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WHAT THE CHURCH IS ALL ABOUT

by General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe

THE DOORBELL RANG. The young husband asked his wife, "Were we expecting anybody tonight?" "No," she answered. He turned on the porch light and saw a total stranger standing there. When he opened the door, the man said, "I'm out tonight telling people that God loves them and has a plan for their lives." There was something so genuine about him that they invited him in.

He took his Bible and shared the good news of God's love as shown in the life and death of His Son Jesus. He told them that this was God's way of reaching out to men and women who were hurting because of sin in their lives. He explained that *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins . . ." (1 John 1:9)*. He went on to tell them that Jesus said, *"I stand at the door [of your heart] and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in . . ." (Revelation 3:20, NIV)*.

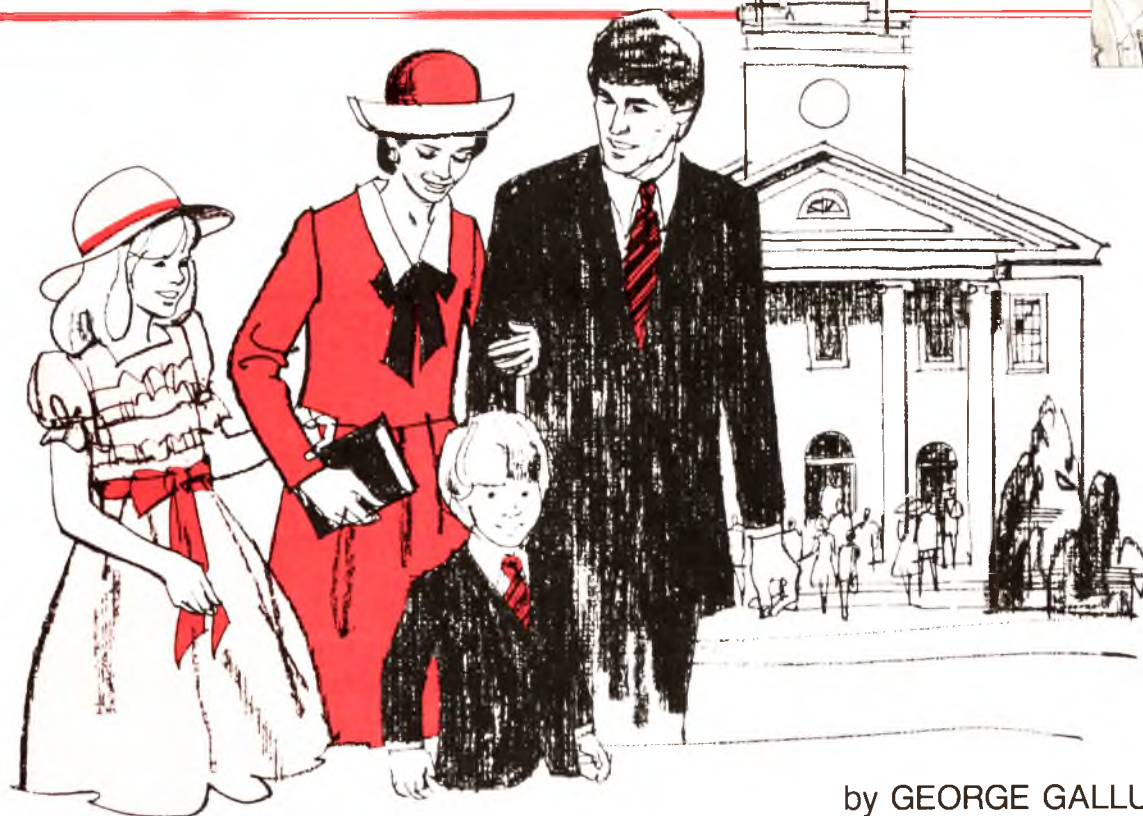
The young couple responded to the invitation. They confessed their sins and in faith opened the door of their hearts. Christ came in. They received the eternal life that Jesus promised in John 3:16—*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"* (NIV). The next Sunday they visited the church where this man was a member. They received a warm welcome and felt right at home with the family of God.

A month later I was in the morning worship service of that church. The pastor told the congregation that during the past week this young couple had gone through sorrow. The baby whom they had been so eagerly expecting had been born dead! Tears flowed as the pastor and people reached out to this family in love and lifted them into the presence of their kind, comforting Heavenly Father in the arms of prayer.

After the service I talked to this young husband. I sympathized with him in their grief. He said, "A month ago we couldn't have handled this. We didn't have God in our lives. But that dear man came by and introduced us to Jesus. He lives in our hearts and gives us strength to carry on. And we have found a wonderful new family in this church."

This is what the church is all about:

- ... people telling other people that God really loves them and that Christ died so that they may have a full, happy, eternal life;
- ... people who have been born again into the family of God welcoming new family members into the caring fellowship of the Body of Christ on earth;
- ... people sharing the joys and sorrows of their brothers and sisters in the Lord with understanding and compassion;
- ... people sincerely trying to make the church your home. □



by GEORGE GALLUP, JR.

RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE

A N U P D A T E

RELIGION can make a profound difference in the life of the individual and in the quality of society as a whole. Survey after survey attests to this fact. Religiously involved and committed persons tend to develop stronger family ties than their counterparts, to be more involved in charitable activities and community affairs. They are also more positive in outlook and more likely than the nonreligious to have discovered clear-cut goals and a satisfying life purpose.

Much of the voluntarism in the United States—so vital to our society—is religiously motivated. And it should be borne in mind that organized religion is one of the most cost-effective institutions in America. Were it not for the moral education and instruction that the church provides to both young and old, the cost of correctional agencies and custodial institutions would reach many billions of dollars. Were it not for the church, the cost in additional taxes for many citizens would far exceed the average contribution to the church. And in view of the reduced monies available for many social programs, the role of organized religion has become even more vital in this respect than before.

The churches in our highly mobile and increasingly impersonal society are also vital in terms of providing

fellowship among Americans, based on religious convictions. New surveys indicate that this need is great: Americans often feel intensely lonely and remote from other people. These feelings are coupled with the conviction that “people just don’t seem to care about each other anymore.” A solid majority, for example, believe that people today are less willing to help each other than a decade ago.

There is a longing among a considerable number of Americans for communication—or communion—with others on a deep spiritual level. Most Americans seek to deepen their religious faith and would like to see religion play a greater role in society and in the years ahead.

Yet while the individual and society as a whole benefit enormously from efforts to encourage people to become part of the community of active worshippers, many Americans continue to reject organized religion. A large majority of Americans—many of whom consider themselves “religious”—apparently believe they can go it alone in their spiritual lives. Churches, therefore, must continue to state, clearly and forcefully, the importance of worshipping together.

Some 61 million Americans could be classified as “unchurched”—that is, they are not members of a church or synagogue or have not attended religious services for a six-month period except for religious holidays. Why do they resist joining the community of active believers?

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OUTRAGED

I read with horror and outrage the articles by Morris Chalfant ("Who Really Is for Peace?") and Leslie Wooten ("Deploy More Nukes?"). How any publication purporting to be Christian, bearers of the message of Jesus Christ, can allow the advocacy of just warfare and the most hideous weapons ever designed to kill the men, women, and children of this world, is beyond my comprehension.

I have an incredible and growing relationship with my God as I now understand Him and can only say that "Holiness unto the Lord" rings

empty in light of the material you carry in your publication. I believe Christ used the phrase "whited sepulchres" to describe the Chalfants and Wootens of His day.

David T. Dawson
Canton, Ohio

PROTEST REGISTERED

I wish to register a strong protest against the use of the *Herald of Holiness* as a vehicle for labeling as either witting or unwitting pawns of Communist objectives those who support the verifiable nuclear freeze proposal. I refer to Morris Chalfant's article "Who Really Is for Peace?"

(March 15, 1984). In my opinion the article engages in cheap, McCarthy-like tactics unbecoming the official organ of the Church of the Nazarene. The article cites a number of organizations that support the nuclear freeze proposal and then strongly implies that they are either Communist sympathizers or unwitting tools of Communist propaganda. In true McCarthy style Chalfant wants the reader to conclude that the nuclear freeze proposal is Communist inspired and those who support it are simply advancing Communist designs. We are also

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THE POWER OF THE PRINTED PAGE

by M. A. "BUD" LUNN

POWER as applied to our daily lives is something we take for granted. In Kansas City last March a severe ice storm caused limbs and trees to fall, grounding electrical lines. For five days thousands of homes suffered power blackout, resulting in no light or heat. When power was restored, its importance was appreciated.

Today we have so many conveniences and refinements that are taken for granted. There are still a few oldsters who remember learning to write with a chalk pencil on a slate framed in bright red fabric.

Most of us are literally surrounded by books and magazines. We read, ever so casually, of Abraham Lincoln walking miles to borrow a book and devouring its information by the light of a log fire.

The Church of the Nazarene has been conscious of the power of the printed page since its early days. And with our growth that recognition has been augmented rather than diminished.

Pages could be written of persons who have been brought to conversion and sanctification by a stray or distributed copy of the *Herald of Holiness*.

In the May issue of *World Mission* there is an article by missionary Howard Culbertson, titled "A Book Is Born." It tells of the painstaking care of preparing the printing of an Italian version of a book written in English. Culbertson says, "One of the important contributions missionaries can make to a developing national church is to help it produce literature in the language of the people." The Church of the Nazarene has been alert to that truth and for years has been active in this field of missionary evangelism and nurture.

This writer is not a TV fan but a few days ago he heard the following statement over the tube: "Not all readers are leaders but all leaders must be readers."

A century and a half ago a famous playwright said, "The pen is mightier than the sword." He stated a truth that still rings clear; witness the tons of literature constantly released by religious cults and communistic governments!

One of the obvious advantages of the printed page is durability. The spoken word is so often forgotten but the printed word can be read, reread, and passed on from person to person. Reader Harris, a British holiness teacher, stated, "Probably the most lasting of all preaching is with the pen. It continues to speak after the voice is hushed."

Your Publishing House has recognized this truth and has encouraged the reading of worthwhile books ranging from pamphlets to booklets to hardbound volumes. Our people are readers largely due to the promotion of books by church leaders and pastors.

Perhaps many of us who are avid readers could improve our ministry by giving or lending books to those in need: someone buffeted by adverse circumstances, someone heavy-hearted in bereavement, someone struggling to understand the way to salvation or heart holiness. What a field for outreach and "casting bread upon the waters" to be returned one day.

Annually the October 1 issue of the *Herald of Holiness* is designed as an outreach tool. This year it is planned that 600,000 copies of this special *Herald* will be distributed. What an opportunity to share the message of full salvation that forgives and cleanses from sin! Circulate the *Herald of Holiness* among your loved ones, friends, business acquaintances, neighbors. Have a part in this church-wide promotional effort in giving out this issue that inaugurates the Year of Church Growth.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good" (Ecclesiastes 11:6). □

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RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE

One basic reason is, simply, that they have not been invited to do so. It is clear, therefore, that many clergy and congregations are neglecting the fundamental step of encouraging persons to visit their place of worship.

Another important reason why people reject organized religion stems from the view that churches place too much emphasis on organizational rather than spiritual matters. Similarly, many Americans say they would consider returning to church if they could find a minister, pastor, or rabbi with whom they could discuss their spiritual needs and religious doubts.

While it is undoubtedly true that the life-style changes of recent years, the questioning of traditional values, and an emphasis in society on self-fulfillment, have caused many Americans to drift away from organized religion, perhaps not to return, religious leaders should not assume that they must succumb to inexorable forces. The fact is that at least half of the presently unchurched say they could see a situation where they could become a "fairly active" member of a church now and would be open to an invitation from a church or synagogue.

So it is clear that churches and synagogues must take a strong initiative to bring the unchurched back into the community of active worshipers.

Based on Gallup research and studies completed by other organizations, there seem to be four groups that would certainly appear to be the proper focus on an outreach campaign:

- *Family oriented people who want their children to have a religious background and moral training.* No fewer than 9 in 10 in the latest Gallup Poll say they would like their children to have religious training.
- *Those who want to fulfill inner religious needs.* This is a compelling need among Americans: most Americans show an interest in growing in their religious faith and would like religion to play a more important role in society in the coming years.
- *Those who seek the fellowship or social life offered by the church.* As indicated previously, many Americans feel lonely and remote from one another. As many as 4 in 10, for example, admit to frequent feelings of intense loneliness.
- *Those who are genuinely interested in attending worship services but who have not been able to find a house of worship that meets their needs.* The message is clear: Churches need to step up their programs of invitation and evangelism.

There is urgent need for the churches of America to reach out into society in new and well-directed ways. Indeed, the character of society in the remaining two decades of this century will depend in considerable measure on the success of the efforts of organized religion in giving Americans a renewed sense of fellowship and belonging while leading them to experience a new closeness to God. □



The Year of Church Growth

by BILL M. SULLIVAN

THE YEAR OF CHURCH GROWTH is to be one of special growth. Actually, the church should grow every year. But September 1984 through August 1985 is a time of particular emphasis on the numerical expansion of the church.

Growth doesn't always occur at the same rate. Years of meager gain are mixed with seasons of abundance. The periods of exceptional increase are not always anticipated but are usually the result of some specific activity. Growth is seldom, if ever, without cause, though some pastors have insisted their churches didn't grow until they stopped trying to make them grow. Such experiences only illustrate the complexity of church growth, they do not prove it is whimsical. When we discover and understand the causes of growth we are able to introduce intentionality into church growth.

The Year of Church Growth has been planned as a time when the worldwide Church of the Nazarene will be particularly intentional in its growth efforts. We are challenged with goals of 75,000 new Nazarenes and a world membership of 750,000.

These worthy objectives are more than institutional quotas. They are the practical disciplines of taking our faith seriously. Just as prayer requires disciplined effort, in a similar way church growth is a discipline implicit in the fellowship of Christians. Every true believer longs to share his faith with someone else who may come to know and love the Savior too.

Seeking to win 75,000 new Nazarenes is really far less than what we want to do. Every day we pray "Thy kingdom come." We long for millions, not just thousands, to accept Christ as Savior and Lord.

This goal has been adopted, not just so the church will be bigger, but so life in the Kingdom can be experienced and enjoyed by the greatest number of people—so lives can be brightened, hurts can be healed, burdens can be shared, problems can be faced with confidence, and life can have true meaning.

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Everywhere there are people whose lives are blighted by sin. Many of them have never had a solid opportunity to come to know Christ. All that stands between some of them and vital faith is a simple invitation to attend church. Many will follow the path of friendship right through the doors of the church.

Most churches can grow! There are many people in our communities who do not know Christ personally. Churches that understand how these people come to faith and plan a program accordingly will experience a rewarding number of conversions—and their church will grow.

If each of the 7,790 Churches of the Nazarene would win to Christ and receive into church membership 10 new Nazarenes, we would easily reach the 75,000 goal. Or if every church received new Nazarenes equal to 10 percent of their membership, we would achieve our objective.

The fascinating and thrilling truth is that explosive

church growth occurs in some instances. Entire families, whole tribes, significant segments of a community, and other large groups sometimes come to Christ together.

When I am in my hometown, I like to drive past a large, imposing church building. It reminds me of the mighty work I saw God perform many years ago. I think of the much smaller red brick church that once stood on that same site. I attended Saturday night Christian youth services there during my high school days. But something happened to that church. It had a great revival. Almost overnight it experienced explosive church growth.

Let us pray that something similar will happen all over the Church of the Nazarene. Then we will count not by tens, but by hundreds. We will wonder why our faith was so small when we set a goal of 75,000 new Nazarenes. And we will understand why the Year of Church Growth emphasis was so appropriate. □

A Book Review by Mel Shrout

THE SMALLER CHURCH IN A SUPER CHURCH ERA

by Jon Johnston and Bill M. Sullivan, et al.

