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The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but
the word of our God shall stand for ever.

ISAIAH 40:8



PUBLISHING GOOD NEWS

by General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe

IN THE EARLIER DAYS of the holiness movement, we often sang this chorus during missionary services:

*Publish glad tidings,
Tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus,
Redemption and release.*

That's what the Nazarene Publishing House has been doing for 73 years. While secular publishers have printed a steady stream of bad or sad news, NPH has consistently communicated the gospel, which is the "good news." A veritable avalanche of books, magazines, Sunday School materials, and sacred music has poured off the presses at 2923 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

As befits a denomination whose distinctive mission is to "preserve and propagate Christian holiness," the House has majored in the production of materials specifically dealing with this Wesleyan emphasis. It has now become the largest holiness publisher in the world, assisting our sister holiness denominations with their publication needs as well as providing literature for our church.

The Publishing House increasingly reflects the growing internationalization of the Church of the Naz-

arene. Logically, since the largest segment of our people speak the English language, the great preponderance of the House's printing has been in English. However, a growing amount of material is being produced in Spanish, Portuguese, and French. And this is only the beginning. With our church now operational in 75 world areas, the demand for printed materials in scores of languages is accelerating.

The Commission on Internationalization will request the upcoming General Assembly to direct the General Board to assign a high priority to the funding of multi-language publications. The increasing literacy of third world countries makes it imperative that we provide literature for these people. In all too many areas where our church is operative, even Sunday School materials are not available. It is impossible to build a strong, holiness church without adequate literature.

We salute Nazarene Publishing House Manager M. A. "Bud" Lunn and the more than 200 employees of this great institution for the invaluable service they continue to contribute to the cause of "Celebrating Christian Holiness." And we urge our people everywhere to give their full support to this vital work by praying for and purchasing from NPH. ☐



SP4 Royce B. Ratcliff (r.), a draftsman, awarded the Army Commendation Medal by Col. D. F. Munster.

by EVELYN STENBOCK

BY RIGHTS, Royce Ratcliff, graphic designer at the Nazarene Publishing House, should be unable to carry on a conversation, or at best his speech should be slurred. He suffered permanent brain damage from an accident in Vietnam, and only 10% or less of those who suffered this type of head injury survived. Of those survivors, most are 100% disabled or manage only to hold part-time jobs. Royce is well and strong, busy in a strategic Christian ministry.

With only four days to go in his one-year army stint in Vietnam, Royce was involved in a jeep accident and thrown from the vehicle. The date was August 4, 1968. In addition to having his going home papers in hand, that day the artist had received an army commendation medal for his meritorious service in designing a secret code filing system. Five days later he woke up on the hospital ship, *U.S.S. Repose*, a victim of amnesia. He had no idea what had happened, but was well aware of head injuries, a fractured skull, and a dislocated hip. Following two weeks in Japan, he was flown to Walter Reed Army Hospital for specialized attention to his hip. A blood clot from that hip moved to his lung, but he survived. As far as he and the army hospital personnel were concerned, the head wounds were not important.

About three years ago, the U.S. Army Hospital began a study on recorded head injuries of Royce's type. Halloween weekend 1983, he returned to Walter Reed Hospital where he spent five days undergoing various tests including routine skull X-rays, speech and lan-



Royce working as graphic designer at NPH

A Miraculous Recovery

guage tests, audio tests, motor exams, neurology tests, and the CAT scan.

The procedures were routine except for one thing: the brain scan showed that portions of the left front of his brain were permanently damaged. "There are blank spots," explains Royce, "nothing there." Doctors were amazed that he was able to talk, let alone score above average on all the tests. When they learned that he has a fulfilling job as a graphic designer, they were shocked.

And so was Royce Ratcliff. Since seeing the brain scan and

learning the truth about his Vietnam head injury, he has relived the many good times God has given him. Not a Christian at the time of the accident, he accepted the Lord in October 1969, married and settled in Columbus, Ohio, where he worked at an ad agency.

Because he was a Christian, he didn't find designing a horse racing promotion and jewelry ads very rewarding. In June 1977, Lillian, his wife, showed him an ad in the *Herald of Holiness* saying a graphic designer was needed at Nazarene Publishing House in Kansas City. He applied for and got the job, necessitating a family move to Missouri and the transfer of their membership from the Columbus, Ohio, Wilson Avenue Church to the Blue Springs, Mo., Church, where Royce serves on the board.

Ratcliff attended Mount Vernon Nazarene College for a year and the Columbus College of Art and Design for two years. He credits his dad's encouragement as an impetus that helped him realize his ambition to become an artist. After his seven brothers and sisters would go out on Friday nights, his father, a construction worker, would send him to the basement for grease pencils, then the two of them would perfect their drawing skills on the refrigerator door. The father did not live to see Royce a top artist at a major publishing firm, but—thanks to God's intervention at a critical time in his life—the Master Designer is directing Royce's superior creative talent in meaningful service. □

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NEW CHRISTIAN TESTIFIES

I'm a new Christian and the Lord just recently brought me through some difficult circumstances. However, they weren't nearly so difficult as the enemy tried to make me believe. So, upon reflection, I feel the Lord gave me this: "Beware the mountainous molehills. They are but Satan's mirages that grow smaller as I approach them through faith."

Chuck Middleton
Lexington, Kentucky

CON STONE'S "REALISM"

Regarding "Christian Realism"—since unilateral disarmament would surely result in immediate military invasion with abrupt cancellation of our remaining religious liberties, the

Church of the Nazarene would be outlawed and officially disorganized. Revival would not necessarily sweep the nation as we passively resisted and turned the other cheek. In 65 years, the forbearance and nonviolence of Russian Christians has not transformed Soviet society.

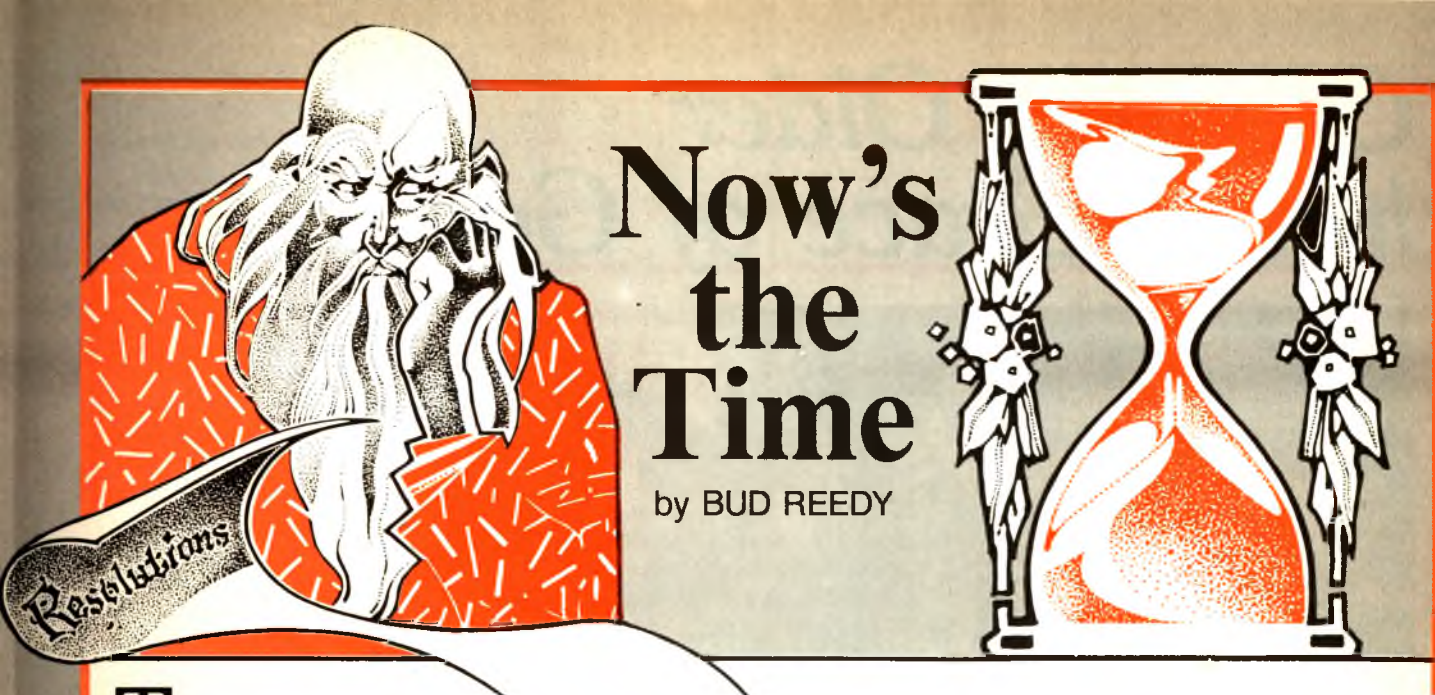
The Church of the Nazarene in the U.S. continues to be a crucial part of the Church of the Nazarene worldwide. I believe it is also a significant part of the Church Triumphant and the Church Militant. Through the years it has been a vigorous exporter of vital Christianity. Why throw it all away to trifle with a noble experiment? Unilateral disarmament is as irrevocable and final an act as pushing the button, and

deadly on a horrific scale. The Soviet Union has not been gentle in its expansion. I would not be greatly comforted to know my family had been killed by conventional rather than nuclear weapons.

The Church of the Nazarene has accomplished much during the nuclear standoff. We who do not wish to embrace suicide do not deny the power of the gospel or the realism of the Sermon on the Mount. We understand that a society that will not defend itself will be replaced by one that will. Unilateral disarmament is not an effective means of furthering the gospel.

It is most unjust for the author to enjoy the benefits of Nazarene society, Nazarene higher education, and

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Now's the Time

by BUD REEDY

THE APPROACH of the New Year revives a long-standing tradition: the New Year's resolution. "More time with family" . . . "weight loss" . . . "more exercise" . . . "an improved devotional life"—these are a few of the more popular promises people make to themselves and to God at the beginning of the new year.

There is nothing wrong with the making of New Year's resolutions. It is a natural and healthy desire for a man or woman to want to improve the quality of his or her life. People must grow or die. Growth takes place through change. Change is intentional. It requires resolve. And so we make resolutions to change, to improve, to grow.

But life is not as simple as we sometimes hope it to be. It is often a complex of interacting and changing circumstances, few of which can be predicted or planned for in advance. That is why resolutions all sound rather easy on January 1 but are frequently forgotten.

To resolve or not to resolve, that becomes the question. Many have tried and failed so often they no longer resolve to change. Others do so with a lack of sincerity. A small minority stick to their resolutions and experience real life-enriching change.

The man whom we know simply as "the Preacher," has written a powerful poem about change and man's resolve to change. From Ecclesiastes 3 we discover some truths that just might help us face 1985 with reasonable resolve.

There are some things that cannot be changed. The Preacher observed: "There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven" (3:1, NASB). A great deal of what occurs in this life has been divinely ordered. God is sovereign. He has control. It is often a waste of our precious time and energy to attempt to change that which cannot be changed. Birth, death, healing, illness, celebration, and sorrow are but patches upon the quilt we call life. Each

has a place in God's master plan for us. The mature Christian is the one who accepts this great principle: There are some things that cannot be changed. That is why believing people pray:

*Lord, Grant me the serenity to accept that
which I cannot change,
The power to change that which I can change,
And the wisdom to know the difference.*

There are some things that can be changed. The Preacher reminds us that along with God's sovereignty is man's responsibility. There is a time when every person must take decisive action. There is a time, says the Preacher, to gather stones, to embrace, to search, to speak, to love. Now is the time for God's people to act.

1985 is the year when holiness people must give themselves in greater measure to Kingdom work. "Behold, I say it to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they *are* white for harvest" (John 4:35, NASB, italics added). Our Lord Jesus reminds us that now is the time to work toward the salvation of the lost.

1985 must be the year when holiness people speak out concerning the great ethical questions of our day. "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men" (Matthew 5:13, NASB). Our Lord Jesus reminds us that now is the time to work toward social reform and against injustice.

1985 is the year for holiness people to commit themselves to one another in love. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:34, NASB). Our Lord Jesus reminds us that now is the time to put the friction and animosities of the past behind and resolve in our hearts to work toward unity and harmony in our church.

There are some things in this coming year that are beyond our ability to change. But some things can be changed by the power of His Spirit. Shall we resolve to change them? Now is the time. □

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Growing Older in the Grace of God

Bob Taylor



Strix Pix



H. Armstrong Roberts

by W. T. PURKISER

DENNIS looked at his elderly neighbor critically. "You're getting old, Mr. Wilson," he said. Then sensing that he had said the wrong thing, he quickly added, "But there's a lot of that going around these days."

Indeed there is; more than ever. The fastest growing age-group today is composed of those 65 years of age and older. The advances and availability of medical science and somewhat better living conditions for many have dramatically extended the span of human life on this earth.

To live is to grow old. The only alternative is one we all put off as long as possible. We can do nothing whatever about the fact of aging. All we can control is how we face it.

Aging is a grim and bitter experience for those who live without faith in the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Death is inescapable, and death to the unbelieving means a leap into the impenetrable dark.

Albert Krupp, the fantastically wealthy German industrialist, is said to have offered his personal physician \$10 million for an added 10 years of life. "I have no time for sale," was the doctor's sad reply.

Those who have committed their lives to Christ face the fact of aging with a far different future. For them, "To live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).^{*} They have the deep assurance Jesus gave when He said, "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19).

Even the fact of aging itself is lightened by the prom-

ises of God. Theirs is a firm foundation. As the hymn writer put it:

*E'en down to old age all My people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love.*

The righteous, declares the Psalmist, "will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green" (92:14). Isaiah echoes the promise he heard from the Lord: "Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he,

I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you" (46:4).

In the age of the Spirit, says Joel, while the young see visions, "Your old men will dream dreams" (2:28); and Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit as a divine Helper "will . . . be with you forever" (John 14:16).

Paul's great affirmation of faith was, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all" (2 Corinthians 4:16-17).

Yet aging brings its changes, and we must be prepared to cope with them. There is the sad paradox that the very society that has extended the length of life and multiplied the numbers of the old is at the same time a society that glorifies youth and tends to discard the aged.

The years bring an inevitable decline of physical powers. Age increases the liability to illness. There are

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diseases that prey on the aged to which most of the young are immune.

Old age, for many, is a time of loneliness. Life tends to push the elderly to the side of the stream while the current flows on at ever swifter pace. Friends and loved ones are taken and there is "change and decay in all about."

Our modern age tends to measure people by their possessions. "How much is he worth?" always means, "How much money or property does he have?" But age is usually a period of declining productivity and fewer possessions.

There is an increase in the amount of stress life imposes just at the time when one's natural powers of resistance are at lower ebb. Two American psychiatrists (Doctors Thomas Holmes and Richard Rahe) listed the top 10 stressful life-changes to which we may be exposed. All may occur at any stage in life, but 4 of the top 10 are most apt to happen in later years: retirement, the death of close family members, personal illness, and most severe of all, the death of husband or wife.

Much of what happens we can do nothing about. This we must learn to accept in dependence on the unfailing grace of God.

But some of the negatives that come with aging can be turned into positives. Each state of life has its liabilities, and each has its assets.

Our years should bring us a better perspective. As we come closer to the gateway into eternity, the material and earthly things behind us should decrease in size and importance.

We should strive for more serenity. We should have learned that worry and anxiety never help.

We should grow more tolerant, more ready to forgive, more aware of the times when we could rightfully have said, "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

Our experience of the adequacy of the grace of God in years past should strengthen our confidence in the sufficiency of the grace of God for the years ahead.

A great missionary and evangelist, E. Stanley Jones, wrote from the vantage point of his long experience his advice on how to make age a blessed period:

1. Don't retire. Change your occupation. Seek something of value to do as long as strength and circumstances permit.
2. Learn something new every day.
3. Set yourself to be gracious to somebody each day.
4. Don't let yourself grow negative. Be positive. It makes a difference whether we think of the cup as half empty or half full.
5. Look around you to find something for which to be grateful every day.
6. Now that bodily activities are slowing down, let spiritual activities increase. Perhaps yours can be a ministry of intercession.
7. Keep laying up as the years come and go "the good store"—the depository of good thoughts, motives, actions, and attitudes that we drop into the subconscious mind.

With God's help, age may make us better, not bitter. The greatest gift we can leave to those who follow is a radiant and victorious old age. Science has added years to our lives. It is up to us to add life to our years.

True happiness means acceptance of one's age. The adult must accept the fact that he is no longer a child. The one advanced in years must give up the goals of active life. Years of retirement may be either a magnificent experience or a bitter trial. The difference is not in outward circumstances. Those who complain about their retirement are the very people who used to complain about their work. The difference is the condition of the soul.

And in the end, the measure of life is not what we must leave behind us. It is what we are and that to which we go. When "to live is Christ" then "to die is gain," because Christ is not only the Alpha but also the Omega; He is not only the beginning but also the end.

When the time of our departure is at hand, we do not go down toward the sunset; we move toward the dawning of the eternal day. John Wesley commented on Paul's words in 2 Timothy 1:3 as the great apostle was facing martyrdom, "One who stands *on the verge of life* is much refreshed by the remembrance of his predecessors, to whom he is going."

For a Christian, as one has said, the end is "to lose the earth you know, for greater knowing; to lose the life you have, for greater life; to leave the friends you loved, for greater loving; to find a land more kind than home, more large than earth"—this is not losing and leaving; this is finding and gaining.

A great pastor-evangelist expressed it in memorable terms: "Let us remember that those whom we foolishly call the dead are far more alive than we are. They are beyond the fog and dirt and clouds of the smoky earth-cities. They are out on the great mountains of experience, with the infinite sky above them and the never fading sunshine round about them; there, where the great winds flow, and men breathe an air we have never known and look upon a loveliness which we have never seen."

