineate a basis for establishing liberal arts colleges in the Wesleyan tradition. True education cultivated the heart along with the mind, in Ellyson's view. (*Trevecca Messenger,* 1921.)

This linkage of faith with learning ("nature") was becoming increasingly important in the 1920s, as each Nazarene college was faced with the growing demands to broaden its program. Trevecca's history was typical of the pattern evolving throughout the church's education network.

Trevecca's origins lay in the Bible Training School for Christian Workers founded in 1901 by the energetic and visionary J. O. McClurkan of Nashville. Originally consisting of "some Bible lectures delivered at irregular intervals," the early course was oriented exclusively toward training missionaries, preachers, and urban-ministry workers to staff the projects of McClurkan's Pentecostal Mission. A quarter-century later, the *Trevecca Messenger* still regarded the preparation of clergy as "the supreme responsibility of Trevecca to the church and the world" but acknowledged the legitimate needs of others who sought a Christian education while being led into secular professions.

Never a Nazarene himself, McClurkan encouraged the union that occurred after his death between the Pentecostal Mission and the Nazarenes. Most of the Mission's work entered in 1915, with the college following two years later. In 1919, Southeastern Nazarene College in Donalsonville, Ga., merged with Trevecca. By the 1920s, Nazarenes in the Southeast, like those elsewhere, wanted institutions in which an entire generation—laity as well as clergy—could be educated in an environment based on Wesleyan-holiness presuppositions. Thus ensued the Nazarene quest to combine faith and knowledge, to learn from both "source books" of a true education. □

STAN INGERSOL, Archivist

GREAT SOULS;

by HOMER J. ADAMS

The genius of the Church of the Nazarene has been its emphasis on higher education, colleges having been founded in the early days beyond the demonstrated ability of the church to support them and maintained by sacrifice ever since. At the heart of the emphasis on the Christian college to train laity and clergy for the denomination has been its faculty.

A heavy responsibility has rested on professors in our colleges to meet the usual requirements of training, research, and professional development, and yet be fully involved in an added dimension—teaching and modeling values, active concern for students' needs and problems, and support for the spiritual program of the college. Thus we have called upon Nazarene educators to be more than is expected in the academy at large while asking them to make financial sacrifices. The church owes much to its committed faculty members who caught a vision of unique and glorious service in the challenging of the minds of students. Though the language is new, the idea of integrating faith and learning always has been a goal of Nazarene teachers.

What are the characteristics of the competent, successful teacher? There are no simple answers, but effective teachers across the years have demonstrated all, or nearly all, of these characteristics:

The successful teacher has *confidence.* Confidence is born of careful preparation and based on a belief that just about the most important thing on earth is the encounter between teacher and student, causing learning to occur.

The successful teacher is *humble.* Humility is deliberately mentioned after confidence. One can be confident of his ability yet aware of limitations. He may offer the sailor's prayer, "Oh Lord, thy sea is so great and my boat is so small." Truly the sea of knowledge is great and expanding at a frightening rate.

The successful teacher is *growing.* Continual revision of lectures; a search for new techniques of presenting truth effectively; reorganization of courses, tests, and syllabi; professional writing and reading; interest in professional organizations; and a concern for the problems of the world around us identify the growing, developing teacher.

The successful teacher is *well organized.* The effective teacher knows what he plans to do just about every minute of the class hour, yet he is flexible enough to modify plans in the light of student interests and needs.

The successful teacher has *concern for his students.* Students "catch on" if teachers are truly interested in them. If we suffer a little when their academic performance is wanting, they get the message. Of special importance is a continuing, compassionate concern for students and involvement in their needs and interests. Nazarene professors have a broader view of their relationship with students than just that of the classroom, and in my opinion are the best in the world at this caring, advising relationship.

Among hundreds of professors making significant impact on the lives of students are these representatives. (Each assessment was made by someone who loved and appreciated them.)

The threads that run so true in the lives of the illustrious teachers described above are scholarliness, a capacity to inspire young people to learn and to make their lives count, compassionate involvement in the life of the college community, and a clear Christian witness. These noble characteristics still typify Nazarene teachers in our colleges and those working in other settings. Praise God!

To the honor roll of Nazarene educators should be added the names of trustees and presidents who brought colleges into being and charted their course, often through troubled waters. Many of these administrators function also as teachers in chapel, classroom, and churches.

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Blooming

I stand before You
a new creature.
Something wonderful has happened
to me today.
It is spring in my heart,
and I am bursting
with the color of new life!
You have made me new.
You gave me power to push aside the dirt
that has imprisoned me.
My roots are strengthened
by the soil I hated, and out of it I bloom.
You have taken away the heaviness
and given me joy in life again.
There is warmth coursing through my every part,
and I rejoice in You!

—BETH SHARPTON
Flushing, New York

REAT TEACHERS

KEITH CLINKER

He encouraged each of his students to have a positive self-concept because each was a unique creation of God. Student character was built through the academic struggle he required of them, challenging them to be satisfied with nothing less than their best spiritually as well as academically.

AGNES COMFORT

Always the gentle critic, her love for her students and for teaching was obvious both inside and outside the classroom. She worked with great dedication for very little financial remuneration.

PAUL D. CULBERTSON

His animated, exciting presentations gripped the most sluggish mind and inspired to greater things. Even in retirement and in his 80s, he relates to college youth as few ever do.

CORAL E. DEMARAY

A layman who loved languages and the Bible, he was a tireless and meticulous worker/scholar, concerned that his students learn to the limit of their capacities. He was ethically sensitive; a good churchman.

RALPH EARLE

He is a scholar in his field; an insightful critic with hundreds of book reviews published. He was an inspiring and fair teacher. A prolific writer, he was and is an outstanding preacher-evangelist.

JACK FORD

He instructed by precept and example. His swift, inquiring mind stimulated his own study and set an example of sustained, active thought no student could miss. His profound commitment to the truth of holiness was expressed in powerful pulpit proclamation.

FRED FLOYD

He was a scholar committed to Christian liberal arts higher education. He was tough but gentle, critical and encouraging, and loved to be with students in and out of the classroom. He was committed to high spiritual and intellectual values and lived sacrificially.

A. B. MACKEY

He taught economics and psychology by precept and example, one of his favorite phrases. He was stimulating, comfort-disturbing, and creative as a teacher. As a public speaker, he held an audience in his hand as few could do. His capacity to inspire left one walking a little taller after conversing with him.

BERTHA MUNRO

Profoundly educated and widely read, she never paraded her learning, never used it to impress or intimidate. She had a gift for drawing a student out with a question and for performing a loaves-and-fishes miracle with the answer, however weak or partially true! Most of all, she cared about her students, personally, academically, and spiritually.

ELWOOD SANNER

He has given much of his life to the work of educating young people. He is a gentle, loving family man; ever-studious theologian; fiery preacher; faithful teacher with inspirational moments of bright illumination.

GERTRUDE TAYLOR

She took an uncommon personal interest in each of her students, had unusual insights into their needs. She is extremely sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit; a prayer warrior.

AUDREY WILLIAMSON

She came to Nazarene Bible College at retirement to teach and stayed for more than a decade, teaching speech, Bible reading, and English. She impacted several hundred students, and her pay was $1.00 per year. She and her late husband represent one of the finest teaching records. □

Scott Chamberlain is a junior at ONC. He heads up Compassionate Ministries, a social work group formed under the Spiritual Life organization because of the concern for the economically and socially deprived. Scott is from Prairie Village, Kans., and attends the Nall Avenue Church when he is home.

Sue Wheeler, sophomore at ONC, has been a "regular" in Sonrise, working in inner-city Chicago. Sue is from Canton, Mich., and attends the Plymouth, Mich., church when she is home.

All aboard! Joseph P. Nielson, chairman of the Department of Sociology and the Division of Social Sciences, instructs the students before they embark on their Sunday excursion to minister in Chicago. Nielson inaugurated the weekend group ministries through his ethnic relations classes.

WEEKENDS NOT LOST

by NINA BEEGLE

Standing on a street corner, passing out tracts in a high-crime area of Chicago's inner city may not sound like a great weekend to some, but to some young people at Olivet Nazarene College, it is a priority, and the results can be exciting.

It began with Professor Joe Nielson's class on ethnic relations where students serve internships in social welfare programs such as probation offices, special education programs for the handicapped, hospitals, and social service agencies. As part of the Spiritual Life program, under the student council, weekend ministry groups were formed and Chicago area pastors have been welcoming them in their churches for years.

Other ministry groups have evolved over the years, including Life Song, a music and preaching group, and Sonrise, a group that specializes in compassionate ministry to the poor.

Hop into the college van and spend a weekend in Chicago with 12 of the students. At 7:30 A.M., some are still half asleep as they wait at the van. One of the more alert calls out, "Here comes Sue with the 'missionary packs.' Now we can leave." Their "missionary packs" are the sack lunches provided by the cafeteria. No fancy Chicago restaurants—they will "brown bag it" for lunch.

On the south side of Chicago we drop off the Life Song group at Blue Island Church of the Nazarene. While this church was without a pastor, students took the entire service and did visitation in the afternoons. Since the neighborhood is fast becoming populated by Hispanics, the church people sought a Spanish-speaking pastor. Their prayers were recently answered by the arrival of Brian and Joan Wilson fresh out of seminary, who welcome the students.

The Sonrise group moves on to Northside Church of the Nazarene on the opposite side of the city. Excitement is keen as they move to the heart of the city, even though the experience is not new to most of them. Someone starts a chorus and they sing joyfully.

It is 9:20 A.M. At Northside, everyone jumps out of the van except Harry Jones, who drives around the area, picking up Cambodians, one of the ethnic groups that worships in Northside's facilities. Julie Shipley helps out in a Sunday School class and some of the other girls will be helping out with two children's churches later. Jeanne Nielson steps to the piano. Sometimes she sings. The rest participate in classes and worship services, mixing with the congregation and getting acquainted with visitors.

"There are three worship services going on at one time," says Sue Wheeler from Michigan, who has been active in Sonrise for several years. "When you are sitting in the English Sunday School class you can hear the Cambodian preacher speaking behind the divider, and you can hear people downstairs singing in Spanish."

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Five different languages are spoken in Northside Church, but the children are assimilated into the English-speaking Sunday School classes and children's churches. The Olivet students enjoy teaching Korean, Spanish, Cambodian, and Arabic children along with Blacks and Anglos. After church the students again mix with the congregation and make new acquaintances.

"Northside has a real cross section of people," says Scott Chamberlain, director of Compassionate Ministries on Olivet campus. "Everything from professional people, the affluent, to people who would be shut out by many congregations. There is such a positive feeling from this congregation for anyone who comes."

The English services are over, and the students go to the church basement and pull out those brown bags. After a quick lunch they put on their walking shoes and take to the streets. Groups of two or three go to visit shut-ins, newcomers to the church, and people in nursing homes.

Some of them cover the Lathrop Project homes with the bivocational young people who live and minister there. They have more immediate acceptance when they go from door to door because people are accustomed to seeing Tammy Addington, Miriam Warner, Mike Hicks, and the other Lathrop Ministry people in their neighborhood. Most of the time the students are warmly accepted and invited to come in and share. The young people who regularly minister in the Lathrop Project were once in weekend ministries.

"A couple of weeks ago we went looking for a certain house in the Lathrop Project on a frigid winter Sunday, and we couldn't find it," said Scott. "We walked for about a mile and a half and felt we were going to freeze to death if we didn't come to it soon. It was a lot farther than we had estimated. But when we finally found the home we were glad we had persisted. The mother had just gone through divorce proceedings and really needed someone to talk to. We played games with the children, and no one wanted us to leave.

"Another time we called on a couple who were both handicapped. They didn't get out to church or anything much, and it was great to see their eyes shine with renewed hope when we asked them for prayer requests and then had prayer with them."

ONC weekend ministry students often visit in the Lathrop Housing Project where the Northside Church of the Nazarene has outreach ministries. In the background is one of the low-income housing units. Ministering to young people *(extreme l. and r.)* are Dan and Meg Barnes, church planters, and Tammy Addington. All three are former ONC students who came to Chicago with ministry groups and have returned after graduation to find jobs so they can live and work among the poor.