Is your church small? Growing? Would you like a boost in your morale? A new perspective or identity? Read on.

In *The Smaller Church*, 11 different authors have combined to present a kaleidoscope of respect and recognition for the small church. Not an easy task, with the well-publicized, larger church towering in the background suggesting "bigger is better." No attempt is made to erase the tension, but a greater understanding of the smaller church and its vital role is achieved.

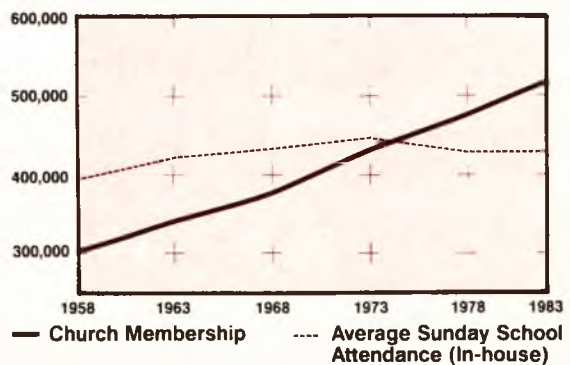
An honest effort is made to authenticate the small church and to communicate a message of growth that does not necessarily spell numerical bigness.

The advantages of the small church are clearly stated in a positive way. It is also made clear that many small churches make contributions to the Kingdom that outdistance their size. No condescensions. No attempts to justify small for the sake of small.

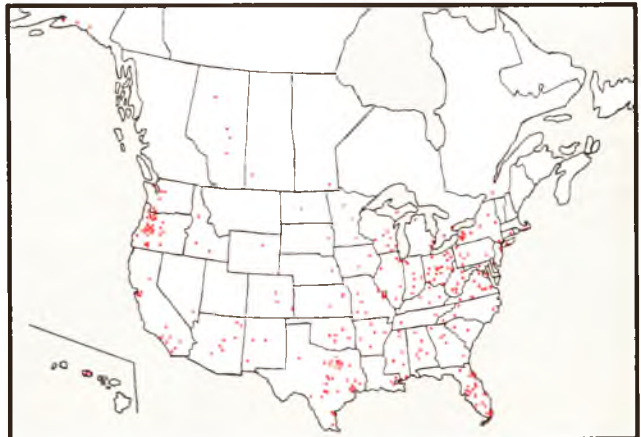
Small churches are assisted in understanding and assessing their situation realistically in preparation for the kind of growth and service possible for them to achieve. The writers, through a wide spectrum of disciplines and expertise, show the small church as it relates theologically, historically, sociologically, denominationally, culturally, and practically. The small church is identified and challenged.

I predict that the readers of this theoretical treatment of the place and mission of the small church will be enriched and inspired. □

MEMBERSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH 1958-83 Canada and the United States



Membership in the Church of the Nazarene has climbed steadily during the past 25 years. Average Sunday School attendance in Canada and the United States suffered a decline in the late 1970s but showed an increase during the last assembly year.



Since January 1, 1980, 274 new church organizations have been reported to Church Extension Ministries. While churches have been organized in all parts of North America, several areas have done especially well: Texas (32 new churches), Oregon (27), Florida (20), and Ohio (18). The district with the most new churches is Oregon Pacific, with 27.



GOD CONNECTS US TO OUR WORLD

by PAUL SKILES

IN THE STUDY of the "Unchurched American," conducted by George Gallup, Jr., it is clear that one of the main reasons for people not attending church on a regular basis is that they have not been invited to do so. It doesn't seem possible that in all the discussions on ways to make our churches grow we could have overlooked this important and personal method of communication.

Throughout His ministry, Jesus Christ placed a very high priority on communicating effectively with those He was attempting to reach with the gospel message. Indeed, Christ is the "Master Communicator," always taking into account the background and needs of those with whom He was speaking.

To the farmers, He talked about the soil and harvest; to the fishermen, He challenged them to be fishers of men; to the woman at the well, the subject was living water. The example of our Lord is relevant to the church today. We must communicate in a way that people can relate to in order that they might *hear* and *understand*.

In seeking ways to help build the local church, Media

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Services has attempted to provide communication "tools" that would fit into the mission of people reaching people.

After careful study of the needs of our pastors and from extensive research among the laity throughout North America, it was felt that the most effective way Media Services could assist our churches in their outreach efforts was to design and produce a quality product that was adaptable to their particular needs.

Stories displaying our love and compassion for people in need would serve

to help make communities aware of our church and its mission. In order to be truly evangelistic, the campaigns would be carried out in a way that would directly confront the unsaved and unchurched.

With television viewing now at a record level of seven hours per day in the average home, it is only appropriate that this medium would be a primary source for delivering our messages to millions of viewers. To those who are looking for a fellowship of believers, we are saying, "Welcome to the Church of the Nazarene, Our Church Can Be Your Home." The four stories, or Nazarene "parables," are also designed to be used with radio, cable TV, newspapers, and brochures. You select the media that are best suited for your purposes and resources. Whatever the medium, the message remains the same.





There are three basic objectives in this church-wide effort sponsored by the General Board: (1) To raise the level of identity of the Church of the Nazarene; (2) To show the commitment of our laity in their daily walk with God; and (3) To take the leadership role in reaching out for the lost, the hurting, and the rejected people of our society.

What part can the "Welcome" campaign play in the "Year of Church Growth"? First, it's important to understand that advertising alone is not the way to build your church. A strong and effective communication program can build awareness; it's up to you to build the church.

In the past year since Media Services began setting up campaigns around the country, it has found that media outreach works best along with other things such as ongoing visitation, calling ministries, and personal invitations.

When Gallup asked people why they came to church and stayed, the response was "I was invited by a friend, and I liked the people."

The ministry of the television spots is to help you gain access and credibility in the marketplace. You must be prepared to follow up with personal care and concern for those with whom you will meet.

A campaign, which can take place no matter what size the church or community, doesn't just happen. It takes a commitment on the part of pastors and lay members who *want* to reach out beyond the physical structure we call the church building.

It takes planning and preparation. Everyone must become sensitive to the concerns of new people, many of whom will be approaching your church doors for the first time. Remember, what we say we are, we must be!

Pray and fast, believing that God will bless your efforts to reach new people for His kingdom.

Can this kind of communication strategy really help in local church outreach? From the information we have received from pastors, lay members, district superintendents, and communities-at-large, the answer is yes! The reactions range from laymen feeling good about their own church again, to individuals accepting Christ as their personal Savior. New people are attending, curious to see what the Church of the Nazarene is all about.

In this and other issues of the *Herald*, you will be hearing and reading more details on how God has worked in and through our media ministry to change lives. For this, we praise His name!

There's still so much more work to do. It's not easy to reach new people today. Busy schedules and personal concerns are real barriers to spiritual commitment and church attendance. Nevertheless, God has not released us from our charge: to save the lost and minister to people in their hour of greatest need.

The eternal salvation of our friends, our neighbors, our coworkers, our families, and even those we have yet to meet, merits the best effort of those who claim to be followers of the One who communicated so well this life-changing message of hope and love. ☐

A Book Review by Mel Shrout

THE MASTER'S PLAN FOR MAKING DISCIPLES

by Win Arn and Charles Arn, Nazarene abridged edition, 1984 Beacon Hill Press (1985 denominationwide CLT study)

Evangelism!

If you're in the majority, your response to "evangelism" is immediate, emotional, and defensive. The key words are *guilt*, *frustration*, and *failure*. We have tried and failed.

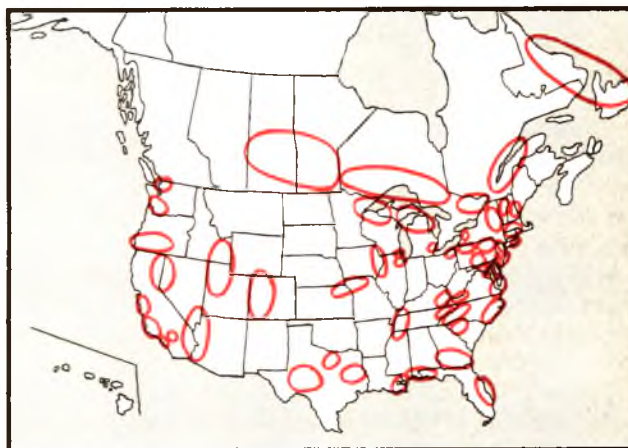
So what's different about this course? Will I succeed, finally, after this effort? Maybe not to the degree you would like. Even the most successful know something of failure and frustration. But the approach is natural and does not rely on a rote, cold-turkey approach to strangers.

The Master's Plan is different. You are not thrust out alone to attempt to win people to Christ. The church becomes your partner. The plan encompasses fellowship, prayer, sharing, worship, and typical evangelism practices in the church.

The Master's Plan is biblical. It is the starting point of the plan. The plan depends on it. To know where and how, and to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit are effectively dealt with. You'll learn about "*oikos*," your sphere of influence; and "incorporation," which is an important factor in reaching people.

This book is for individuals and for churches. Plan now to participate in your church's CLT study. Read the book for your personal profit if the course is not available in your church.

This is the Year of Church Growth. Join this great response to the "Great Commission." ☐



Throughout Canada and the United States, several cultural areas have been identified with large numbers of people and few Nazarenes. The 53 areas indicated above each have over a quarter of a million people not claimed by any Christian group listed in a 1980 study, and less than 20 Churches of the Nazarene.



HIGH ACHIEVEMENTS IN A HIGH COUNTRY

Loving, Helping, and Growing in Bolivia

by L. GUY NEES



IN ONE OF THE HIGHEST SPOTS in the world, the Church of the Nazarene is experiencing denominational-leading growth. Led by young, dynamic Rev. Carlos Huanoca, the La Paz District in Bolivia paced the entire church last October when, on a single Sunday, 15 churches were organized and 1,415 persons were received into church membership. True revival seems to have come to this landlocked South American country high in the Andes. Missionaries and national leaders are working together in evangelism, church planting, and outreach in a manner challenging and encouraging to us all.

Pastor Andres Saavedra of the Kerami Central Church reports on the 80 people who joined his church on Heritage Sunday. Pastor Saavedra states, "Actually we took in over 100 new members around that time, but only 80 on that particular Sunday. This is not my work; it is the work of God and the church members. All the church members have cooperated during the year. We visit from house to house and very often have services in the houses. The young people especially like to help in this way. We would make a point of visiting homes where someone was sick. We would present the gospel, pray for the sick person, and everyone in the house would be saved that very day. One example is a lady called Pascuala. She was supposed to go soon to the hospital in the city to be operated on, but we prayed for her. She and her two children accepted the Lord, and so did her husband, who is a police officer. Pas-

cuala soon got better, and didn't have the operation. The whole family joined the church in October.

"Another example is the Flores family. One of the members of this extended family was suffering from tumors. We prayed for her and everyone in the family was saved (except for a couple, young people who were living in La Paz studying, and were not in the house that day). Everyone joined the church.

"We recently started having services in Challapata. Some young people from that town came to our church and said they were hungry spiritually. There is a small church in their town, but the doctrine they preach is not sound and the people are not really serious. So we went with the young fellows to their town and in the first service 30 people were converted."

Regional Director Louie Bustle observes, "The district in Bolivia-La Paz is growing in biblical style—everyone is eager to share what he has with others and is reaching out in evangelism."

Missionary Arlene Swain gives her evaluation of what is happening in Bolivia these days.

"1. We are experiencing what Nida and McGavran in church growth literature call 'people movements.' When a key person in the family gets saved, everyone gets saved. At times this is true of whole groups of people in a community as well.

"2. The country seems to be 'ripe unto harvest.' The pastors themselves cannot explain why so many people are getting saved. Although a lot of the growth is in new areas, many established churches are enjoying spurts of growth.

"3. The indoctrination booklets for members have helped greatly in the preparation of converts for mem-

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bership. They help the pastor judge the sincerity and maturity of the converts.

"4. We have been able to erase some of the old, erroneous ideas about membership. Many pastors used to think that any person had to be a probationary member first; then after a specified length of time that person could possibly become a regular member. Also pastors used to think that young people had to be 15 or 16 before they could be received as members. A clear example comes from the meeting with the pastors early in the year, when they set their goals. When the district superintendent made it clear that mature, serious young people 12, 13, 14 years old can be church members, one pastor stood up and said, 'In that case, raise my goal by 15.'

"5. There is a healthy, positive attitude among our pastors. The CENETA program (seminary extension) has played an important part also. The men who are 'local preachers' now can study and become regular

pastors, and can even aspire to ordination. They are improving their preaching and their ministry.

"6. The growth is not stopping. People are continuing to accept the Lord, and pastors are continuing to disciple them. At least six new groups have been started since the district assembly in January, and at least one 'old' group has been organized as a church."

In a missionary study book written several years ago by Alice Spangenberg, a brief testimony of a Bolivian carpenter appears: "We feel and know that missionaries love us. Nazarenes all over the world join hands in helping those who need to learn how to read and write so that they might know about the Lord Jesus in whatever land it may be."

This "loving" and "helping" by missionaries and by Nazarenes all around the world, together with the dedicated service of national leaders, has brought our Bolivian church to a great day of spiritual victory and growth. □

PERSONAL EVANGELISM AND PEOPLE REACHING PEOPLE

by JUNE COLE

LORD, I really want to be a soul winner—and if there's anything you ask me to do, I'll do it!" It had all begun about a year before when on July 2, 1970, through a personal evangelism call by Pastor R. Wayne Sharpes of the Grove City Church of the Nazarene, we knelt down and accepted Christ in front of our coffee table. Since that time the lives of my husband and me have changed drastically. Not

coming from a Christian home, I wanted the rest of my family to know about Christ. When I saw my younger sister, my first feeble attempts at witnessing came out like this: "Jan, do you know that when you die you're going to go straight to hell?" It didn't take long for me to find out that was not the proper way to share my faith.

So here I found myself in September of 1971 at a Sunday School Convention with Dr. Jack Hyles as the speaker, talking about soul winning. I went home that night and really told the Lord that was what I wanted to do. Not long after, Pastor Sharpes attended a Per-



sonal Evangelism Clinic and came back and trained my husband and me to go into homes and share Christ with people. He soon taught me how to teach the classes and train other laymen.

One of the couples that I trained was Ebb and Sarah Castle. They also had been led to the Lord in their home through the efforts of Pastor Sharpes. They had both been married before and at the time of their marriage had seven teenagers between them. After their conversion they started attending the morning services. A couple of years later they wanted to share Christ with their coworkers and family and decided to join our personal evangelism program. It completely changed their lives. They started attending all the services of the church and Ebb quit smoking. He felt that if he was going to represent the Church of the Nazarene, he should be a good example. Shortly after that they both joined the church.

One coworker that Ebb witnessed to, Charles Foraker, had cancer and was taken to the hospital. Ebb and Sarah went there and shared Christ with him and that night he accepted Christ. He was given a "spiritual birth certificate," which is a picture of Christ knocking at the door. It is blank on the back and the date of his spiritual birthday was written there for him

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to remember. One night Mrs. Foraker called the Castles. Charles had lost his picture of Christ and was looking all over for it. Could they please send another. The Castles took another to the hospital for him. Many times when Charlie was in pain or had a bad day, he would ask to see his picture. Shortly after this, Mr. Foraker went to be with the Lord. Ebb and Sarah attended the funeral and there in Charles' hand was the picture of Christ that meant so much to him. Even in death, God was using Charlie to witness to others of what Christ can do in a person's life.