Eternally true it is that

*The path of the righteous is like the
first gleam of dawn,
shining ever brighter till the full
light of day (Proverbs 4:18).*

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REALITY

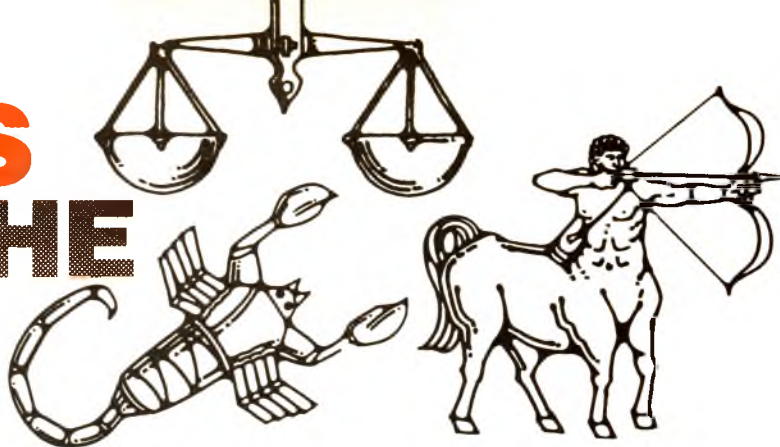
Lord,
I want to be a witness,
Your will I long to do,
I'll share Your Word around the world
To show my love for You!

Quietly
He spoke to me,
As oft He'd done before,
"My child," His voice spoke gently,
"Share first with those next door."

— GERALDINE NICHOLAS
Abbotsford, British Columbia,
Canada

LOVE HAS VEILED THE FUTURE

by G. WEATHERLEY



HOW KEEN we are to know the future! It is a natural human longing. Astrologers and crystal gazers have made a fortune out of this desire, even though they have no special or peculiar insight into the coming year.

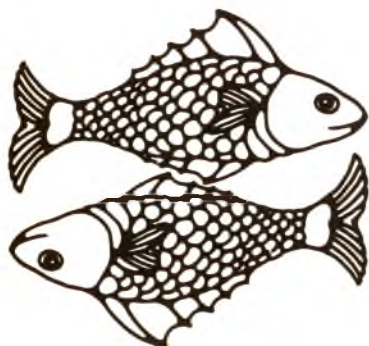
When we begin another year, our ignorance of the future strikes us forcibly. We realize only too clearly how little we know of what a day's events will bring to us.

Tomorrow is unknown. It can be a glad or a sad day. It can fulfill our ambitions or shatter our hopes. We say with the inspired writer: we know "not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1).

At first sight this ignorance of what is before us seems a loss, but it has great advantages.

As it is the Lord who casts a veil over the future, we may be sure that He does it deliberately. He is the One who is perfectly wise. He knows just how we may react to every experience of life. He sees the events that will hurt us and He knows what will soothe us. He is aware of anyone who would attack us and who will befriend us when we need it. He also knows how to blend sunshine with shadow so that the combination leads to a maturing Christian life. If He wanted us to know a day in advance, He would be wise enough to tell us.

G. WEATHERLEY is a free-lance writer from Norwich, England.



He is the One who loves us, so we rest assured that He hides the future in our best interests. His is an unfathomable love. If it would help us, He would undoubtedly unroll a whole year before our eyes. As He does not, our seeing only a day at a time must be for our good.

We are all glad that some things are still veiled. Lewis Carroll, in his book *Alice Through the Looking Glass*, where everything is seen back-to-front, illustrates this fact.

"What sort of things do you remember best?" Alice ventured to ask the Queen.

"Oh, the things that happened the week after next," the Queen replied. Then the Queen began to scream like the whistle of a steam-engine.

"What's the matter?" asked Alice. "Have you pricked your finger?"

"I haven't pricked it yet," the Queen answered, "but I soon shall—oh, oh, oh!"

We need have no anxiety about being short of anything we need in the future. God has all the resources of earth and heaven and He will provide for us daily, even moment by moment. He will suit the blessing to the special need we have. As Hudson Taylor put it: "So, if God should place me in great perplexity, must He not give me much guidance; in positions of great difficulty, much grace; in circumstances of great pressure and trial, much strength? No fear that His resources will be unequal to the emergency! And His resources are mine—for He is mine, and is with me and dwells in me."

A lawyer, speaking at a college, expressed his Christian experience in this most convincing fashion. He said that when a little lad, his father took him to visit New York City. To keep from getting lost in the crowd, he held to his father's finger. After a while his little legs

grew tired; his fingers began to lose their grip. He looked up at his father and said: "You'll have to take hold of my hand now, for I can't hold on much longer."

The lawyer added that in the world today he needs what he had needed as a boy—the feel of a father's, his heavenly Father's, grip to hold and save him.

The future is unknown to us, but we are perfectly safe because we have the best Guide. His wisdom is perfect. Our Guide is all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-sufficient. With delight we read these assuring words: "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go" (Psalm 32:8). In Proverbs 3:6 we have this promise: "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

We have a direct word from Jesus himself: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

God offers himself to us as our Counselor. He will guide us by His wisdom. He gives us His wisdom for the details of life no less than for its great crises. We need this, as life consists of many small details and our life as a whole is shaped by our adjustment to these details.

When God guides us, we shall face no question so hard or crisis so severe that it must defeat us. God will give us wisdom to do what is right. He will guide us in the best way. If we accept His solution, no decision will be forced upon us in such a way that we must make a mistake. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord" (Psalm 37:23).

Dr. F. W. Boreham says he was most interested in a text on the wall of his parents' house. His mother explained its presence. "I was feeling dreadfully worried. I had to drop my work, pick up the baby,

and walk up and down the kitchen feeling that I could endure it all no longer. My burden seemed more than I could bear. It was crushing me beneath its weight. In pacing up and down I paused for a second in front of the sheet-almanac on the wall. The only thing I saw was the text in the corner. I felt as if it had been put there specially for me. It was as if someone had spoken the words: 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.' . . . I began again with fresh heart and trust."

We can safely leave the future in the hands of our Father. We can trust Him even where we cannot see Him. This means a life of joy and peace for us.

Each year will give us added assurance of what God will do in the years that lie ahead.

As we step out into the New Year with our hands in the hand of God, we have peace. We know that whatever happens He will be there and share it with us. In such good care, nothing need make us anxious. That means happiness. We have courage to go forward. □

Be Still and Know...

Be still and know that He is God. Be still!

*He is much closer than the heart can sense.
His hand lies like warm sunshine on the hill,*

A silent trust is its own recompense.

When darkness seems to fall and trials sweep

The soul like wild surf lashing rocky shore,

Be still and know that God will safely keep;

His tender love endures forevermore.

So wait, O Soul, in patience calm and still

Until you find, within the silent hour,

The sympathetic Christ whose grace can fill

*Each trembling heart with love, peace, and
power.*

In stillness alone is found release

And for the restless heart, abiding peace!

—VERLA A. MOOTH
Evergreen Park, Illinois

JEALOUSY DEFEATED

by MAYNARD JAMES

THAT DISTINGUISHED saint and scholar, Samuel Chadwick, was president of Cliff College, England, during my student days. One evening service in the college chapel will ever live in my memory. It was like an old-fashioned Methodist Band meeting, in which tutors and students alike were free to speak "plainly the true state of their souls."

One young student, truly sanctified, but unduly introspective, confessed that he had been tempted to be jealous of another Christian.

Sensing immediately the nervous state of that fine young man in that crisis hour, the great Samuel Chadwick made bare his own heart to students and tutors alike.

He told of an occasion during one big Holiness Tent Convention in Southport, Lancashire. He and the world-renowned Dr. G. Campbell Morgan were giving morning Bible readings. Both spoke each morning, with an interval separating the services.

Said Samuel Chadwick, "I may not have the mag-

netic personality of Campbell Morgan, but I am just as faithful a Bible expositor as he."

What actually happened at that memorable Southport Convention?

The crowds flocked to hear Campbell Morgan; but only comparatively meager congregations attended Samuel Chadwick's Bible readings.

It was a humiliating experience for the Cliff College president, and he confessed to us, "I was tempted to be jealous of Campbell Morgan."

Then he went on to say, "But I decided to pray one hour daily, during the rest of the convention, for Dr. Campbell Morgan."

That nervous, introspective young student was myself. And he has never forgotten that moment when his own college president rose to such height and greatness.

Yes, we know that "love envieth not"; but the fact remains that Satan ever seeks to implant the seed of jealousy in the heart of even the sanctified believer—especially if he is a Nazarene minister!

But victory is certain if, like Samuel Chadwick, we pray earnestly and constantly for our talented colleagues in the ministry. □

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LYING DESPERATELY SICK in a hospital, dependent on life-support machines, I was in the "valley of the shadow of death." During the next few days, three questions were presented to me and answers were demanded. From whom the questions came, I do not know. Perhaps they came from Satan attacking my faith, or from the Lord testing my faith, or they may have come from my own heart. From whom-ever they came, I had to answer.

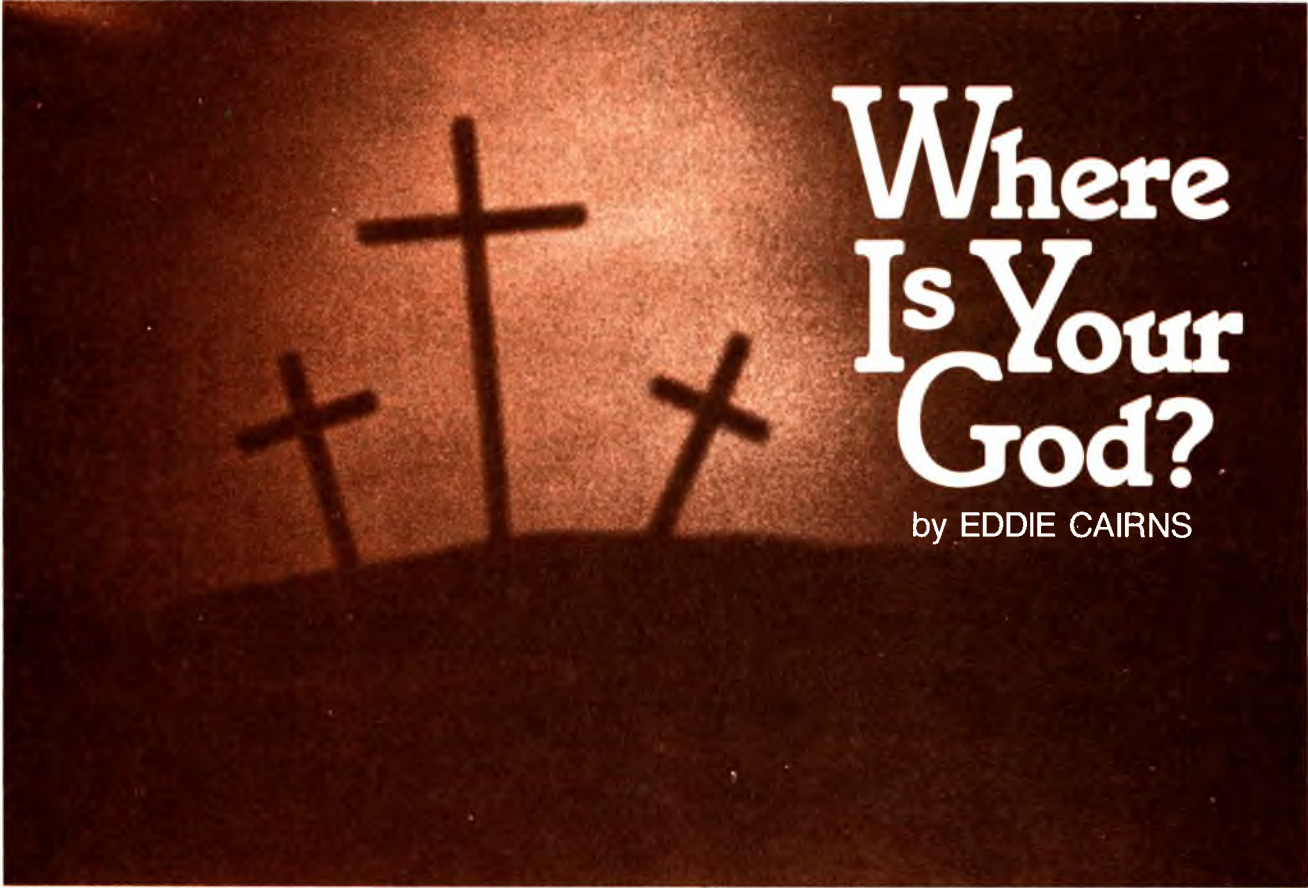
The first question was, "How do you know that you know God? You have never seen Him, neither have you handled Him. How then can you be sure that you know Him?" In reply, I said, "It is true that I have never seen the Lord with my physical eyes, neither have I touched Him with my physical hands, but I do know that I know Him, and my assurance that I know the Lord in a personal way is based on the Word of God. I have the unfailing promises of God." Before I could start quoting various promises concerning the forgiveness of my sins, the cleansing of my heart, and the peace and presence of God in my life, God spoke very clearly to me and said, "Yes, and because you have the promises of God you also have the God of the promises." The question was answered. The God of the promises was mine, and I knew it to be so. My heart was doubly assured.

But question two came along, demanding, "Where is your God? You are in the 'valley of Baca,' the place of suffering. Where, then, is your God?" The question

seemed to insinuate that I was alone in the darkness, but immediately I was reminded of one of the "Jehovah Titles" found in Ezekiel 48:35, "Jehovah Shammah," which means, "The Lord is there." Linked with that was the promise of Jesus, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Into that intensive care unit came the unmistakable sense of God's presence. Throughout my Christian life I had sought to practice the presence of God, and now, in a dark and trying hour when my faith in the companionship and presence of God was being tested, God did not fail. Once again His Word answered the question and brought assurance to my heart. The Lord was there!

The third question was, "Where, in all of this suffering, is God's love?" The questioner reminded me that for 10 years I had been suffering from a rare neurological disease for which there is no definite medical cure, that I had been in and out of the hospital many times, and now, dependent on life-support machines, I was worse than I had ever been. "So," he asked, "where is God's love?" Immediately my mind was directed to John 3:16, and my reply to the question was, "If God loved me enough to give His only Son as a sin offering on my behalf, there is no way that He would abandon me now. His love was certain then, at Calvary, therefore it must still be certain now in this hospital ward." I was also reminded of what Jesus said about our Heavenly Father seeing every little sparrow that falls, assuring us that our Heavenly Father constantly watches over us and cares for us. Again God ministered to my spirit. He assured me that His love was not only certain but sufficient. It was sufficiently redemptive to lift me from the deepest depths of sin to

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Where Is Your God?

by EDDIE CAIRNS

the highest heights of holiness, and is sufficient medically to touch my weakened body and lift me from the "valley of the shadow . . ."

In those days of questions and answers, there was no sense of death, neither was there any fear of death, even though I knew I was low physically and that the Lord could take me home to be with himself. Once before, in an almost similar situation, when I felt I could not take any more, I had demanded the Lord to take me home. However, later, feeling better, I asked the Lord to forgive me for making such a demand. But this time, again feeling that my powers of endurance were at an end, I was enabled, by God's help, to say, "Thy will be done." Trusting in His love, I felt the everlasting arms about me, comforting me. I felt an upward lift and my heart was filled with peace and

praise. For days, both in intensive care and afterward, in my spirit I kept singing over and over again the verse of a hymn:

*How good is the God we adore,
Our faithful, unchangeable Friend,
Whose love is as great as His power
And knows neither measure nor end.*

In answer to the prayers of God's people and because of His love for me as His child, God manifested himself to my soul and revealed to me the certainty of His presence. Also, through the miracle of modern medicine, He raised me up from the gates of death. A get-well card from my niece seemed to sum it all up: "When you come to the place where all you have left is God, then you discover that GOD IS ALL YOU NEED." □



H. Armstrong Roberts

MOSES was God's answer for Israel. And you and I are God's answer for the people in our world. We can make a difference if we will heed God's call and say "Here am I!"

The longer I live in the city, the more painfully aware I am of the fact that we live in a fallen world. Everywhere we see broken, needy, hurting people, desperate for the healing love only Christ can bring. No one person or group can alleviate all of the pain.

God cares about all of the hungry and homeless people of our world.

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WE ARE GOD'S ANSWER

by MICHAEL J. CHRISTENSEN

He calls us each to mediate His love and presence to those with whom we come in daily contact. We have a responsibility for someone. We are God's answer.

The earth has enough resources to care for all God's people. As Gandhi said, "There is enough for everyone's need, but not everyone's greed."

We live in an age of evangelical affluence. Many believe in a gospel of prosperity where material possessions are seen as a sign of God's blessing. But there's another way to view the blessing.

As E. V. Hill said in New York (I wish you could have heard it the way he said it)—"When God blesses you materially, he seldom has you in mind. God gives it to you, so he can get it through you. If he can't get it through you, he'll stop giving it to you!"

Many of us are possessive about our resources. We need to let go and let God channel what we've been given to areas of ministry and to people in need. For we are God's answer!

Why do I continue to live and minister in San Francisco (even when I feel overwhelmed)? Because there is affliction, suffering, and injustice in the city, and I am a part of God's answer!

Why does Golden Gate Commu-

nity cooperate with other neighborhood churches and organizations to feed over 200 people four days a week? Because people are hungry, and we're a part of the solution!

Why did six PLNC students during their spring break fix up Daniel's room in the Tenderloin? Because God does not want any human being to have to live in such appalling conditions. The urban mission team was God's answer to the problem.

Why do so many of you give of your material resources each month to the mission? Why do you pray for us, donate food, blankets, and clothing, and volunteer your time? Because you are God's answer for the supplying of our needs. We depend on your faithful support in obedience to God.

There is much suffering, poverty, and injustice in the world. God SEES, God HEARS, God KNOWS, and God DELIVERS through me and through you. Together, WE ARE GOD'S ANSWER!

Thank you for channeling your resources to the needs of the ministry this month. That's why the Lord has blessed you. "He gives it to you, so He can get it through you." □

Excerpted from the newsletter of Golden Gate Community, a ministry to San Francisco's needy under the direction of Michael J. Christensen.

IN 1961, President John F. Kennedy, an early advocate for fitness, boldly spoke against the peril of spectatorism in an address before the National Football Foundation, saying, "Football today is far too much a sport for the few who can play it well; the rest of us, and too many of our children, get our exercise from climbing up the seats in stadiums, or from walking across the room to turn on our television sets."

Spectatorism has its perils not only for physical fitness but also for spiritual well-being. It can cheapen Christianity. Many things in today's culture, such as religious television programs, sophisticated and "professional" evangelistic and singing groups, and the outright bigness of some superchurch services tend naturally toward a dangerous life-style of spectatorism.