See the despair and confusion in this young man's eyes. He is typical of young people in the Lathrop Project to whom ONC students, past and present, bring the good news of salvation through Christ.

Not many doors are slammed in the faces of these bright young people. They find the inner city populace much more receptive than those in their own hometowns, or even in their college town.

"In Kankakee," says Sue, "I went from door to door for a Compassionate Ministries food drive, and out of 50 or 60 houses where I solicited I had one can of yams and one can of corn to show for it. We don't get that unresponsiveness from the people in Chicago's Ravenswood Community around Northside Church."

The announcement at General Assembly in Anaheim, that Chicago was the target city for the first year of the *Decadal Thrust to the Cities* was an exciting moment for Sue, who feels called of God to minister in Chicago's inner city. Scott, a social welfare major, will be doing summer internship at Los Angeles First Church next summer. He too feels called to such a ministry.

Around three o'clock we trudge back to Northside Church with a sense of accomplishment because we have made ourselves available to God. The trip back to Olivet is one of sharing and rejoicing in the Lord.

At 5:15 we roll onto Olivet's campus. It's time to refresh ourselves and get ready for evening service. Evening service? After such a day? Aren't they going to take the evening off? Not these kids. Here's what one of them said:

"I really don't feel weary. I guess it's because it's the Lord's work. Whether the day turns out great, whether I have a chance to witness to a lot of people or I don't get a chance to witness to anybody, I still feel good because I know I'm doing what the Lord wants me to do. I don't ever want to lose that feeling."

With young people like these, the Church of the Nazarene has a promising future, and *Chicago '86* will be part of its proud history. □

by JIM BOND

Volumes have been written recently about excellence in education. Schools at all levels have been reviewed and have come up short in several nationwide studies conducted here in America. Clarion calls for educational reform have sounded from many quarters.

ENVIRONMENT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Schools of the Church of the Nazarene, like their counterparts, are intensely occupied with excellence. Young people who matriculate at our colleges deserve the best. We have been endeavoring to give them a quality educational experience for more than three quarters of a century.

The founding fathers of the Church of the Nazarene sensed that the education of their children was essential to the perpetuation of the fledgling denomination. In fact, several regional schools of higher learning were already in existence during the 1907-8 years, which brought national union to the holiness movement. These colleges for the most part were not designed simply as Bible schools to indoctrinate their young. They were envisioned as large Christian universities that would provide an educational encounter comparable to the finest schools in the nation.

Thus, academic excellence has been, and is, the pursuit of all Nazarene educational institutions. But academic excellence alone is not enough for us. It is our design to provide a quality educational happening within the context of a distinctively Christian environment. The mission statement at Point Loma Nazarene College is similar to all of our institutions:

> To provide higher education in the liberal arts, and preparation for service and leadership in selected professions, for students who desire such and education *in an environment of vital Christianity in the evangelical and Wesleyan tradition* (italics added).

JIM BOND is president of Point Loma Nazarene College in San Diego, California.

Environment makes the difference on the Christian college campus. There is an unapologetic acknowledgment of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Everything that happens on campus flows out of this commitment.

To the degree that a college affects the lives of its students, it does so through persons. The most powerful potential for impact upon students is the spiritual life of faculty, administrators, and staff. Bright, questing young people interfacing in a variety of settings with Christian instructors technically trained in their various disciplines is an exciting prospect. The professors on Nazarene college campuses incarnate the blending of faith, learning, and living that distinguishes Christian higher education. What we expect our young people to become is visibly modeled by their teachers. What a marvelous learning tool!

The spiritual life of the college had tended to center in its chapel programs. All of our institutions conduct required chapel services weekly, either two or three times. These services stand as a monumental symbol of the college's desire to place Jesus at the center of all campus life. A variety of services is offered—a quiet, worshipful moment at the Communion table, a message from a nationally known preacher, the entire student body singing Handel's "Messiah," the college chaplain faithfully proclaiming God's Word weekly through an in-depth Bible study, or students themselves conducting the worship experience. Revival meetings are normally held in the spring and fall of the year. Thus chapel remains an important statement of the nature of the institution.

Small-group prayer and discipleship cells function effectively on some campuses. This occurs at the grassroots level in the dormitories. Spontaneous spiritual dialogues and prayer meetings take place occasionally.

There are numerous opportunities for involvement in ministry. In the case of PLNC, our students can

participate in creative service to street people in a nearby beach town, to strangers in a foreign country through our Mexico Outreach Ministry, and to the needy on Indian reservations, in inner cities, and in the churches of our region. Anyone who desires a place of service can find a fulfilling assignment in our smorgasbord of possibilities.

It is difficult to assess the actual level of spiritual life on campus. All of the factors mentioned above, plus several others, impact positively. College officials are continually seeking new ways to enhance campuses spiritually. It is obvious that a continual spirit of revival is to be desired for all of our schools.

In 1916, Dr. H. Orton Wiley, esteemed Nazarene educator and theologian, was elected and given a 10-year contract to the presidency of Northwest Nazarene College. Upon assuming this assignment, he stated clearly his designs for the school: "In accepting the presidency of this institution, I have no hesitancy in saying that I am more than ever convinced that the need of the church is for institutions of college grade where spirituality is always at the front, and revival power always in evidence." With such a mind-set at the leadership level, it is understandable that NNC was known as "a revival college" during Dr. Wiley's tenure there.

Such a spirit on our college campuses today can make a difference. Some of the greatest spiritual awakenings of the ages were ignited on college campuses. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, is credited with saving England from a bloody revolution through the changes Methodism produced in his nation's life. In fact, it might be stated that human history was changed by Wesley and the Methodists. Wesley stated, "The first rise of Methodism was in November 1729 when four of us met together at Oxford." This is a reference to what came to be called the "Holy Club" at Oxford. This began when four men agreed to spend three or four evenings per week together. They studied classical literature and on Sunday they read from religious classics. They worked regularly out of the Greek New Testament. Though they did not experience any extraordinary spiritual happenings at this time, Wesley regarded the Holy Clubs to be the first phase of Methodism. Thus the initial preparation for the world-changing Methodist revival occurred on a college campus.

It can happen again! A warm spiritual glow at our colleges is essential to our success in educating our youth. The environment makes a difference in the lives of our students, who in turn can effect positive changes in our world. Thus environment makes a difference at Nazarene colleges! □

Book Brief

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JOHN M. NIELSON
author

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—Evelyn A. Stenbock

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the editor's STANDPOINT

EDUCATION ENRICHES

Albert Einstein referred to education as "the enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later work belongs."

Education is not drudgery to be endured so that you can earn larger paychecks. Education is a liberating experience, lifting the human spirit to higher levels of beauty and joy. It makes life fuller and richer in ways that do not wear price tags.

The value of education is communal as well as personal. Rightly viewed, it is personal in order to be communal. Our work belongs to our community. The wiser and better our work, the richer our community, and therefore the happier our lives.

Our young people should be encouraged to get their college education in our own schools wherever possible. The primary community to which their "later work belongs" is the church. Education within a Christian context will enhance the profit of the church, which makes a tremendous investment—often at great sacrifice—in the education of youth.

Of course there are exceptions to the rule. Some are educated in secular institutions who make immense contributions to the church. Some have wrought nobly for the church without the advantages of formal education. Some, educated within the classrooms of our own colleges, have forsaken the church. But the rule still obtains—young people educated in Christian colleges will be prepared to pour the benefits of their abilities and careers into the church in large measure.

This is reason enough to support our schools. To support our colleges is to insure the profit of the church. And because the community to which the church's work belongs is the world, your investment in Christian education is a service to the world for which Christ died.

"Opportunity . . . liberating influence . . . beauty . . . joy . . . profit . . . work"—all this and more is involved in our support of church colleges. □

A REVIVALIST'S PRAYER

Holy Father, in a few hours another revival service will begin. Once again I have the terrible responsibility of confronting the people with Your word.

Who am I that they should listen to me? What can I say that hasn't been said many times by abler and better preachers than myself? Indeed, how can I hope to make any remarks that are really on target, since these people are strangers to me?

Ah, Lord, they are not strangers to You. You know where they are coming from. You know every factor of heritage, background, environment, and past experience that conditions their listening and response. You know them better than they know themselves.

I trust You to guide this event. By Your Spirit, with His access to my spirit and to their spirits, You can prompt the selection of songs, scripture, and sermon that will make the service effective. From the first song to the last prayer, be present, O Lord, as the One who has chosen, the One who now enables, the One who speaks His own word, bringing conviction to minds, hearts, and consciences.

You are faithful; help me to be faithful. Purge me from all self-seeking, all pride. Enable me to proclaim Your message with single-minded commitment to Your will. Let my aim be Your glory. Help me to preach with urgency, gravity, and authority because eternal issues are at stake. Deliver me from that religious entertainment which is at heart a form of blasphemy. Let the purpose of the gospel and the motive of my preaching be fully congruent.

Thank You for what You have done through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ to provide our redemption from sin, our rescue from death. May the life, peace, and freedom that Calvary purchased, and Easter guaranteed, become real for all who hear and believe the message.

Do a saving, healing, liberating work in our midst tonight. Let forgiveness, cleansing, and renewal take place in our lives through Your grace. In Jesus' name, amen. □

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MY CHURCH

I love my church. When I'm home I anticipate Sundays with joy. To attend Sunday School and worship services at Kansas City First Church is a heartwarming experience. Singing, praying, and hearing God's Word with friends there enlarges my soul. Wonderful people—young and my age—make up the family there.

My pastor is Keith Wright, and he does me good. His spirit, vision, and faith challenge mine. His caring love sets a choice example for me. When he preaches, his positive attitude and down-to-earth applications help me to question my life, not God's Word.

I'm sure my pastor is flawed, for he is human. But I have asked the Lord to make me lovingly blind to his faults and sharply aware of his strengths. The more I pray for him and the more I love him, the greater the measure of help I get from his ministry. And his wife is a lovely woman, whose quiet faith and love beautifully complement his work.

Exciting growth is taking place at our church. People are drawn by the love, warmth, and reality they sense in this fellowship. Prayers are being answered and lives are being changed. Most of our problems arise out of our growth, and these are the best kind!

I would trust my life to this church. I would stake my soul upon it. My brothers and sisters in this church would do anything within their power to help me if I was hurting. And they afford me the comfort of being needed, of having a place to share with others the abilities and assets God has entrusted to me.

Members, friends, and staff, in their worship, witness, and work, constitute a blessed church that helps me keep in touch with God. He comes to me through them.

I hope you are happy with your church, too. I thank God for mine. From the first greeting just inside the door, to the last good-bye wave in the parking lot, my life is enriched and bettered by the great music, earnest preaching, and cordial fellowship of my church. □

THE FOOL'S SERVICE

I was solving a cryptogram one day while waiting for a friend. When solved it read, "Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them, the rest of us would not succeed."

Who was being quoted and what it meant, I do not know. Perhaps it was cynical—only by exploiting the unwary can anyone become rich and famous. Maybe the words stood in praise of comparison—only by measuring ourselves against the least gifted and competent do any of us appear outstanding. Whatever, it left me wondering how many people owe their success, at least in part, to me.

Were it not for short folks like me, would anyone have a notion of "tall"? Were it not for homely folks like me, would anyone conceive of "beauty"? Were it not for plodding students like me, would anyone appear "brilliant"? Were it not for struggling debtors like me, would anyone classify as "rich"? Were it not for well-kept secrets like me, would anyone be labeled "famous"? Were it not for bottom-rung occupiers like me, would anyone know what it's like "at the top"?

Ah, there is comfort in the cryptogram. Everyone can serve a useful purpose, however limited he may be. By standing as a contrary example, I can minister to the sense of well-being that encourages another. Someone may look me over and brighten up, saying, "Things aren't so bad with me after all." As they stride away whistling a merry tune, I can take pleasure in knowing I make a contribution to their self-esteem and feeling of success.