A few years back at Easter time, we showed the film *The Gospel Road*, with Johnny Cash. One couple that attended that night was Ralph and Eileen Perdew. Ralph is with the fire department. The next week I arranged for them to have a personal evangelism call. I asked the Castles if they would go to visit but they were hesitant, because they used to be friends several years ago and had spent a lot of time drinking and partying together. Ebb felt that Ralph would not really be interested in hearing about Christ. Little did he know that Ralph had been watching a religious program every Sunday night and also had knelt down and prayed with Billy Graham at the end of his message. However, the Castles decided to go and tell the Perdews about the change that Christ had made in their lives. Ralph shared with them about praying to receive Christ after a Billy Graham Crusade on TV but he didn't have the assurance that Christ was his Savior. He was still attending a large, liberal church and was not being fed spiritually. The Castles shared the evangelism proclamation with him and then he really understood what it meant to accept Christ. Eileen didn't receive Christ that night, but a few weeks later she too accepted Christ in her home. They both started attending regularly and worked on the *Basic Bible Studies for New Christians*. Through this couple witnessing to unsaved family, friends, and coworkers, many new families have come to know Christ in a personal way and are actively involved in our church.

Eileen's son, Mike Humes, started attending church. One night, after a service, the Castles invited him over for pizza. He began asking them spiritual questions and that night, in their home, he also accepted Christ. He attended the Sunday School class for new Christians and worked on the *Basic Bible Studies* in his home. Not long after, he accepted a call to the ministry. He is presently in his third year at the Nazarene Bible College. The Personal Evangelism program continues and many are continually added to the church.

After learning how to share Christ in a meaningful way, I witnessed to my sister Jan again and she accepted Christ. I am grateful to the Lord that personal evangelism is another tool that God has given us to enable the church to grow through new believers. □

REVIVAL AND PEOPLE REACHING PEOPLE

by STEPHEN MANLEY

IT IS INTERESTING to study the rippling effects that revival has upon church growth. This can be seen in basic principles that always hold true and that stimulate our faithfulness. It is exciting to see those effects in the lives of people, which motivates our own lives to action. People reaching people is both the cause and the effect of revival.

There was a revival being held in an outdoor setting. The evangelist was unusual, to say the least. One might even say that he was "strange." But the revival, which had been conducted for some time, was having a definite effect upon the surrounding community.

A man, born to be a leader, had made his way to the meetings and was baptized. It was like a commissioning for a new ministry. He began to gather a small group of people around himself. This group was destined to become a large church. It did not just happen, however. It was people reaching people.

I remember one man who this group decided should be a target for their love. He was a most unlikely candidate. He was socially unacceptable. The very nature of his job was unchristian. There would have to be such radical changes in life-style and thinking that it seemed impossible. But that did not stop this leader.

This leader, whose name was Jesus, became the pattern for people reaching people. From this situation, one can see He believed in people reaching people *where they are*. Jesus went to this fellow's job! Can you imagine a righteous, religious type hanging around a tax collector's office (Matthew 9:9)? It had never been done before in that country. It was interesting to see the hard, business shell melt under the impact of love. Behind all of Matthew's cheating, materialism, and self-sufficiency was a heart that was starving for love. It worked! Matthew was converted.

It was a marvel to watch this leader minister. One could quickly see that He believed the way to church growth was people reaching people *through people*. I

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am not sure how it all happened, but Matthew was so captured by the method of Jesus reaching people where they are that he decided to follow the example.

Matthew planned a big party at his home. The work involved was unbelievable! I do not know how many people came, but it was startling to see all of them in that house. The food that was prepared, the arrangement to serve, and the extra tables and chairs were all of great expense. But Matthew did not seem to mind. He was excited about people reaching people.

I am a little embarrassed to tell you that the party ended up to be a large sinners' party. Matthew simply invited everyone he knew. He really didn't know any church folks. Of course, he invited Jesus, who was right in the middle of all those sinners, ministering and loving. It was a sight to see. Matthew's changed life, reinforced by the love of Jesus and His disciples, literally had a healing impact upon that group (Matthew 9:12).

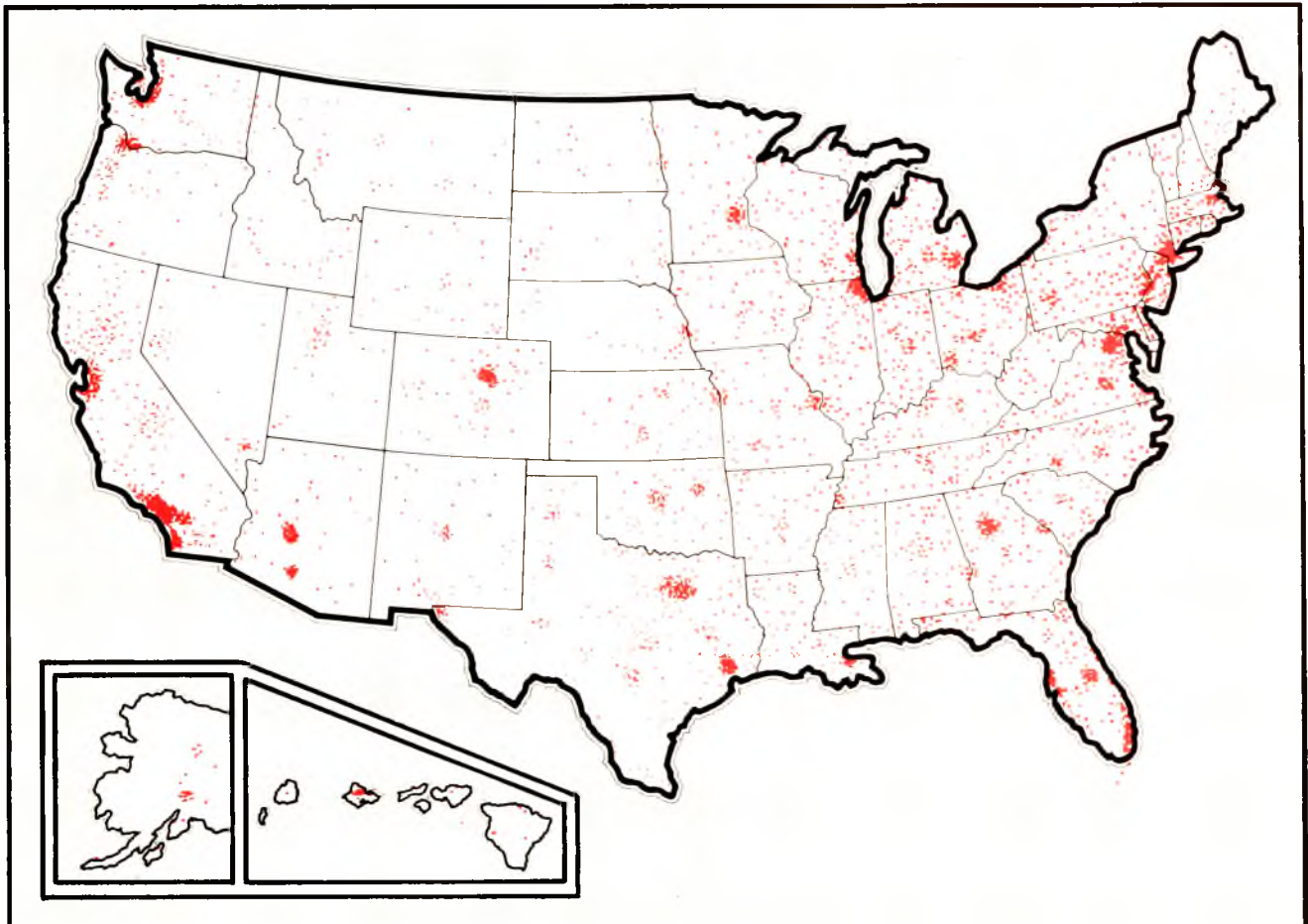
There were some church folks from the town who did not seem to understand these principles of revival and church growth. They heard about the party that was taking place. They sent a delegation to see what was going on (Matthew 9:11). This group quizzed some of the disciples of Jesus as to why they should use such a method for church growth. Jesus decided to answer the question himself. He explained that what they

were witnessing was the principle of people reaching people *through mercy* (Matthew 9:12-13).

This principle seemed new to these church folks. They thought that going to church on the Sabbath, tithing faithfully, and serving on the church board was sufficient to meet their obligation. They were captured by the performance level of duty and rules and had missed the amazing possibility of being a channel through which the love and mercy of God could be expressed. It is sad to report that those local church folks never did see the need of establishing these new principles in their lives.

But Matthew could not be stopped. From those first encounters at that party, Matthew became an instrument of God. He was involved in people reaching people in the realm of the sick. When the crowd was hungry he was there distributing food (Matthew 14:13-21). At a later time, he was going to receive special power and instruction from Jesus for the purpose of ministering on his own as a representative of that group (Matthew 10). He would even end up writing a book that would minister for generations of time. It all started with *people reaching people*.

The principles Matthew learned are eternal! They still work effectively. Let's dedicate ourselves to Jesus reaching people through us. □



Each dot on the map above indicates 5,000 new people who live in a county different from the one they lived in five years ago. Nazarenes and other evangelicals traditionally find

good response to the gospel among people who have recently moved. Areas with large numbers of new residents should be especially ripe harvest fields for Nazarenes.



IN THE YEAR OF CHURCH GROWTH

Don't Forget the Children

by MIRIAM J. HALL

DON'T FORGET THE CHILDREN" was a frequently-heard statement in the home of a friend of mine. Said tongue-in-cheek, the warning had its basis in a real experience when, after a long day at church, his parents left their sleeping children on the church pews. By the time the parents realized their mistake and returned to collect the children, they had awakened, terrified, in a dark and locked church.

In a society that seems almost to center around children, it is sometimes difficult to realize that many of them are "forgotten children"—forgotten because their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs are not being met.

Six-year-old Tanya was the despair of her Sunday School teachers. Loud and boisterous, she tried to dominate every conversation and learning activity. Even the other children were turned off by her bossiness and imperious manner. A visit by her teachers to Tanya's home revealed the reason for her insecurity. When she was a toddler, Tanya's parents had divorced. Shortly after that, her father died. Her mother remarried but also died a few years later. Now Tanya was living in a home with two adults and half a dozen children, none of whom was related to her. Everybody else in the family was "his, hers, or ours"—except Tanya. She was "nobody's child" and she knew it.

Eight-year-old David, clad in ragged jeans and scuffed tennis shoes, was noticeably different from the other well-dressed children in his Sunday School class. He was a good-looking boy, but his smile was tentative and his eyes pain-filled. When he spoke he stammered and used speech patterns of a much younger child. The bus worker who visited his home found a motley crew of children, teens, and young adults lolling around in an environment of unbelievable filth. While both parents worked, David and his numerous brothers and sisters were cared for by an assortment of uncles and aunts—most of whom were more interested in drinking beer and visiting with their friends than they were in caring for the children. Later the workers learned that David was blamed as the culprit in a tragic accident that occurred while he was home alone unsupervised. When he tried to soothe his baby sister's crying, he dropped her and she subsequently died.

In many respects, Nancy's home is the ideal Chris-



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tian environment for a child. Both parents are committed Christians and active in their small local church. Their marriage is solid and they are decent, hardworking adults. But Nancy is a withdrawn child with low self-esteem. Extremely high perfectionist standards and conditional love at home, coupled with Bible teaching that emphasizes the high standards for Christian living, have convinced Nancy that she is bad and will never measure up enough to deserve God's love.

A few years ago a popular slogan stated, "Bein' a kid ain't easy." Marie Winn, author of *Children Without Childhood*, an exposé of the tremendous pressures today's children must face, reaffirms this opinion. One

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15-year-old girl related her childhood experiences, which included "a parental divorce, experimentation with marijuana from the sixth grade on, and a troubling experience with sex in the eighth grade." This teen concluded, "I don't think childhood is a golden age at all. I wouldn't want to be a child again."¹ In an article in the May 1984 *Moody Monthly*, Miriam Neff states, "One of every five girls has sexual intimacy with a close relative before she reaches adulthood. Three-fourths of those relatives are fathers or stepfathers."² Even more alarming is the fact that an increasing number of abuse or incest cases involve church-related/professing Christian fathers.

In light of these conditions, it is essential that the church "not forget the children" as it reaches out to people during the Year of Church Growth. All children—whether they face the kinds of conditions cited or whether they grow up in a more nurturant environment—need to be reached by caring Christians and taught the truths of God's love. All children need opportunities to study God's Word, to find a personal relationship with Him, and to enjoy the fellowship of other Christians—both adults and peers.

It is unfortunate that there are so many "forgotten children" who need our ministry; but it is a tremendous challenge to realize that almost anyone—whether he or she is a children's worker or not—can have a part in ministering to these boys and girls. Christian parents can educate themselves about the pressures children face and redouble their efforts to nurture and protect their children. Concerned neighbors can invite children to Sunday School and use their cars to get them there. "Grandmas and Grandpas" in the church can "adopt" an unchurched child and demonstrate their concern in numerous small ways.

What happens when the church "remembers the children"? Kenny was four years old when a concerned neighbor started bringing him and his younger brother and sister to Sunday School. Kenny, David, and Sandra were only three years apart in age but they had three different last names. They came to church dressed poorly and sometimes smelling worse. Frustrated teachers, struggling with their disruptive behavior, occasionally wondered if they were accomplishing anything in their efforts to teach them. But still they came.

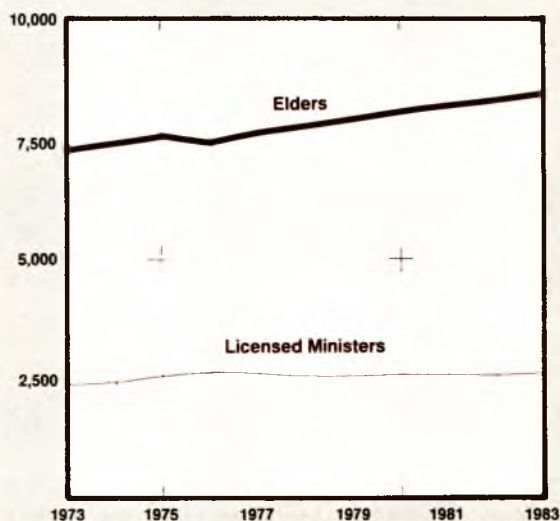
Soon Kenny was 10. He still had a different last name from his brother and sister. He still dressed poorly and sometimes smelled worse. But Kenny loved Sunday School. When the children in his class created a "newspaper" to express their feelings about their church, Kenny's article read like this: "Worship in the church in your neighborhood like the kids at Lake Street Nazarene Church. They meet weekly for Junior Church with singing and stories about Jesus. Come join them this Sunday."

Please—in the Year of Church Growth, don't forget the children! □

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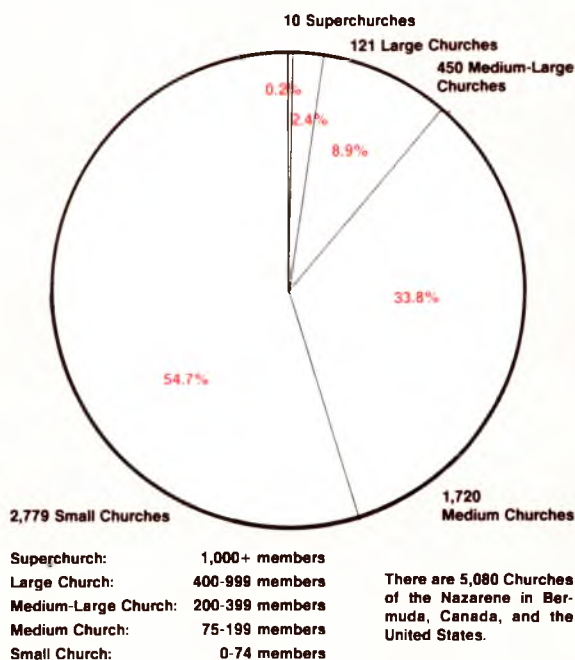
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MINISTERIAL WORK FORCE Canada and the United States 1973-83



The number of ordained elders in Canada and the United States reached 8,436 in 1983, a gain of 14 percent in 10 years. The number of licensed ministers has hovered around 2,500 during the decade.