D. Elton Trueblood, in a recent interview with *Leadership* magazine, said, "Cheap Christianity can usually pull a pretty good attendance on Sunday morning. It is cheap whenever people think of themselves as spectators at a performance."

A. W. Tozer, in *The Root of Righteousness*, warned that religious entertainment is rapidly crowding out the serious things of God. "God's people," he says, "have turned to the amusements of the world to squeeze a bit of juice out of them for the relief of their dry and joyless hearts. 'Gospel' boogie singing now

furnishes for many persons the only religious joy they know. Others wipe their eyes tenderly over 'gospel' movies . . . For multitudes of Christians today the Holy Spirit is not a necessity. They have learned to cheer their hearts and warm their hands at other fires."

Jesus didn't say, "Come join the audience," but "Take my yoke upon you." The *yoke* is the demands of discipleship. Great, inspiring services, whether viewed on the television screen or experienced at a distant convention or in one's own sanctuary, do not make a disciple out of one. That's why Jesus did not allow Peter to build his tabernacles at the corner of Mt. Transfiguration and Bright Cloud Boulevard.

Oswald Chambers, in *Approved unto God*, said, "God gives us marvelous hours of insight, then He withdraws, and we have to begin to work out with aching hands and bleeding feet what we saw in the vision, and few understand this."

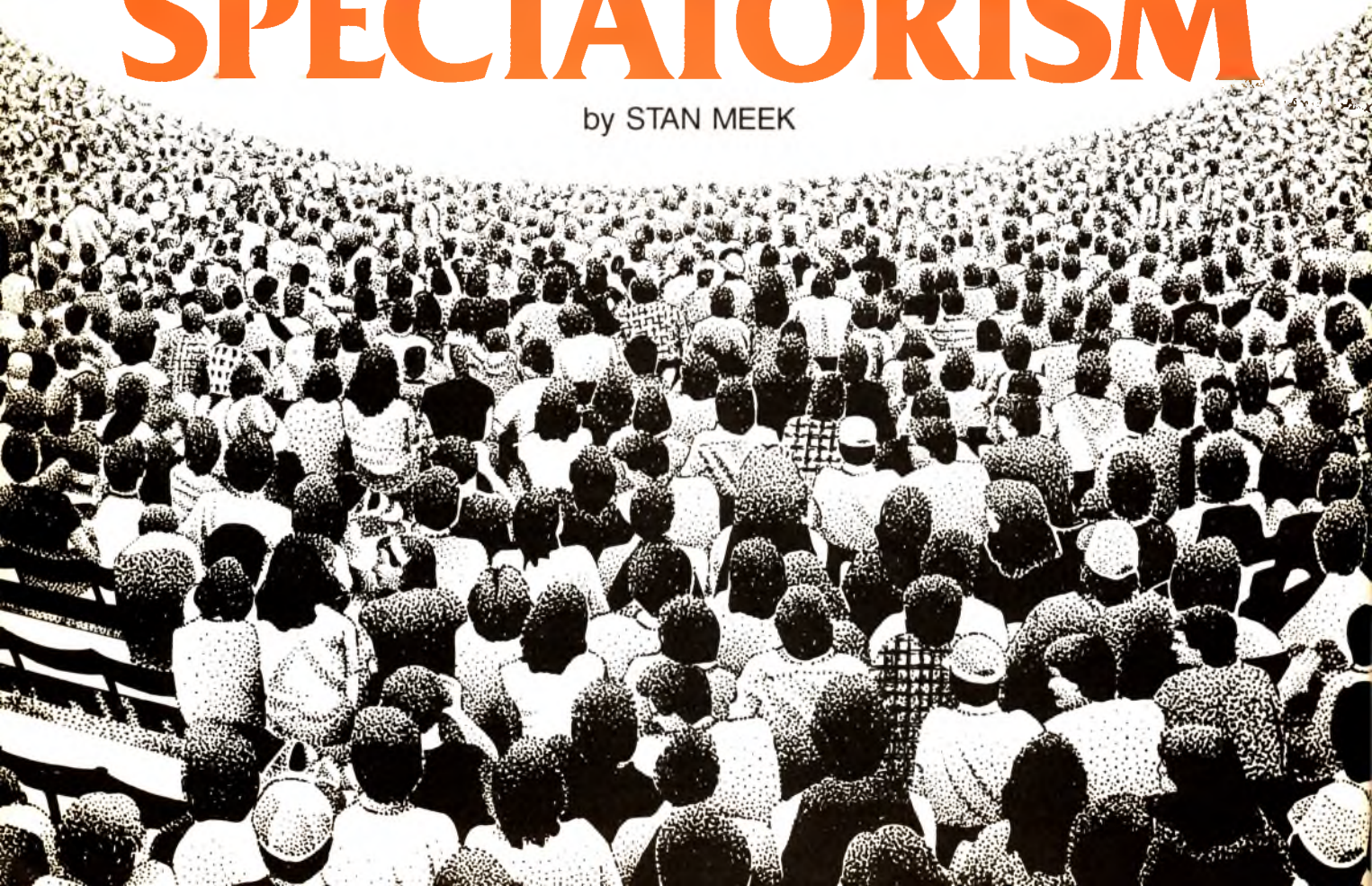
The multiplicity of parachurch groups also tends toward spectatorism. These are days when men are running off after everything that moves religiously. The "big sing" is the thing. The "big convention" gets the attention. Innumerable so-called nondenominational community Bible studies, Christian clubs, and religious films and entertainment gobble up the few available hours of weary church members.

These things are not without value. They can, conceivably, strengthen believers if used selectively, supportively, and in supplementary ways.

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THE THREAT OF SPECTATORISM

by STAN MEEK



The church, admittedly, must examine itself as to *why* its members are being attracted to and increasingly involved with these extra-church activities, and less involved with the trench-line work of the church.

The church also has a responsibility to turn on the caution light. Indiscreet and unquestioned involvement with parachurch groups can expose one to religious fads, unbiblical ideas, and false interpretations. Satan will use even religious activity to divert enthusiastic but ungrounded church members from doctrinal truth and discipleship.

The Bible asks a timeless question: "Why gaddest thou about so much?" (Jeremiah 2:36). The devil's diversionary strategy is to get church members trailing off in so many different directions as spectators that they cannot be a united striking force.

The real work of the church has never been done by "religious gadabouts," but by those who "stand in the gap and make up the hedge." Spectatorism may help to cheer games on, but wars are won in the trenches by soldiers who make sacrifices. The battle against sin and Satan is not a game.

Dr. Phineas F. Bresee, founder and early leader of the Church of the Nazarene, gave this caution to the young church. He said there are those "who run here and there wherever they hear the loudest firing . . . they are not the people who make circumstances and conditions and who bring things to pass. One soldier is worth a battalion of such."

He said, "I am deeply interested in the work of God everywhere. But I am absorbed with the battle God gave me to fight . . . If I am so much interested in the general battle that I allow the banner of my division to be trailed in the dust . . . I am of no value to the Army."

Jesus called real flesh-and-blood disciples and welded them into a visible, organized church and gave them real jobs to do. He gave us the church not only to provide the mechanics and organization for evangelizing a lost world but also to prevent our faith from remaining invisible and coldly abstract.

It is impossible to love Christ and be devoted to Him and not love His church and be devoted to it. When we fail to serve God through His church in concrete, self-sacrificing ways, our devotion becomes bland; our love becomes meaningless.

After all, the church was made possible by love that expressed itself in very *visible*, concrete ways, like laying aside the splendor and comforts of heaven and coming to a smelly stable in this world; like hungering and thirsting, and being misunderstood and rejected; like bleeding and suffering on a timbered cross and tasting death for thieves and taunters.

There was not a thread of spectatorism in Jesus, the Lord of the Church, or in the Early Church disciples. They were neither distracted nor diverted from true discipleship by the religious fads of their day.

The advice of A. W. Tozer seems relevant and timely. He warned that the Bible and all the great saints tell us, "Pay no heed to the passing religious vogue. The masses are always wrong. In every generation the number of the righteous is small. Be sure you are among them." May God spare us from the specter of religious spectatorism. □



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Sweeter Each Day

*Jesus, wonderful Shepherd
and Guide,
You've been with me
all of the way;
You've lived in my heart
since I was a child,
and You are more
precious today!*

*You sought me out—
a little lost lamb,
and gathered me
into the fold,
and are still leading on
at a gentler pace,
now that
I'm growing old.*

*And I thank You, dear Lord,
for the rivers we've crossed,
that You never
left me alone,
that Your beautiful presence
grows sweeter each day
on our way
to my heavenly home!*

—ALICE HANSCH MORTENSON
Racine, Wisconsin

The Good Old Days Are Now

by JOHN W. MAY



A YEARNING PLEA heard often among us is for the return of "the good old days." While it sounds great, there is no way to bring them back, nor would we want to in reality. The world has always been in a state of flux. Living is always momentary and changing.

We speak of being old-fashioned, but if it means a fixed state, the results can only be stagnation and death. Had our fathers, for instance, locked themselves into transportation by horse and wagon there would be no "horseless carriage."

Each new day brings a new challenge. Each new discovery brings a new ethical responsibility. Each new technical development calls for new training. It is said that variety is the spice of life.

Sometimes in the church we advertise revivals as having old-fashioned preaching and old-time singing, while trying to keep in step with modern progress. To justify its existence and to successfully perform its mission to the world, the church must find the constants among the variables while adjusting to change.

In a day when prophets of doom predict the death of the church, we are heartened by the fact that the preached Word continues, the gospel message has remained the same, and the evangelistic thrust of the church goes on. These are constants that have not diminished in church history.

The church has always faced new horizons with optimistic courage. While looking to the past to keep its roots firmly planted, it has faced each new sunrise as a challenge in Christian service.

The pulpit ministry has survived two millennia and continues as vital to the enlargement of God's church as ever. It is mind-boggling to think of totaling the number of sermons preached on a given Sunday around the world. And God is still calling ministers, missionaries, and evangelists to specific responsibilities with the spoken Word.

It is not enough that the church hold up to view the preachers of yesterday, it must reproduce them. The spiritual bloodline of Bresee, Chapman, the Flemings, Fugett, Schmelzenbach, and a host of others must keep flowing in the Church of the Nazarene. The church must have ministers as unique in today's world as they were in theirs; not cloned, but just as called, committed, and successful.

The church has always been faced with new tools to proclaim the gospel message. From pen to the printed page, from bodily presence to projected pictures, it has reached out and wrought with the new, releasing its grasp on the old.

Methods have changed, but the miracle of the proclaiming church continues. The constant has been the gospel truth, the variable the media by which it was carried forth. The words "Preach the Word" are as viable and as commanding today as when they became part of the Bible.

Change has been good for the church. Public altar services are not that old in its services; neither is the Sunday School; but what powerful tools they have been for advancing and enlarging the kingdom of God. They are still new and effective tools.

New opportunities face the church as we approach the year 2000, and changes will occur until the return of the Lord, which will challenge the resourcefulness of

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God's people to complete their mission. The church must seize every legitimate method of getting out the Word.

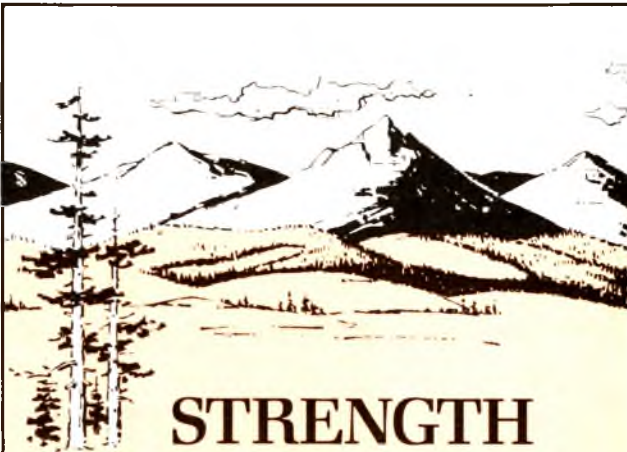
It would be the tragedy of all tragedies if the Church of the Nazarene forgot its roots and ceased to proclaim the doctrines that gave it the unique place it holds in the church world today. Regeneration, Christian holiness as "a second definite work of grace, subsequent to regeneration," and growth in Christian graces must be consistently brought up to date and proclaimed from out pulpits and propagated in our pews.

Evangelism, mass and personal, demands a continuous involvement. Pastors and people must not permit themselves to go home Sunday night without a feeling of disappointment if altars are barren. People must be won in their homes, on the streets, in the marketplaces.

The church has always successfully faced meaningful change in its evangelistic thrust. Protracted meetings have gone by the board, singing is different, sermons are shorter, but soul saving still stands at the top of the church's opportunity and priority list.

Tired, worn-out, and outdated tools must be laid aside and we must become skillful in the use of new ones provided by modern technology, but the new must not be permitted to usurp the work of the old if they are not more productive. The fields are still "white unto harvest" though we may use a combine instead of a cradle to reap the wheat.

Contrary to the fears of some, the coming of new horizons, new tools, and new opportunities will not alter our course, nor stem the forward march of the church, if we keep eyes front and follow our Captain. Yearning for the good old days is futile, for the good old days for us are now! ☐



STRENGTH

*Distant peaks,
Snow-clad or barren,
Remind us of a great God.
When hope dims
And despair threatens,
As earth clouds obscure our view;
We suddenly become aware
Of strength from above, beyond . . .
Constant, firm as the towering peaks,
So is our help from a caring God.*

—ARLET OSNES VOLLERS
Citrus Heights, California

Book Brief

FAVORITE BULLETIN BOARDS



BECKY SIDES
author/artist



BELIEVE ME, *Favorite Bulletin Boards* is a book every church should own, every church secretary needs, and every budding artist in the church ought to see.

When I first glanced at the manuscript, I shouted for joy. I'd created foyer bulletin boards for my church every month for five years. All of Becky's 60 ideas were brand-new to my audience—and they sparked new

ideas, as well. Sixty ideas, plus! Five more years already planned for me! Who wouldn't grab it?

Bulletin boards have three primary purposes in the church: information, inspiration, and instruction. Mrs. Sides admits that creating effective bulletin boards is not something just anyone can do, but in every congregation there is someone who could take over this ministry. We have all seen displays of disaster—church bulletin boards that might have been transplanted from the well-worn wall of a grocery store, cluttered with ancient notices and letters stuck up hither and yon.

This book shows how to avoid such catastrophes. With an appealing central theme and some TLC, such notices can be kept up to date and artistically arranged. The book contains a color wheel, balance arrangements, basic supplies needed, letter and character patterns, and other helps. Best of all, Mrs. Sides offers the kind of encouragement beginners need.

Come on—volunteer for the job! ☐

—Evelyn Stenbock

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the editor's STANDPOINT

GOOD-BYE, 1984

Good-bye, 1984. I don't regret your going, but what was your big hurry? The older I get, the faster time passes. Tempus now fugit at jet speed!

Hello, 1985. There's no point getting chummy with you—you won't be around long enough to merit deep acquaintance. And don't be smug because 15-year-olds, eager for a driver's license, hail your advent with joy. Your successor is already standing in the wings.

Whatever happened to the "lazy, hazy" days of summer? A fellow mows his lawn and reaches for the snow shovel. The march of life is double-time and no pitying sergeant says, "Take five."

Or so it seems to me. Unable to recapture youth or to double effort, I am compelled to take closer looks at priorities. What really matters? How and where can time, ability, and strength be most wisely invested? What gets a yes, what gets a no, what gets a maybe?

Since the waist in the hourglass has widened and the sand is pouring through, my tasks must be restruc-

tured and my calendar rearranged. Essentials claim me; diversions lose appeal.

Some things are constant; they cannot be discontinued, and they must not be diminished. The prayer life is one. Bible study is another. Only a fresh spirit can sustain aging bones. Life is hurrying me toward eternity and God. I want to meet Him as an old friend with whom I have enjoyed daily converse, not as a casual acquaintance whom I bumped into occasionally.

Service has high priority. Life is too short and swift to squander on oneself. I've never seen a selfish person at peace with God, with others, or with himself. To reduce the world's measure of pain is more important and fulfilling than to increase its volume of pleasure. Christ is Lord of time; only by following His example is time wisely used—and He was preeminently a Servant to human needs.

Communion with God, service to people—these will make 1985 a good year whatever the speed with which it travels. □

THANK GOD FOR NPH

Books have profoundly, persistently influenced my life. Constant reading has provided more solid education for me than all the classes I've attended and all the lectures I've heard—including those where I was the teacher. To this day, nothing delights me more than another book to read, whether it's a brand-new release or some old-timer that I missed along the way.

Given this place of books in my life, I have deep respect and appreciation for those who publish them. To publish and distribute good literature is a great service to humanity. To publish and distribute Christian literature is a valuable ministry to the church and to the world.

The Church of the Nazarene is a major publisher of such materials. Our Nazarene Publishing House produces a volume of books, periodicals, and music far out of proportion to the size of our denomination. Through this enormous output of literature, people are being reached for Christ and nurtured in faith. We ought to thank God daily for NPH, and for all whose work makes its mission possible.

There was a time, long since past, when our churches were urged to take special offerings to bail out NPH. This tiny, nascent publishing business was struggling desperately to survive. Placed on a sounder footing, managed by abler persons, it recovered and expanded. Today it puts money back into the various ministries of the church. The success story of NPH is a tribute to God's mercy and men's ability and churches' loyalty.

When we purchase books, music, periodicals, and other materials from NPH, we enhance our own lives and, at the same time, we invest in a world mission that aims at making Christ known to millions.

I used to come home from district assemblies with my clothes crammed into paper bags and my suitcase full of new books. I knew NPH salesmen better than I knew many general leaders. I logged many hours around the bookstands. Over the years, my habits have not changed, and I remain a deeply grateful man for NPH. □

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Several weeks ago, I had the privilege of preaching to my home church in North Miami Beach, Fla. The church was celebrating its 50th anniversary. My wife's father, the founding pastor, and some devoted laymen, began the church there in 1934. The event was exciting to me and revived a host of precious memories.

Some of the significant "firsts" in my life took place in that church. There I taught my first Sunday School class, held my first revival meeting, and did my first pastoral preaching. There I married my first wife (who says she intends to be my last wife also), and there our first child was dedicated to the Lord. There my first Christian friendships were formed.