But they must be careful not to get carried away by the relieving contrast. For suddenly, they may come face-to-face with Jesus Christ. Then—how small! how weak! how poor! how inept! how unworthy! Measured in that Light the differences between all of us seem infinitesimal. His utter perfection takes the strut and crow from the most successful. Before Him, one day, the most outstanding will be among the downfallen. Every knee will bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord over all persons for all ages! □

Because You Gave... MINISTRY IS EXTENDED THROUGH OUR COLLEGES

by NEIL E. HIGHTOWER

The work of Canadian Nazarene College reaches around the world. Canadian Nazarene College receives generous support for its operating budget from the General Budget, without which it would be severely hindered. A good example of its ministry is seen in one of its alumni, Jean Darling, who is representative of hundreds more.

Jean Darling had an early childhood dream to become a missionary to India. This dream evolved through a variety of stages, which point to God's miraculous direction, even though she had never seen nor heard a missionary.

While in nurses training in London, Ont., through the faithful witness of one of her patients, Jean became interested in becoming a Christian. She was drawn to a revival meeting, heard a Nazarene evangelist preach, was converted, and the dream of her childhood came into focus. Following a period of uncertainty about the validity of a call to the mission field prior to one's conversion, she finally resolved the uncertainty by deciding to attend Canadian Nazarene College.

Jean left for India upon completion of her education in September 1945. There she plunged into teaching at our hospital in Washim. She was forced to teach by example or demonstration as there was no teaching equipment available and no one understood English. This sharpened her teaching clarity and hastened her grasp of Marathi.

Soon she evidenced skills in administration and was asked to organize the business office at the hospital. At the same time, she was to teach one of the graduates in nursing the skills of administration and qualify herself for teaching midwifery at a Bombay hospital so that she could teach this course while Dr. Orpha Speicher was on furlough.

Jean served as director of the boarding school at Chikhli, as mission director, and assisted in hospital administration and nursing. At a very crucial time, when the government of India was requiring indigenization and strict registering of missionary properties, she was thrust into caring for these legal and property matters.

During the final term of her missionary service, 1981-1984, she helped in the boarding school in Chikhli, commuted 70 miles to help teach in the Nurses Training School, and cared for the disposal of school equipment that the mission could not use. In addition, she served as a teacher in the adult Sunday School department in the Chikhli church and assisted in their health clinics provided by the district medical program.

God has certainly used the commitment, the talents, and the generous spirit of service evident in Jean Darling. She has been a credit to Canadian Nazarene College and an instrument of God's ministry in her 40 years of service in Nazarene missionary work.

Thank you, Nazarenes, for your faithful support to General Budget giving that plays such an important role in lives such as Jean Darling's. □

NEIL E. HIGHTOWER is president of Canadian Nazarene College in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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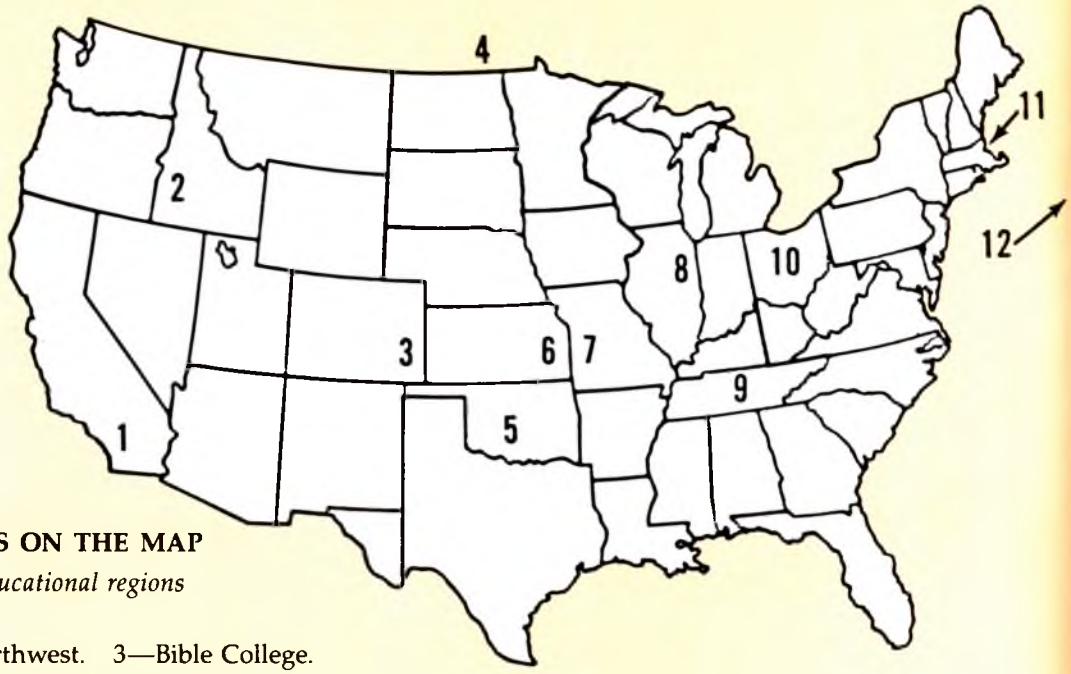

NAZARENE COLLEGES ON THE MAP

Black outlines the eight educational regions in the United States.

1—Point Loma. 2—Northwest. 3—Bible College.
4—Canadian. 5—Southern Nazarene University.
6—Mid-America. 7—Theological Seminary.
8—Olivet. 9—Trevecca. 10—Mount Vernon.
11—Eastern. 12—British Isles.

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. . . AFFORDABLE

When you consider the total cost for tuition, fees, and room and board, students at Nazarene colleges are on a par with those in state universities of their regions, and have lower costs than at most other private colleges.

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Dr. James Billington, director of Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, said, "To a very large extent, American universities have fallen down on the job of transmitting values to the students." In the light of this, the question of mission takes on greater importance for Nazarene colleges.

The success of the Church of the Nazarene in fulfilling its God-called mission will to a great extent depend upon the colleges and seminaries in their continued loyalty to truth, adherence to the doctrinal standards of the church, and in education and training of young people for the highest degree of excellence.

Nazarene colleges serve the youth of the church and place emphasis upon spiritual goals, religious mission, campus life-styles, and education with excellence. Nazarene college administrators and faculty are truly committed to value education, emphasizing holiness of doctrine and life.

Mark R. Moore
Director of Education Services

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He had only a sixth grade education. When his father died, he had to leave school to help support his family. At about that same time, he came in contact with the Holiness Christian Church, which in 1908 became a part of the Church of the Nazarene. At the age of 24 he became a minister in the young denomination and devoted his life to serving God through the Church of the Nazarene.

Although he had so little formal education, he considered learning tremendously important. He taught himself Greek and became a recognized authority on the Greek New Testament. Before doing Bible studies at Nazarene camps, he would memorize the entire book to be studied, in both English and Greek. This passion for study continued to the end of his life. He spent his last hours poring over various translations of God's Word at his kitchen table, took his Greek Testament to bed with him, read until he became drowsy, laid his Greek and his glasses aside, and went to sleep to wake up in heaven.

His belief in education was so foundational that he, at some sacrifice, sent all of his children to Nazarene colleges at a time when his friends told him it was a waste to send daughters to college. All five children married spouses that they met during their years on a Nazarene campus, and each of them has devoted a lifetime to ministry in the Church of the Nazarene—John, Bob, and Joe, as Nazarene pastors; Marion as a Nazarene pastor's wife; and Alice as a Nazarene college professor and wife of a Nazarene college professor. Joe and John also have devoted much of their ministry to the Nazarene college setting.

We read in Scripture that God's grace is poured out on those who serve Him to the third and fourth generation. John's family has witnessed the validity of that biblical truth. Thirteen of his 15 grandchildren are alumni of Nazarene colleges, and the other 2 have spent part of their own ministry teaching on a Nazarene campus. Twelve of the 15 met their spouses at a Nazarene college. Seven of them or their spouses are graduates of Nazarene Theological Seminary—their lives invested as pastors, college educators, and headquarters personnel. Of those 15 grandchildren, 12 have spent most of their lives in the full-time service of the church of the Nazarene. The first great-grandchild recently graduated from Northwest Nazarene College and each of the other great-grandchildren, at college age, is enrolling in one of the Nazarene colleges across the country. And in the fourth generation, John, the son of John, the grandson of John, the great-grandson of John is preparing for the Nazarene ministry. A student at Eastern Nazarene College, John in a few years will take his place in the ministry—the fourth generation Nazarene minister on both sides of his family.

Because of that commitment to Christ, church, and learning, some 70 years ago, over 750 combined years have been invested in Christian service in the Church of the Nazarene. The influence has been felt at Eastern Nazarene College, Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Olivet Nazarene College, Trevecca Nazarene College, Bethany Nazarene College, Northwest Nazarene College, and European Nazarene Bible College, as well as in many local congregations and several foreign countries.

It did not all happen automatically. Early in his ministry he made the decision that he could not be a good Christian or a good minister unless his family's needs and spiritual welfare were high on his list of priorities, even if that meant the sacrifice of his own time and his own "career." He became to his children a model of love for honest scholarship; clearly articulated, principled standards; willingness to serve in whatever place God opened to him, high or low; and compassionate, Christ-like love as he cared for his totally incapacitated wife for the last 13 years of her life. All the while he maintained his commitment to the call to preach that God had given him decades before.

For him and his family, Nazarene colleges and service to God have gone hand in hand. Because of choices made long ago, God's grace had indeed been active to the third and fourth generation. I know; I've watched close up. I have been its beneficiary. The story could be retold by other families and the ripples from those various stones bounce against each other and intersect.

While one rejoices to be a part of such heritage, one finds it a tremendously sobering thought. Oh Lord, help me so to live that this generation shall not be the last. Let the covenant be renewed and may our stewardship of Your grace be such that to the fifth, sixth, and tenth generations, it shall be the same. Amen. □

JOHN M. NEILSON is director of Church and Public Relations at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Massachusetts.

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heard the rumor that budgets are unfair, or too high, or not necessary.

If we preach tithing and giving to our local church and refuse to pay general and district, even college budgets, God may judge us the same as the ones that don't pay their tithe. We all have a certain amount of benefit from all of these. I am sure if every church does their part it would be easier on everyone. Think of the blessing you would receive from being obedient. I don't say this to be unkind. I feel that it may encourage somone who is undecided. It may mean giving up a VCR or a new car. But I would say it is dangerous to use God's money to buy such things (Malachi 3:8).

Just maybe if we are obedient we could have both. He takes care of His own. Exercise your faith.

R. O. Brenner
Colorado Springs, Colorado

GOOD SIGNS

A few good signs are on the horizon. The general superintendents have asked for 10,000 prayer partners. Certain articles call us to fervid evangelism and to intercessory prayer

Without lecturing on which or what comes first, let's get on with the task God gave us. So many are passing into eternity unready. Yet Christ's atonement remains as the *only* effective solution to man's dilemma.

A cleansed and Spirit-filled heart, a renewed concept of the reachability of sinning man, as well as a reminder that opportunities flit so quickly, should drive us to our knees and then into the highways and byways of life to find the straying.

Isn't that the purpose of our Christ-redeemed lives?

J. M. Yarbrough
Valrico, Florida

Peanut Butter Evangelism

by MACK ARMSTRONG

I find amazing what and how God uses things to win people to Him. I have heard of various methods of evangelism, and many of them have been successful. I've heard of contests, promotions, and so forth, and all are good. And perhaps each person's story of how they were won to Christ is unique. But what I heard recently really made me stop and realize that God is a God of diversity, and He can use just about anything to arrest people's attention and to win their hearts to Him—including a peanut butter sandwich.