DISTRIBUTION OF CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE by size 1983



While many Churches of the Nazarene in Canada and the United States have large memberships, nearly 90 percent have fewer than 200 members. Indeed, well over half of the churches have fewer than 75 members. This is a common pattern among North American Protestant groups.



YOUTH REACHING OUT

by LARRY LEONARD



YOU DEBOARD AN AIRPLANE in St. Louis moving quickly to make connections to Denver. As you race through the terminal you are approached by a preppie-clad youth with an appealing smile on his face and a "free" book in his hand. Without slowing your pace you give a negative shake of the head and move on. However, you notice to your right an equally stylish young lady in a deep conversation with a teen passenger who has accepted his "free" copy. You depart on your plane and eventually arrive in Denver. Upon deplaning, the activity before you is a virtual replay of St. Louis. What is it? Youth reaching youth. Only, for a lover and leader of youth, this smiling solicitor's motive brings fear and suspicion. You see, the "free" books are the passports of the cult movement.

Dr. Margaret Singer, professor of psychology at the University of California at Berkeley, estimates that more than 2,000 cults operate in the United States. According to the pamphlet *Youth Letter*, "The youths most susceptible to cults are lonely and looking for friends." Dr. Singer adds that the majority of cult members she has dealt with were "depressed . . . they didn't get into the college of their choice, they had recently had an abortion, or between romances and jobs at a time when they had no other major social affiliation."

As the rhetoric and revival of evil kingdoms increases and strongly entices the imaginations of our youth, the Word of God more intensely challenges us. Jesus promises and prophesies in Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (NIV). The apostle Paul admonishes Timothy, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12, NIV).

Our youth in the Church of the Nazarene have accepted the commission of Christ and have risen to the challenge of Paul. Young people from across the church have refused the luxury of silence to respond by rallying their forces. Discipleship has spawned sacrifice to advance the Kingdom He began to build.

Nazarenes exuberantly entered Venezuela in 1983 with the message of scriptural holiness. Jerry and Shelly, Sylvette, Judy, and Glen were a few of many who contributed their summer, energy, faith, and finances to assist in planting the church among our South American family. In a report to a gathering of United States and South American church leaders, Rev. Bill Porter, missionary leader to Venezuela,

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painted a verbal portrait of these Youth Ministries' teams vibrantly sharing their victories over evil with residents of that country. Following their summer of selfless endeavor, the church had grown significantly with many new youth leaders and committed converts. Dedication has brought forth deliverance.

The often neglected tar-topped jungles, America's giant inner cities, have beckoned the obedient youth of our church. Ministry-minded young people have ventured into this unfamiliar environment through Youth in Mission's "Mission to the Cities" program. Churches of the Nazarene positioned at the intersection of despair and confusion stand poised to direct these inhabitants to the alternative avenues of hope and peace. Recruited by these church leaders, "Mission to the Cities" participants compassionately interact with these constituents of like humanity. Young people buoyed by the resiliency of the Holy Spirit, sent by the prayer of Jesus to allow one to be kept in the world but protected from the evil one, convey the source of their joy. Spurred by the urgency of need and intensity of fulfillment, three of these young disciples have returned to Chicago to devote full-time service and sacrifice to this metropolis of evangelistic opportunity.

A midwest United States pastor related the spiritual progress of a teenage member of his congregation. Jay had been to World Youth Congress where he was ex-

posed to the dynamic dimension of making disciples for Christ. He, along with several hundred other followers of Christ, departed this Congress committed to radical obedience of faith-sharing. Administering discipline to his life, he returned determined to maintain the fires of his exuberance. His pastor wrote, "Jay and I have been meeting regularly on a weekly basis since his return from World Youth Congress. This has been a tremendous time of spiritual growth for him. He is greatly influencing the life of one of our senior high boys. He is very faithful in attendance, works in children's church, and has a radiant testimony."

Jim McCarthy, a leading Christian analyst of the cult movement of the United States, suggested that the incredible growth of this movement is not due to brainwashing schemes; rather they capitalize on young people who have felt no sense of belonging. They are looking for something to give themselves to.

Those people who can be seen in our nation's airports, shopping centers, and streets are products of unmet needs discovered by forces dedicated to the demise of the soul and society. In a land where youth are inundated by the noises of hopelessness created by shattering economic systems, joblessness, and the clattering of nuclear sabers, we can be encouraged that we have youth in the Church of the Nazarene committed to the expansion of God's kingdom by spreading the good news of hopefulness. □

Book Brief

Beacon Small-Group Bible Studies—MARK: "Getting in on the Action"



JAMES R. SPRUCE
author



EIGHT YEARS AGO, the Board of General Superintendents requested Earl C. Wolf, then director of Christian Service Training (now Continuing Lay Training), to prepare a series of simple Bible study lessons for use in home Bible studies. Roberta Heston of Fuller Seminary had noted that most guides on the market were either content without practical application, or contemporary application without solid biblical content, so the proposed series was to combine these factors and the focus was to be on the New Testament.

Two years later, in September 1978, a committee of

18 people headed by Dr. Wolf met to hammer out the format and philosophy. A winner was born.

The straightforward presentation of the life of Christ in Mark's Gospel is excellent for launching a Bible study. Each of the 12 lessons covers one or two chapters. Writer Jim Spruce begins with scanning the entire scripture portion: questions to answer that require reading the verses, blanks to fill in, true/false statements, or other helpful study devices. A system for determining the meaning of the passage follows, again using varied teaching techniques.

The text is the Bible, the study guide is the "teacher," and student involvement comes naturally. Any devoted Christian could thus lead a group. No leader's guide is necessary, but the introduction gives tips to leaders.

Forty-two study guides are completed or in various stages of preparation: 21 for the New Testament, 21 for the Old. Many Sunday School classes have used Beacon Small-Group Bible Studies as electives, with excellent response.

The study guides lend themselves to individual use as well, so either in connection with a group or alone, they provide a dandy study program to follow for quiet time. Given enough years, one could work through the Bible—starting with MARK! □

—Evelyn Stenbock
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the editor's STANDPOINT

PEOPLE REACHING PEOPLE

People reaching people is the theme of this issue as we begin "the year of church growth." From the day that Andrew "first [found] his own brother Simon, and . . . brought him to Jesus," this is how the church has grown. Singly and in groups, people have found Christ and, in turn, have reached others for Him.

In a revival meeting, a preacher's daughter surrendered her heart and life to Christ. At the time I was courting her ardently. My background and environment were decidedly non-Christian. I was bitterly atheistic. The change in her life, however, shook me up considerably.

I was not an easy captive. It shames me still to remember the blasphemous things I said to her about God, the Bible, the church, and the ministry. My ugly words were intended to inflict hurt and to provoke quarrels. Instead of arguing, she responded with love, patience, faith, and prayers. The Lord's own love shone through her life, and I began to feel as cheap and wicked and miserable as, in fact, I was.

To make a long story short, which is a sin against a good story, I was arrested, convicted, pardoned, and changed by the Lord to whom she brought me. (Story sequel: She has been my wife for 42 years!)

Through the years since, God has helped me reach many for His everlasting kingdom. So I believe in people reaching people! That is how I found Jesus Christ. That is how all of us who are His people were saved. Someone cared, someone prayed, someone witnessed, someone enfleshed the gospel, and we discovered in Christ a Redeemer and Friend.

Church growth is not a one-year project. People reaching people is not an occasional religious spasm. Evangelizing and discipling are the continuous tasks of the church. But a bit of added emphasis, a season of concentrated and accelerated effort, could produce some exciting results, to the glory of God.

We have been the reachees; let us also be the reachers. Next to the joy of finding Christ is that of helping others find Him. □

EXPERIENCE COLORS PERCEPTION

Experience colors perception. Several squirrels make their home in a tree behind our house. We have often been amused by their antics as they chase one another, dodge the neighbor's cat, run along fences and wires, etc. We thought of them as frisky, bright-eyed, sure-footed, inquisitive little creatures, always good for laughs.

Then these playful creatures chewed holes in the roof of our house. And one of them gets his jollies by overturning flowerpots. To add to their criminal behavior, they try to raid the bird feeder where Doris rewards her feathered friends who are too old, poor, or lazy to travel south for the winter.

So the squirrels have become "rodents" and "pests." Sometimes, when plants are injured beneath overturned pots, Doris calls them "rats." Experience colors perception.

Our number two son, when a little fellow, had big blue eyes and could affect at will a grave, sweet expression. A woman in the church found it impossible to believe that he was capable of mischief. She referred to him as

an angel. One evening she was visiting us. Bruce stood by her chair wearing his innocent angel face. She had an arm around him as she chatted with us. Displeased by what he regarded as insufficient attention, he suddenly bit her arm. The shock was even greater than the pain, and the angel was instantly an imp. She never trusted those soulful eyes again. Experience colors perception.

Acquaintance with Christ enhances perception but does not reverse it. As we know Him better, we love Him more. He proves himself to be utterly trustworthy. "More than I dreamed He ever could be" is the invariable testimony of all who trust Him as Savior and follow Him as Lord. All His redeemed people agree with the songwriter: "Christ is not a disappointment."

Closer acquaintance with some creatures, including some human creatures, may disappoint, but Jesus Christ becomes increasingly attractive. "He bears acquaintance," as some of our forefathers used to put it. With Him, intimacy never breeds contempt. Instead, it deepens the love, respect, and admiration we feel for Him. □

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GOOD NEWS AND KIND DEEDS

All the news isn't bad, but good news doesn't get the coverage awarded to wars, crimes, storms, earthquakes, and other disastrous events.

In the same way, all people aren't bad, but the good things people do are not heralded as loudly as the evil things.

On our travels this past summer, Doris and I spent a delightful day at Wisconsin Dells. We took the two famous boat rides, first through the lower dells, then through the upper dells. On the second ride, near the end of the journey, I discovered that my wallet was missing. It contained very little money, but various licenses and cards that would be troublesome to replace.

The loss was reported to our "captain." He placed an immediate radio call to the ship company's office. Some anonymous person had found the wallet and turned it in. Greatly relieved, I picked up the wallet at the dispatcher's counter. Everything was intact. Honesty is not extinct in this country, despite the depressing impression sometimes conveyed by crime news.

Doris lectured me gently about being more careful. Two days later she discovered that a case filled with cassette tapes was missing. She had evidently left them in a motel room. Two nights later, in another motel far distant, we were given a happy message. The tapes had been found and were being sent to our home address. The honesty of the motel maid, the kindness of the motel clerks who made inquiries and transmitted answers, created very favorable and encouraging impressions upon us.

I am a custodian of the best of all good news—the gospel message. In a world filled with evil tidings and broken hearts, I want to share the message of redemption as faithfully and convincingly as possible. And I want to be properly grateful for every good, kind, honest, and helpful thing that God's grace enables people to do. A lot of loving and lifting events are happening around us every day. They take place quietly as a rule, but they go far to preserve our faith in God and our respect for people. □

WHAT A FRIEND!

In a collection of "good advice," I found this anonymous quotation: "Don't lead me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and be my friend."

The quotation implies that a leader or a follower cannot also be a friend. Sometimes, however, friendship is expressed precisely by leading or by following.

The apostle Paul did not evade the responsibility of leadership and example-setting. He wrote to the Corinthians, "Be followers of me, even as I am of Christ," and he was certainly their friend.

The best of all friends not only walks beside us but also ahead of us and behind us. One of God's choicest promises to His people reads, "The Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard" (Isaiah 52:12, RSV).

The Lord goes before us. The angel who announced the resurrection of Jesus said, "Behold, he goes before you into Galilee." Whether our destination is Galilee, Pondunk Center, or the New Jerusalem, the Lord Jesus

Christ leads the way. He is rightly called "the leader [the pioneer, the path-breaker] of our faith."

The Lord goes behind us, too. He follows, not to be led by us but to protect us from the hounds of hell that bay on our trail. He is our vigilant and powerful rear guard. When Israel fled from Egypt, they were hotly pursued by Pharaoh's army. "The pillar of the cloud" that had been leading them "stood behind them" to confound the murderous designs of the enemy. Christ is our pillar of cloud.

The Lord also goes beside us. Luke tells of two disciples who were walking to Emmaus when "Jesus himself drew near, and went with them." Unseen but present, He also walks with us, making the journey exciting and rewarding by His friendship. With the Psalmist, we can say, "Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved."

The Lord before us, behind us, beside us—that's all the protection and pleasure anyone needs. What a friend is Jesus! □

supposed to conclude that a continued arms race is necessary and that Christians should support it.

The article fails to point out that a large number of distinguished Americans support the verifiable nuclear freeze proposal as a *first step* toward reducing nuclear arms. He could have named Rear Admiral Eugene Carroll (ret.); Hodding Carter, former Assistant Secretary of State; Harlan Cleveland, former Assistant Secretary of State and United States Ambassador to NATO; William Colby, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Phillip Farley, former deputy director of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; George Kennan, former United States ambassador to the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia;

and Paul Warnke, former director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and former chief SALT negotiator.

Mr. Chalfant uses his article and words such as "appeasement" and "unilateral disarmament" to draw the unjustifiable conclusion that only those who support the arms race stand for peace. To *begin* with, the Americans named above can hardly be called "appeasers." *Secondly*, the proposed nuclear freeze is bilateral and *not* unilateral. *Third*, the article flagrantly violates the spirit of American democracy in which people are supposed to be able to disagree on issues without being labeled "Communists." It also violates the spirit of tolerance fostered within the Church of the Nazarene.

I am saddened that the *Herald* became a party to such a low ap-

proach to an issue on which honorable Americans disagree.

Al Truesdale
Kansas City, Missouri

HELP WANTED

I'm writing with what I guess is either a concern or a plea for assistance.

Could it please be made known to our people far and wide that when someone enters the military there are churches near the bases who would gladly minister if only they knew that your young adults were stationed nearby. Invariably we often do not discover that someone is stationed at our nearby base until a parent comes to visit.

Please, let us know and we will gladly make the contacts at this end.

Larry D. Spicer
Great Falls, Montana

GOD IS FAITHFUL

by PEGGY WORST ROMANOSKI

CAROL lived in the other half of the Las Vegas duplex into which we moved when we learned we were expecting a child.

As I hung washing on the backyard clothesline we shared, she smiled shyly and spoke quickly before ducking back inside her door. Soon we visited frequently, sharing coffee, recipes, and laughter. She was unhappy in her marriage, and often so frustrated with her active three-year-old son she feared she might become abusive. I began to share with her what Jesus Christ had done in my life. One day at her kitchen table we read through *The Four Spiritual Laws* and prayed together the prayer of repentance. We mingled tears and laughter as Carol was born into God's family.

Her new beginnings were not easy. Her husband was not interested in church and did not want Carol to attend. Soon, though, he became friends with a man from a large sect and allowed their missionaries to visit his home. Although Carol was a baby Christian and knew no theology, she understood immediately that the missionaries were ignorant of what she had experienced in her new birth. She asked them, "But when did you accept Jesus into your life?"

They answered, "When we were baptized into the church."

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"No, I don't mean a ritual," she insisted. "When were you cleansed from your sin and filled with Jesus?" They could not answer her innocent questions to her satisfaction.

In too short a time, Carol's family and mine moved to opposite sides of the city, and it was difficult to maintain contact. I was concerned that there had been too little time to study the Bible together and that she had no church home. I learned soon after that Carol had taken a job in the bookkeeping department of a downtown casino. A few months later Carol's husband called to tell me Carol had taken their little boy and disappeared.

For several years I prayed for Carol whenever I thought of her, but nothing happened.

One afternoon I received a long-distance telephone call, and the voice on the other end inquired, "Do you remember me? This is Carol." It had been nearly five years, but I certainly hadn't forgotten her. When I told her I had been praying for her, she tearfully thanked me.