That church acted with daring faith when they granted me a license to preach. I showed very little promise. Indeed, my first pastor would not allow the board to license me. He was sure that God had not called me to preach, that I did not have the makings of a preacher. When my wife's father became my pastor, he adopted a more courageous and hopeful stance.

During the Golden Anniversary celebration, my first Sunday School teacher, Evelyn Gwinn, was honored for years of distinguished service. She deserves every honor she has ever received, for she is one of God's noble women.

My mother accompanied Doris and me to the celebration. She was converted in that church and there became a Nazarene. She has been living elsewhere for 40 years and has remained faithful to Christ and the church.

Doris had a special interest in the event, since her dad "dug out" the church, to use an old-time expression. She had not been there in over 30 years and was surprised at how much some of the people had aged. Some had trouble recognizing her, and one fellow politely said that he remembered her as being taller!

Yes, it was a wonderful experience. But the past should serve the future, and the most important pastor in that church is the present one, Ben Benson. The Golden Anniversary must give place to the golden opportunity of reaching more people for Christ. □

A TEMPESTUOUS NIGHT

One entry in Charles Wesley's journal begins, "After a most tempestuous night, I preached to a few, whom the hurricane could not keep from the word."

When I read—and underlined—that sentence, I remembered a lament uttered by a pastor years ago. "Twelve drops of rain," he said, "will keep 13 of my people away from services."

There are some weather conditions that make it dangerous, if not impossible, for the aged and infirm to attend church services. But the sad truth is, many able-bodied people find an excuse for absenting themselves from church in weather that would not keep them from stadiums, duck blinds, and shopping centers.

One of the best services I ever enjoyed took place on a rainy night in Georgia, a Saturday night in a revival meeting. The bottom fell out of the clouds and a torrential downpour turned the night to water. Just as I was climbing the church steps, lightning struck a nearby transformer, plunging the area into darkness. I overheard one of the members grouching to his wife: "I don't see why we have to go to church every night!"

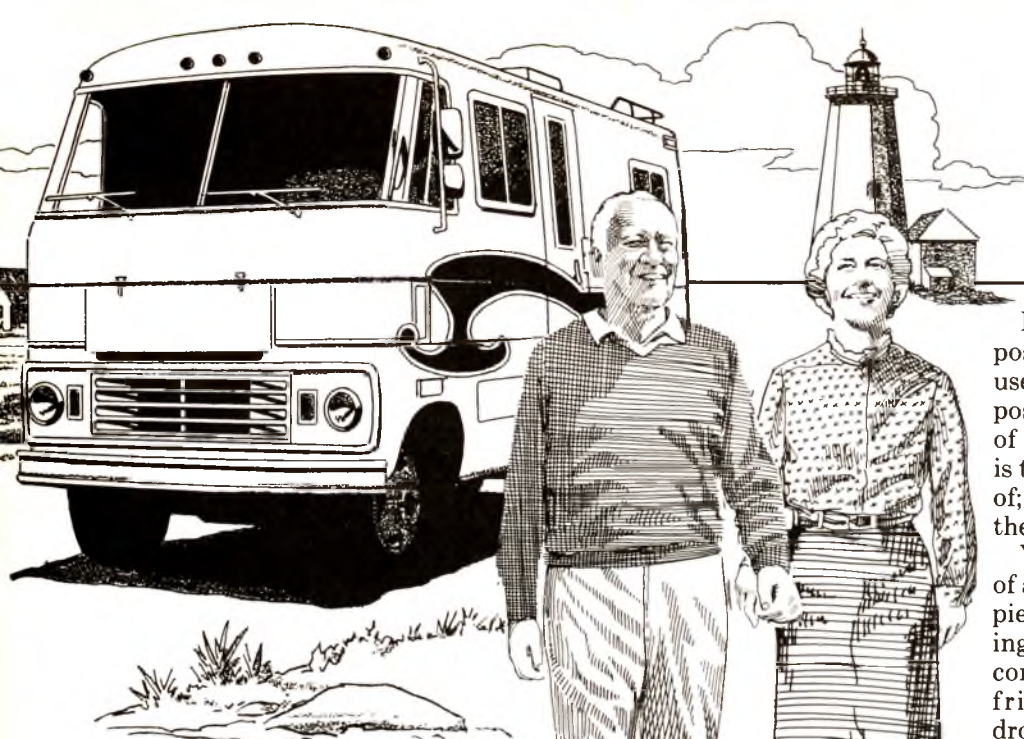
The building was in bad shape. We were going to construct another church in a better location and had decided to spend no more on repairs. The roof leaked, and water striking pews and floors sounded like corn popping. But we had a service. Evangelist Clayton Bailey stood at the pulpit, flanked by two nervous candles, and preached the Word. Out of the small crowd present, 12 people sought deliverance at the altar of prayer. They were so eager for victory that they didn't even try to miss the wet spots when they kneeled. That stormy Saturday night service was the choicest one of the entire meeting.

"Oh, for a faith that will not shrink" on rainy, windy, snowy days!

Oh, for a hunger for God's Word that will bring us to church in good spirits through bad weather.

Oh, for preaching that makes it worthwhile to brave the elements in order to attend worship services.

Maybe I'd better not pursue that thought any further. □



by RAYMOND McCLUNG

MY WIFE, GWEN, and I enjoyed the delightful trip from our home in beautiful east Texas to the coast of California. How pleasant to travel in a comfortable 38-foot "ForeTravel" motor home, containing all features needed for relaxed home living while traveling—air conditioning, conventional electric stove and

In this life God has entrusted possessions into our hands to be used and enjoyed to His glory. Some possess more than others but none of us owns anything, for "the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1).

You may have heard the account of a lad who had been given two 25¢ pieces, one for Sunday School offering and another for an ice cream cone for himself. As he and his friend walked along, the boy dropped one of the coins and it rolled through a metal grate and was lost. The boy's immediate reaction was: "Too bad, there goes God's quarter."

Although we smile at the lad and his money we must be careful that we keep a clear perception of our stewardship responsibility. Many scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments, as well as the spoken words of our Savior, vividly point

Possession Is Not Ownership

oven, microwave oven, electric mixer, ice-maker, garbage compactor, central vacuum system, instant hot or cold water, bath tub as well as a shower, color television, central heating system, and a long list of almost every feature that could be desired. A condominium on wheels plus outstanding driving performance! More than ample power for acceleration and passing; smooth traveling over the roughest roads due to a quality air suspension and automatic load-leveling system. And at night refreshing sleep on beds that must have been designed for use in the finest hotels.

What a restful way to travel! As we swept through the majestic mountains of the West in ease and

comfort, my mind compared our mode of travel with that of my grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins who traveled in dilapidated Model T Ford automobiles from western Oklahoma to settle in California during the scorching dust bowl days of the '30s.

As enjoyable and comfortable as the trip in the motor home was, however, when we reached Ervine, Calif., we disconnected our small Toyota from the back of the motor home, where we had been towing it, and continued our trip in rather humble fashion. Why the change? Because we surrendered the keys and the title of the motor home to the owner. The beautiful vehicle was the legal property of the motor home company; Gwen and I were only privileged to enjoy the newly constructed machine as we drove it from the "ForeTravel" plant in Nacogdoches, Tex., to the motor home dealership in California.

out our tithing obligation. There is no matter of choice here, for the Word plainly and clearly states: "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord" (Leviticus 17:30).

"Things" are entrusted to us for our use and enjoyment, but our Lord reminds us: "Beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). As faithful stewards we are to maintain a day-by-day attitude of constant and full surrender, knowing that at one day, by His appointment, we shall return all to the True Owner and give an accounting to God of all possessions that go through our hands. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2). Possession is not ownership. □

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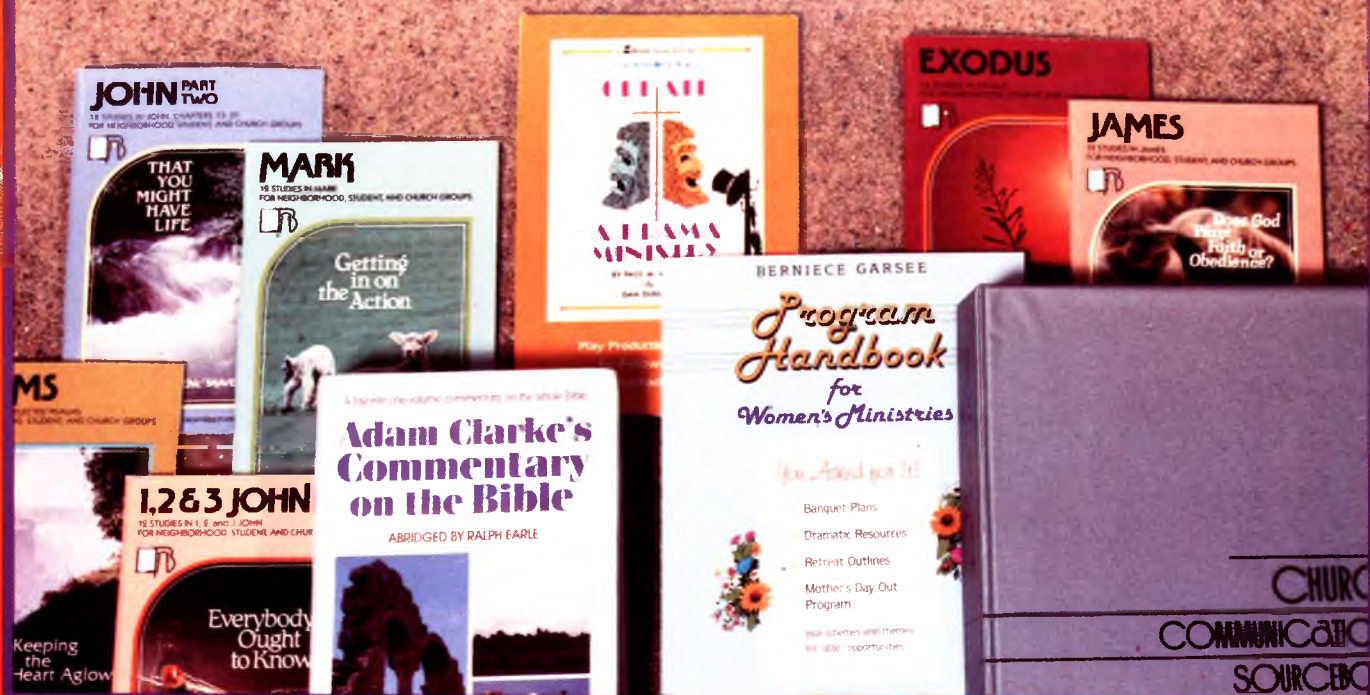
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"YEAR OF CHURCH GROWTH" OFF TO AN EFFECTIVE START

A total of 33,158 new enrollees were reported during the fall Sunday School emphasis in the United States and Canada. There were 9,404 new enrollees reported on rally Day, October 28, alone. The districts with the largest numbers of new enrollees throughout the Sunday School emphasis were:

Kansas City	1,433 new enrollees
Kansas	1,382 new enrollees
Washington Pacific	1,207 new enrollees
Sacramento	1,028 new enrollees
Southern Florida	1,012 new enrollees
South Arkansas	1,000 new enrollees

This was the beginning of a year-long emphasis to increase enrollment in our denomination.

ANNUAL STATISTICS (1983-84)

Top 25 Districts in Sunday School Attendance United States and Canada

Southern California	10,971
Oregon Pacific	9,863
Central Ohio	9,389
Colorado	9,066
Southwestern Ohio	9,017
Northeast Indiana	8,980
Michigan	8,912
Los Angeles	8,542
Illinois	8,462
North Central Ohio	8,423
Kansas City	8,362
Southwest Indiana	8,251
Indianapolis	8,095
Eastern Michigan	7,971
Washington Pacific	7,863
Kansas	7,697
Akron	7,473
Tennessee	7,257
Central Florida	7,223
Northwestern Ohio	6,899
Iowa	6,865
Northwest	6,846
Philadelphia	6,790
Intermountain	6,735
Northwest Oklahoma	6,667

25 Largest Sunday Schools in Average Attendance United States and Canada

Bethany First (Okla.)	1,689
Denver First (Colo.)	1,624
Salem First (Oreg.)	1,366
Pasadena First (Calif.)	1,318
Olathe College (Kans.)	1,291
Long Beach First (Calif.)	1,030
Nashville First (Tenn.)	870
Nampa First (Idaho)	834
Wichita First (Kans.)	831
Mount Vernon First (Ohio)	719
Nampa College (Idaho)	675
Osakaloosa (Iowa)	661
Richmond Southside (Va.)	619
Portland First (Oreg.)	613
Kansas City First (Mo.)	593
Phoenix Orangewood (Ariz.)	587
Kankakee College (Ill.)	583
Denver Lakewood (Colo.)	575
Flint Central (Mich.)	571
Indianapolis First (Ind.)	569
Kankakee First (Ill.)	540
Indianapolis Westside (Ind.)	539
Sacramento Liberty Towers (Calif.)	528
Sterling (Ill.)	528
Beaverton (Oreg.)	527

Top 26 Sunday Schools in Numerical Gain United States and Canada

Edmond First (Okla.)	176
Miami Hosanna (Fla.)	116
Metroplex Chapel (Tex.)	89
Xenia (Ohio)	87
Nazlini (Ariz.)	85
Olathe College (Kans.)	81
Phoenix Orangewood (Ariz.)	81
Long Beach First (Calif.)	79
Salem First (Oreg.)	79
Long Beach Samoan (Calif.)	75
Orlando Central (Fla.)	74
Portland First (Oreg.)	67
Pisgah Community (Ohio)	66
Sacramento Liberty Towers (Calif.)	66
Azusa (Calif.)	64
San Diego Mission Valley (Calif.)	59
New Vienna (Ohio)	58
Oskaloosa (Iowa)	58
Lloyd (Ky.)	54
Bellevue (Wash.)	53
Houston Open Fellowship (Tex.)	51
Richardson First (Tex.)	51
Brooksville (Fla.)	50
Miami Sweetwater (Fla.)	50
Kansas City First (Mo.)	49
Porterville (Calif.)	49



THE FIVE LARGEST SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR THE 1983-84 ASSEMBLY YEAR U.S. & CANADA (under roof)

AKRON

- 499 Canton First
- 377 East Liverpool first
- 244 Arlington
- 193 Warren First
- 187 New Philadelphia

ALABAMA NORTH

- 217 Huntsville first
- 173 Jasper First
- 171 Birmingham First
- 148 Cullman
- 140 Sheffield First

ALABAMA SOUTH

- 201 Lanett First
- 156 Columbiana
- 130 Tuscaloosa Holten Heights
- 121 Tuscaloosa Alberta
- 118 Mobile First

ALASKA

- 162 Anchorage first
- 131 Soldotna
- 130 Anchorage Jewel Lake
- 110 Fairbanks First
- 99 Anchorage Hillcrest

ARIZONA

- 587 Phoenix Orangewood
- 354 Mesa
- 328 Glendale
- 227 Tempe
- 205 Tucson First

CANADA ATLANTIC

- 165 Elmsdale
- 155 Trenton
- 144 Oxford
- 132 Summerside
- 85 Lutes Mountain

CANADA CENTRAL

- 156 Toronto Emmanuel
- 128 Brampton
- 96 Cedardale
- 95 Hamilton First
- 85 Toronto Kennedy Road

CANADA PACIFIC

- 147 Abbotsford
- 102 Vancouver First
- 97 Victoria First
- 82 Guildford
- 59 Penticton

CANADA QUEBEC

- 68 Centre Evangelique
- 47 Montreal First
- 36 Dollard-des-Ormeaux
- 27 Franklin Centre
- 18 Ste-Foy

CANADA WEST

- 284 Calgary First
- 182 Medicine Hat
- 178 Red Deer First
- 149 Edmonton Southside
- 108 Calgary North Hill

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

- 498 Porterville
- 325 Bakersfield Olive Knolls
- 259 Visalia First
- 231 Bakersfield First
- 205 Tulare Wayside

CENTRAL FLORIDA

- 408 Lakeland South Florida Heights
- 332 Orlando Central
- 276 Clearwater First
- 262 Winter Haven
- 250 Tampa First

CENTRAL LATIN AMERICA

- 110 McAllen
- 97 Oklahoma City
- 87 Laredo
- 82 San Antonio Las Palmas
- 76 Brownsville

CENTRAL OHIO

- 365 Grove City
- 327 Circleville
- 327 Newark First
- 278 Gallipolis
- 243 Portsmouth First

CHICAGO CENTRAL

- 583 Kankakee College
- 540 Kankakee First
- 364 Chicago First
- 225 Danville first
- 216 Joliet First

COLORADO

- 1624 Denver First
- 575 Denver Lakewood
- 432 Colorado Springs First
- 405 Colorado Springs Eastborough
- 337 Denver Columbine Hills

DAKOTA

- 251 Mitchell
- 161 Jamestown First
- 116 Valley City
- 102 Minot First
- 92 Rapid City

DALLAS

- 343 Richardson First
- 254 Dallas Central
- 200 Dallas First
- 187 Texarkana First
- 173 Tyler Lakeview

EAST TENNESSEE

- 290 Chattanooga First
- 142 Chattanooga East Ridge
- 131 Estill Springs
- 131 Knoxville First
- 130 Shelbyville

EASTERN KENTUCKY

- 276 Ashland First
- 256 Newport First
- 177 Worthington
- 175 Covington First
- 166 Turkey Creek

EASTERN LATIN AMERICA

- 110 Jersey City
- 94 Newark
- 89 Stamford
- 78 Elizabeth
- 65 Lowell

EASTERN MICHIGAN

- 571 Flint Central
- 425 Warren Woods
- 383 Richfield
- 325 Plymouth
- 316 Flint First

GEORGIA

- 290 Atlanta First
- 235 Sandersville
- 195 Dublin
- 187 Marietta First
- 173 Mount Olive

HAWAII PACIFIC

- 123 Kaneohe
- 119 Kailua
- 113 Hilo
- 103 Maili Samoan
- 99 Honolulu First English