My friend, who is now in his 50s and has been serving the Lord for a number of years, told me how he became converted. I met him when I was a missionary in El Salvador, and now he resides in the United States. When he was a teenage boy, living in El Salvador, he visited a missionary. At that time, he was not a Christian, just a hungry, curious boy who stopped by the home of a missionary. Somehow the missionary had his priorities in place at this particular moment and seeing this strapping youth, realized that he was hungry, both physically and spiritually. The missionary invited him in, sat him at the table, and after the polite El Salvadorean introductions, asked the youth if he would like a peanut butter sandwich. The lad was stunned. He couldn't believe that his newfound friend would offer him something to eat before he started talking about the Bible, God, and religion, but the wise preacher knew what he was doing. The sandwich was fixed and served along with a bottle of pop. My friend stated that it was one of the best sandwiches he ever ate. And while he was eating, the missionary never mentioned anything about God, church, or the Bible, and my friend was surprised.

Thoughts raced through his head. "Why? Why is this man so kind? What does he want from me? He is so different!" The sandwich and drink were quickly gone and the missionary asked if he could pray for his newfound, youthful friend. Quickly realizing that this was all he had to do to pay for his meal, the boy consented and the missionary prayed. But, in the prayer, God spoke to the boy's heart, and as the missionary prayed for his salvation, it happened. God was invited into the youth's heart. At that altar—an empty plate and empty pop bottle—God forgave the youth's sins. From that day on, this youth has walked with God.

My friend is now an adult; he is a pastor himself and cares for those in his charge. He is trying to help others find Jesus as their personal Savior. But the passing years have never dimmed the memory of that night many years ago in another country. The impact that a missionary had upon a gangly youth has left its mark for good—for eternity. The missionary didn't know, then, that the peanut butter sandwich would not only fill the stomach of a hungry youth, but it, of all things, would open the eyes of a blinded person and would be the instrument whereby God could speak and show the lost stranger that He, as well as this missionary, loved him and that He wished to save him.

After hearing this, I couldn't help but think of what Christ said: "A cup of cold water, given in my name . . ." He could have said a peanut butter sandwich and a bottle of pop will do just fine in some cases! Since learning of this conversion, I have wondered, "How can I get back to ministering for Christ in some of the simplest forms?"

Truly we need the church, the clergy, and all that we have. But we need to remember also that cups of cold water, peanut butter sandwiches, and bottles of pop will often do more than we could ever imagine. □

MACK ARMSTRONG pastors the Church of the Nazarene in Wauseon, Ohio.

"By ALL MEANS... Save Some"

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Rick Hieb, a 1977 graduate of Northwest Nazarene College, has been selected by the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) as an astronaut candidate. The Jamestown, N.Dak., native holds degrees in math and physics from NNC and a master's degree from the University of Colorado in Boulder. He is currently undergoing training at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston. Prior to being chosen as an astronaut, he was a flight activities engineer for NASA.

Hieb will undergo a year of training after which he will be promoted to full mission specialist status and assigned to a space shuttle flight. Prior to the disaster of the Challenger, he was expecting to be orbiting the earth by August 1987 or 1988; however, the recent loss in space is expected to delay the program. □

James Lee West has received the doctor of ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary. His doctoral dissertation is titled "A Handbook for the Development of Nazarene Christian Day Schools."

Dr. West has been pastor of the Bellevue, Wash., church since December 1982. He is a graduate of Bethany Nazarene College, 1968, and Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1972. He served as single adult ministries director and was a member of the Board of Orders and Relations on the Northwest District.

Dr. West has been active in his local Rotary International Club serving as president and exchange student chairman. He is the son of Audie and Margarette West of Del City, Okla. He and his wife, LaVina, have three daughters: Jamie, 15; Julie, 13; and Joy, 8. □

Dr. Claude L. Chilton, retired Lt. Col. (Chaplain) in the U.S. Air Force, has a unique hobby. He has been gathering a large collection of religious periodicals. After serving as pastor of two Phoenix churches during the 1970s, this became his interest in retirement, along with filling area pulpits.

Dr. Chilton locates the addresses of religious magazines and requests sample copies. To date, he has gathered close to 12,000 different titles worldwide, the majority from the United States. The publications are listed alphabetically, by subject and by denomination.

Included in the collection are obsolete journals, 105 titles; and classics, dating from 1678-1900, of which he has 72 different magazines, representing 50 titles. The collection also includes about 75 different languages, although the majority are in English (with 478 titles from Canada and 528 from the British Isles). There are 676 titles of scholarly journals from all religious faiths.

He also has an adjunct collection of church newsletters from about 3,700 churches of all denominations. □

WANDA KNOX MEMORIAL ESTABLISHED

The General NWMS Council has authorized the establishment of a Wanda Knox Memorial project to honor the former missinary and NWMS director. The memorial, approved during the February meeting of the council in Kansas City, will provide mission education materials in languages other than English. Freewill offerings will be taken in district conventions during 1986 in the United States and Canada and in other countries in 1987.

The council, including nine new members, also approved the nomination of Mrs. Nina Gunter as the new general NWMS director and made plans for the 1985-89 quadrennium. This included the naming of a new membership commission and recommending the implementation of the training committee report brought by Mrs. Gunter for training NWMS volunteers at the local and district levels.

In her final report as NWMS director, Dr. Phyllis Perkins saluted the new council as "climbers" with "the stamina, the heart interest, and the God-given ingenuity to find His way up and over the mountain range of His mission challenge that 'The World May Know.'" □

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CHURCH PLANTING SEMINAR AT NTS

A practical seminar to give instruction on the planting of new churches was conducted January 27-31 at Nazarene Theological Seminary, sponsored by NTS and Church Extension Ministries. Thirty persons participated in the seminar that was designed to provide a brief review of the biblical and theological foundations for church planting as an evangelical tool and to introduce strategies for planting new churches.

The program featured Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, general superintendent and former Church Extension Ministries director; Dr. Bill Sullivan, Church Growth Division director; and Rev. Jerry Appleby, pastor of Pasadena, Calif., Bresee Avenue Church, a specialist in ethnic ministry. □

The 1985-89 General NWMS Council is pictured *(l. to r., seated):* Mrs. Lela Jackson, general NWMS president; Dr. L. Guy Nees, retiring World Mission Division director; Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent; and Dr. Robert Scott, newly elected World Mission Division director; (standing): Dr. Phyllis Perkins, Rev. Farrell Chapman, Miss Juanita Gardner, Mrs. Betty Bowes, Mrs. Genell Johnson, Mrs. Marion Rich, Mrs. Carol Pounds, Mrs. Stella de Bauza, Mrs. Barbara Flemming, Mrs. Evelyn Sutton, Rev. John Kerr, Mrs. Percida Mateo, Mrs. Miep Holleman, Mrs. Valerie Zanner, and Dr. Stephen Gunter.

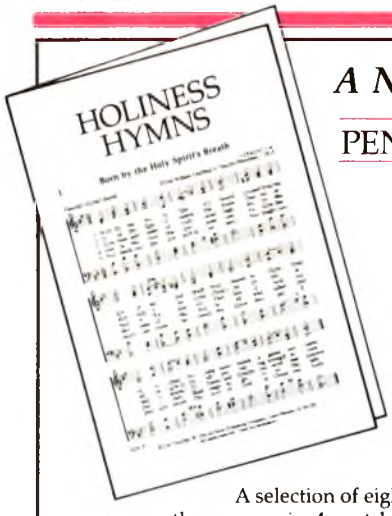
Olivet Nazarene College President Dr. and Mrs. Les Parrott visit with Church Extension Ministries Director Rev. and Mrs. Mike Estep during one of the meal functions.

Superintendent of the Navajo Nations District, Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Nells, join in the singing of the quadrennial theme song, "That the World May Know."

Dr. John A. Knight, general superintendent, delivers the Wednesday evening message at Nazarene Leaders' Conference.

Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent, speaks at the Thursday morning session on "Whatever Happened to the Passion for Souls?"

Rev. Raymond Lopez, superintendent of the Western Latin American District, delivers a devotional at the beginning of the Friday morning session.



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LEADERS' CONFERENCE

Nazarene district superintendents, regional directors, college presidents, general superintendents, division and ministry directors, and church officers were in Kansas City February 19-21 for the annual Leaders' Conference. Among other topics that were discussed were local church budgets, changes in the *Manual*, and membership goals for the decade.

Ladies sessions were also held for the wives of those participating in the conference.

During the conference the Church Growth Division announced the winners of the Great Commission Medallion and the Silver Citation Award.

The Great Commission Medallion is presented each year to the district superintendent whose district has excelled in the required four achievement areas. Achievement in the four areas is measured by the percentage of churches on a given district reaching the established goals. These percentages are determined and weighted to equalize the importance of membership, Sunday School attendance, and budget payment.

The four areas of achievement and established goals are:

Membership Growth—a minimum increase of 3 percent

Sunday School Attendance Gain—a minimum increase of 5 percent

Budget Payment Record—100 percent

Rev. Robert Dugan, Jr., director of public affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, addresses the church leaders about significant developments in Washington of importance to the church.

Dr. Raymond W. Hurn attends his first Leaders' Conference as a member of the Board of General Superintendents.

payment of general, education, pension, and district budgets

New Church Organization—organization of at least one church during the assembly year

The five categories are based on the size of the district and are as follows:

Category I—1-35 churches
Category II—36-55 churches
Category III—56-75 churches
Category IV—76-95 churches
Category V—96+ churches

The 1985 winners of the Great Commission Medallion are:

Category	*District*	*Superintendent*
I	Hawaii Pacific	Darrell Teare
II	New York	Dallas Mucci
III	C. Florida	J. V. Morsch
IV	S. California	Robert Scott
V	No winner	

The Silver Citations are presented to the district superintendents who have achieved the highest percentage gain in each individual area of achievement. This award is without respect to size categories. The 1984 Silver Citation Winners are:

New Church Organizations
Dallas Mucci, New York

SS Attendance Gain
Robert Spear, S. Florida

Membership Gain
Ralph West, Louisiana

Budget Payment
Roger Wegner, Alaska
Harry Rich, Canada Quebec
Darrell Teare, Hawaii Pacific
Walter Hubbard, Sacramento

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Winners of the 1985 Great Commission Medallion are shown *(l. to r.):* Dr. J. V. Morsch, Rev. Darrell Teare, and Rev. Dallas Mucci (Dr. Robert Scott not pictured).

Winners of the Silver Citation Award are shown *(l. to r.):* Dr. Robert Spear, Rev. Ralph West, and Rev. Dallas Mucci (not pictured—Rev. Roger Wegner, Rev. Harry Rich, Dr. Walter Hubbard, Rev. Darrell Teare).

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Dr. L. Guy Nees, retiring World Mission Division director, receives a standing ovation. General Superintendents Dr. Charles H. Strickland and Dr. William M. Greathouse join in the applause.

Dr. William M. Greathouse *(r.)*, general superintendent, joins Paul Skiles *(l.)*, Media Services director, in honoring William McCumber *(ctr.)*, editor of the *Herald of Holiness*, for his seven years as speaker for "Showers of Blessing."

Tony DePina translates proceedings into Portuguese, one of three languages translated in the board meetings.

Ms. Lidia D'Allessandro, board member from Rio de Janeiro, studies legislation while listening to an interpreter.

Dr. Eugene L. Stowe delivers the annual report of the Board of General Superintendents.

GENERAL BOARD HOLDS 1986 SESSION

The 63rd session of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene was held in Kansas City, February 21-25. Highlights of this year's session included the retirement of Dr. L. Guy Nees as World Mission Division director and the appointment of 35 missionaries, including the reappointment of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Orjala.

Dr. Nees has served as a pastor, college president, and a district superintendent. He began service as the World Mission Division director in 1980. He and his wife retired to Kalispell, Mont., following the General Board meeting. However, he will be available for meetings.