She had called to tell me that she had come back to God, was now married to a fine Christian man, and they were active in church and in Bible study. Through their witness, her parents had also accepted Jesus.

From this vantage point it is thrilling to look back and observe how the Holy Spirit must have prepared Carol's heart before I met her, how He planned those few months during which we were neighbors, and how He continued to follow her, and to remind me to pray, when we were out of contact. I cherish this reminder of the way in which God rewards our feeble faithfulness with His great faithfulness. □

**"By ALL MEANS...
Save Some"**

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES



Gwen Hendricks has been elected president of the European Council, Protestant Women of the Chapel, United States Forces, Europe. In addition to serving previously on the executive council as Training Conference chairman, she has served as Nominating Committee chairman. The European Council encompasses the areas of The Benelux (Belgium and Holland), Hellenic (Greece and Crete), Italy, Spain, Turkey, and the United Kingdom, as well as seven districts in Germany.

William Hendricks, Gwen's husband, is assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Brussels. The family has lived in Belgium four years. They attend the Military Chapel at Brunsum, Holland. They are members of the Manchester, Conn., church. □



Development of the adult Sunday School lessons begins with a committee creating outlines a lesson writer will work from. Working on outlines for the June, July, August, 1988, quarter are 3 of the 19-member committee. They are (from l.) Vern Houser, Jorge de Barros, and H. Ray Dunning.

GROUP PREPARES OUTLINES FOR ADULT SS LESSONS

Nazarenes and Wesleyans from the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, Mexico, Argentina, the Cape Verde Islands, and South Africa met recently in Kansas City to work on adult Sunday School lessons for the 1987-88 curriculum year.

The 19-member Enduring Word Series Curriculum Committee held its 10th annual meeting July 16-20 to pro-

duce outlines that Sunday School lesson writers will use.

The committee created outlines for the following four quarters that will be used in churches beginning September 1987:

- Holiness from the Sermon on the Mount (Unit 1), 1 John (Unit 2)
- Portraits of Jesus (Unit 1), Gospel of Mark (Unit 2)
- Character Studies from Genesis and Exodus
- Encounters with God (Unit 1), Personalities in Tension and Friendship (Unit 2)

The committee also reviewed and revised outlines, which were created last year for use in churches beginning September 1986.

Serving on the EWS committee are the following Nazarenes, who were appointed by the Board of General Superintendents: Gene Van Note, chairman; Stephen M. Miller, secretary; Jorge de Barros; H. Ray Dunning; Sergio Franco; Neil Hightower; Vernon Houser; Alvin Lawhead; Albert Lown; Henk Pieterse; Ann Cubie Rearick; Phillip Riley; James Spruce; Janet Williams; and Mario Zani. Also serving were four members of The Wesleyan Church.

The work of the committee is reviewed and approved by the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene before lesson writers begin their work. The outlines are developed into lessons used by Nazarenes around the world,

and by other holiness denominations including The Wesleyan Church.

The committee is scheduled to meet June 13-18, 1985, on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene College. There they will review outlines created this year and then write outlines for use in 1988-89. □



Rev. Harlan H. Shippy, a Nazarene elder has received the Art Rech Memorial Award in recognition of his education and varied service as a parish minister and chaplain. Mrs. Jean Rech, widow of the late Rev. Art Rech, a Presbyterian minister of Los Angeles, presented the award at the 11th annual convention of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, Western Region (CAPS West) in Buena Park, Calif., June 23. Pictured (l. to r.) are Mrs. Jean Rech, Rev. Harlan Shippy, and wife, Sarah. CAPS West, an association of Christians in the helping professions, makes the award occasionally to a worthy member who has served as a parish minister. He returned last fall after serving two years as Protestant chaplain at the Kwajalein Missile Range, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands. Rev. Shippy is a member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and is a California Licensed Marriage, Family and Child Counselor. Currently he is associated with Counseling Ministries of La Mesa, Calif., and Colina Counseling Center of San Diego.



The Executive Committee of the Nazarene Multiple Staff Association met in Kansas City, April 16-17. It reviewed the association's participation in the recent regional Evangelism Conferences and considered plans for involvement in the General Assembly next summer, and a possible expansion of the Executive Committee for regional organization. NMSA is an international organization to unite staff personnel and to encourage others to enter this field of Christian service. Pictured are NMSA officers (from top, clockwise) Jim Sankey, president, Colorado Springs; Rev. Wilbur Brannon, adviser, Pastoral Ministries, Kansas City; Herb McMillian, vice president, Bradenton, Fla.; and Roy Lynn, secretary/treasurer, St. Louis.



EVANGELIST'S SLATES

AREY, DONALD: Union, ME. Sept. 18-23; Sebasco, ME. Sept. 25-30
ARMSTRONGS, LEON, LINDA & FAMILY: Macomb, IL. Sept. 4-9; Cayuga, IN. Sept. 11-16; Vienna, VA (1st). Sept. 18-23; Covington, CA. Sept. 25-30
ATTIG, WALTER: Williamsport, PA. Sept. 11-16; Robinson, IL. Sept. 25-30
BAGGETT, DALLAS: Nancy, KY (Delmer), Sept. 2-9; Jasper, AL (Snoddy Chapel), Sept. 19-23
BAKER, JOHN D.: Dresden, OH. Sept. 4-9; College Corner, OH. Sept. 11-16; Charleston, WV (Campbells Creek), Sept. 18-23; Kurtz, IN. Sept. 25-30
BAKER, RICHARD C.: Chesterhill, OH. Aug. 31—Sept. 9; Savannah, GA (Bloomington), Sept. 11-16; Savannah, GA (Eastside), Sept. 18-23; Martins Ferry, OH. Sept. 25-30
BALLARD, DON: Bicknell, IN (1st), Sept. 4-9; Tuscaloosa, AL (1st), Sept. 16-20
BEARDEN, LES: Newport News, VA (1st), Sept. 4-9; Baltimore, MD (1st), Sept. 11-16; Evansville, IN (1st), Sept. 18-23; Batavia, OH (1st), Sept. 25-30
BEATY, BRIAN & FAMILY: Georgetown, IL (1st), Sept. 4-9; Danville, IL (Home Gardens), Sept. 11-16; Mississippi Dist. Home Missions Revivals, Sept. 18-23; McKinney, TX (1st), Sept. 25-30
BEELE, LOWELL: Greensboro, NC (Evang. Meth.), Sept. 4-9; Hickory, NC (Evang. Meth.), Sept. 11-16; George Hildebrand, NC (Interdenominational), Sept. 18-23; Roan Mountain, TN (Holiness), Sept. 25-30
BELL, JAMES & JEAN: Lubbock, TX (1st), Sept. 2; Euless, TX. Sept. 19-23
BELZER, DAVE: Wausau, WI. Sept. 4-9; Crystal Lake, IL. Sept. 11-16; Hutchinson, KS (Peniel), Sept. 18-23; Curtis, NE. Sept. 25-30
BENDER, EVANGELISTIC PARTY: Roncovevte, WV. Sept. 13-23; Vanderbilt, PA. Sept. 27—Oct. 7
BLUE, DAVE & DANA: Mount Sterling, OH (1st), Sept. 5-9; Akron, OH (Arlington), Sept. 12-16; Lexington, KY (Blue Grass Zone Camp), Sept. 25-30
BLYTHER, ELLIS: Gastonia, NC (1st), Sept. 4-9; West Jefferson, NC (Mt. Jefferson), Sept. 11-16; Norwood, NC. Sept. 18-23; Concord, NC (Oakdale Park), Sept. 25-30
BOCK, DON: Portsmouth, OH (Rosemont), Sept. 4-9; Harrison, OH (1st), Sept. 11-16; Chillicothe, OH (CCCU Camp), Sept. 18-23; Ashville, OH (CCCU), Sept. 26-30
BOND, GARY & BETH: Kalamazoo, MI (1st), Sept. 4-9; South Bend, IN (1st), Sept. 11-16; Alexandria, IN. Sept. 18-23; Marietta, OH (1st), Sept. 25-30
BOONE, FORD: Chickamauga, GA. Sept. 11-16; Gordonsville, TN. Sept. 18-23; Hampton, VA. Sept. 25-30
BOSHELL, T. JAMES: Follinsbee, WV. Sept. 12-23; Belle, WV. Sept. 25-30
BRAUN, GENE: Pompano Beach, FL (1st), Sept. 2 a.m.
BREWINGTON, JANE: South Weymouth, MA (Community), Sept. 16-23
BROWN, FRED: Greenville, OH. Sept. 4-9; Cedarville, OH. Sept. 11-16; Marietta, MI. Sept. 18-23; Laona, WI. Sept. 25-30
BROWN, ROGER: Corry, PA. Sept. 5-9; Barberton, OH (1st), Sept. 11-16; Highland, IN (1st), Sept. 25-30
BUDD, JAY: South Point, OH. Sept. 4-9; Alderson, WV. Sept. 11-16; Mercer, PA. Sept. 18-23; Pleasantville, OH. Sept. 25-30
BURKE, OWEN M.: Pontiac, IL (1st), Sept. 4-9; Fergus Falls, MN (1st), Sept. 11-16; Sawyer, ND (1st), Sept. 18-23
BURKHALTER, PAT: Blanchard, LA (1st), Sept. 4-9; Lewistown, IL (1st), Sept. 11-16; Jonesboro, AR (Rogers Chapel), Sept. 18-23; Moss Bluff, LA (1st), Sept. 25-30
BYERS, CHARLES & MILDRED: Clinton, AR. Sept. 11-16; Iowa Falls, IA. Sept. 18-23; Spencer, IA. Sept. 25-30
CARROLL, LARRY & ROBERTA: Lagrange, IN. Sept. 7-9
CASTEEL, HOWARD: Edmond, OK. Sept. 11-16; Michigan City, IN (1st), Sept. 18-23; Centerville, IN. Sept. 25-30
CAYTON, JOHN: Oxford, PA. Sept. 4-9; Chestertown, MD. Sept. 11-16; Oakland, MD. Sept. 18-23; Reserved, Sept. 25-30
CHAPMAN, W. EMERSON: Pampa, TX (1st), Sept. 30—Oct. 7
CHASE, FRANK: Hutchinson, KS (Westside), Sept. 4-9; Marengo, IA. Sept. 18-23; Winterset, IA. Sept. 24-30
CHIPP, VERLIN: Warrington, IN. Sept. 7-16; Camby, IN (Bethel Chapel), Sept. 21-30

CHRISTNER, JACK: Petersburg, PA. Sept. 4-9; Nanty Glo, PA. Sept. 11-16; North Huntingdon, PA (Circleville), Sept. 18-23; Saratoga Springs, NY. Sept. 25-30
CLAY, M. E.: Glasgow, WV. Sept. 11-16; Spencer, WV. Sept. 18-23
COLLINS, LUTHER: Drain, OR (1st), Sept. 18-23; Goldendale, WA. Sept. 25-30
COVINGTON, NATHAN: Tulsa, OK (Calvary), Sept. 5-9; Midwest City, OK (Bresee), Sept. 18-23; Muldrow, OK. Sept. 25-30
COX, CURTIS: Vinton, VA. Sept. 11-16; Charleston, WV (1st), Sept. 18-23; Pineville, WV. Sept. 25-30
CRABTREE, J. C.: Enon, OH (CCCU), Sept. 4-9; Marysville, OH. Sept. 18-23; Columbiana, AL. Sept. 25-30
CRANDALL, VERNON: Hood River, OR. Sept. 14-16; Dorris, CA. Sept. 25-30
CREWS, H. F.: Tucumcari, NM. Sept. 4-9; Reserved, Sept. 10-16; Coigate, OK. Sept. 25-30
CUNDIFF, C. R. *SCOTT: Ponca City, OK (Trinity), Sept. 8-9; Bethany, OK (Williams Memorial), Sept. 11-16; El Dorado, OK (1st), Sept. 18-23
DALE, TOM: Emmett, ID. Sept. 14-16; Nampa, ID (Fairview), Sept. 21-23; Kalispel, MT (1st), Sept. 30
DARNELL, H. E.: Yukon, OK. Sept. 20-30
DEBOLT, TED & DOROTHY: Asheville, NC (Ridgecrest NIROGA), Sept. 17-22; Charlestown, IN. Sept. 25-30
DELL, JIMMY: Reserved, Sept. 5-9; Northwest Indiana Dist. Tour. Sept. 10-14; West Milton, OH. Sept. 15-19; Piqua, OH. Sept. 20-23; Concord, CA. Sept. 26-30
DENNISON, MARVIN: Topeka, KS (Fairlawn Heights Wes.), Sept. 5-9; Inver Grove (Heights), MN. Sept. 11-16; Bloomington, MN. Sept. 18-23
DIXON, GEORGE & CHARLOTTE: St. Thomas, Ont. Sept. 12-16; Barrett, WV. Sept. 18-23; Warren, OH. Sept. 26-30
DODDS, LARRY: Ames, IA. Sept. 9; Manville, IL (SAM Retreat), Sept. 14-16; Manville, IL (Singles Retreat), Sept. 21-23
DOROUGH, JIM & CAROL: Allison Park, PA (North Hills), Sept. 4-9; West Jefferson, OH. Sept. 11-16; Dexter, MO. Sept. 18-23; Branson, MO (1st), Sept. 25-30
DUNMIRE, RALPH & JOANN: Logan, WV (1st), Sept. 11-16; Dunbar, WV. Sept. 18-23
DUNN, DON: Akron, OH (Cottage Grove), Sept. 4-9; Bushnell, IL. Sept. 11-16; El Paso, IL. Sept. 18-23; Willard, OH. Sept. 25-30
EASTMAN, RICK: Washington, DC (1st), Sept. 4-9; Baltimore, MD (Dundalk), Sept. 16-20; North Windham, ME (1st), Sept. 25-30
EBY, PAUL & MARTHA ANN: Fort Lauderdale, FL (1st), Sept. 26-30
ECKLEY, LYLE: Webster, TX (Nasa), Sept. 11-16; Stephenville, TX. Sept. 18-23; Gainesville, TX. Sept. 25-30
ERICKSON, A. WILLIAM: Monongahela, PA. Sept. 4-9; Maryville, TN (1st), Sept. 12-16; Wichita, KS (Eastridge), Sept. 18-23; Marshall, TX (Fairview), Sept. 25-30
ESSELBURN, BUD: THE KING'S MESSENGERS: Norton, OH (Loyal Oak Community), Sept. 4-9; Dearborn, MI. Sept. 11-16; Gibsonburg, OH. Sept. 18-23; Hicksville, OH. Sept. 25-30
FADER, WES & MARY: Crewe, VA. Sept. 12-16; Waldorf, MD (Good Shepherd United Meth.), Sept. 23
FARRIS, A. A.: Mount Vernon, KY. Sept. 4-9; Mount Sterling, KY. Sept. 25-30
FILES, GLORIA & DOROTHY ADAMS: Laurel, DE (Wes. Meth.), Sept. 4-9; Gettysburg, PA. Sept. 11-16
FISHER, C. WILLIAM: Plainview, TX (1st), Sept. 11-16; Irving, TX (1st), Sept. 18-23; Fort Worth, TX (Northside), Sept. 25-30
FORTNER, ROBERT: Richton Park, IL. Sept. 11-16; Brazil, IN (1st), Sept. 18-23; Nashville, MI (1st), Sept. 25-30
FRANK, RICHARD A.: Purcellville, VA (Loudon Valley), Sept. 16-23
FRODGE, HAROLD: Scottsbluff, NE. Sept. 2-9; Gilman, IL. Sept. 11-16; Princeton, IL. Sept. 18-23; Sistersville, WV. Sept. 25-30
GADBOW, C. D.: Indianapolis, IN (University Heights), Sept. 11-16
GAUTHORP, WAYLAND: Natchitoches, LA. Sept. 4-9; Fort Dodge, IA. Sept. 11-16; Monrovia, IN. Sept. 18-23; Shirley, IN. Sept. 25-30
GINTER, TIM: Cardington, OH. Sept. 11-16; Ashland, OH. Sept. 18-23; Grafton, OH (Midview), Sept. 25-30
GORMAN, HUGH: Troy, ID. Sept. 7-16; Red Deer, Alta. (1st), Sept. 19-23; Sault Ste. Marie, MI (1st), Sept. 25-30
GRAY, BOB & BECKY: Hutchinson, KS (Westside), Sept. 4-9; Newton, KS (1st), Sept. 12-16; Columbus, NE. Sept. 18-23; Westminster, CO. Sept. 26-30
GRAY, DAVE & BECKY: Rensselaer, IN (1st), Sept. 4-9; Greentown, OH (1st), Sept. 11-16; Belle Vernon, PA (1st), Sept. 18-23; Plymouth, IN (1st), Sept. 25-30
GREEN, JAMES & ROSEMARY: SE Oklahoma Dist. Camp. Sept. 4-9; Bethany, OK (Williams Memorial), Sept. 11-16; Choctaw, OK. Sept. 18-23; Taft, CA. Sept. 26-30
GRINDLEY, GERALD & JANICE: Montpelier, OH. Sept. 4-9; Defiance, OH. Sept. 11-16; Terre Haute, IN (1st), Sept. 25-30
GROVES, C. WILLIAM: McConnelville, OH. Sept. 4-9; Columbus, OH (Brown Road Community), Sept. 11-16; Brookline, PA. Sept. 18-23; Emlenton, PA (St. Petersburg), Sept. 25-30
HAINES, GARY: Sapulpa, OK (1st), Sept. 1-9; Ashtabula, OH (1st), Sept. 15-19; Youngstown, OH (1st), Sept. 20-23; Sacramento, CA (North), Sept. 29—Oct. 3
HAMILTON, JACK & WILMA: East Alton, IL (Rosewood Heights), Sept. 25-30
HANCE, RAY: Amarillo, TX (North Beacon), Sept. 19-23
HANCOCK, BOYD: Calamine, AR (Camp), Sept. 4-9; Nocona, TX. Sept. 25-30

SEPTEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

HANSON, BRIAN & CHERYL: North Little Rock, AR (Sylvan Hills), Sept. 4-9; Wichita, KS (Eastridge), Sept. 18-23
HAYES, ALVIN: Mitchell, SD. Sept. 11-16; St. Croix Falls, WI (Calvary), Sept. 25-30
HAYNES, CHARLES & MYRT: Hammond, IN (Hessville), Sept. 4-9; Munster, IN. Sept. 11-16; McMinnville, TN (1st), Sept. 18-23; Decherd, TN. Sept. 25-30
HEATON, KENNETH: College Park, MD. Sept. 30—Oct. 7
HECKATHORN, JIM: Evanston, WY. Sept. 11-16; Montrose, CO. Sept. 18-23
HELMS, MIKE & GLORIA: Karval, CO. Sept. 4-9; Kiowa, CO. Sept. 11-16; Syracuse, KS. Sept. 18-23; Udall, KS. Sept. 25-30
HENDERSON, LATTIE: Ada, OK (Salvation Army), Sept. 23-30
HICKE, S. F.: Tinley Park, IL. Sept. 23-30
HIGGINS, CHARLES: Camas, WA (1st), Sept. 9-13; McMinnville, OR. Sept. 16-20; Riverside, CA (Arlington Ave.), Sept. 23-30
HOLCOMB, TED: McGehee, AR (1st), Sept. 4-9; Houston, TX (Oakwood), Sept. 23-30
HOWARD, DICK: Dixfield, ME. Sept. 5-9; Ridgeway, PA. Sept. 12-17; Perrysburg, OH (1st), Sept. 19-24
HUBBART, LEONARD: Portland, MI. Sept. 25-30
HUBBARD, JEFFIE: Rodessa, LA (McCoey), Sept. 4-9; Baker, LA (1st), Sept. 25-30
HUGHES, JOYCE: Ottawa, IL (Southside), Sept. 2-9; Dickson, TN (Jason Chapel), Sept. 16-23
HURLES, VERNON: Meadville, PA (United Brethren in Christ), Sept. 25-30
IDE, CHARLES: Alanson, MI. Sept. 18-23; Houghton Lake, MI. Sept. 25-30
JAMES, RANDY & MARY JANE: Cincinnati, OH (Clifton Ave.), Sept. 11-16; Ashtabula, OH (Edgewood), Sept. 18-23; West Branch, MI (1st), Sept. 25-30
JANTZ, CALVIN & MARJORIE: Reserved, Month of September
JEFFRIES, JEFF & JAN: Sweet Home, OR (Evang.), Sept. 2 a.m.; Rogue River, OR. Sept. 9 a.m.; Prineville, OR. Sept. 16; North Bend, OR. Sept. 23; Lebanon, OR. Sept. 30 a.m.; Salem, OR (South), Sept. 30 p.m.
JOHNSON, EDWARD: Hewitt, MN. Sept. 25-30
JOHNSON, RON: Concerts in Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado. Sept. 5-11; Cheyenne, WY (Grace), Sept. 12-16; Colorado Springs, CO (Indian Heights), Sept. 19-23; Concerts in California, Sept. 30
JONES, TERRY: Pasadena, TX (1st), Sept. 9; East Brewton, AL (1st), Sept. 12-16; Batesville, AR (1st), Sept. 19-23; Munster, IN (1st), Sept. 26-30
JUSTICE, MEL & DONNA: Hicksville, OH. Sept. 5-9; Ft. Wayne, IN (Elmhurst), Sept. 11-16; Pontiac, MI (1st), Sept. 18-23; Anderson, IN (E. 38th St.), Sept. 25-30
KEENA, EARL: Harrisburg, OR. Sept. 18-23
KEETON, HAROLD: Middleport, OH. Sept. 25-30
KETNER, FRANCIS, SR.: Topeka, KS (1st), Sept. 1-2
KNIGHT, JOHN L.: Pine Bluff, AR (Oak Park), Sept. 11-16; Hot Springs, AR (Lockhaven), Sept. 18-23; Marlow, OK (1st), Sept. 25-30
KOHR, CHARLES: Coaltown, PA. Sept. 12-16; Sheakleyville, PA. Sept. 18-23; Allison, PA. Sept. 25-30
KRATZER, RAYMOND: Moses Lake, WA. Sept. 18-23; Ridgeview, WA (Pleasantview), Sept. 30—Oct. 3
LASSELL, RAY & JAN: Indianapolis, IN (Southside), Aug. 28—Sept. 2; Lebanon, IN. Sept. 4-9; Overland Park, KS (Church of God), Sept. 11-16; West Lebanon, IN (Indoor Camp), Sept. 18-23; Terre Haute, IN (Southside), Sept. 25-30
LAWSON, WAYNE: Bellingham, WA (New Church Organization), Sept. 9-14; La Grande, OR. Sept. 16-21; Sheridan, OR. Sept. 25-30
LAXSON, WALLY & GINGER: Reserved, Sept. 3-6; Cordova, AL. Sept. 7-9; Huntsville, AL (Mastin Lake), Sept. 12-16; Austin, TX, Sept. 19-23
LECKRONE, LARRY: Rochester, NY (Immanuel), Sept. 4-9; Elmira, NY (1st), Sept. 11-16; Vandalia, OH. Sept. 18-23; Bourbonnais, IL (College), Sept. 26-30
LECRONE, JON & BETH: Riverton, WY (1st), Sept. 4-9; Kellogg, ID. Sept. 10-16; Concerts in Washington, Sept. 18-21; Vancouver, WA (Fourth Plain), Sept. 23-30
LEE, RALPH & NELLIE: Everett, WA. Sept. 9-13
LEIDY, ARNOLD: Los Lunas, NM (Valenci Valley), Sept. 18-23; Wray, CO. Sept. 25-30
LEONARD, J. C.: Beatrice, NE. Sept. 11-16; Camdenton, MO. Sept. 25-30
LESTER, FRED R.: Wright City, MO. Sept. 4-9; Kansas City, KS (Metropolitan), Sept. 11-16; Walters, OK. Sept. 18-23
LIDDELL, P. L.: Danville, IL (Northside), Sept. 4-9; Logan, WV. Sept. 11-16; Charleston, WV (Calvary), Sept. 18-23; Pascagoula, MS (1st), Sept. 25-30
LOETSCHER, O'NEAL & LINDA: Fredonia, KS. Sept. 4-16; Indianola, IA (1st), Sept. 18-23; Ankeny, IA. Sept. 25-30
LOWN, ALBERT: Vancouver, WA (Hillcrest), Sept. 4-9; Spokane, WA (Pasadena Park), Sept. 11-16
LYBARGER, EVERETT: Palacios, TX (1st), Sept. 25-30

MACHIA, ERNEST, JR: Reserved, Sept. 2-16
MANER, ROBERT: Lehigh Acres, FL, Sept. 4-9; Dalton, GA (1st), Sept. 11-16; Dothan, AL, Sept. 18-23; Macon, GA (Shurlington), Sept. 25-30
MANLEY, STEPHEN: Circleville, OH (Circleville Bible College), Sept. 3-7; Newton, KS (1st), Sept. 12-16; Bethany, OK (Calvary), Sept. 18-23; Westminster, CO, Sept. 25-30
MARLIN, BEN: Orange Park, FL, Sept. 25-30
MARTIN, W. DALE: Clarksville, TN (1st), Sept. 5-9; Warren, OH (1st), Sept. 12-16; Charleston, WV (Elk River), Sept. 19-23; Columbia, TN (Grace), Sept. 26-30
MATTER, DAN & ANN: Denver, IN (1st Baptist), Sept. 10-16
McFERRIN, RICK & LANETTE: Bedford, IN (1st), Sept. 4-9; Reserved, Sept. 11-15; Nappanee, IN (1st), Sept. 16-23; Muncie, IN (Mayfield), Sept. 25-30
McQUEEN, A. W.: Brookville, OH (1st), Sept. 11-16; Stanford, KY (1st), Sept. 18-23; Kettering, OH (1st), Sept. 25-30
MELVIN, DOLORES: Beattyville, KY, Sept. 25-30
MEREDITH, DWIGHT & NORMA JEAN: Albertsville, AL, Sept. 11-16
MEYER, BOB & BARBARA: DYNAMICS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Reserved, Sept. 2-13; Michigan Dist. Academic Retreat, Sept. 18-20; Reserved, Sept. 23-27
MICKEY, BOB: Bowling Green, MO (1st), Sept. 25-30
MILLER, WALLY & CAROL: Bellevue, WA, Sept. 4-9; Tacoma, WA (Lakewood), Sept. 11-16; Parma, ID, Sept. 18-23; Ritzville, WA, Sept. 25-30
MILLHUFF, CHUCK: Eastern Nazarene College, Sept. 9-12; Troy, OH, Sept. 13-16; Bedford, OH, Sept. 19-23; North East, MD, Sept. 26-30
MOORE, NORMAN: Rosehill, CA, Sept. 5-9; Tuscon, AZ (Mountain View), Sept. 23-26; Tuscon, AZ (Central), Sept. 27-30
MORRIS, CLYDE: Inez, KY (Turkey Creek), Sept. 16-23; Poplar Bluff, MO (Northside), Sept. 25-30
MORRIS, ROBERT: Caro, GA, Sept. 25-30
MOSS, UDELL: Mountain Grove, MO, Sept. 4-9; West Plains, MO (1st), Sept. 11-16; Broadview, NM, Sept. 18-23; Sherman, TX (1st), Sept. 25-30
MOYER, BRANCE: Ulysses, KS, Sept. 11-16; Taloga, OK (Camp Creek), Sept. 18-23
MUNCIE, ROBERT & JANE: Savannah, GA (1st), Sept. 4-9; Indianapolis, IN (Speedway), Sept. 19-23; Martinsville, IN (Trinity), Sept. 25-30
MYERS, DAVID J.: Portsmouth, OH (Hayport Rd. Gospel Mission), Sept. 16; Logan, OH (CCCC), Sept. 23-30
MYERS, HAROLD: Eagles River, AK (Eagle Run), Sept. 4-9; Anchorage, AK (Jewel Lake), Sept. 11-16; Reserved, Sept. 18-22; Anchorage, AK (Hillcrest), Sept. 23-30
NEFF, LARRY & PAT: Anna, IL (1st), Sept. 4-9; Shawnee, OK, Sept. 18-23; Warren, MI (Warren Woods), Sept. 26-30
OLIVER, L. S.: Lawrenceburg, TN, Sept. 4-9; Huntsville, AL (Mastin Lake), Sept. 11-16; Savannah, TN, Sept. 18-23; Oklahoma City (Capital Hill), Sept. 25-30
OLIVER, W. CHARLES: Lake Charles, LA (College Park), Sept. 11-16; Avon Park, FL, Sept. 25-30
OVERTON, WILLIAM D.: Elizabethtown, KY, Sept. 11-16; Mount Vernon, IN (Point Township), Sept. 18-23; Johnstown, OH, Sept. 25-30
OYLER, CALVIN & VIRGINIA: Amarillo, TX (Central), Sept. 4-9; Johnson, KS, Sept. 11-16; Elkhart, KS, Sept. 18-23; Derby, KS, Sept. 25-30
PALMER, JAMES: Indianapolis, IN (Friendly), Sept. 4-9; Olney, IL (1st), Sept. 18-23; New Castle, IN (Southside), Sept. 25-30
PASSMORE EVANGELISTIC PARTY: Ottumwa, IA (Trinity), Sept. 4-9; Britt, IA, Sept. 11-16; Knoxville, IA, Sept. 18-23; Montrose, IA, Sept. 25-30
PATTERSON, DORMAN: Ellisville, IL, Sept. 25-30
PERDUE, NELSON: Lynn, IN, Sept. 4-9; Barborton, OH, Sept. 11-16; South Charleston, WV, Sept. 19-23; Akron, OH, Sept. 25-30
PFEIFER, DON, EVANGELISTIC TEAM: Crusade in Trinidad, Sept. 14-23; Hinton, WV (Camp Summers), Sept. 29—Oct. 3
PIERCE, BOYCE & CATHERINE: Danville, IL (Pleasant Grove), Sept. 12-16; Mount Sterling, IL, Sept. 25-30
PRICE, JOHN: Searcy, AR (Pickens Chapel), Sept. 25-30
QUALLS, PAUL: St. Albans, WV (1st), Sept. 18-23
RAINS, HAROLD: Perry, OK, Sept. 5-9; Cleburne, TX, Sept. 11-16; Hillsboro, TX, Sept. 18-23; Denton, TX (Taylor Park), Sept. 25-30
RICHARDS, LARRY & PHYLLIS: Louisville, KY (Belle of Louisville Gospel Cruise), Sept. 22; Louisville, KY (Atwood Wess.), Sept. 23; Bloomington, IN (Zion), Sept. 25-30
ROBINSON, TED: Richland Center, WI, Sept. 4-9; Bradley, IL, Sept. 11-16; East Liverpool, OH (LaCroft), Sept. 18-23; Highland, IN (1st), Sept. 25-30
RODGERS, CLYDE: Mifflinburg, PA, Sept. 30—Oct. 7
ROTH, RON: Clearwater, KS, Sept. 4-9; Lawton, OK (1st), Sept. 11-16; Muskogee, OK (1st), Sept. 18-23; Falls City, NE (1st), Sept. 25-30
SMITH, CHARLES HASTINGS: Baytown, TX (1st), Sept. 4-9; Fort Worth, TX (River Oaks), Sept. 11-16; Dallas, TX (1st), Sept. 18-23
SMITH, DUANE: Rockton, IL, Sept. 4-9; Bettendorf, IA, Sept. 11-16; Frankclay, MO, Sept. 18-23; Texarkana, TX (North), Sept. 25-30
SMITH, HAROLD: Hillman, MI (Pleasant Valley Free Meth.), Sept. 5-9; Marshall, MI, Sept. 16-21
SMITH, LARRY & FAMILY: Elk City, OK (1st), Sept. 9-16; Denver City, TX, Sept. 18-23; Frith, TX, Sept. 25-30