HOUSTON

- 305 Houston Spring Branch
- 217 Pasadena First
- 214 Nacogdoches
- 197 Houston First
- 176 Port Arthur Grace

ILLINOIS

- 273 Decatur West Side
- 270 Decatur First
- 220 Springfield First
- 215 Mattoon First
- 207 Decatur Faries Parkway

INDIANAPOLIS

- 569 Indianapolis First
- 539 Indianapolis Westside
- 343 North Vernon
- 342 Martinsville First
- 298 New Castle Southside

**INTERMOUNTAIN**

834 Nampa First
675 Nampa College
440 Boise First
356 Meridian Valley Shepherd
242 Ontario

IOWA

661 Oskaloosa
320 Cedar Rapids First
255 Cedar Rapids Oakland
240 Chariton
230 Des Moines Eastside

JOPLIN

294 Carthage
234 Independence
201 Springfield First
185 Highway
180 Lebanon

KANSAS

831 Wichita First
318 Wichita Linwood
314 Hutchinson Bethany
311 Newton
308 Salina First

KANSAS CITY

1291 Olathe College
593 Kansas City First
358 Kansas City Shawnee
319 Kansas City Nall Avenue
254 Kansas City Central

KENTUCKY

307 Lexington Lafayette
250 Georgetown
212 Columbia
171 Louisville Farmdale
169 Science Hill

LOS ANGELES

1318 Pasadena First
305 Grover City
300 Pasadena Bresee
275 Los Angeles First
264 Lompoc Trinity

LOUISIANA

125 Shreveport First
124 Shreveport Huntington Park
117 Baton Rouge First
107 Monroe First
100 Ebenezer

MAINE

265 South Portland
182 Skowhegan
169 Millinocket
134 Bangor
106 Augusta

MICHIGAN

285 Grand Rapids First
232 Sturgis
227 Chapman Memorial
216 Lansing First
203 Jackson First

MINNESOTA

197 Minneapolis First
136 Grand Rapids
129 Rochester
127 Litchfield
105 Osseo

MISSISSIPPI

201 McComb First
200 Meridian Fitkin
118 Jackson First
110 Jackson Emmanuel
103 Grenada

MISSOURI

222 St. Louis Southwest
217 Hannibal First
195 St. Louis Overland
177 St. Louis Bridgeton
172 St. Louis Ferguson

NEBRASKA

202 North Platte
177 Lincoln First
158 York
155 Hastings
151 Omaha Heritage

NEW ENGLAND

284 New Bedford International
258 Lowell First
204 Quincy Wollaston
179 Manchester First
168 Wareham Emmanuel

NEW MEXICO

347 Clovis First
225 Albuquerque First
205 Albuquerque Sandia
202 El Paso First
170 Roswell First

NEW YORK

361 Brooklyn Beulah
185 Brooklyn Miller Memorial
167 Valley Stream
146 Lakeland
143 Bronx Bethany

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN

103 Chilchimbeto
85 Nazlini
79 Cache
67 Shonto
66 Leupp

NORTH ARKANSAS

198 Rogers
197 Springdale
192 Conway First
140 Bentonville
116 Jonesboro Woodsprings

NORTH CAROLINA

309 Hendersonville
287 Pineville
175 Fayetteville
167 Monroe
157 Burlington First

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO

719 Mount Vernon First
473 Marion First
338 Bedford
318 Bucyrus
308 Jefferson

NORTH FLORIDA

180 Jacksonville University Boulevard
165 Pensacola First
150 Jacksonville Central
138 Ocala
126 Gainesville First

NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA

400 Tulsa Central
342 Sapulpa
260 Broken Arrow
231 Bartlesville
214 Collinsville

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA

395 Huntington First
360 Anderson First
300 Muncie Southside
254 Alexandria
251 Elkhart First

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

309 San Jose First
285 Eureka
244 Santa Rosa
219 Concord
150 Napa

NORTHWEST

417 Moscow
286 Spokane Valley
268 Spokane First
256 Lewiston First
248 Yakima West Valley

NORTHWEST INDIANA

509 Portage First
340 Kokomo First
261 Valparaiso
238 Hammond First
187 Frankfort First

NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA

1689 Bethany First
389 Bethany Williams Memorial
372 Oklahoma City Lake View Park
365 Edmond First
305 Kingfisher

NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS

528 Sterling
252 Pekin First
222 Galesburg First
216 Rock Island
183 Ottawa First

NORTHWESTERN OHIO

260 Lima Community
244 Springfield First
215 Piqua
198 Bryan
198 Findlay First

**OREGON PACIFIC**

1366 Salem First
613 Portland First
527 Beaverton
381 Eugene First
361 Medford First

PHILADELPHIA

451 Fairview Village
331 Ephrata
329 Vineland
301 Mifflinburg
292 Crossroads

PITTSBURGH

210 Warren
201 Waynesburg
193 Oil City
181 Homer City
176 Pittsburgh South Hills

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

171 Kalispell
150 Great Falls
132 Sunnyside
117 Cheyenne Grace
117 Casper

SACRAMENTO

528 Sacramento Liberty Towers
280 Oroville
252 Auburn
249 Sacramento North
239 Redding First

SAN ANTONIO

213 Harlingen First
190 San Antonio First
170 Austin Grace
161 Temple First
153 Odessa First

SOUTH ARKANSAS

255 Little Rock First
227 North Little Rock First
195 Hot Springs First
175 Little Rock Rose Hill
149 Little Rock Central

SOUTH CAROLINA

298 Columbia First
263 Fort Mill
221 Chester
208 Langley First
206 Winnsboro

SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA

226 Henryetta
206 Durant
198 Choctaw
164 Midwest City Bresee
161 Shawnee

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

1030 Long Beach First
367 San Diego First
343 Bloomington
321 San Diego Mission Valley
310 Anaheim First

SOUTHERN FLORIDA

519 Miami Hosanna
403 Bradenton First
368 Princeton
287 Pompano Beach
268 Sebring

SOUTHWEST INDIANA

495 Seymour
270 New Albany First
250 Bloomington First
219 Brazil
200 Bicknell

SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA

408 Oklahoma City Western Oaks
332 Oklahoma City Trinity
317 Bethany Calvary
205 Yukon
191 Bethany Jernigan Memorial

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

363 Xenia
361 Pisgah Community
316 Trenton
308 Cincinnati Springdale
274 Dayton Beavercreek

TENNESSEE

870 Nashville First
370 Nashville Grace
246 Nashville College Hill
241 Nashville Bethel
208 Clarksville First

UPSTATE NEW YORK

197 Syracuse Immanuel
192 Owego
171 Rochester Trinity
164 Rochester Calvary
146 Rochester Grace

VIRGINIA

619 Richmond Southside
261 Arlington Calvary
260 Roanoke First
207 Harrisonburg
172 Hampton

WASHINGTON

273 York
261 Marley Park
260 Salisbury
233 Washington First
215 Laurel

WASHINGTON PACIFIC

417 Puyallup
342 Kent First
323 Seattle Aurora
258 Olympia
257 Centralia

WEST TEXAS

321 Lubbock First
228 Hereford
226 Arlington First
225 Amarillo First
202 Amarillo San Jacinto

WEST VIRGINIA NORTH

288 Newell First
279 Weirton First
233 Wellsburg
223 Elkins
208 Parkersburg First

WEST VIRGINIA SOUTH

410 South Charleston First
308 Charleston Davis Creek
260 Huntington First
207 Charleston Calvary
206 Oak Hill

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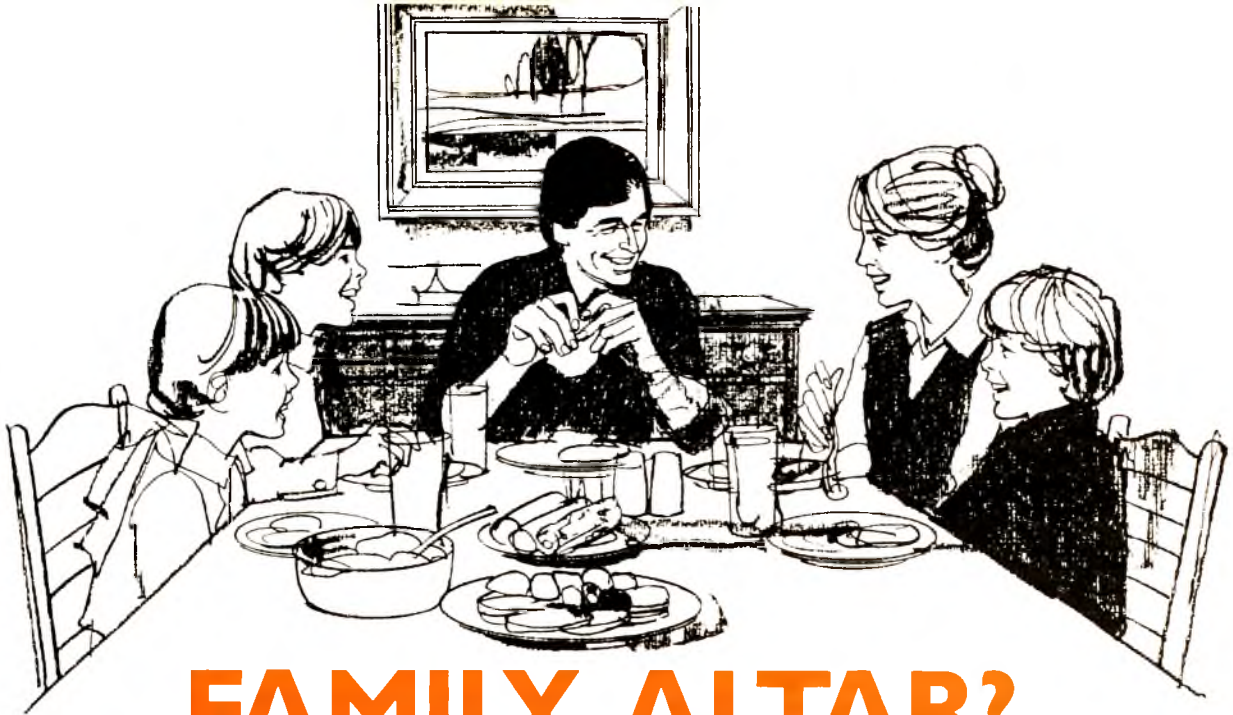
266 Los Angeles Belvedere
240 Los Angeles Boyle Heights
121 Sacramento
120 Rancho Cucamonga
110 Pasadena

WISCONSIN

121 Mattoon
120 Milwaukee First
115 Racine Taylor Avenue
104 Burlington
104 Racine Community

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(Now's the time to incorporate new enrollees into the church fellowship.)



FAMILY ALTAR?

WHO OF US has not felt the frustration of a faltering family altar? The frustration arises out of our sense of values and a variety of unavoidable pressures. Also, many of us have grown up in homes where the family altar was an important institution. And it still is. In fact, children and teenagers are deprived of a source of spiritual stamina when they do not have the benefits of a family altar.

WHEN?

by JOHN F. HAY

On the other hand, everyone is so busy that finding a fitting time for meaningful family devotions is difficult. However, Christian families need to press on to excellence in this area. Can we afford to disregard the matter because timing is difficult?

How many times have we gone on "guilt trips" because of failure in the important area of family altar? Scores of sermons have reminded us of the "oughts," but few have stressed the "how." So, many of us have floundered along, sometimes succeeding and sometimes succumbing.

No doubt, for a period of time you followed a plan, and then disruptions came and the whole matter collapsed. This was followed by an earnest effort to revive the family altar. This is the process that goes on year after year in many homes. The problem is not a lack of desire, but a lack of design and determination.

During one of these low points in our family altar attempts, we were invited to the home of friends for an evening meal. What a family! They were dedicated Christians and closely knit to each other, in spite of the fact that there were two teenagers and a younger son about eight years old.

One reason for the family closeness and spiritual strength became apparent at the close of a scrumptious meal. Just as soon as the last bite of dessert disappeared, young Steve jumped up and asked, "Dad, can I get the book tonight?"

His father was a bit hesitant and responded

thoughtfully, "Well, Son, maybe we could wait this evening."

Disappointment filled Steve's face, as he climbed back into his chair.

"What book?" I immediately asked, sensing that something special was about to be skipped over.

"The Bible," Steve blurted out. "We always read the Bible and pray right after we eat supper," he continued.

"By all means get the Bible," I urged.

That was all he needed and he bounded out to bring in a large, worn Bible.

As his father, Paul, read from the Bible, we all sat silently soaking in the strength of the Word and a meaningful family altar. After the Scripture reading, all chairs were pushed back and we knelt to pray. And one after the other we all prayed. What a family altar!

Now, this did not dampen the spirit of the evening of fun and fellowship. In fact, it was raised to a new level.

I have often thanked God for that evening. It dawned upon me, at last, that there was a time when we could have an effective family altar. From that evening on, when supper—or dinner, which ever we call it—was over, we had family altar. That was the one time in the day when all four of us were together regularly. And there is no rule that states that the family altar must be the first or last event of the day.

Finding the right time is the main key to maintaining a family altar, and we had found the right time. Needless to say, this becomes a problem as children become teenagers. Their activities, added to the adult agenda, creates a hectic situation in the home. Often we are inclined to despair, but this matter is so important to the entire family that we must persevere in spite of pressures.

Family altar? When? When the entire family is together on a regular basis. For many, that could be at the close of the evening meal, just before everyone attacks the diverse activities of the evening. It worked for us. Maybe it would work for you. □

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access to Nazarene media, while asking my two-year-old son to accept martyrdom (or fugitive status) before he can go to Boys' and Girls' Camp, kneel at the altar in public, learn to read the *Herald*, go to a Nazarene college, or freely leave the United States to represent the Church of the Nazarene in World Missions.

Jonathan Meek
Bethany, Oklahoma

PRO STONE'S "REALISM"

Thank you for Bryan Stone's article, "Christian Realism." If "peace by strength" had been Christ's message, it is likely He would have gathered armies and weapons to establish His kingdom, rather than dying

in loving powerlessness on a Cross. We're so afraid of being "victims," seeking to be "safe," yet we are called to be "imitators of God . . . and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:1-2).

"Patriotism" is often just a way of saying, "I am better than you." I believe God will judge our nation on how we treated the poor, the oppressed, and our "enemies" (Matthew 25:31-46). The poor and hungry remain that way while we pour money into a mad arms race to make us "safe." Let's seek God's kingdom, not our own.

Charles West
Kansas City, Missouri

EDITORIAL APPRECIATED

The editorial by General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe, in the October 15, 1984 issue, was deeply appreciated. It is time for the church to take a stand against pornography and to do it in a public way. I'm thankful for the encouragement from our leaders and their involvement to fight pornography.

We also need to take a stronger stand against abortion. I would encourage our leaders to investigate this issue with the same fervency and then rally with other antiabortion groups to put a stop to 1½ million murders of innocent babies per year in America.

Keith E. Grove
Portsmouth, Ohio

"YOU'LL NEVER WIN THEM," BUT GOD CAN

by LARRY E. BLUM

YOU'LL NEVER WIN THEM; they're Mormons," I was told on at least two different occasions. We had just moved to Redway in early 1983, and I had commented that it would be neat to win a certain family to the Lord and the church, who lived just a couple blocks from the church. I did not know how many children lived behind that six-foot mesh fence, but I knew there were several, for every time I drove by I saw them playing in and around the yard. Yet, in both instances when I shared my dream I was told, "You'll never win them; they're Mormons."

Several months went by. Just before Thanksgiving, Carrie, a high school sophomore and the oldest of the children, came to the midweek service with my daughter Nikki. Following the service, as we were getting into the car, and as Carrie was walking across the parking lot, Nikki mentioned that Carrie didn't know where she was going to stay that night—she was forced to leave home. My wife, Sue, and I both said that if she didn't have a place to stay, she was welcome to stay with us.

Within a few weeks, and through a series of events, Carrie came to live with us as our foster daughter. Her father had died from cancer in August, and with five young brothers and a sister at home, it became necessary that Carrie be placed in another family's care. We did not know then how long she would be with us, nor

do we know for sure now. But we do know that God has begun working a miracle in her family.

Almost immediately upon coming to live with us, Carrie wanted to join the Church of the Nazarene. However, realizing that her desire might have been a result of emotional tension and stress, rather than spiritual renewal, I did not press the issue. I just counseled her and answered questions as they came up.

In January we began having family devotions at 5:30 a.m. in preparation for revival services. That perhaps is not the most conducive time to drag yourself from bed, if you have stayed up late. However, it did allow further opportunity for the Word to speak to Carrie.

Near the end of February, evangelist Luther Collins held revival services in our church. Following the service the first night, after talking with others, I stepped into my office and found Carrie crying her eyes out. An altar call had not been given, but the Holy Spirit spoke and Carrie met Jesus Christ personally for the first time. The next night she knelt at an altar of prayer and asked God to sanctify her wholly. On Easter she stood in front of the altar, and joined the Church of the Nazarene, tears of joy shining in her eyes.

During those revival services two of Carrie's brothers also knelt and asked Jesus into their hearts, and for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. All of her brothers and sisters have attended the church.

A year has passed since I first noticed those youngsters rambling in their front yard. In that time God has brought about the "impossible." Those who said, "You'll never win them" were correct in their theology. I cannot win them. But God, through the gentle working of the Holy Spirit, can. Who knows what God has in store for these precious young lives? Praise His name! □

LARRY E. BLUM pastors the Redway, California, Church of the Nazarene.

"By ALL MEANS... Save Some"

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES



The degree of doctor of education has been conferred by Boston University upon **Robert M. Hubbard**, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Business Administration at Eastern Nazarene College. Dr. Hubbard's dissertation, titled "Institutional Goals and Institutional Functioning of Selected Denominational and Non-Denominational Private Four-Year Liberal Arts Colleges," reported the results of an extensive survey of 140 colleges, and represents the largest individually conducted nationwide study of the administration of private colleges in America. The study will be made available to the Christian College Coalition, which, through the support of its president, John R. Dellenback, encouraged all coalition members to participate. In addition, the study will be incorporated into the data bank of the Educational Testing Services, Princeton, N.J.

Dr. Hubbard, at ENC since 1977, has an extensive background in developing and implementing organizational goals, including service to Rockwell International Corporation for over 16 years, resigning in 1975 as national director of sales and contracts; founding and managing a nationwide consulting service in the field of general aviation; pastoring the Portland, Maine, First Church for 2 years, concurrently serving as chaplain to Maine General Hospital and Osteopathic Hospital in Portland; and performing in a number of positions at ENC.