The new missionary appointees (which include six couples of non-U.S. birth and culture) are:

Rev. and Mrs. Brian Adams, Brazil North; Dr. and Mrs. Dan Clark, general appointment; Dr. and Mrs. Ron Farris, general appointment; Rev. Dean Flemming, Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary; Rev. and Mrs. Gary Glassco, Papua New Guinea Church Growth Council; Rev. and Mrs. Eduardo Gonzalez, coordinator of theological education in South America—South America Regional Office; Rev. and Mrs. Mark Hatcher, Korea; Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Jakobitz, general appointment for agri-mission assignment; Miss Kathy Jay, Swaziland Institutional (medical) Council; Miss Cheri Kommel, Swaziland Institutional (education) Council; Rev. and Mrs. Jim Larrabee, Malawi; Rev. and Mrs. Christian Sarmiento, general appointment; Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Stafford, Colombia; Miss Donna Steffey, Asia Pacific Regional Office; Rev. and Mrs. Mario Zani, general appointment; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Curry, specialized assignment—Swaziland Institutional (education) Council; Dr. Judith D'Amico, specialized assignment—Haiti Church Growth Council; Mr. and Mrs. Henk Pieterse, specialized assignment—Zimbabwe; and Rev. and Mrs. Don Bard, specialized assignment.

In announcing the missionary appointments, Dr. Nees told the general Board that Dr. and Mrs. Paul Orjala, who served many years in Haiti and more recently have served at Nazarene Theological Seminary, have sensed God's calling to return to the mission field. They offered themselves again for missionary service and have been appointed to France.

In the report of the Board of General Superintendents, Dr. Eugene L. Stowe reported that the denomination should reach its goals of 1 million members with 2 million enrolled in Sunday School by 1995 if the current growth rate continues. He announced that the report of the General Board Organization Commission adopted by the General Assembly is now in place and is functioning well and that the six new commissions (Internationalization, Education, Bioethics, God-called Evangelist, Doctrine of the Church, and Calling of the Pastor) have been appointed and are operational.

Also all of the incumbent division, ministry, and service directors and church officers serving at Nazarene headquarters were reelected.

Veteran board member Dr. W. M. Lynch *(l.)*, superintendent of the Dallas District, and newcomer Dr. Donald Mahlangu, professor at the University of the North in the Republic of South Africa, smile for the camera.

Dr. LeBron Fairbanks *(r.)*, president of Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary, visits with Rev. Larry Leonard *(l.)*, Nazarene Youth International Ministries director.

A few of the highlights of the division reports for 1985 include:

—5.2% increase in SS enrollment
—2.63% increase in SS attendance
—increase of 1,097 Caravan groups
—23,000 unchurched homes reached by Vacation Bible School
—266 college-age students involved in Youth in Mission
—8,242 churches worldwide
—increase of 29,424 full and probationary members
—51,922 persons saved as a result of the Church of the Nazarene
—Western Latin American District became regular district
—increase from 2 to 11 pioneer areas
—initiation of Thrust to Cities
—7,207 revivals held (U.S.A.-Canada)
—4,520 pastors in U.S.A.
—3,753 enrolled in Course of Study
—452 women preparing for ministry
—53 new churches fully organized (U.S.A.-Canada)
—14 ethnic churches organized
—222 chaplains in denomination
—743,087 books printed (69 new titles)
—27 music books produced
—radio ministry provided in 27 languages to 80 countries
—"Master Plan" launched as a reformatted "Showers of Blessing"
—*Beacon Bible Commentary* completed in Spanish language
—Distributed numerous publications in Spanish, Portuguese, and French languages
—Colleges increased their total net assets by $11,111,664
—Awarded 1,565 bachelor's, 239 master's, and 186 associate's degrees and 59 certificates
—Assisted 4,452 persons in preparing wills
—1,500 persons included a bequest to the denomination for a total of $19,495,771 (increase of $6 million)
—2,758 served by Basic Pension Program
—119 persons aided through Emergency Medical Assistance, with Funeral Assistance for nine families
—Creation of Pensions and Benefits International
—10% growth in World Mission regions to a new high of 247,244 members (highest rate of growth in more than a decade)
—161 districts and pioneer areas operating in World Mission areas
—35 colleges operated under administration of the World Mission Division
—620 Nazarene missionaries and specialized assignment personnel
—Nazarenes contributed $1,131,818 to the Hunger and Disaster Fund
—3,440 volunteers served as part of Nazarene Work and Witness teams

Also, the name of Youth Ministries in the Christian Life and Sunday School was changed to Nazarene Youth International Ministries.

There are 38 persons who are serving on the 58-member General Board for the first time during this quadrennium. The General Board serves as an annual forum to conduct the business of the denomination between general assemblies. It is composed of equal numbers of lay and ministerial representatives from the regions where the church operates. These members are assigned to the five departments (committees) that work with the corresponding divisions (Christian Life and Sunday School, Church Growth, Communications, Finance, and World Mission). □

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Pensions and Benefits Director Dr. and Mrs. Dean Wessels *(l.)* receive a plaque from Dr. Charles H. Strickland *(r.)*, honoring Dr. Wessels for his three decades of service to the general church.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Orjala receive congratulations from Mrs. John A. (Justine) Knight *(l.)*, following their reappointment as missionaries to France.

General Board Chairman Dr. Paul Cunningham *(l.)* chats with Manfred Dannewitz, *(r.)*, laymember from the Eurasia region.

Dr. and Mrs. George Coulter *(l.)* visit with fellow General Superintendent Emeritus Dr. Edward Lawlor.

OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES

CORRECTION

On page 23 in the March 15 issue of the *Herald*, the identification of the ONC representative of the NSCL Steering Committee *(pictured second from left, back row)* should have been Chris Peal. Information supplied us was incorrect. We apologize for the error.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONVENES AT MVNC

The Mount Vernon Nazarene College Board of Trustees convened at MVNC recently, representing the eight districts of the college's education zone, which includes Ohio, West Virginia, and eastern Kentucky.

Dr. William J. Prince, president of MVNC, reported the outlook for the college and its unique service to students, community, and church has never been better. The group was honored by the attendance at part of the meeting by Dr. John A. Knight, general superintendent and former president of MVNC.

Dr. Ron Phillips, director of development and college relations at MVNC, reported over 53 percent of the $5 million has been raised for funding the Chapel/Auditorium-Fine Arts building project since "The Time Is Now" campaign began in November 1985. Plans were outlined to bring the campaign to completion. Phillips said the MVNC faculty, staff, and board of trustees had exceeded their respective goals in the campaign.

Dr. Stanton Parry, vice president for finance and management, reported the board of trustees approved and $8,897,445 operating budget for 1986-87 for MVNC. The budget includes anticipated educational and general income of $5.65 million, with approximately $3.7 million from tuition and fees, and $1.3 million for the annual giving of the Church of the Nazarene. The balance was from donations, grants, and other source income. Auxiliary income was $1.86 million.

Dr. Parry also stated that with the fund drive for the Chapel/Auditorium-Fine Arts building, only limited construction projects will occur this year. The board approved a $90,000 addition to the gymnasium for a new faculty office area for the physical education personnel.

The enrollment outlook for the fall of 1986 was presented by Rev. Ron Hyson, director of admissions at the college. Hyson reported an increase of applications and acceptances already processed by the admissions office.

Dr. Robert G. Lawrence, vice president for academic affairs, reported that the new faculty for fall 1986 includes Miss Karen Stewart, instructor in mathematics, and Phillip Maxson, instructor in computer science.

Lawrence also announced the following changes in faculty rank: Dr. Edward Cox to emeritus status; William Bennett from assistant professor to associate professor; Stephen Self from assistant professor to associate professor; Kristi Spinnie from instructor to assistant professor; and Dr. Alexander Varughese from assistant professor to associate professor.

The following faculty members received long-term extended contracts: Marvin Hoffert, Dr. Darrel Falk, Dr. Paul Mayle, and Dr. Randie Timpe. □

ENC TRUSTEES HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Eastern Nazarene College Board of Trustees met November 11-13, 1985. Following extensive committee work, the board made the following decisions:

- That the responsibilities for college development will be coordinated by the college president and shared by each of the administrators. The academic dean will direct foundation, business, and professional appeals, and deferred and estate giving; the dean of students will coordinate individual giving and the Fellowship of Magnificent Concern; the director of church and alumni relations will coordinate church budgets, alumni fund drives, inspirational giving, and fund-raising efforts as part of the new master design plan for the college.
- The board voted to begin a five-year $5,000,000 fund-raising drive for a new college library.
- Tenure was given to three faculty

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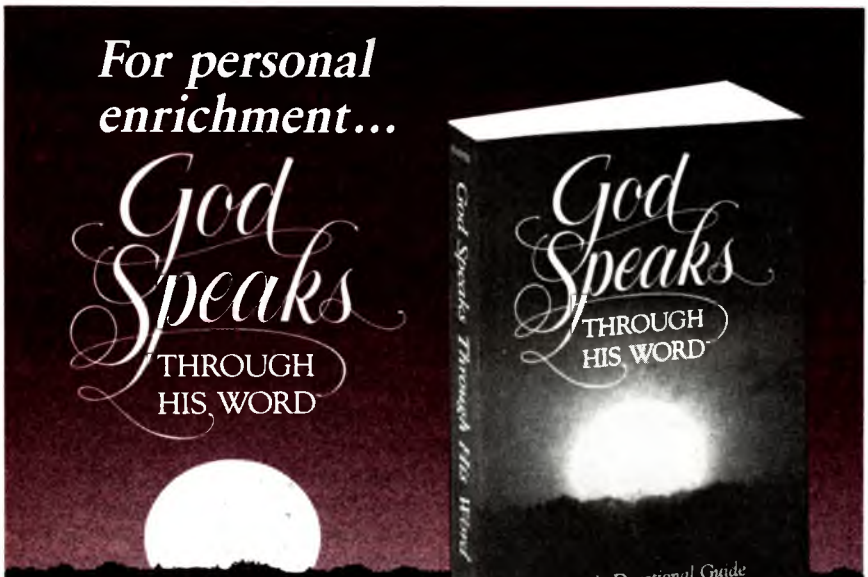

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members: Dr. Carl Winderl, associate professor of English; Ken Bryant, associate professor of Spanish; and Wayne Dunlop, associate professor of social work.

• Tuition, room, board, and fees for the 1986-87 academic year was set at a total of $7,308.

• Vice presidential status was given to dean of student affairs, Dr. Tom Barnard, and to director of church and alumni relations, Rev. John M. Nielson.

• A part-time recruiter will be trained and placed to serve the college's ethnic constituencies.

• Rev. Howard Chambers, senior pastor at the Fairview Village, Pa., church, will receive an honorary doctor of divinity degree at the 1986 commencement ceremonies in May.

• Executive Committee members for 1985-86 are: Dr. Roy Carnahan, chairman; Richard Schubert, vice chairman; Rev. Dallas Mucci, secretary; George Gressett, treasurer; Rev. George Teague, Rev. Howard Chambers, and Henry Henderson, members-at-large. □

PRAYER RECOGNIZED AS BOOST TO COLLEGE

At the Northwest District Assembly in May of 1985, Dr. Gordon Wetmore, president of Northwest Nazarene College, asked every church to pray for NNC for one year. To emphasize this, he asked that every church have some kind of light lit for every service that would cause people to think of and pray for the college.

Pastor Terry Cummings, of the Sandpoint, Idaho, church, asked Mr. Horace Wenger, a retired member, to build a lighthouse for this purpose. The lighthouse stands nearly 24 inches high and was made of birch and white pine. The pictured result has become a symbol that demonstrates the power of prayer.

President Wetmore reports he has had letters from people all over the region who have said they have been increasing their prayers for the college.

The Sandpoint, Idaho, church lighthouse for NNC.

He is convinced that "the very significant increase in enrollment this year is that there has been a significant increase in awareness throughout the region in prayer for the regional college."

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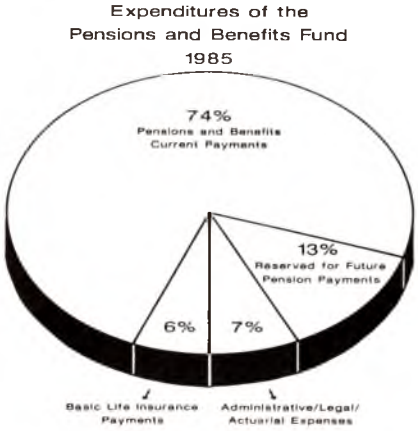
1985 EXPENDITURES OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS FUND

A primary responsibility of the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA of the Church of the Nazarene is financial management of the Pensions and Benefits Fund. The chart illustrates how the dollars local churches paid to the Pensions and Benefits Fund were spent in 1985.