SMITH, OTTIS & MARGUERITE: Vassar, MI, Sept. 11-16; Jerry City, OH (United Brethren in Christ), Sept. 18-23; Wagoner, OK, Sept. 25-30
STANFORTH, KENNETH: Torrance, CA, Sept. 2; Lodi, CA, Sept. 3-9; San Pedro, CA, Sept. 11-16; Long Beach, CA, Sept. 23-30
STANTON, TED & DONNA: Montpelier, IN (Collett), Sept. 4-9; Dille, WV, Sept. 11-16; Palmyra, IN, Sept. 25-30
STEVENSON, GEORGE: Sherwood, AR (Sylvan Hills), Sept. 4-9; Little Rock, AR (Westwood), Sept. 11-16; Topeka, KS (Wanamaker), Sept. 18-23; Fairfield, OH, Sept. 25-30
STREET, DAVID: Jasper, IN, Sept. 4-9; Louisville, KY (Okolona), Sept. 11-16; Clarksburg, WV, Sept. 25-30
STRICKLAND, RICHARD: Newcomerstown, OH (1st), Sept. 12-16; Washington Court House, OH (1st), Sept. 19-23; Versailles, KY (Blue Grass Zone Indoor Camp), Sept. 25-30
SWANSON, ROBERT: Hannibal, MO (1st), Sept. 25-30
TAYLOR, CLIFF: Oakland, CA (Eastbay Zone Crusade), Sept. 5-9
TAYLOR, MENDELL: Naperville, IL (Trinity), Sept. 11-16
TAYLOR, ROBERT: Champaign, IL (Westside), Sept. 4-9; Kankakee, IL (Eastridge), Sept. 11-16; Danville, IL (Southside), Sept. 18-23; Nashville, TN (Old Hickory), Sept. 25-30
TAYLOR, RON: Dickson, TN (1st), Sept. 18-23
THOMAS, J. MELTON: Bible Conference in England & Scotland, Sept. 13-30
TRIPP, HOWARD: Woodbury, GA (Harmony), Sept. 4-9; Marietta, GA (1st), Sept. 11-16; Huntsville, AL (University), Sept. 18-23; St. Petersburg, FL, Sept. 25-30
TRISSEL, PAUL & MARY: Jackson, MI, Sept. 25-30
VARCE, PAUL: Reserved, Month of September
VARIAN, WILLIAM: Mount Sterling, OH (1st), Sept. 4-9; Akron, OH (Arlington), Sept. 12-16; Frankfort, IN (1st), Sept. 19-23; Roanoke, VA (1st), Sept. 26-30
WALLACE, J. C. & MARIE: Mooresville, NC, Sept. 11-16
WALKER, LAWRENCE: Rutland, OH, Sept. 8-16; Socio, OH, Sept. 25-30
WATSON, LOY: Fargo, OK, Sept. 4-9; Waurika, OK, Sept. 11-16
WELCH, W. B.: Spartanburg, SC (Sharon), Sept. 4-9; Dover, TN (Long Creek), Sept. 11-16; Great Falls, SC, Sept. 20-23; Millington, TN (1st), Sept. 25-30
WELLS, LINARD: Bonham, TX (1st), Sept. 4-9; Clarksdale, MS, Sept. 11-16; Meridian, MS (Oakland Heights), Sept. 18-23; Carrollton, TX (1st), Sept. 25-30
WEST, EDNA: Spencerville, OH (1st), Sept. 16-23
WHITED, CURTIS: Deepwater, MO, Sept. 21-23
WHITWORTH, ARTIE: Winfield, KS, Sept. 18-23
WHITWORTH, MARCUS: North Little Rock, AR (Grace), Sept. 4-9; Waurika, OK, Sept. 11-16; Orange, TX, Sept. 26-30
WILCOX, WALTER: Cornerbrook, Nfld., Sept. 14-23; Bay Roberts, Nfld., Sept. 25-30
WILLIAMS, E. VERBAL: Summerside, P.E.I., Sept. 9-16; Reading, PA (Calvary), Sept. 25-30
WILLIAMS, G. W. & MARY: Astoria, IL, Sept. 4-9; West Baden Springs, IN (Interdenominational Holiness), Sept. 17-23
WILLIAMS, LAWRENCE: Gallup, NM (1st), Sept. 2-9; Archbold, OH, Sept. 17-23
WISEHART, LENNY & JOY: Prairie Village, KS (Nail Ave.), Sept. 5-9; Ridgecrest, NC (NIROGA), Sept. 17-21; Colorado Springs, CO (Bible College), Sept. 24-28 a.m.; Colorado Springs, CO (1st), Sept. 28 p.m.-30
WOODWARD, S. OREN & FAYE: Brandon, VT (Leicester), Sept. 4-9;

East Charleston, VT, Sept. 11-16; North Haverhill, NH (Trinity), Sept. 18-23; Danielson, CT, Sept. 25-30
WRIGHT, AUSTIN: Livermore Falls, ME, Sept. 11-16
WYLIE, CHARLES: Columbus, OH (Frank Road), Sept. 11-16; Shattuck, OK, Sept. 25-30
WYRICK, DENNIS: Arlington, TX (East Parkrow), Sept. 25-30
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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD OF PENSIONS MIDYEAR MEETING

The Board of Pensions held its mid-year meeting on June 29, 1984. Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator for the Board of Pensions, reported the following highlights.

The board voted a dividend of \$125,000 to be declared to the participants in the Supplemental Group Term Life Insurance Program. The dividend is to be "refunded" on a proportional percentage basis in the form of a premium reduction for those participants renewing their coverage on the October 1, 1984, policy anniversary. Current premium rates will remain unchanged for all new coverage.

After reviewing the Nazarene Health and Hospitalization Program, the board called for amendments to the NHHP Plan Document to be returned for their consideration, which would improve the dependent coverage for widowed spouses.

In other action the staff was directed to request legal council to draft changes that would allow an early retirement option. Such an option would allow a participant to apply for retirement benefits at or after age 62 with a percentage reduction in benefit for each month that the retirement precedes the participant's 65th birthday. The board called for the proposal to be submitted at one of its next meetings, with a view that it could become effective April 1, 1985. □



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SOME HOME-OWNING CLERGY GET REPRIEVE FROM REVENUE RULING 83-3

Recently, the United States Congress passed the Tax Reform Act of 1984. Within that act was an extension of the grandfathering provision of Revenue Ruling 83-3 until January 1, 1986.

Home-owning clergymen should note the following facts. On January 3, 1983, the IRS issued Revenue Ruling 83-3, which specified that home-owning clergy could no longer itemize mortgage interest and real estate tax deductions on their federal tax return to the extent that a housing allowance had been allocated to cover such costs. The effective date of the change was stated at that time as having prospective application with these comments: "This change will not be applied to ministers . . . until the end of the minister's current contract year, but no later than June 30, 1983."

IRS announcement 83-100, issued May 31, 1983, revised the effective date provision by adding another exception: "Further, if the minister . . . owned and occupied a home before January 3, 1983 (or had a contract to purchase a home before January 3, 1983, and subsequently owns and occupies that home), the revenue ruling will not be applied to that minister until the earlier of the date on which the minister no longer occupies that home or January 1, 1985."

The new provision in the Tax Reform Act of 1984 extends the transitional date to January 1, 1986, for only those ministers who owned and occupied a home before January 3, 1983 (or had a contract to purchase a home before that date) and who are still dwelling in that home. It does not give any relief to the minister who purchased or changed residence on or after January 3, 1983.

Since further legislative process concerning Revenue Ruling 83-3 is expected over the next few months, the Pensions and Benefits Office will continue to monitor the situation and will keep the United States districts informed of further developments. Questions may be directed to the Pensions Office. □

NORTH ARKANSAS DISTRICT GIVES LARGE OFFERING TO COMBAT INDECENCY

Persons attending the recent assembly of the North Arkansas District contributed \$3,000 in an offering to be used to combat pornography and indecency.

The Church of the Nazarene has committed itself to highlighting the

problems of pornography and indecency during the 81 district assemblies in Canada and the United States this summer. Presiding general superintendents have been calling on the districts at these assemblies to support the war against hedonism and immorality with their time and resources.

Rev. Thomas Cox is the superintendent of the North Arkansas District. □

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EASTERN KENTUCKY DISTRICT BRINGS DOWN THE GIANT

For 28 years the "giant" of unpaid General Budget has defeated the Eastern Kentucky District as individuals and churches struggled against it, sometimes coming very close but never quite victorious.

Last fall at the district Men in Missions Retreat, Dr. Paul Gray, district director of MIM, shared his burden for this project and those present pledged to pray and pay to "bring down the giant." A huge drawing of the ugly monster was displayed across the district as a team of these dedicated men traveled to 55 churches holding Faith Promise

conventions and missionary rallies to promote General Budget giving.

On Tuesday, June 19, at the District NWMS Convention, in the midst of great rejoicing, Mrs. John May and the Men in Mission team set fire to the giant that had been felled by full payment of their General Budget. □

FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

NORTH ARKANSAS

The 32nd annual assembly of the North Arkansas District met at Conway, Ark. District Superintendent Thomas M. Cox, reelected to a four-year term, reported two new churches, Mountain View and Wynne, Ark.

Presiding General Superintendent William M. Greathouse ordained John Patrick McNew and L. Dean Thompson and recognized the credentials of Jerrell Westbrook.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Lynn Casseday and Bob Stovall and laymen Wallace Nolen and Dale Webster.

Wyoma (Mrs. Tom) Cox, Harold G. Wedel, and Terry L. Rohlmeier were reelected NWMS president.



Pictured (l. to r.) are Dr. Paul Gray, Rusty Bellamy, Mrs. John May (district superintendent's wife), Jack Dickison, and George Scott.



At 10:48 a.m. (Alaska time) on May 31, Alaska was declared to be a regular district. Pictured is the reading of the proclamation by General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland. Those participating in this historic moment (*l. to r.*) are Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, Church Extension Ministries; General Superintendent Strickland; Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Sheppard, district superintendent and wife; and district Advisory Board members Rev. Roy Nickels, Wesley Smith, and Glenn Larson.

NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

HOUSTON

The 37th annual assembly of the Houston District met at Houston. District Superintendent D. W. Thaxton, completing the second year of an extended term, reported four new churches, Houston Korean, Houston Open Fellowship, Houston Southwest, and Woodville.

Dr. William M. Greathouse, presiding general superintendent, ordained Steven Eugene Coleman and Donald Thomas Oneal, recognized the credentials of Garry Wayne Edwards, and commissioned Steven Roy Proffitt and Terry Wayne Turner ministers of Christian education.

Elders L. Eugene Plemons and James R. Spruce and laymen John Bundy and Ronald Emmert were elected to the Advisory Board.

Nelrose McKay was reelected NWMS president; William T. Carr was reelected NYI president; and LeRoy Spradling was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA

The 36th annual assembly of the Northwest Oklahoma District met at Bethany, Okla. District Superintendent Bill E. Burch, completing the first year of an extended term, reported one new church, Oklahoma City Metroplex Fellowship.

Dr. Charles H. Strickland, presiding general superintendent, ordained David James Carlson, Ronald R. Jackson, and Steve Lynn Laswell.

Elders Keith Maule, Hardy Powers, Ponder Gilliland, and Gary Powell and laymen Bill Campbell, Harold Mullins, Dudley Powers, and Don Schuneman were elected to the Advisory Board.

Philip Heap, Mike Page, and A. B. "Bud" LeCrone were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

MINNESOTA

The 45th annual assembly of the Minnesota District met at Minneapolis. District Superintendent Virgil K. Grover, reelected to a two-year term, reported two new churches, Faribault and Little Falls, Minn.

Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, presiding general superintendent, ordained Samuel Burch and Theodore Holmquist.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Kenneth Wood and Terrill Haddix, and laymen Phil Nelson and Ray Shuey.

Mildred Rooney was reelected NWMS president; David Ringhiser was reelected NYI president; and Thomas Hunter was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

EASTERN MICHIGAN

The 35th annual assembly of the Eastern Michigan District met at Warren, Mich. District Superintendent

C. Marselle Knight, currently serving under appointment, was elected to a four-year term.

Presiding General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson ordained William Burdine, Barry Cunningham, Stephen Floyd, Thomas Humphreys, and Frederick Prince, and recognized the credentials of Seth G. Tidball II.

Elders Stephen Anthony, Richard Parrott, Allen Dace, and James Mellish and laymen Bob Chenoweth, John Q. Dickey, Gordon Horton, and Vernon Lunn were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. John Dickey, Robert Kring, and Jerry Short were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

MICHIGAN

The 71st annual assembly of the Michigan District met at Vicksburg, Mich. District Superintendent C. Neil Strait, completing the third year of an extended term, reported one new church, Petoskey, Mich.

Dr. V. H. Lewis, presiding general superintendent, ordained William Albert Couchenour, David Charles Crofford, and Paul Robert Evans.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders James A. Adam, Harold M. DeMott, George V. Harris, and Jack E. Holcomb and laypersons Mrs. Maxine Akers, Arlyn F. Bower, Al Overholt, and James Schweigert.

Mrs. William (Gladys) Hurt was reelected NWMS president; Jerald O. Batterbee was reelected NYI president; and Mark H. Moore was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

CENTRAL OHIO

The 41st annual assembly of the Central Ohio District met at Columbus, Ohio. District Superintendent J. Wilmer Lambert, completing the second year of an extended term, reported two new churches, Lancaster East, and South Point Gethsemane.



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Pictured at the Central Ohio district assembly (*l. to r., second row*) are the ordinands with their spouses seated in front of them: (*recognized were*) Gene Thompson, Clarence Schirm, and Chris F. Meenach; Michael R. Wirzfeld, David Wesley Spaulding, David Harold Shirer, Jay Edward Schlenker, Richard L. Hudson, Ronald Charles Heller, George Martin Gentzler, Frederick D. Brown, and Charlene Rae Hill; (*third row, l. to r.*) Dr. J. Wilmer Lambert, district superintendent, and Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent.

Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, presiding general superintendent, ordained Frederick D. Brown, George Martin Gentzler, Ronald Charles Heller, Charlene Rae Hill, Richard L. Hudson, Jay Edward Schlenker, David Wesley Spaulding, David Harold Shirer, and Michael R. Wirzfeld, and recognized the credentials of Chris F. Meenach, Clarence Schirm, and Gene Thompson.

Elders Ira E. Fowler, William G. Hill, Bobby G. Madison, and Robert F. Styers and laymen Paul W. Gamertsfelder, Roger D. Hobbie, Homer R. McKnight, and Merel E. Pickenpaugh, Jr., were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. J. Wilmer Lambert, Rev. Cecil A. Jones, and Rev. Bobby G. Madison were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

CANADA QUEBEC

The fifth annual assembly of the Canada Quebec District met at Montreal. District Superintendent Roy Fuller, reappointed to a one-year term, reported one new church, Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec, French.

Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, presiding general superintendent, ordained David Lynn Jordan and Harry Wayne Schell.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Pierre-Michel Paul and Eugene Morris and laymen Gordon Brooks and Serge LaPalme.

Mrs. Nina Fuller was reelected NWMS president; Rev. David Jordan was elected NYI president; and Rev. Bruce Weissshuhn was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA

The 33rd annual assembly of the Northeast Oklahoma District met at Tulsa. District Superintendent W. T. Dougharty, completing the second year of an extended term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained David Roy Hill and Randolph W. Sly.