Dr. Hubbard is a member of Phi Delta Lambda, Delta Mu Delta, and Phi Lambda Theta honor societies. □

Randall C. Simmons is the 1984 recipient of the Northwest Nazarene College Alumni-Faculty Grant. The project for which the award was made is a Nazarene Biography Index. The grant will fund, in part, an index to biographical material in the *Herald of Holiness*, 1912-83, and will be available in early fall 1984. It is the first phase of a continuing project to index biographi-

cal material relevant to the study of the history of the Church of the Nazarene.

Simmons, an alumnus, is reference librarian at NNC. He is currently working toward a Ph.D. in library and information science at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. □



Brenda V. Valenzuela, 20, was unanimously elected by youth leaders of holiness churches in the Philippines to become the first president of the Holiness Youth Movement. This organization was formed to promote the Arminian-Wesleyan doctrine among the Filipino youth and to foster fellowship.

A senior journalism student at the University of the Philippines, Brenda is also the NYI president of Manila Central Church. In a holiness service where Dr. Don Owens, Asia regional director was speaker, Miss Valenzuela and the HYM Council were inducted into the office by Dr. Saturnino Garcia, general superintendent of The Wesleyan Church. The service was at-

tended by more than 300 people from the member bodies of the Holiness Association of the Philippines, namely: The Free Methodist Church, The Wesleyan Church, Church of the Nazarene, The Salvation Army, Church of God (Anderson), and the Overseas Missionary Society.

Organized only recently, the HYM already sponsored several activities such as a prayer rally marathon, the "IN LOVE" fellowship, and a leadership training. It is hoped that the movement will expand its program to include all Asia.

Brenda is the daughter of Metro-Manila District Superintendent and Mrs. Andres C. Valenzuela. A brother, Abner, is a full-time student of Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary in Manila, Philippines. □

After 13 years of teaching English at Trevecca Nazarene College, **Lois Blanchard Eades** retired this spring. She was granted emeritus status at the 1984 commencement ceremony.

A graduate of Olivet Nazarene College, she holds a master's degree from the University of Florida. A talented writer, she has had numerous poems, articles, short stories, and songs published.

Mrs. Eades was elected to membership in both Phi Delta Lambda and Phi Kappa Phi. She and her husband, Rev. James Eades, who also recently retired from the pastoral ministry, will continue to live in Dickson, Tenn. □

NAZARENE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES

The following couples have achieved certification after having served as a provisional leader couple for a minimum of one year. Each has demonstrated a deep commitment to sharing the gospel through their marriage, as the Lord Jesus Christ guides their relationship.

Nazarene leader couples believe that God has given them a deep spiritual love and close companionship to share with others. They are prepared to put it on "the lampstand, and it gives light to all..." (Matthew 5:15, NASB). □



Ron and Ann Attig
Colorado Springs, Colo.



Vern and Eunice Haller
Wichita, Kans.



Peter and Susan Heilemann
Danbury, Conn.



Bob and June Owens
Shreveport, La.



Kevin and Norma Young
Glendale, Ariz.



THE CHURCH AT WORK

1984 GENERAL STATISTICS

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

NOTE: World Mission data base changed: SS enrollment and attendance reported TOTALS ONLY. Finances reported CERTAIN TOTALS ONLY.

*Total includes 22 regional directors and staffs, 14 SA Communications and Media, 16 Africa Nazarene Theological College, and 2 in Kenya, 2 in Azores and 2 in Botswana.

	Africa 33	Asian 20	Canadian 5
DISTRICTS			
CHURCHES	729	434	149
MEMBERSHIP			
Full Members	25,655	27,457	9,945
Probationary Members	11,937	17,290	17
Total	37,592	44,747	9,962
MINISTERS			
Ordained	233	325	215
Licensed	289	194	60
Missionaries	187	82	
SUNDAY SCHOOL	685	344	144
Children—Enrollment			6,171
Average Weekly Attendance			3,785
Cradle Roll			277
Youth—Enrollment			2,586
Average Weekly Attendance			1,380
Adult—Enrollment			4,827
Average Weekly Attendance			3,011
Summary—Officers and Teachers			1,403
Home Department			154
Outreach Enrollment			400
Totals—Enrollment	88,091	40,802	15,418
Average SS Attendance	41,628	26,311	8,176
Average Outreach Attendance			284
Average Total Attendance	41,628	26,311	8,460
NYI SOCIETIES	547	273	117
Membership	16,009	6,946	3,241
NWMS SOCIETIES	602	283	131
Membership	26,342	12,620	7,164
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS	113	168	64
Membership	23,936	16,568	4,227
CLT CHURCHES	20	2	57
Credits	533	32	570
PROPERTY VALUES			
Local Churches			\$39,080,122
Local Parsonages			5,886,679
District Centers and Other			1,527,000
District Parsonages			352,200
Educational Institutions			
Nazarene Publishing House			
International Center			
Total			\$46,846,001
PROPERTY INDEBTEDNESS			
Church and Parsonage—Local			\$ 8,353,431
All District Property			266,052
Educational Institutions			
Total			\$ 8,619,483
CHURCH FINANCES (Paid)			
Local	\$1,108,337	\$4,332,020	\$ 6,682,188
District	85,422	45,001	533,091
Educational	95,397	10,854	264,720
General	142,672	22,376	864,717
Total	\$1,431,828	\$4,410,251	\$ 8,344,716
ANALYSIS OF TOTAL			
Paid by Church	\$1,431,828	\$4,410,251	\$ 7,711,995
Paid by Sunday School			249,373
Paid by NYI			38,275
Paid by NWMS			314,366
Supplemental			30,707
PER CAPITA			
Local	\$ 29.48	\$ 96.81	\$ 670.77
District	2.27	1.01	53.51
Educational	2.54	.24	26.57
General	3.80	.50	86.80
Total	\$ 38.09	\$ 98.56	\$ 837.65

Europe, Middle East 11	Mexico, C. Amer., Caribbean 37	South America 19	South Pacific 9	United States 76	General Church	Total 210	Gain 2
156	1,065	443	118	4,973		8,067	272
							(3.49%)
6,185	66,485	23,084	4,176	514,937		677,924	
555	35,603	5,049	339	1,083		71,873	
6,740	102,088	28,133	4,515	516,020		749,797	19,808 (2.71%)
137	422	175	54	8,439		10,000	374
67	461	247	55	2,566		3,939	16
34	85	77	86			609	
134	943	462	72	4,837		7,621	
3,102			880	247,620		257,773	
2,654			619	143,288		150,346	
503			80	10,307		11,167	
888			272	144,307		148,053	
715			185	70,840		73,120	
534			154	338,968		344,483	
420			149	195,384		198,964	
726			194	61,322		63,645	
255			91	10,463		10,963	
136			47	30,304		30,887	
8,431	118,526	44,960	5,198	812,987		1,134,413	5,957
5,582	76,596	31,531	6,223	409,512		605,559	455
75			36	23,701		24,096	
5,657	76,596	31,531	6,259	433,213		629,655	
97	757	284	60	4,099		6,234	
2,043	23,249	8,785	1,175	167,086		228,534	3,250
114	769	284	50	4,617		6,850	
4,016	37,211	12,963	1,763	387,908		489,987	22,477 (4.81%)
53	402	132	20	2,980		3,932	
3,463	36,788	10,707	772	256,628		353,089	-10,098
11	4	6	1	1,719		1,820	419
143	64	164	14	35,458		36,978	-353
\$13,142,174			\$2,201,244	\$1,452,704,026		\$1,507,127,566	
2,289,916			749,562	223,095,676		232,021,833	
				83,723,284		85,250,284	
				5,053,301		5,405,501	
					\$171,456,064	171,456,064	
					3,699,597	3,699,597	
					4,494,017	4,494,017	
\$15,432,090			\$2,950,806	\$1,764,576,287	\$179,649,678	\$2,009,454,862	
\$ 331,667			\$ 310,399	\$ 258,392,644		\$ 267,388,141	
				12,274,666		12,540,718	
					\$ 47,351,174	47,351,174	
\$ 331,667			\$ 310,399	\$ 270,667,310	\$ 47,351,174	\$ 327,280,033	
\$ 1,645,515	\$2,069,454	\$355,945	\$ 501,791	\$ 253,566,280		\$ 270,261,530	
113,477	205,226	32,038	78,620	16,843,388		17,936,263	
37,441	30,787	5,397	10,752	9,642,467		10,097,815	
129,187	154,654	29,769	57,628	34,423,955	1,341,310	37,166,268	
\$ 1,925,620	\$2,460,121	\$423,149	\$ 648,791	\$ 314,476,090	\$ 1,341,310	\$ 335,461,876	\$21,634,724 (6.89%)
\$ 1,795,229	\$2,460,121	\$423,149	\$ 590,648	\$ 277,643,355		\$ 296,466,576	
33,687			11,534	8,487,236		8,781,830	
17,092			10,798	1,649,596		1,715,761	
79,612			35,811	25,897,958		26,327,747	
				797,945	\$ 1,341,310	\$ 2,169,962	
\$ 244.14	\$ 20.27	\$ 12.65	\$ 111.14	\$ 491.39		\$ 360.44	
16.84	2.01	1.14	17.41	32.64		23.92	
5.55	.30	.19	2.38	18.69		13.47	
19.17	1.52	1.06	12.77	66.71		49.57	
\$ 285.70	\$ 24.10	\$ 15.04	\$ 143.70	\$ 609.43		\$ 447.40	



EVANGELIST'S SLATES

ARCHER, DREX: Reserved, Jan. 26-31
ARMSTRONGS, LEON, LINDA & FAMILY: Richmond, VA (Trinity), Jan. 6; Greensboro, NC (Jim Green Memorial), Jan. 18-20; Concerts in Georgia and Florida, Jan. 21-28; Greenfield, AL, Jan. 29—Feb. 3
BAGGETT, DALLAS: Reserved, Month of January
BAKER, JOHN D.: Concerts in Indiana, Jan. 1-13; Wheatland, IN (Wes.), Jan. 15-20; Booneville, IN, Jan. 23-27; Concerts in Ohio, Jan. 28-30
BALLARD, DON: Reserved, Month of January
BATERS, ROBIN: Doyiestown, OH, Jan. 18-20
BEARDEN, LES: Adel, GA (1st), Jan. 22-27; Moultrie, GA (1st), Jan. 29—Feb. 3
BLUE, DAVE & DANA: Clearwater, FL, Jan. 10-13; Pensacola, FL (NW Florida Indoor Camp), Jan. 16-20
BLYTHER, ELLIS: Lake Wales, FL, Jan. 2-6; Sanford, FL (Lake Mary), Jan. 8-13; Delray Beach, FL, Jan. 22-27
BOCK, DON: Caledonia, OH (CCCU), Jan. 8-13
BOND, GARY & BETH: New Castle, IN (Westside), Jan. 8-13; Houston, TX (1st), Jan. 15-20; Houston, TX (Spring Branch), Jan. 22-27; San Antonio, TX (Valley-Hi), Jan. 29—Feb. 3
BROWN, ROGER: Lutz, FL (Palms), Jan. 5-6; Clearwater, FL (1st), Jan. 9; Lakeland, FL (Lakeside), Jan. 20; Eustis, FL, Jan. 27—Feb. 3
BURKE, OWEN M.: Riverside, CA (1st), Jan. 13-20; Costa Mesa, CA (1st), Jan. 22-27
BURKHALTER, PAT: Blossom, TX (1st), Jan. 15-20; Nocona, TX (1st), Jan. 22-27
CARROLL, LARRY & ROBERTA: Ann Arbor, MI (1st), Jan. 6
CASTEEL, HOWARD: Glenwood, AR, Jan. 15-20; Clarence, MO, Jan. 29—Feb. 3
CAYTON, JOHN: Toledo, OH (Community), Jan. 2-6; Meaford, Ontario (Bethany), Jan. 8-13; Reserved, Jan. 15-20; Kissimmee, FL (1st), Jan. 22-27; Ocoee, FL, Jan. 29—Feb. 3
CLAY, M. E.: Hendersonville, NC, Jan. 22-27
COBB, BILL & TERRI: Tulsa, OK (Central), Jan. 8-13; Mobile, AL (Indoor Camp), Jan. 15-20; Conway, AR (1st), Jan. 23-27
COVINGTON, NATHAN: Pawhuska, OK, Jan. 18-20; Tahlequah, OK, Jan. 22-27; McAlester, OK, Jan. 29—Feb. 3
CREWS, H. F.: Pittsburg, TX, Jan. 11-13
DARNELL, H. E.: Union Dale, PA, Jan. 3-13; Cooperstown, PA, Jan. 17-27; Lum, MI, Jan. 28—Feb. 3
DENNIS, DARRELL, BETTY, BETH & DWIGHT: Tice, FL, Jan. 15-20; Punta Gorda, FL, Jan. 22-27
DENNISON, MARVIN: Reserved, Month of January
DIXON, GEORGE & CHARLOTTE: Gospel Concerts on North American Indian Dist., Month of January
DOROUGH, JIM & CAROL: Reserved, Jan. 1-6; Hope, AR (1st), Jan. 8-13; Many, LA, Jan. 15-20; Hooker, OK (1st), Jan. 22-27; Emporia, KS, Jan. 29—Feb. 3
DUNMIRE, RALPH & JOANN: Bryan, OH (Defiance Zone Camp), Jan. 15-20; Hendersonville, NC (1st), Jan. 22-27
DUTTON, BARRY & TAVIA: Concert Tour in Maine and Canada, Jan. 2-27; Truro, Nova Scotia (Wes.), Jan. 29—Feb. 3
ERICKSON, A. WILLIAM: North Vernon, IN, Jan. 2-6; Centerville, IN (Rushville), Jan. 7-13; Goodlettsville, TN, Jan. 30—Feb. 3
ESSELBURN, BUD—THE KING'S MESSENGERS: Mangum, OK, Jan. 22-27
FADER, WES & MARY: Kinston, NC (Free Will Baptist), Jan. 26-27
FILES, DOROTHY & GLORIA ADAMS: Arcadia, FL (1st), Jan. 8-13
FISHER, C. WILLIAM: Kailua-Kona, HI, Jan. 8-13; Hilo, HI, Jan. 15-20; Kahului, HI, Jan. 22-27; Hanapepe, HI, Jan. 29—Feb. 3
FRANK, RICHARD A.: Reserved, Month of January
GRAY, BOB & BECKY: Newark, OH (1st), Jan. 3-6; Lancaster, CA (Antelope Valley Indoor Camp), Jan. 9-13; Oklahoma City, OK (1st), Jan. 15-20; Colorado Springs, CO (1st), Jan. 22-27; Reserved, Jan. 28—Feb. 3
GREEN, JAMES & ROSEMARY: Sublette, KS, Jan. 27-30
GRINDLEY, GERALD & JANICE: Hernando, FL, Jan. 8-13; Ocoee, FL, Jan. 29—Feb. 3
GROVES, C. WILLIAM: Reserved, Jan. 1-6
HAINES, GARY: Los Angeles, CA (Highland Park), Jan. 5-9; Long Beach, CA (Bixby North), Jan. 10-13; Austin, TX (South), Jan. 20-27
HANCE, RAY: Newton, KS (1st), Jan. 6; Lawton, OK (Lawton Heights), Jan. 29—Feb. 3

•**HANCOCK, BOYD:** Reserved, Month of January
HAYNES, CHARLES & MYRT: Chattanooga, TN (East Ridge), Jan. 22-27
HECKATHORNE, JIM: Reserved, Jan. 1-6
HIGGINS, CHARLES: San Bernardino, CA (1st), Jan. 6-13; Flagstaff, AZ (1st), Jan. 20-24; Phoenix, AZ (Orangewood), Jan. 27-30
HOWARD, DICK: Reserved, Month of January
IDE, CHARLES: Orlando, FL (Christian Life World), Month of January
JACKSON, PAUL & TRISH: Reserved, Jan. 1-7; Concerts in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida, Jan. 8-31
JANTZ, CALVIN & MARJORIE: Reserved, Month of January
JOHNSON, RON: Concert Tour in British Columbia, Jan. 3-6; Concerts in Washington, Jan. 8-10; Cle Elum, WA, Jan. 11-13; Concerts in Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Montana, Jan. 18-30
JONES, TERRY: Lawton, OK (1st), Jan. 13-16; Tillamook, OR (1st), Jan. 27—Feb. 3
JUSTICE, MEL & DONNA: Fairborn, OH (Wrightview), Month of January
KEENA, EARL: Reserved, Jan. 1-3
KNIGHT, JOHN L.: Port Arthur, TX (1st), Jan. 2-6; Baytown, TX (1st), Jan. 8-13; Fort Worth, TX (Haltom City), Jan. 22-27; Warner Robins, GA (1st), Jan. 31—Feb. 10
KRATZER, RAYMOND: Glendale, AZ (1st), Jan. 12-18
LASSELL, RAY: Brooksville, FL, Jan. 8-13; Satellite Beach, FL (Wes.), Jan. 15-20; Gainesville, FL (Trinity), Jan. 22-27; Moultrie, GA, Jan. 29—Feb. 3
LAWSON, WAYNE: Cle Elum, WA, Jan. 8-13; Royal City, WA, Jan. 15-20; Grandview, WA, Jan. 22-27; Woodland, WA, Jan. 29—Feb. 3
LECKRONE, LARRY: Gainesville, FL (1st), Jan. 15-20
LECRONE, JON & BETH: Demming, NM (1st), Jan. 1-6; Holbrook, AZ (1st), Jan. 10-13; Kingman, AZ (1st), Jan. 15-20; Apache Junction, AZ, Jan. 22-27; El Paso, TX (Valley), Jan. 29—Feb. 3
LEIDY, ARNOLD: Gallup, NM, Jan. 29—Feb. 3
LESTER, FRED R.: Eldon, MO, Jan. 15-20
LIDDELL, P. L.: Butler, NJ, Jan. 6-13; Medina, OH, Jan. 15-20
LOETSCHER, O'NEAL & LINDA: Tichnor, AR (Nady), Jan. 29—Feb. 3
MANER, ROBERT: Savannah, GA (1st), Jan. 8-13; Barnesville, GA, Jan. 15-20; Albertsville, AL, Jan. 22-27
MANLEY, STEPHEN: Newark, OH (1st), Jan. 3-6; Lancaster, CA (Antelope Valley Indoor Camp), Jan. 9-13; Oklahoma City, OK (1st), Jan. 15-20; Colorado Springs, CO (1st), Jan. 22-27; Busingen, West Germany (Evang. Conf.), Jan. 28—Feb. 1
McFERRIN, RICK & LANETTE: Muncie, IN (Southside), Jan. 27; Columbus, GA (1st), Jan. 30—Feb. 3
McQUEEN, A. W.: Reserved, Jan. 1-15
MILLER, PAULINE: Reserved, Jan. 1-6
MILLER, WALLY & CARROLL: Casa Grande, AZ, Jan. 22-27
MILLHUFF, CHUCK: San Antonio, TX (1st), Jan. 9-13; South Kent, WA (Seacoma Comm Baptist), Jan. 30—Feb. 3
MOORE, NORMAN: Tour of Israel (Southern California Ministers'