The Church of the Nazarene, through Pensions and Benefits Services USA, is committed to "Honoring the Trust" not only of those who have served in the past but also of those who are serving now and will be serving in the future. There are currently over 11,000 Nazarene ministers in the United States and Canada.

Dr. Dean Wessels encourages each local church and district to continue its strong support of the Pensions and Benefits Fund. □

EXTRA PENSION CHECKS ANNOUNCED

In its recent annual meeting, the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA again authorized payment of extra pension checks during 1986. Each person on the roll as of June 1, 1986, will receive a "13th month" check. Those on the roll as of December 1, 1986, will receive a "14th month" check. Each extra check will be equal to the pension member's regular monthly check.

According to Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions, these extra payments of benefits are made possible by continued strong support of the Pensions and Benefits Fund by districts and local churches. □

FOR THE RECORD

CORRECTION

There was an error in the printing of the district assembly information for Central Florida in the April 1 issue of the *Herald*. It should have read as follows:

CENTRAL FLORIDA—May 13-14. Church of the Nazarene, 560 3rd St. S.W., Winter Haven, FL 33880. Host Pastor: Charles Kirby.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

SOUTH ARKANSAS—May 22-23. First Church of the Nazarene, 1200 N. Mississippi, Little Rock, AR 72207. Host Pastor: Gavin Raath. General Superintendent: Dr. John A. Knight.

LOS ANGELES—May 23-24. First Church, 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107. Host Pastor: H. B. London, Jr. General Superintendent: Dr. Jerald D. Johnson.

SOUTHWEST INDIAN—May 27. Nazarene Indian Bible College, 2315 Markham Rd. S.W., Albuquerque, NM 87105. Host Pastor: Denny Owens. General Superintendent: Dr. Raymond W. Hurn.

INTERMOUNTAIN—May 29-30. College Church of the Nazarene, 540 E. Dewey, Nampa, ID 83651.

Host Pastor: Duane Yoesel. General Superintendent: Dr. Jerald D. Johnson.

NAVAJO NATION—May 29. Twin Wells Indian School, P.O. Box 14, Sun Valley, AZ 86029. General Superintendent: Dr. Raymond W. Hurn.

CANADA ATLANTIC—May 30. First Church of the Nazarene, 21 Fieldcrest Dr., Moncton, N.B., Canada E1C 1T1. Host Pastor: Clair MacMillan. General Superintendent: Dr. William M. Greathouse.

NAZARENE CAMP MEETINGS

LOUISIANA—June 3-8. District Center, 908 Mary Hill Rd., Pineville, LA 71360. Special worker, Bob Hoots; singers, Bill and Terri Cobb. Ralph E. West, district superintendent.

TENNESSEE—June 8-15. District Center, Garners Creek Rd., Rte. 1, Dickson, TN 37055. Special workers: evangelists, Dr. V. H. Lewis and Nelson Purdue; singers, Paul and Martha Ann Eby. W. Talmadge Johnson, district superintendent.

MISSISSIPPI—June 9-15. Twin Oaks Nazarene Camp, Rte. 2, Box 117, Florence, MS 39073; phone: 601-845-8831. Special workers: speakers, General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson, Aleck Ulmet, and Dr. Orville W. Jenkins; musicians, Pfeifer Singers. J. W. "Bill" Lancaster, district superintendent.

NORTH ARKANSAS—June 9-14. Baptist Assembly Campground, Siloam Springs, Ark. Special workers: speaker, Gary Henecke; singers, Terry Jones Family. Thomas M. Cox, district superintendent.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN—June 11-14, evenings; June 15, morning. First Church of the Nazarene, 2020 S. Jefferson, Casper, WY 82601. Special workers: evangelist, Charles Millhuff; musicians, Jim and Rosemary Green. Arnold R. Carlson, Jr., district superintendent.

HAWAII PACIFIC—August 3-10, Honolulu First Church, 408 N. Judd St., Honolulu, HI 96817. Special worker: Gary Henecke. Darrell B. Teare, district superintendent.

MOVING MINISTERS

RICHARD L. BREST from Franklin, Pa., to South Point, Ohio

JAMES D. BROWNING from Nady, Ark., to Heber Springs, Ark.

CLYDE M. CAREY to Corpus Christi (Tex.) Hillcrest

THOMAS A. CRIDER to Gallup, N.Mex.

CARBY CARNEY from Pecos, Tex., to Roswell (N.Mex.) Central

DAVID L. FOSTER from Aztec, N.Mex., to NIBC, Albuquerque, N.Mex.

HOWARD W. INNIS from Clarinda, Iowa, to Monticello, Iowa

B. J. KNIGHT from Highland, Calif., to El Centro, Calif.

JAMES E. LEITZMAN, Sr., from Summer Center, Mich., to Hastings, Mich.

PHILLIP D. LUNN from Coolidge, Ariz., to Roswell (N. Mex.) First

JIMMY J. LYNCH from NIBC, Albuquerque, N.Mex., to Aztec, N.Mex.

RONALD B. McKEE to Lomax, Ill.

STANLEY MINGLEDORFF from Bellville (Ga.) Trinity to Harmony, Ga.

L. GUY NEES from World Mission director, Kansas City, Mo., to Kalispell, Mont.

MICHAEL E. PETERSON from Snyder, Okla., to Oklahoma City (Okla.) Central

JONATHAN RASCH to Mancelona, Mich.

B. WINFRED RITTER from Calvary, Ky., to McAlester, Okla.

HARRY SELLARDS from Campbells Creek, W.Va., to Charleston, Ind.

ROBERT C. SIMMONS from Columbus (Ohio) First to Bradenton (Fla.) First

STEPHEN THOMAS to Seattle (Wash.) Beacon Hill

DAVID P WARREN from Freeport, Tex., to Evansville (Ind.) Grace

DARREL K. WISEMAN from Chula Vista, Calif., to Upland, Calif.

MOVING MISSIONARIES

REV. PHILIP and KAREN BEDWELL, South Africa, Furlough address: 613 Ellis Ave., Ottumwa, IA 52501

REV. RUSSELL and DONNA LOVETT, France, furlough address: c/o Seeley, 2810 Sherman Rd., Portsmouth, OH 45662

REV. MERRILL and JANICE WILLIAMS, Philippines, Furlough address: 3600 N.W. 71st, Oklahoma City, OK 73116

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Grangeville, Idaho, church** will celebrate its 50th anniversary June 20-22, 1986. Special speakers will be former pastors Larry Bone and G. H. Pearson.

A men's ensemble of former members of the men's quartet will sing. Former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend. Those not attending are encouraged to send letters of greeting. For more information write the church at 513 W. N. 2nd, Grangeville, ID 83530, or phone 208-983-0552.

Announcements should reach us three months prior to the date of the event announced.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is my privilege to recommend REV. JAMES HOLT, a registered evangelist on the Indianapolis District, as an evangelist for service in any church. Rev. Holt has served as pastor of two churches on the Indianapolis District and has been a registered evangelist for two years. Contact him at 6220 Old Mill Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46241.—*John F. Hay, Indianapolis district superintendent.*

I recommend DANNY AND APRIL BUNNELLE as song evangelists. They have extraordinary gifts as musicians and singers and have much to offer to churches of every size and need. They may be contacted at 1441 Lebanon Rd., Apt. S-176, Nashville, TN 37210.—*W. Talmadge Johnson, Tennessee district superintendent.*

I am privileged to recommend REV. A. V. BOWDEN, 1009 S. Fiske Blvd., Rockledge, FL 32955, phone 305-632-0826—as commissioned evangelist. His gift of evangelism, love, and understanding of the church will edify and bless any size church or group with results. He is also known for his administrative leadership.—*J. V. Morsch, Central Florida district superintendent.*

Evangelists may be reached through Evangelism Ministries' toll-free number, 800-821-2154.

VITAL STATISTICS

LONG-TIME MUSIC MINISTER DIES

Harold E. Bomgardner, 82, died February 9 in Tuolumne, Calif. He attended Kansas State Teachers College in Hayes, Kans. He was granted a four-year scholarship in voice and sang first tenor in the Varsity Quartet.

From college he went to New York City, studied voice for two years, appeared in musical comedies, and sang in one grand opera with a Chicago Civic Opera cast. On his way to Hollywood, Calif., he stopped to visit his folks in Palco, Kans. He attended a camp meeting and was saved and sanctified in August 1932.

Harold immediately started singing in revival services and traveled extensively in the U.S. and Canada. He married Clara C. Oliver in June 1933 in Hutchinson, Kans. They left evangelism about 1941 and were ministers of music in churches in Colorado Springs; Toledo, Ohio; Pontiac, Mich.; Nampa, Idaho; and Glendale, Calif.

In 1976 they moved to Glendora, Calif., and Harold was minister of calling and Clara was pianist at the Covina, Calif., Valley Center Church. They were also directors of senior adult ministries there. They moved to Tuolumne, Calif., in April 1984.

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Survivors include his wife, Clara, of 19194 Cherokee Rd. in Tuolumne; son Hal and his wife Jude of Tuolumne; daughter Joyce of Seattle; son Steve and his wife Bonnie of Seattle; and daughter Chris of Tuolumne; and three grandchildren—Lee, Joe, and Jana.

A memorial service was held February 15 at Valley Center Church in Covina, Calif. There was also a memorial service at the Sonora, Calif., church February 23 during the morning worship service.

RETIRED PASTOR AND EVANGELIST PASSES AWAY

Rev. Roy Talmage Sellick, 76, died November 15, 1985.

Rev. Sellick was ordained in 1944 by Dr. H. V. Miller. He pastored churches on the Canada Atlantic and Canada West districts. He spent two periods of his ministry as a commissioned evangelist during the years of 1948-49 and again from 1951-64, traveling extensively throughout the United States and Canada. He retired from full-time ministry in 1975 but continued to take evangelistic meetings and supply in churches.

Rev. Sellick is survived by his wife, Opal, of Rimbey, Alta., three sons and four daughters. Funeral services were held in Rimbey, Alta., and Elmsdale, P.E.I., with Rev. Harold Hoffman and Rev. Bert Collins officiating, respectively. Music was provided by Johnny Swindells, Pat Mullen, and daughter Patty Cargill. Interment was in the Elmsdale Church of the Nazarene Cemetery.

A memorial scholarship fund for students entering evangelism has been set up at Canadian Nazarene College.

DEATHS

REV. ROY L. BICKFORD, 76, Dec. 20, Edmond, Okla. Survivors: wife Oneta; son Loyd; two grandchildren; and one brother. Ministry: Texas and Oklahoma.

REV. RAY W. BLACHLY, 87, Feb. 26, Hershey, Pa. Survivors: wife Elizabeth; sons R. Wesley, Samuel, and David; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Ministry: Pittsfield, Maine; Leicester and East Charleston, Vt.; Wakefield, R.I.; and Lancaster, Pa.

RUTH DAMON, Nov. 29, Riverside, Calif., and ORVILLE DAMON, Jan. 24, Riverside, both resulting from car accident Nov. 21. Survivors: daughters Sylvia Krutsch and Jeanne Schmidt; and four grandchildren.

LORA E. DIFFEE, 89, Feb. 13, Bethany, Okla. Survivors: daughters Eloise Knippers, Sarah Parker, Carolyn Knippers, Bobbie Gunn, and Robbie Campbell; sons Dr. Joe and Victor; 31 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

SADIE EDNA GAYMAN, 92, formerly of Higgins, Tex., Mar. 1, in Tecumseh, Okla. Interment: Higgins. Survivors: son Arthur Marion, Jr., and stepson Gerald Gayman; one grandson; one granddaughter; four great-grandsons.

THOMAS M. GRAVES, 89, Feb. 27, Shreveport, La. Survivors: wife Gladys; sons Gene and Mel; daughter Virginia Bible; 7 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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NEWS OF RELIGION

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HIGH COURT SAYS CITIES CAN ZONE PORN THEATERS. Cities can impose zoning restrictions on "adult" movie theaters, as long as those zoning requirements don't have the effect of totally banning such establishments, the U.S. Supreme court has ruled.

In a 7-2 decision announced February 25, the court held that city ordinances that stop short of outlawing sexually explicit businesses may impose "a form of time, place, and manner regulation."

Written by Associate Justice William H. Rehnquist, the decision upheld a 1981 ordinance passed in Renton, Wash., which stated that adult theaters may not be located within 1,000 feet of churches, parks, schools, or residential zones.

The court rejected arguments by a Renton theater owner who said that the zoning ordinance might effectively ban adult theaters altogether by restricting them to an industrial area where no "commercially viable" sites were available. Rehnquist wrote that while the First Amendment guarantees pornographic businesses "a reasonable opportunity to open and operate," it does not require zoning that allows them to "obtain sites at bargain prices," and noted that First Amendment rights do not protect proprietors of adult theaters from having to "fend for themselves in the real estate market."

Associate Justices William J. Brennan, Jr., and Thurgood Marshall dissented from the decision, calling the Renton ordinance "plainly unconstitutional." Brennan said the argument that the ordinance was needed to prevent neighborhood blight was "purely speculative conclusion." □

RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS REACH RECORD LEVEL. Church members are contributing more than ever to religious causes, including expanded programs to feed and shelter the needy, according to a report by the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel.

Religious contributions increased to a record $35.56 billion, up 11.1 percent from 1983's $31.88 billion. Despite membership drops in mainline Protestant denominations, total giving to these groups rose by almost 8 percent in 1984.

The study also found that religious bodies provide most of the support charitable projects receive. About 27 percent of the income of religious organizations goes to help the poor—far more than foundations or corporations. □

ANCIENT BOAT FOUND IN SEA OF GALILEE. Israeli fishermen have found an intact boat, estimated to be about 2,000 years old, in the Sea of Galilee. The 23-foot boat was found lying three feet below the water's surface near the town of Genossar on the northwest bank of the Sea of Galilee. A Roman cooking pot and first century coins were also discovered.

The discovery was aided by a recent drop in the water level of the Sea of Galilee. Authorities are arranging funding for raising the boat and conducting scientific study of it.

One archaeologist told Radio Jerusalem: "We are not ruling out the possibility that it is the boat which brought Jesus and his disciples to Genossar . . . that would be a sensation." □

MARY JOHANNA HENDRICKSON GREENO, 70, Feb. 18, Chico, Calif. Survivors: husband Layton; sons Robert and Michael; daughters Marilyn Button and Carol Buller; 12 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

MRS. M. S. (CLAIRE REYNOLDS) JOHNSON, 82, Dec. 18, Hamlin, Tex. Survivors: husband M. S.; sons Milton, Ralph, Donald, Marvin, and Rev. James Dennis; 13 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers; and one sister.

NEWELL KING, 87, Feb. 23, Hamlin, Tex. Survivors: wife Bessie; daughters Verne Ulmer and Alma King; 4 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers; and 1 sister.

EFFIE ESTELLA LANCE, 92, Feb. 4, formerly of Corvallis, Oreg., in Medford, Oreg. Survivors: sons Arthur and Joseph W.; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother.

RAY C. LEVANS, 70, Jan. 4, Sun City, Ariz. Survivors: wife Mrs. Frances Lively Levans; son Ray C., Jr.; daughters Mrs. Doris Hicks and Mrs. Betty Meaders; eight grandchildren; and three sisters.

WALTER W. LINDEN, 79, Dec. 30, Elizabethtown, Ky. Survivors: wife Helen; sons Kenneth and Wayne; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one sister.

L. B. MABERRY, 76, Jan. 29, Hamlin, Tex. Survivors: wife Letha; sons James and Lee; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters.

PAUL DAVID MARTIN, 44, Feb. 11, Tyler, Tex. Survivors: wife Mamie; son Coy David; daughters Debbie, Paula, and Amanda Gaye; his parents; and four sisters.

HARVEY E. MULLENAX, 86, Feb. 6, Eldon, Mo. Survivors: wife Ellen; sons Ernest, Joe, Harvey Lee, Robert, and Melvin; daughters Mrs. Levina Rakes and Mrs. Norma Huffman; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

MABEL MARIE KINSLEY ROBLEY, 84, Feb. 16, Nampa, Idaho. Survivors: foster son Harland Richard Lutz; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister. Ministry: Mount Vernon, S.Dak., and Madison, S.Dak.

MRS. HELEN SCHULTZ, 89, Jan. 12, Toledo, Ohio. Survivors: sons Howard, Paul, and Norman; and daughter Ruth Flemming.

DEBORAH SISSONS, 21, Feb. 5, Borger, Tex. Survivors: husband Kevin; daughter Christina; her parents; grandparents; and two sisters.

BIRTHS

to TIMOTHY AND RuANN (BECKUM) BOTTLES, Overland Park, Kans., *a boy,* Tyler Landon, Feb. 6

to JOE AND MARSHA (FREEMAN) KELLY, Humphreys, Okla., *a boy,* Jonathan Perry, Feb. 21

to RANDY AND TERESA (GRAVES) MURROW, Oklahoma City, Okla., *twin boys,* Mitchell Everett and Richard Wayne, Jan. 24

to DAVID AND RHODA (COLDWELL) RESTRICK, Acornhoek, Republic of South Africa, *a boy,* David William John, Jan. 29

to BRIAN AND CHERYL SCUDDAY, Orange, Calif., *a boy,* Travis Spencer, Feb. 22

to NEIL HARRISON AND ANITA (FOLTZ) TAYLOR, Kansas City, Mo., *a boy,* Neil Harrison III, March 2

to RICK AND DEBBIE (MOON) TOWNSEND, Bethany, Okla., *a boy,* Clark Ryan, Jan. 20

to ERICH AND CAROL (BENNETT) WALD, Chicago area, *a boy,* Andreas Rudy Michael, July 19

MARRIAGES

SHARON L. CHITWOOD HALL and GENE A. COZART at Littleton, Colo., Nov. 16

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THE ANSWER CORNER

Conducted by W. E. McCumber, *Editor*

We welcome questions on biblical and doctrinal matters. The editor is not able to send replies to questions not selected for publication. Address: ANSWER CORNER, *Herald of Holiness,* 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

I would like to know if and when our Church of the Nazarene has changed the standard of keeping Sunday holy. I may be old-fashioned, but God's Word is the same now as when I was saved. Pastors and evangelists used to preach that it was wrong to eat out, or spend money unnecessarily, on Sunday.

Our "General Rules" call upon Nazarenes to "evidence their commitment to God" by "avoiding evil of every kind, including . . . profaning of the Lord's Day in unnecessary secular activities, thereby indulging in practices which deny its sanctity" (*Manual,* 26, 26.2).

All activities and outlays of money on Sunday should conform to this rule. □

Recently I heard a sermon on commitment. The minister stated that a committed person, although he has not been born again but is doing all that he knows to do, if he should die, would go to heaven. The apostle Peter was used for an example. Please give your opinion.

I don't know how Peter could be an example, for he was born again (1 Peter 1:3, 23). Perhaps he was referring to Peter's words, recorded in Acts 10:34-35—"God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right, is welcome to Him" (NASB).

Peter is simply saying that "whatever is acceptable to God in one race is acceptable in any other" (J. A. Alexander). He is not teaching that the heathen can be saved without the gospel.

In Romans 2:11-16, Paul speaks of the Law written in the hearts of Gentiles who had not received the Law of Moses. For this measure of light received they would be answerable in the Judgment. The passage implies that men can, *by the grace of God,* respond to this limited light in such a way as to be saved, or they may reject it and be damned.

William Greathouse wisely reminds us, "Such fairness of judgment on God's part in no way relieves the Church of its responsibility to 'send the light' of the gospel to those in pagan darkness." Few men anywhere have so reverenced God and so resisted sin, apart from the power of the gospel, as to be saved, and this makes our mission of gospel proclamation indescribably urgent. □

Does the Bible say that weather will change in the last days?

After the Flood, God promised,
"While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest,
And cold and heat,
And summer and winter,
And day and night
Shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22, NASB).

There will be no major alterations in weather. Of course, there will always be minor changes in weather patterns, but they will not threaten global destruction.

I lived four years in New England and the weather changed every day—sometimes several times a day! But the sort of change you have in mind—if I understand your question correctly—will not occur "while the earth remains." □

Can forbidden love ever become right in the eyes of God?

If you mean by "forbidden love" what Scripture defines and/or describes as incest, fornication, adultery, or homosexuality, the answer is decisively *no.*

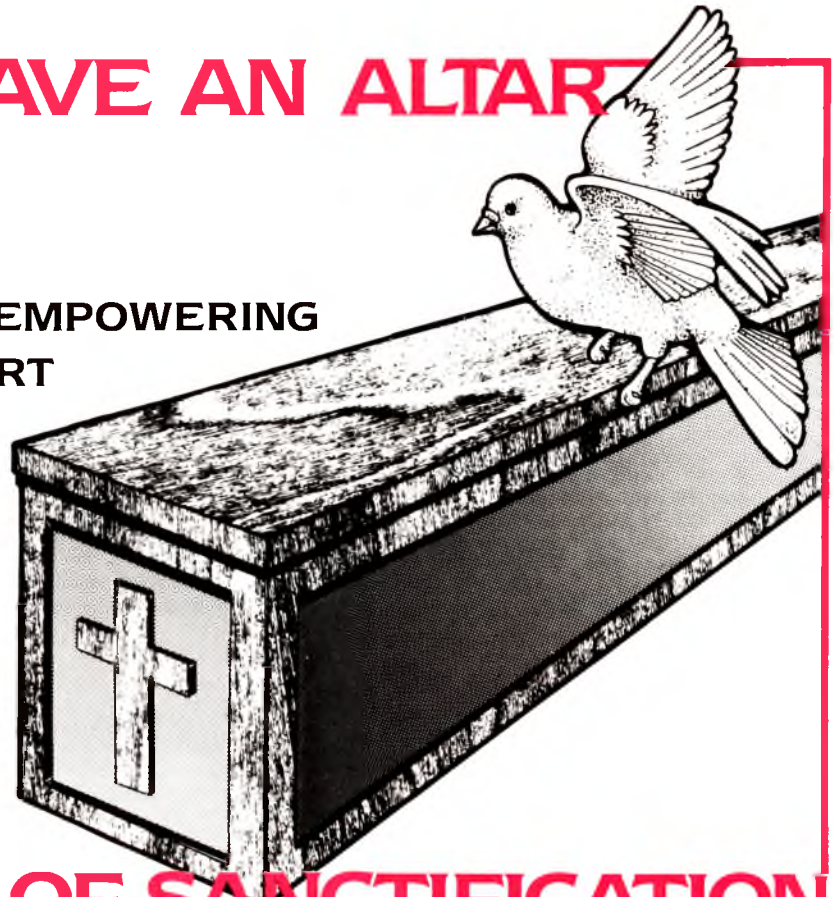
These are sins, and those guilty of them have two choices: (1) repent and be forgiven; (2) persist and be destroyed. □

WE HAVE AN ALTAR

DIVINE GRACE CLEANSING AND EMPOWERING THE HUMAN HEART

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. . . . I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know.

John 17:17, 23a



THE ALTAR OF SANCTIFICATION

EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

PRAYER + PRAYER + MORE PRAYER = REVIVAL

Prayer was the key to the Craig, Mo., church's recent revival with Evangelist Gloria Helms. Beginning three months before the scheduled revival services, the church began to pray for revival in cottage prayer meetings, in the men's Thursday morning prayer meetings, and in the women's weekly Bible studies. Some Sunday School classes met an hour early to spend time in prayer for the revival.