Tour), Dec. 31—Jan. 8; Sacramento, CA (Elk Grove), Jan. 11 & 13 (a.m.); Sacramento, CA (Trinity), Jan. 12-13 (p.m.); Naples, FL, Jan. 16-20
MOSS, UDELL: McAllen, TX (1st), Jan. 2-6; Corpus Christi, TX (Arlington Heights), Jan. 8-13; Corpus Christi, TX (Flour Bluff), Jan. 15-20; Odessa, TX (1st), Jan. 22-27; Houston, TX (Broadway), Jan. 29—Feb. 3
MUNCIE, ROBERT & JANE: Clay City, IN (Union Chapel), Jan. 4-6; New Castle, IN (Indoor Camp), Jan. 8-13; Richmond, IN (St Paul), Jan. 15-20; Brownstown, IN, Jan. 24-27
NEFF, LARRY & PAT: Kissimmee, FL (1st), Jan. 1-6
OVERTON, WILLIAM: Oklahoma City, OK (North American Indian Crusade), Month of January
PERDUE, NELSON: Lakeview, OH, Jan. 11-13; Gahanna, OH, Jan. 15-20; Powhatan Point, OH, Jan. 22-27; Manetta, GA, Jan. 30—Feb. 3
PFEIFER, DON: Reserved, Jan. 4-6; St. Petersburg, FL (1st), Jan. 8-13; Kenneth City, FL, Jan. 15-20; Logan, WV, Jan. 25-27
QUALLS, PAUL: South Daytona, FL (Southside), Jan. 15-20
READER, GEORGE H. D.: Reserved, Month of January
RICHARDS, LARRY & PHYLLIS: College Corner, OH, Jan. 6; New Castle, IN (Wesleyan Indoor Camp), Jan. 7-13
ROBINSON, TED: Chandler, OK, Jan. 8-20; Grapevine, TX, Jan. 22-27
SMITH, DUANE: Bellevue, FL, Jan. 5-13; Perry, FL, Jan. 17; Trout, LA, Jan. 22-27; LaMarque, TX (Gulf Freeway), Jan. 29—Feb. 3
SMITH, OTTIS & MARGUERITE: Reserved, Month of January
STEVENSON, GEORGE: Kissimmee, FL (1st), Jan. 1-6; Hernando, FL, Jan. 8-13; South Daytona, FL (South), Jan. 15-20; Holly Hill, FL (Free Meth), Jan. 22-27; Clearwater, FL (1st), Jan. 29—Feb. 3
TAYLOR, CLIFF: Spokane, WA (Lutheran School), Jan. 9; Spokane, WA (Valley Christian School), Jan. 12
TAYLOR, DAVID & NORMA: Tampa, FL (Town & Country), Jan. 20
TAYLOR, ROBERT: Zephyrhills, FL, Jan. 6-13; Reserved, Jan. 15-27; Orlando, FL (Colonia), Jan. 29—Feb. 4
TRIPP, HOWARD: Belize, Central America, and Mexico, Month of January
VARCE, PAUL: Reserved, Jan. 1-7
VARIAN, WILLIAM: Lake Havasu City, AZ (Wesley Chapel), Jan. 8-13; Tucson, AZ (Central), Jan. 15-20; Costa Mesa, CA, Jan. 22-27; Placentia, CA, Jan. 29—Feb. 3
WATKINS, FRANK: Fillmore, CA, Jan. 20-27
WATSON, LOY: Reserved, Month of January
WELCH, DARLENE: Tipp City, OH (Ladies' Retreat), Jan. 18-19
WELLS, LINARD: Brownwood, TX (Bluffview), Jan. 15-20; Houston, MS (Pearson Chapel), Jan. 29—Feb. 3
WHITWORTH, MARCUS & DONNA: Des Moines, IA (1st), Jan. 8-13
WILCOX, WALTER: Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Jan. 15-20
WILLIAMS, E. VERBAL: Tampa, FL (Calvary), Jan. 6-13
WISEHART, LENNY & JOY: Reserved, Jan. 7-11; Memphis, TN (Grace), Jan. 15-20; St. Augustine, FL (NE Zone Camp), Jan. 23-27; Revivals in Republic of South Africa, Jan. 28—Feb. 27
WOODWARD, S. OREN & FAYE: Central Florida District Home Missions Work, Month of January
 ♦designates retired elders

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The list of winners will continue in future issues.



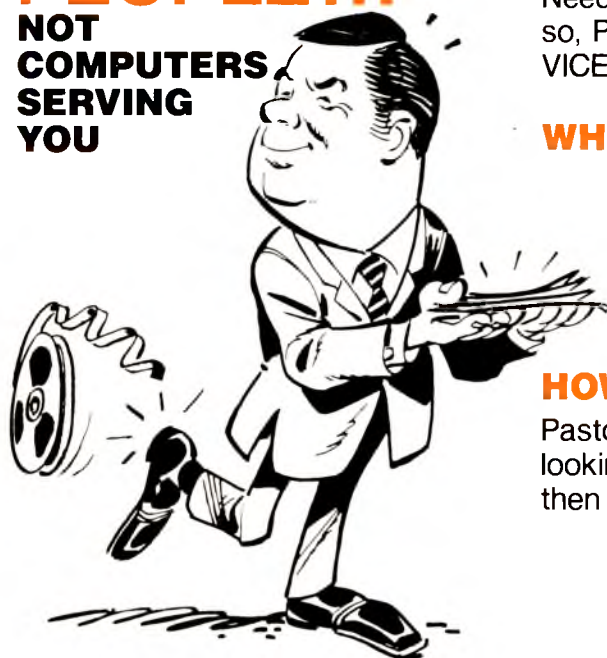
Harold McClain was converted in July 1932 at the Amarillo, Tex., San Jacinto Church, during a revival with the late Rev. Joe Tyson. The pastor was Rev. S. R. Brannon. He was called to preach and was ordained in 1935 by Dr. J. W. Goodwin at Plainview, Tex. During his 40 years of pastoring, he pastored on the West Texas, San Antonio, New Mexico, New York, and North Arkansas districts. He pastored 18 churches before retiring from the Cleburne, Tex., church in 1979. He remains active, holding children's crusades and being assistant to Pastor Dan Wright at Cleburne First Church. Rev. McClain has attended Sunday School and morning worship since the day he was converted, 52 years ago—2,704 Sundays. Pictured (l. to r.) are Mrs. McClain, Rev. McClain with his attendance pin, and Pastor Dan Wright.

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The Western Latin American District led all districts this year with 110.78 percent. The Hawaii Pacific District has paid in full or overpaid their Pensions and Benefits Fund amount for 17 consecutive years! The Alaska District has paid at least 100 percent for 9 straight years.

There were eight districts that achieved status as a "95 Percent District." They are East Tennessee, Nebraska, New England, New Mexico, Northeastern Indiana, Southern California, and Southwest Oklahoma.

A total of 72 districts out of the 81 United States and Canadian districts participating last year paid 90 percent or more of their assembly year fund amount.

The denominational average for payment of the Pensions and Benefits Fund during the 1983-84 assembly year was 91.82 percent. *This was the highest denominational average since the 1979-80 year!* The districts of the United States paid an average of 91.81 percent and the districts of Canada paid an average of 92.09 percent.

Full payment of the Pensions and

Benefits Fund is vital since it currently provides a monthly pension for over 2,500 ministers and widows of ministers. Nearly one-third of a million dollars is mailed out *each month* to those qualifying for a monthly pension. Approximately 11,000 ministers are expecting a pension in future years and are depending upon the Pensions and Benefits Fund.

Since the fund receives no allocation from General Budget monies, Dr. Dean

Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions, reports that full payment of the fund by each church on every district is extremely important to the maintenance of the "Basic" Pension Program for retired ministers and widows of ministers. Although reserve funds are growing, they are not yet sufficient to meet the needs of the many years of service credit earned by ministers prior to the beginning of the "Basic" Pension Program in 1971. ☐



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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS RELEASED

The Division of Christian Life and Sunday School has compiled the 1983-84 statistics for Sunday School denomination-wide (U.S., Canada, and all world regions). They are as follows:

TOP 25 DISTRICTS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (UNDER-ROOF)

Guatemala Northeast	14,369
Southern California	10,971
Oregon Pacific	9,863
Peru North	9,847
Central Ohio	9,389
Colorado	9,066
Southwestern Ohio	9,017
Northeastern Indiana	8,980
Michigan	8,912
Los Angeles	8,542
Illinois	8,462
North Central Ohio	8,423
Kansas City	8,362
Southwest Indiana	8,251
Indianapolis	8,095
Haiti North Central	7,993
Eastern Michigan	7,971
Washington Pacific	7,863
Bolivia La Paz	7,718
Kansas	7,697
Swaziland North	7,605
Akron	7,473
Korea Central	7,336
Tennessee	7,257
Central Florida	7,223

26 LARGEST SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE (UNDER-ROOF)

Bethany First (Okla.)	1,689
Denver First (Colo.)	1,624
Salem First (Oreg.)	1,366
Pasadena First (Calif.)	1,318
Olathe College (Kans.)	1,291
San Juan Chamelco (Guyana)	1,230
Steenburg (South Africa)	1,098
Long Beach First (Calif.)	1,030
Cochan (Peru)	960
Nashville First (Tenn.)	870
Nampa First (Idaho)	834
Wichita First (Kans.)	831
Bonteheuvel (South Africa)	800
Merebank (South Africa)	748
Mount Vernon First (Ohio)	719
Chobal (Guyana)	676
Nampa College (Idaho)	675
El Estor, Izabel Iera (Guyana)	669
Oskaloosa (Iowa)	661
Park-wood (South Africa)	660
San Miguel (Guyana)	650
Bel-Air (Haiti)	650
Richmond Southside (Va.)	619
Portland First (Oreg.)	613
Chatsworth (South Africa)	600
New Orleans (South Africa)	600

DEADLINE FOR ISSUING W-2 FORMS TO CHURCH EMPLOYEES

According to current tax procedures, every local church in the United States should issue a Form W-2 to each of its employees no later than January 31, 1985. This W-2 should report wages earned by the employee during 1984.

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

Each local church treasurer should carefully follow the IRS guidelines. Additional information on how this applies to Nazarene churches is available upon request from Pensions and Benefits Services, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. When requesting information, please ask for Memos on Church Management Nos. 3, 6, and 7. □

FOR THE RECORD

MOVING MINISTERS

BILLY W. APPLE from Oberlin, Kans., to Mountain View, Mo.
JOE D. ATKINSON from Erie, Kans., to Hollis, Okla.
ROBERT A. BARNES from O'Leary (P.E.I., Canada) to Franklin Centre (Que., Canada)
JERRY L. BORON from Hebron, Ohio, to Clay, W.Va.
CHARLES F. BRIGHTUP from Yuba City, Calif., to Escondido (Calif.) First
DAVID B. CRARY from associate, Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Oakland, to Grove City, Pa.
WILLIAM M. HENDLEY to Jackson (Miss.) Northside
JOHN L. HICKMAN from Camden, Ark., to Bethlehem (Miss., Miss.)
E. LEE HOLDER to Winnipeg (Man., Canada) Fort Garry
WILLIAM O. HULL from Hot Springs (Ark.) Lockhaven to Cleveland (Miss.) First
RICHARD C. HUMPHREY from student, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, Colo., to Hebron, Ohio
LLOYD B. JOHNSON to Parkesburg (W.Va.) Martown
JAMES B. KITTLE from Syracuse, Ohio, to Zanesville (Ohio) Northside
DAVID LAPIERRE from Norway, Maine, to East Millinocket, Maine
IVAN E. LATHROP from Canaan Hill (Lawson, Mo.) to Montreal (Que., Canada) First
JOHN C. LETTERMAN from associate, Jackson (Miss.) Grace, to Philadelphia, Miss.
HAROLD M. LINER from Columbia (S.C.) Grace to Charleston (S.C.) Dorchester Road
WILLIAM G. MAY from associate, Fostoria (Ohio) First, to associate, Pittsburgh (Pa.) South Hills
JAMES H. NORCROSS from Keizer, Oreg., to evangelism
PAUL M. PHIPPS from Mitchell, Ind., to Columbus (Ind.) First
T. P. PHIPPS to Tupelo, Miss.
GARY F. POWELL from Oklahoma City First to Burlington (N.C.) First

The General Superintendents of the Church of the Nazarene 1908-1985



As part of the 75th anniversary, lithographed charcoal drawings have been prepared of the church's general superintendents from Dr. Bresee to our present board. Brief, pertinent biographical information accompanies each picture.

These were mailed to all pastors during the anniversary year and also to the 5,000 people who toured the Nazarene Publishing House during the last General Assembly and requested a set of pictures when they were available.

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FRANKLIN A. VISSER from Manzanola, Colo., to Flushing, Mich.
RICHARD E. WISE from Ebensburg, Pa., to associate, Pittsburgh (Pa.) South Hills
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Pictured (l. to r.) at the West Virginia North district assembly are ordinands and wives: Rev. and Mrs. F. L. McQuain, Rev. and Mrs. James E. Nash, Rev. and Mrs. Doyle N. Rider, Rev. and Mrs. Gregory S. Hostutler, Rev. and Mrs. John J. Briles, Rev. and Mrs. W. Michael Byus, and Rev. and Mrs. Thomas J. Govin.



Shown at the 76th annual assembly of the Kentucky District (l. to r.) are Rev. Aleck G. Ulmet, district superintendent; ordinands Rev. and Mrs. Zora Petitt, Rev. and Mrs. William Covey, Rev. and Mrs. Tim Barber, and Rev. and Mrs. James Roberts; and Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent.


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VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

MRS. W. E. (ELVA) COMSTOCK, 75, Oct. 4, Dalhart, Tex. Survivors: daughters Mrs. Wayland (Earlene) Mastin, Mrs. Duane (Joy Lou) Puckett, Mrs. Bill (Colleen) Bonds; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four brothers; and one sister.

AUGUSTA GUY, Aug. 24, Tulsa, Okla. Interment: Bethany, Okla. Survivors: son Alpha; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

REV. HUGH W. HILL, 75, Nov. 1, Barnesville, Ga. Survivors: wife Margaret Ivey Hill; sons Howard and Jim; daughter Mrs. Sara Mellard; three sisters; and one brother. Ministry: South Carolina, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Georgia.

REV. DAVID F. KRICK, 71, Oct. 27, Indianapolis, Ind. Survivors: wife Lottie; daughters Marilyn Millspaugh and Nila Patterson; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his mother. Ministry: Southwest Indiana, Southeast Oklahoma, Northwest, Kentucky, and Indianapolis.

REV. MARION LEVINER, 63, Oct. 29, Cynthia, Ky. Survivors: wife Ruth Huff Leviner; daughters Sue Collins and Paulette Thomas; sons Harry, Harold, John, and Danny; stepdaughter Mary Ruth Chafin; stepsons Jerry Huff and Thad Lee Huff; and 19 grandchildren. Ministry: South Carolina, Tennessee, and Eastern Kentucky.

RAYMOND WEAVER MELVIN, 72, Oct. 28, Okmulgee, Okla. Interment: Beggs, Okla. Survivors: wife Fannie; three daughters; four grandchildren; five brothers; two sisters; and his mother.

RALPH D. MIDDLETON, 72, Nov. 7, Pasadena, Calif. Survivors: wife Mildred; daughters Mrs. Douglas (Shirley) Schmidt and Mrs. Howard (Sharon) Albertson; and six grandchildren. Ministry: song evangelism.

MRS. WANDA L. NICKELS, 50, Oct. 24, Fairbanks, Alaska. Survivors: husband Rev. Roy Nickels; son Bradley G.; daughters Rebecca Sue Shuey and Ruth Ann Nickels; her parents; two grandchildren; and one sister.

REV. JAMES PETTIGREW, Nov. 8, DeQueen, Ark. Survivors: wife Lucy; sons Rev. Gary and James III; and seven grandchildren. Ministry: New Mexico District.

LOTTIE F. SWANN SIMMONS, 76, Sept. 17, Columbus, Ohio. Survivors: husband Dr. Miles A. III; sons Miles A. IV and Rev. Robert C.; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; two brothers; and one sister.

GUS TURBYFILL, 91, Oct. 20, Pryor, Okla. Survivors: son James; daughters Fannie Franks, Freeda Collins, Lois Bevan, and Marie Evans; 16 grand-

NEWS OF RELIGION

LANGUAGE USED BY JESUS FADING FROM USE IN JERUSALEM. Aramaic, the language thought to have been spoken by Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago, is fading from use in Jerusalem. The Aramaic language is used by the Syrian Orthodox Christians, but this community is dwindling. In 1948, when the new state of Israel was created, there were about 2,000 such families in Jerusalem. Today Jerusalem's Syrian Orthodox community numbers about 100 families, about 350 people.

A major contributing factor to the decline of Aramaic use is the lack of a Syrian Orthodox school. When the new nation of Israel was formed, the existing school was in the Jewish sector of Jerusalem. Most Syrian Orthodox families fled to Jordanian-ruled East Jerusalem. A school was opened there to teach children to read and write Aramaic as well as Arabic and English, but that was closed in 1967 when Israel captured the West Bank of the Jordan river.