Under Mrs. Helms' preaching on holiness, many found spiritual help at the altar. Said Pastor Michael Arnold, "In some cases, entire families came to the Lord. In some families, some were saved while others were sanctified. One family who had never attended before saw three members saved."

But the revival didn't end with the special services. Shortly after the scheduled revival was over, one lady came to see the pastor in his study. She had been deeply interested in the occult but had attended services during the revival. During the services she had felt convicted that she "needed something," but she didn't know what that something was. The pastor was able to lead her to the Lord right there in his office. She immediately went home and burned her occult books and cigarettes. Since that time, Pastor Arnold reports, she has been growing spiritually, attending services and the ladies' Bible study regularly. □

ELECTRICITY OFF, BUT THE POWER WAS ON!

The Cromwell, Conn., church recently hosted an evangelistic crusade with Evangelist John Cayton and Song Evangelist George Waterman.

This evangelistic thrust was to begin a new work. The emphasis was on sanctification. The Cromwell church was assisted by the neighboring Nazarene churches in this effort. Under the anointed preaching of Rev. Cayton and the music of Mr. Waterman, many born-again believers from other denominations heard the doctrine of entire sanctification for the first time.

On Friday evening the service began in darkness. The electricity had been knocked out by a severe thunderstorm. The services went on, however, in an air of expectancy. Using candlelight, they sang and prayed until the electricity was restored.

Twenty-three people received spiritual help during the crusade, 10 of whom were sanctified wholly. Several of these were members of the supporting Nazarene churches, but one was a friend of the church who was a member of another denomination. □

NASA CHURCH REACHES NEW SPIRITUAL HEIGHTS

"Prayer was the key to this week, and we've got to keep this going." This was the evaluation of a member of the NASA Church of the Nazarene in Webster, Tex., of their recent revival.

According to Pastor Darrell L. Hall, the church was in great need of revival. In the middle of an extensive building program and with attendance down from members out of town on vacations, the church found itself spiritually dry.

Under the anointed preaching of Evangelist Jimmy Dell, revival came to the NASA church. The church met its goal to see the core of the church rise to a new level of commitment and a realignment of priorities. "God's Spirit was poured out on a parched people," reports Rev. Hall.

Since the revival, the people of the NASA church are committing themselves to daily prayer, Bible study, and self-denial. They are finding a new joy in giving, both in tithes and offerings, and in volunteering for Christian service. □

THE CHURCH SCENE

Metroplex Chapel of Dallas/Fort Worth recently celebrated its third anniversary with 580 persons present. The young congregation, which began February 1983 with 7 persons, also dedicated its new 700-seat auditorium on the same day—February 9, 1986.

Metroplex Chapel is located in a shopping center on Airport Freeway just west of the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. The growing fellowship has two weekly TV programs, a weekly radio broadcast, 25 Care Groups (Home Bible Studies), and a weekly feeding program for the homeless in downtown Dallas.

Dr. Jim Garlow is senior pastor; Rob Eicholtz is youth pastor; Doug Forsberg directs the compassion ministry; Henry Poteet, former Africa missionary, directs the prayer ministry; Chuck Watson serves as administrator; Travis Hutchison is associate pastor and director of care group ministry; and Ron Myers directs the worship team. □

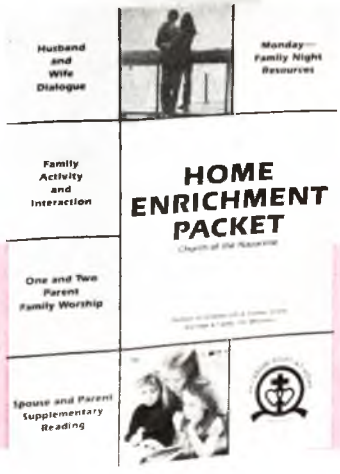
Dedication of the new West Point, Va., Community Church was held December 8, 1985. The two-and-a-half-year-old congregation built the 2,560 sq. ft. structure for $25,000. The building consists of seven classrooms, two rest rooms, a chapel, and a sanctuary that seats 125. A new piano and padded chairs were also purchased. Rev. Charles Thompson of Richmond, Va., Southside was the guest speaker and gave the dedicatory prayer. Ninety-two were present for the service. The pastor since the beginning of the church in 1983 is Steven Pollard.

Dr. Ed Levin, Nazarene pastor at **Newark, Del., First Church,** delivered the Sunday evening sermon at Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church in Newark. Fifteen nearby churches joined in an ecumenical meal followed by a joint, united worship at the annual event known as "Soup and Sharing."

Members of Newark First Church cooked the simple meal of homemade soup and homemade bread and served it in the Roman Catholic parish hall to 475 members of various churches. The church service was attended by 650 worshipers, which was led by 15 members of the local clergy.

Dr. Levin, whose mother was a former Roman Catholic and whose father was a former Orthodox Jew, spoke on: "Are We His Witnesses?" based on Acts 1:8. His sermon, which dealt with his own salvation through the blood of Christ and the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, called the congregation to the Christlike life. Two other Nazarene pastors assisted in the worship service: Rev. Grover C. Deskins, of Glasgow, Del., and Rev. Dennis G. Wagner, the Newark First Church youth pastor. □

Mr. Al Downard *(l.)* received his 47-year perfect attendance pin from Pastor Tom Floyd during a recent worship service at the Glendale, Ariz., church. "Mr. Downard has served as Sunday School superintendent of the Glendale church for many years," stated Rev. Floyd, "and has faithfully attended and supported his church in many capacities." Mr. Downard said there were several times he attended when he didn't feel well. Managing a ranch in the Glendale area, he often had to go out early Sunday mornings to set the irrigation water, and then get ready for church. Mr. Downard was also an auctioneer, but never allowed business to interfere with worship at his church on Sunday.



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Dr. William M. Greathouse speaking at the Executive Board of the Church of the Nazarene Canada rally in Toronto.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE CANADA MEETS

The Executive Board held its annual meeting in Toronto hosted by the Canada Central District. The board was in session January 23-25.

Highlights of the meeting included:

1. Review of the "Canadian Nazarene" project as a ministry in communications.
2. Selection of Toronto as the location of the 1987 Regional Conference in Canada.
3. Interim report of the Long-range Planning Commission.
4. Report on the "Chair of Evangelism at CNC Project," which is being sponsored by the Executive Board.
5. Affirming the goal of the church in Canada to double membership to 20,000 by 1995.
6. Hearing recommendations from the solicitor on changes to the incorporation and bylaws.

Officers of the board elected for the year were: Rev. Alexander Ardrey, chairman; Rev. William Stewart, vice chairman; Dr. Robert Collier, secretary; and Mr. Robert Rimington, treasurer.

The session was preceded by an all-morning session of prayer and waiting by the Administrator's Fellowship of Canada, composed of the five district superintendents and administrator of the Executive Board.

Friday evening, January 24, featured a district rally at the Toronto Emmanuel Church with approximately 800 people present. The outstanding musical package featured several district musicians and was directed by Mr. David Deeks. Rev. Rudolf Pedersen, administrator of the Executive Board, presented "A Vision for Canada—1995." Dr. William M. Greathouse preached an anointed message that stirred the rally on the mission of the Church of the Nazarene during this next decade. This service was identified by many as one of the outstanding services of the Church of the Nazarene in Canada in recent memory. □

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SPEAKER FOR THE FAR EAST SERVICEMEMBERS' RETREAT is Rev. Denny Owens. Rev. Owens is president of the Nazarene Indian Bible College. He served for eight years in the USAF. While serving as a missionary in the Philippines, he ministered to military personnel on R&R from Viet Nam. Returning to the States, his congregation included military personnel stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

OTHER SERVICEMEMBERS' RETREATS IN 1986

GERMANY—OCTOBER 13-16 **KOREA—OCTOBER 24-26**

LATE NEWS

The Bioethics Commission

NOTICE TO ALL GENERAL CHURCH LOAN FUND DEPOSITORS

The General Church Loan Fund—U.S.A. is accepting ONLY short-term (one-year) funds and at an interest rate of 6 percent for any amount until the new interest rates are announced.

CE MODULE CALLS FOR INTENTIONAL MINISTRY

The second module of the newly developed continuing education series was conducted at Nazarene headquarters' King Conference Center, March 3-6. Module II, conducted by Dr. Bill Burch, Arizona district superintendent, dealt with the idea of having an intentional ministry, according to Rev. David Felter, coordinator of the series for Pastoral Ministries in the Church Growth Division. More than 40 pastors from Massachusetts to California were involved in the latest module, including 10 alumni from Module I which was held last December.

Dr. Burch challenged the pastors to become "intentional" in their ministry and to "be themselves in the power of the Holy Spirit."

Rev. Felter said the Wednesday morning session was marked by the deep, abiding presence of God as the pastors prayed for one another and requested prayer for healing and for God's touch in their family and church life. Testimonies to the power and presence of God lasted more than an hour.

The next module, "The Ethnic/Urban Challenge," facilitated by Rev. Dallas Mucci, superintendent of the New York District, will be held May 12-15. For more information about this mode of continuing education, contact Rev. Felter in Pastoral Ministries. □

BIOETHICS COMMISSION BEGINS WORK

The Commission on Bioethics created by the 21st General Assembly held its first session in Kansas City, March 6-8. The 15-member group appointed three subcommittees that will be doing research into various issues of concern and will report back when the full committee meets again early next year, according to Dr. Al Truesdale, chairman of the commission.

"I believe this commission has a very sound estimate of both the technical and ethical issues of bioethics and is quite committed to dealing with both of these in a way that can be of practical assistance to pastors and laypeople," said the NTS professor and ethicist, who is one of four educators on the commission.

"There seems to be a willingness within the commission to deal candidly with the problems, and also a determination to say that the church must exhibit a greater degree of sensitivity to the complexities faced by laypeople and pastors," added Dr. Truesdale. "It's clear to me that these commission members are not interested in adding more laws to the books. What they want is to develop vehicles that can be used for educational purposes on an ongoing basis."

The subcommittees that were established are: Life and Death (abortion, euthanasia, etc.); Human Experimentation (behavior control, psychotherapeutic drugs, psychosurgery, allocation of scarce medical resources, etc.); and Genetic Intervention and Reproductive Technologies (artificial insemination, surrogate motherhood, genetic engineering, genetic screening, eugenics, etc.). The chairpersons of the respective committees are: Dr. Cecil Paul, clinical psychologist and professor at Eastern Nazarene College; Ms. Helen Kanady, attorney; and Dr. John Norrell, president of Provesta Corp., the genetic division of Phillips Petroleum.

During the March meeting, the commission members presented papers on a wide variety of topics ranging from "A Review of the Foundations and Principles of Christian Ethics" to "The Frontiers of Genetic Engineering."

The commission is comprised of four educators, three physicians, two attorneys, one research geneticist, one chemist, two sociologists, one pastor, and one general superintendent. □

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BOB BENSON PASSES AWAY

Rev. Bob Benson, 55, died at 4:30 A.M. March 22 at a Nashville hospital. Rev. Benson had been suffering from a recurrence of cancer, which he had fought for the past 12 years. Rev. Fred Sikes, Children's Ministries pastor at Nashville First Church, was with Rev. Benson when he died.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Jean Siler Benson; a daughter, Laura Leigh Benson; four sons, Robert Green Benson, Jr., Frank Thomas Benson, Patrick Copeland Benson, and Rev. Michael Wallace Benson; his mother, Mrs. Jimmie-lou Benson; three sisters; one brother; and five grandchildren.

A celebration service was held in honor of Rev. Benson at Nashville First Church Monday evening, March 24. Funeral services were conducted the following day.

Rev. Benson was the author of a number of books, including *Come Share the Being, Laughter in the Walls, He Speaks Softly,* and his latest, *Disciplines for the Inner Life* (coauthored with his son, Michael). Also he was much sought after as a speaker.

A graduate of Trevecca Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary, Rev. Benson was an elder in the Church of the Nazarene. He was a member of Nashville First Church, where his family has been involved with the denomination from its beginnings in that city. □

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Dr. Bill Burch leads session of pastors during the recent continuing education seminar at King Conference Center in Kansas City.

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