Efforts are underway once again to establish an Aramaic school, but this may not be financially possible for the tiny Syrian Orthodox community.

The Aramaic language is related to both Hebrew, which preceded it, and Arabic, which followed it. It was the language of the Jews at the time of Christ. The Gospels of Matthew and Mark record Christ's last words in Aramaic: "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" meaning, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"

The Syrian Orthodox church claims that its history can be traced back to Jesus' brother James. Church tradition says that their Jerusalem church was destroyed by Romans in A.D. 70 and rebuilt in A.D. 72 on the site of Christ and the disciples' Last Supper. □

INTEREST IN OCCULT GROWING. Britain is experiencing the biggest explosion of interest in the occult in a century, according to Marian Green, a writer on the occult. People are turning to witchcraft, astrology, and magic, apparently in response to current social problems.

"It is the biggest occult explosion in Britain since the 1880s," said Green. Readership of *Prediction* magazine has reached about 20,000, she said, and a recent occult festival drew 5,000 people. All major British occult publications and festivals started in the last six years, according to Green.

A founder of a "psychic center" in north London said people are using magical spells to gain control of a world that threatens them. The clients of the center's astrologers, futurologists, and palm and tarot card readers are looking for stock exchange predictions, employment, low-cost housing, and an end to the nuclear arms race.

Some antinuclear activists have used magic rituals in their antinuclear protests. A practicing "witch" in London also linked witchcraft with the women's liberation movement, saying that witchcraft is a "female thing," and that the increased interest in witchcraft is part of women "trying to regain their power."

Occult interest is also on the rise in Dallas, where occult stores report increased interest in occult candles, voodoo dolls, and in requests for "psychic readings." □


STUDY FINDS FETAL NERVOUS SYSTEMS MORE COMPLEX THAN BELIEVED. Scientists studying prenatal development in humans and animals say parts of fetal nervous systems are more mature than had been supposed, but they are hesitant to apply that knowledge to the abortion controversy.

Yale University researchers Dr. Gordon M. Shepherd and Patricia E. Pedersen, and Stanford University neurobiologist Carla Shatz said they have found early development of nervous system components, and said that "a considerable degree" of the nervous system develops while the fetus is still inside the womb, and that the central nervous system is "more mature at birth than heretofore supposed."

"The ability to judge to what extent an embryo is humanlike is completely beyond our ability to measure scientifically," Shepherd said. □

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LEWIS VOIGT, 91, Nov. 5, Fort Dodge, Kans. Survivors: wife Lela; daughter Virginia Sauer; son Carroll; five grandchildren.

MRS. VICKIE J. YOUNG, 27, Nov. 6, Boonville, Ind. Survivors: husband Steve, daughter Cortney; parents; one brother; one grandmother

BIRTHS

to TIM AND NANCY (TAYLOR) BAILEY, Meridian, Idaho, a girl, Kayla Renè, Feb. 7

to ROBERT AND FRED (SHEPHERD) COLLIER, Bassett, Va., a girl, Shannon Nicole, Nov. 6

to DR. MARK A. AND ROXIE ANN (NASH) HAMILTON, Dallas, Tex., a girl, Cortney Suzanne, Oct. 2

to REV. KENDALL AND ALECTA (WILLIAMS) HOLDER, Valley Center, Kans., a boy, Vance Aaron, Oct. 26

to REV. RICK AND SUSAN (WADDINGTON) HUTCHISON, Shattuck, Okla., a boy, Brandon David, Nov. 11

to DAVID AND SHELBY (BOLT) HYLTON, Fieldale, Va., a girl, Jessica Dawn, Sept. 4

to BARRY AND BRENDA (RICE) MEYERS, Bartlesville, Okla., a boy, Griffin Paul, Nov. 8

to REV. KEVIN AND GWEN (GUILLLOT) RODGERS, Plano, Tex., a girl, Stephanie Leigh, Nov. 10

to LEE AND BRENDA (WATSON) SKIDMORE, Medina, Ohio, a girl, Rachelle Lynn, Oct. 8

to KENNETH AND CHRISTEL (BURNS) STOKELY, Kilgore, Tex., a girl, Lisa DeAnn, Sept. 17

to JOHN AND KRISTA (HICKE) SUMMERFORD, Harrisburg, Ill., a girl, Sharon Lynea, Nov. 16

to PETER AND BARBARA WHITBY, Swaziland, a boy, Peter Lionel, Nov. 7

to REV. DAN AND GLORIA WHITE, Shawnee, Kans., a boy, Jonathan Mark, Aug. 15

to FRANK AND DEBBIE (BURNS) WIEDMER, Troy, Kans., a boy, Brian Todd, Aug. 17

to PATRICK AND JUDY (HEWITT) WOIDKE, Oklahoma City, Okla., a boy, Jeffrey Scott, Oct. 16

to REV. GRADY AND CAROLEE (BLADES) ZICKEFOOSE, Colfax, Wash., a boy, Caleb Lewis, Oct. 5

MARRIAGES

VONDA INMAN and JEFFREY HYLTON at Bassett, Va., Nov. 23

ANNIVERSARIES

REV. AND MRS. E. H. SANDERS of Sapulpa,

Okla., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary November 11. A reception was given in their honor at the Sapulpa church and was attended by friends and relatives.

The Sanders have two sons, Rev. Hiram Sanders of St. Louis, superintendent of the Missouri District, and James Sanders of El Paso, Tex. They have five granddaughters and two great-grandsons. Rev. Sanders has pastored churches in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. He served over eight years as superintendent of the Northeast Oklahoma District.

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THE ANSWER

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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.

In 1 Timothy 2:9-10, the King James Version leaves the impression that the adornments mentioned in verse 9 were unbecoming a woman to whom good works were ascribed and who professed godliness. However, most versions leave the impression that no such an idea was intended. Instead, they leave the impression that a woman is to be attractive through her good deeds rather than merely attempting to be attractive outwardly. My question is: Why the change of interpretation? Was the change based upon the fact that since 1 Peter 3:3-5 evidently had this meaning, this was probably the meaning Paul meant to convey? Or, did newly discovered manuscripts shed new light on what was probably the originally intended meaning? If so, how strong is the evidence supporting each of the two interpretations?

Since I believe in giving God the benefit of the doubt, I have carefully adhered to the King James interpretation for my own life, but carefully avoided criticism of those who don't. God has done far too much for us for me to risk doing anything but that with which He would be most pleased.

I examined all the English versions standing on my desk—the RSV, NASB, NIV, NEB, and TEV—and I cannot discern any difference in the impression conveyed by them from that conveyed by the KJV.

All use the phrase “not with,” and the adversative conjunction “but.” Where KJV reads “becometh” the others read “befit,” or “proper,” or “appropriate.” The same sense is conveyed in every case.

The question is whether or not Paul's words “not with” should be understood as total prohibition

of coiffures and jewelry. The commentaries based on the KJV, and I have glanced at some going back to the 18th century, do not usually interpret the words absolutely, partly because they understand Paul to be concerned with modesty, and some women can be, and have been, proud of their drab appearance. Be that as it may, more women offend by overdressing than by undue plainness.

I think you have adopted a wise position—to keep your own conscience healthy without passing judgment on those who do not agree. What all do agree on here—at least all I've had opportunity to read after, is that Paul enjoins modesty, decency, and simplicity, and opposes vanity and ostentatiousness. Nor should “good works” be overlooked. Some who are careful to observe the “dress code” here are not zealous for service to other's needs.

These principles of modesty, decency, simplicity, and humility, together with the injunction to do good works, applies equally to men. □

It is becoming increasingly uncomfortable for our family to attend the church we love. Everyone is selling something! Laundry soap, plastic containers, perfume, spices, dishes, Christmas decorations, candles, vitamins, and insurance. Even the children are in on the selling with magazine subscriptions, raffle tickets, and candy bars. What makes it worse is many of these people can't take no for an answer. While we aren't opposed to people earning a living (we all have to), must they sell at church and expect their brothers and sisters in Christ to support them financially? Please comment.

The situation you have described sounds like a sad abuse of privilege. We should be careful not to alienate people by invading the church with personal business. No one is obliged to buy anything just because the seller is a member of the same church.

I think, without being unspiritual or unkind, I could speak a no that a pushy salesperson would take for an answer. □

THE CHURCH SCENE

Pastor Apolinar Segura, of the Bridgeport, Conn., Iglesia del Nazareno, reports the church received a "double touch of love" from the Southwestern Ohio District.

The first touch was a group of 16 teens and 2 adults led by Rev. Daniel McCollum of the Hillsboro church. This group helped the church conduct the best VBS it has had in years. The sessions averaged 80 in attendance, and the impact of these teens in the community was tremendous.

The "second touch of love" came with the visit of Dr. Harold B. Graves, district superintendent, accompanied by a Work and Witness team. They stayed for a whole week during the month of September. This group, supervised by Mr. Don McNally, mission director, installed a new heating system, reconstructed the church roof, and completely painted the exterior of the church. They also did some much-needed carpenter work. □

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The Mount Carmel, Ill., church celebrated its 50th anniversary August 19. District Superintendent John J. Hancock brought the morning message. After the service there was a carry-in dinner. Special recognition was given to four charter members by Rev. E. L. Latham, first pastor, and by former pastor Rev. Lloyd Simpson. Those honored were: Susie Sayge, Mrs. Marie Seitz, and Mrs. Emma Renner of Mount Carmel, and Mrs. Lillie Lynch, Carpentersville, Ill. Pictured (back row, l. to r.) are Rev. Lloyd Simpson, Rev. E. L. Latham, District Superintendent John J. Hancock, and Pastor Jesse D. Klingaman; (front row) former pastors, Rev. Paul White and Rev. Walter Johnson.



Rev. Herman Rouse, pastor of the Alhambra, Calif., First Church, and the SAM group inspect the 1984 Dodge Maxivan given the church by Nina DiBlasi in memory of her late husband, Carmelo DiBlasi. The van will be used "IN THE LORD'S SERVICE," as the plaque on the dash reads, and that will be done serving the three congregations of English, Spanish, and Chinese. Pictured (l. to r.) are Ann Brown, who brought Nina and her husband to the Lord; Rev. Herman E. Rouse, senior pastor; and Nina DiBlasi.



Pictured (l. to r.) are President Jerry D. Lambert of NBC and Dr. Raymond W. Hurn.

RAYMOND HURN TO NEW CAREER

Dr. Raymond W. Hurn announced December 10, plans for a new career as a church growth consultant and teacher. He will leave his present position as director of Church Extension Ministries to accept a teaching and consulting position at Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, effective August 1, 1985. President Jerry D. Lambert announces a unanimous vote of the Bible college board in electing Dr. Hurn to this new position. Dr. Hurn will design courses and teach in the areas of evangelism, church growth, and church planting. He will also develop a new consulting service to graduates of NBC who enter church planting assignments.

Dr. Jerry Lambert and Rev. Bill Sullivan, director of church growth, have jointly announced that Dr. Hurn will continue a relationship to the Division of Church Growth during 1985-86. In this capacity he will serve as a consultant in church growth curriculum development for colleges and seminary. He will write a textbook on church growth principles for the Ministerial Course of Study and assist the division with training of persons to launch new works in proposed pioneer areas.

This new assignment caps a long and distinguished career. For 17 years, Dr. Hurn will have served the Church of the Nazarene as director of Church Extension Ministries in Kansas City. Under his leadership, a 30-year decline in church planting in the Church of the Nazarene has been reversed in the U.S.A. and Canada. 1983 was the best in 25 years in new churches organized. The new fully organized churches of the last 4 years more than equal new church productions of the previous 10 years.

Dr. Hurn brought the denomination into the forefront of the church growth movement through training programs for district superintendents, district boards, scholars, and local churches.

Nazarene scholars have been involved in developing church planting and church growth curriculum under Hurn's sponsorship. A series of four films were produced jointly with the Institute of American Church Growth.

He is rated by many as "number one among denominational executives" in his understanding of church growth principles and his ability to implement them on a denominational level. In November 1980, he was honored for "outstanding executive leadership in church growth" by the American Institute of Church Growth. He frequently

is featured at church growth and church planter training conferences. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Institute of American Church Growth with Dr. Win Arn as director. He also serves on key committees and as program chairman in planning a Consultation on Evangelizing Ethnic America to be held April 15-18, 1985, in Houston involving 37 evangelical denominations. For eight years as director of the Department of Home Missions, his responsibilities required extensive travel throughout Europe, Africa, and the South Pacific where



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Ethnic leader development and church planting has been an increasingly important part of the picture in Church Extension Ministries, resulting in expansion into new ethnic groups and a rapid acceleration of new works among older ethnic groups. The ethnic consultants have been a key factor in the doubling of ethnic churches in recent years. Under Hurn's leadership, a bimonthly tabloid, *Mission Alert*, has been published as a church growth resource to church leaders throughout the denomination, and a wide audience outside the denomination.

Books written or edited by Hurn include: *Mission Possible* (denomination-wide study of Nazarene home missions); *Black Evangelism, Which Way From Here?* *Finding Your Ministry* (a study of the fruit and gifts of the Spirit); *Spiritual Gifts Workshop*; *Mission Action Sourcebook*; and numerous other booklets and pamphlets relative to the extension work of the denomination.

Born in Ontario, Oreg., and graduated from Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., Dr. Hurn has done graduate studies at Fuller Theological Seminary and the University of Tulsa. He received the doctor of divinity de-

gree from Bethany Nazarene College in 1967.

In 1984, Dr. Hurn was elected by the alumni of his alma mater to receive the coveted "B" award. Dr. Hurn and his wife, Madelyn, have two daughters, Connie and Jacque, and three grandchildren, Amy, Baraq, and Danielle.

Before coming to his present assignment in Kansas City, he served for 9 years as superintendent of the West Texas District. A 16-year pastoral career included churches in Hays, Kans. (Kansas District), Tulsa Central (Northeast Oklahoma), Atlanta First (Georgia), Norman First (Southwest Oklahoma), and Medford, Oreg., First (Oregon Pacific). □

NEW EDITOR FOR NWMS



Carol Wight Gritton joined the NWMS staff in April of 1984 and assumed editorial responsibilities of the Adult Mission Education Curriculum. Since August 1984, she has served as the editor of *Focus* magazine.

A graduate of Trevecca Nazarene College, Mrs. Gritton previously worked in Youth Ministries as an editorial assistant and an interim editor of *One* magazine.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs.

Gritton and her husband, Mark, who is the minister of youth at Kansas City First Church, have one son, David. They reside in Grandview, Mo.

As the NWMS editor, Mrs. Gritton is responsible for editing and producing the yearly Mission Education curriculum for adults, and for providing resourcing tools to mission leaders in the local churches through the quarterly magazine, *Focus*. □



Mrs. Walter Worley, the only remaining person on the lifetime *Herald* subscription list.

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After careful deliberation and prayerful consideration, it was decided that the latter route should be taken.

So, be it understood by all concerned, that this publisher, known from this point on as *Nazarene Publishing House*, will, as of January 1, 1985, add the above-stated 5 percent charge to all orders sent to the customer by regular mail service and UPS; and that exact postage charges will apply for orders sent by expedited means.

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I now live in Florida and celebrated my 96th birthday August 26, 1984. I love all the good people at the publishing house. They are so kind and have helped me so much. I thank you all.

I felt this poignant vignette from life about a Nazarene lady and the official church organ should be shared with our over 200,000 readers. □

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LATE NEWS

FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF EASTERN MICHIGAN DIES



Dr. E. W. Martin, former superintendent of the Eastern Michigan District, died December 11 at a hospital in Detroit. He had entered the hospital December 6 for treatment related to a blockage in arteries leading from his heart. He suffered cardiac arrest while undergoing tests.

The 74-year-old elder was elected superintendent of the Eastern Michigan District in 1961—a post he held until he retired in 1979. Prior to his election he had served as pastor of Detroit First Church for 13 years.

He was a member of the General Board from 1968 until 1972 and was also active in the radio ministry of the denomination.

A graduate of Eastern Nazarene College, he held an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Olivet Nazarene College.

Dr. Martin is survived by his wife, Ardath, and four children, Mrs. Roy Quanstrom, Mrs. Joan Tuck, Mrs. Helen Phillips, and John Martin.

Funeral services were held December 14 at Detroit First Church, conducted by Drs. Leslie Parrott and Marselle Knight, and Revs. D. K. King and Arnold Carlson, Jr. □

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FORMER FINANCE DIVISION DIRECTOR DIES UNEXPECTEDLY



Col. William Thane Minor, 69, former Finance Division director for the International Church of the Nazarene, died unexpectedly December 11 at Olathe, Kans., Community Hospital. He had just successfully undergone surgery for the removal of a malignancy and was resting in intensive care when his blood pressure dropped, resulting in cardiac arrest.

Funeral services were held December 14 at Olathe College Church. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, Edna, and three children, Beverly Dubnick of Oklahoma City, Brad of Houston, and Breck of New York.

An active layman in the church throughout his life, Col. Minor served

as Finance Division director at headquarters from 1981 until his retirement in February 1984. Prior to this, he served almost 30 years in the United States Air Force and 8 years as vice president of International Marketing with Riley's Datashare International, Ltd.

He was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Legion of Merit, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Freedom Foundation Award, the National Aeronautics Association Outstanding Service Award, and the Outstanding Alumnus Award of Bethany Nazarene College. □

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Editor's note: The January 15 issue of the *Herald of Holiness* will carry a tribute to Col. Minor.

COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES TASK FORCE ORGANIZED

A special task force has been organized

to help Nazarene Compassionate Ministries to better respond to the multiplied needs that exist around the world.

The Compassionate Ministries Task Force recently met for three days in Kansas City to review and make suggestions regarding the work of the denomination in this area. The Task Force volunteers will assist Dr. Steve Weber who serves as the coordinator of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

Perhaps one of the best-known Task Force members is Miss Helen Temple, former editor of *World Mission* magazine. She is serving as a Compassionate Ministries Task Force associate and is responsible for publicity. □

Persons interested in learning more about the work of the church in the area of Compassionate Ministries may contact Dr. Weber at headquarters. □

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Members of the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Task Force who met in Kansas City recently include (l. to r.) Helen Temple, Sue Adkins, Rodney Adkins, Robert Prescott, Steve Weber, and Ken Key.

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