Elders Russell Human and Russell Branstetter and laymen Bob Kannady and David Fitzgerald were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. W. T. Dougharty, Rev. Rob McDonald, and Rev. Tommy Loving were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

The 25th annual assembly of the Southwestern Ohio District met at Middletown, Ohio. District Superintendent Harold B. Graves, completing the third year of an extended term, reported two new churches, Cincinnati Pleasant Ridge and New Vienna, Ohio.

Presiding General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained Robert M. Dennis, Larry Hall, Harold Horton, and Steve Wheeler.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Virgil P. Applegate, John Bunn, Morris Chalfant, and Don

King and laymen Marvin Beam, Lewis Curtiss, Bob Mahaffey, and Wayne Reno.

Mrs. Harold B. Graves, Bill Kirby, and Larry Dennis were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

COLORADO

The 76th annual assembly of the Colorado District met at Denver. District Superintendent M. Harold Daniels, completing the first year of an extended term, reported.

Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, presiding general superintendent, ordained David Logan Lutze, David Matthew Ralph, Larry Wesley Rap, Lola Irene Rap, Donald George Strohmeier, and Ronnie Clide Williams.

Elders Bill Coulter, J. Donald Freese, Orlando R. Jantz, and W. Donald Wellman and laymen David Allen, Dean Thoman, George Turner, and Willis Brown were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Trude Conrad, Mickey Cox, and Richard Turner were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

EASTERN KENTUCKY

The 33rd annual assembly of the Eastern Kentucky District met at Ashland, Ky. District Superintendent John W. May, reelected to a four-year term, reported a new church, Lloyd, Ky.

Presiding General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Norlyn Eugene Crandall, Claude Allen Crisp, Carl Graham, and Daniel Geoffrey Kunselman.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Daniel Jackson and Garrett Mills and laymen Lewis K. Edwards and Columbus Hobbs.

Mrs. John W. May was reelected NWMS president; Vernon Adams was reelected NYI president; and Garrett Mills was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

MOVING MINISTERS

ROBERT W. ACTON to Hugoton, Kans.

VICTOR J. BERG from Rawlins, Wyo., to Helena, Mont.

W. WARREN BOYD from education to Lethbridge (Alta.)

LEONARD W. BUDD to Liberty, Mo.

CHARLES F. BYERS from Clarion, Iowa, to evangelism

VERNON D. CORZINE from Fortville, Ind., to Wichita (Kans.) Westside

LESTER R. FOOTE to Tatum, N.Mex.

HAROLD L. FRYE from Chicago Oak Lawn to associate, Muncie (Ind.) South Side

EARL R. HARDYMAN from Hillsdale, Mich., to Creve Coeur, Ill.

GARY L. HUGHES from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Torrington, Wyo.

HUBERT E. KING from student, Nazarene Theologi-

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cal Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to associate, Columbia City, Ind.

JOSEPH L. McMAHAN to Lindsay, Calif.

ROY ROTZ from Topeka (Kans.) Wanmaker Woods to associate, Topeka (Kans.) First

TIMOTHY F. WHITTAKER from associate, Riverside (Calif.) Arlington, to associate, Nashville First

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fort Worth Northside Church will observe its 50th anniversary Sunday, October 28. There will be a dinner in the fellowship hall at noon. All former members and friends are invited. For further information contact the church at 6936 Denton Hwy. 377, Fort Worth, TX 76148.

Barberton, Ohio, First Church will celebrate its 60th anniversary with a weekend of activities October 26-28. Special guests will include former pastors and wives and District Superintendent Floyd O. Flemming. Rev. Robert O. Clark and the people of



Shown at the Canada Quebec district assembly are: (back row, l. to r.) Rev. Roy Fuller, district superintendent; and Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, general superintendent; (front row, l. to r.) ordinands and wives, Rev. and Mrs. David Jordan and Rev. and Mrs. Harry Schell.

Barberton First Church cordially invite all former members and friends to attend or send greetings. For further information contact Rev. Robert O. Clark, Barberton First Church of the Nazarene, 1177 Norton Ave., Barberton, OH 44203. (216) 825-9353.

Saginaw, Mich., First Church will celebrate its 60th anniversary September 26, 28-30. Rev. D. A. Brenner, pastor, will begin the celebration September 26 with a service featuring the history and pictures of the past. Former pastors will be speaking, along with special music, dinners, an ice-cream social and "This Is Your Life" for one of the dedicated members of the church. There will also be a special visit from Rev. C. Neil Strait, superintendent of the Michigan District. For further information, contact Pat Lear, 220 Wellington, Saginaw, MI 48604.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

REV. CHARLES F. AND MILDRED BYERS are entering the evangelistic field on a full-time basis. For the past 10 years he has served as pastor at Clarion, Iowa, where the church has grown from a small congregation to a well-established church. During his ministry there, a beautiful new church building was constructed. Prior to this pastorate, they served as pastors at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Oakland Church and in Nebraska. Also, they spent 21 years as evangelists before pastoring. Rev. and Mrs. Byers carry the full load of preaching as well as music for their revivals. She is an outstanding pianist and served as district director of children's ministries for the past several years. I highly recommend this couple as capable in the pulpit, easy to entertain, and concerned for the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of the church. Their mailing address is c/o NPH, Box 527, Kansas City, MO 64141, and their home address is 2121 Apt. C, South Ingram Mill Rd., Springfield, MO 65804. —Forrest E. Whitlatch, Iowa district superintendent.

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VITAL STATISTICS

LONG-TIME MISSIONARY TO AFRICA DIES



Rev. Jack Riley, 54, missionary to the Republic of Ciskei, South Africa, died on July 15 after a two-year battle with cancer.

Rev. Riley attended Olivet Nazarene College and Pasadena College, graduating from Pasadena College in May 1958. He married Mary Lou Steward in 1951. They pastored churches in Pasadena, Forest Park, and Glendale, Calif., and Gary, Colo., before going to South Africa in 1960.

During his 24 years of missionary service in Africa, Jack served as a church planter, evangelist, Bible college teacher, printer, architect, and builder. He was involved in the planning and construction of more than 100 buildings. One of the major building projects directed by Rev. Riley was the construction of the Nazarene Bible College in KwaZulu.

In January 1981 the Rileys moved to East London to supervise the opening of the Church of the Nazarene in Ciskei. A new facet of ministry was opened up through weekly radio programs.

Jack Riley was in the process of building a church in Mdantsane when he died.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; two sisters, Betty Tandy and Esther Bullock; four children, Mrs. Cindy Tennyson of Weaverville, Calif.; Michael of Kansas City; Daniel of Durban, South Africa; and Jonathan, recently graduated from Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill.; and three grandchildren: twins Kenny and Missy, and Wesley.

Memorial services were held at Mdantsane, Africa, and at Canton, Ill. Burial was in East London, Ciskei, South Africa.

DEATHS

REV. ALBERT S. BARCROFT, 77, July 24, Trenton, Tex. Interment: Arlington, Tex. Survivors: wife Lula;

son Al; four grandchildren; three brothers; two sisters. Ministry: Texas.

REV. JOHN L. BRADLEY, 69, June 26, Lenoir City, Tenn. Survivors: wife Edna; son John E.; daughters Gaytha and Mrs. Paul (Joyce Ann) Grubb; five grandchildren; three brothers; one sister. Ministry: Lenoir City, Maryville, Bristol, Cleveland, Doyle, Sparta, and Carthage, Tenn.; and Murray and Albany, Ky.

CLYDE E. CULBERTSON, 78, July 15, Franklin, Pa. Survivors: wife Elizabeth H.; sons Kenneth and Robert; daughters Mrs. Russell (Patricia) Long and Mrs. Ernest (Louise) Tessauro; stepdaughter Mrs. Harry (Kathryn) Britt; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers; 4 sisters.

JESSE W. FRISBEY, SR., of Winterhaven, Calif., 68, July 14, Yuma, Ariz. Interment: Independence, Mo. Survivors: sons Jesse, Jr., Gary, Ray, Isaac (Ike), and Perry; 17 grandchildren; 4 sisters.

GERALD GEE, 69, July 14, Manzanola, Colo. Survivors: wife Stella; sons Gene and Jerry; daughters Lenore Hand, Eleanor Englebrecht, and Caroline Miller; 12 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 1 brother; 4 sisters.

RODNEY HAYS of Ringwood, Okla., 17, July 13, near Sulphur, Okla. (drowning). Survivors: parents Jay and Jane Hays; brothers Randy and Ritchie; grandparents.

BLANCHE JESSEE, 84, July 1, Roseville, Calif. Survivors: husband Archie E.; sons Lester, Fred, Archie, and Jim; daughters Mrs. Diamond (Dorothy) Goode, Mrs. Arthur (Irene) Brewer, Mrs. Earle (Pearl) Brewer, Mrs. Merlin (Alice) Hunter, and Mrs. Virginia Corbin; 28 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren.

MARIE JOHNSON, 75, June 26, Tacoma, Wash. Survivors: sons Orland L., Dr. Lloyd A., Rev. Gareth J., and Rev. Richard B.; daughter Mrs. James M. (Louel)

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Anderson; 15 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

KATE (LENTZ) BARKLEY KLUGSBERG of Fostoria, Ohio, 86, May 15, Tiffin, Ohio. Survivors: husband Arthur; sons Charles Barkley and Lowell Barkley; daughter Mrs. Marylene (Barkley) Costello; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

DON LAUGHLIN of La Verne, Calif., 82, May 22, Pomona, Calif. Survivors: wife Matilda B.; son Edward O.; daughter Esther Butcher; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

MRS. ESTHER L. LONG, 40, July 3, Fort Worth, Tex. Survivors: husband Stanley A.; son Marc; daughter Traci; parents; one sister.

MRS. CLELL (GOLDIE) PASKO, 70, June 8, Huntington, Ind. Survivors: husband Clell; sons Bob and Mark; daughter Melba Parrett; 13 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

ELIZABETH S. REIMANN, 95, May 24, El Cajon, Calif. Interment: Cypress, Calif. Survivors: husband John F.; sons John and Jim.

REV. LESTER RICHARDSON, 81, Indianapolis, Ind. Survivors: wife Ethel (Stuart); daughter Yvonne Wright; two grandsons. Ministry: Indiana.

THOMAS W. RICKETTS, 66, July 16, Cressona, Pa. Survivors: wife Bernice (Sweigert); son Thomas; daughter Debby Panchari; three grandchildren; one sister; one brother.

WILLIAM F. SCHORTINGHOUSE, 83, May 27, Umatilla, Fla. Survivors: wife Margaret; sons William F., John Paul, and Rev. Byron E. F.; nine grandchildren.

LORA NELSON STROUD, 72, May 30, Hendersonville, N.C. Survivors: husband Millen; sons Rev. Daniel and David; one granddaughter; two brothers.

WALTER E. UNGERBUEHLER, 83, June 15, Lake Worth, Fla. Survivors: wife Palmira; daughters Palmira Fox and Marie Haynes; sons Walter, Jr., Robert, Roland, and Richard; 23 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren.

REV. LARRY ALAN VANDERHOOF of New Galilee, Pa., 51, July 12, Gastonia, N.C. Interment: Corry, Pa. Survivors: wife Wilmina; sons Dean M. and David A.; daughters Mrs. Guy (Debbie) Edwards and Diane G.; five grandchildren; three sisters. Ministry: Kane, Freedom, Titusville, and New Galilee, Pa.

REV. WILLIS E. WEAVER, 79, May 2, Grand Rapids, Mich. Survivors: wife Mary Lou; son Avery; daughter Mrs. Carol Lohry; three stepdaughters; four grandchildren; three brothers. Ministry: Michigan District.

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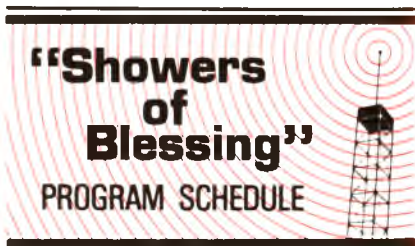
to ALVIN AND TERRI (BROCK) BAGLEY, Clayton, N.C., a boy, Matthew Brock, June 21

to CALVIN AND ELENA (RODRIQUEZ) BAGLEY, Clayton, N.C., a girl, Christina Michelle, May 22

to KEN AND KAREN (TURNER) BARUTH, Overland Park, Kans., a girl, Lauren Noel, July 21

to DR. MICHAEL AND CAROL (LOEBER) BENE-DICK, Kirkland, Wash., a boy, Stephen Michael, May 7

to DAVE AND HELEN ANN (BLANKENSHIP)



September 9
"A Dead Tree and a Living Faith"

September 16
"Come to the Feast"

by W. E. McCumber, speaker

NEWS OF RELIGION

CHRISTIAN RADIO BROADCASTS IN FRANCE. Since September 1981, a change in policy by France's Socialist government has removed the state monopoly on broadcasting. Now Voice of the Gospel, sponsored by Global Outreach Mission, broadcasts across the nation. Its program is heard over 40 radio stations in France, Belgium, Switzerland, French Africa, the French West Indies, and French Canada. The broadcast receives about 2,000 letters monthly. The radio breakthrough in France itself is viewed as particularly significant because Protestants are a small minority in that nation and have had little public exposure. □

VENNARD COLLEGE OBSERVES 75th ANNIVERSARY. The call to "Holiness unto the Lord" still rings true across the campus of Vennard College in University Park, Iowa. Robert Key, director of public relations, says the school anticipates a fantastic year as it prepares to celebrate 75 years of Christian biblical and vocational training during the 1984-85 school year.

"Commitment Reaffirmed" has been chosen as the theme for the anniversary year, yet it is more than a theme. It is a commitment made by the school's leaders, students, and alumni to reaffirm the goals set by Vennard's founder, Dr. Iva Durham Vennard. Seventy-five years ago, she felt God's leading to establish a training school to "build an evangelistic force, trained doctrinally and furnished with scriptural authority" to reach the world.

Dr. Vennard set goals to "exalt the scriptural standard of holy living to its rightful place of primary importance," to equip "young people to stand as leaders in the church," and to provide "a training school where a normal type of holy living will be cultured." These remain the goals of Vennard College even today. □

NFD SAYS MORE STORES GETTING PORN OFF THE SHELF. The National Federation for Decency says efforts aimed at getting stores to stop selling anti-Christian porno magazines are paying off. Donald E. Wildmon, who heads the organization, says that several national chains and local outlets have pulled magazines such as *Playboy*, *Penthouse*, *Hustler*, etc. Wildmon said organizations such as Religious Roundtable, local chapters of Citizens for Decency Through Law, and other local groups have been responsible for many stores pulling the magazines.

"The tide is changing. People are beginning to speak out, get involved, and boycott stores selling porn," Wildmon said. "Also, the magazines have become so filthy that even those owners with any morals at all don't want to be associated with the filth." He also said that the publishers are having a harder time getting companies to advertise in the magazines.

The United Methodist minister said that 7-Eleven, the largest retailer of anti-Christian porno magazines in America, has refused to pull them, saying that the magazines bring in too much money. Wildmon says he met with 7-Eleven officials three times asking them to remove the magazines, but was rebuffed each time. □

SCHOLARS FIND ANCIENT PORT. Recent findings by underwater archaeologists have confirmed that the ruins of an ancient harbor near Caesarea date back to 200 B.C. The harbor had been believed to have been built by Herod the Great at the time of Christ. Scraps of pottery found on the nearby beach and in the sea provided the clue for this discovery.

This harbor is believed to be the first man-made, open seaport in the world and took 10 years to build. With two giant breakwaters leading out to the open sea, it could accommodate up to 300 ships. Archaeologists also discovered that a special series of cross-channels had been built to let in sand-free water and prevent silting. Scholars found that one of the breakwaters was 200 feet wide and used for loading and unloading cargo and had warehouses on top. This ancient harbor had been submerged because of a landslide about 300 A.D. □

BUCHER, Brunswick, Ga., a boy, Bryan David, June 28
to REV. MITCHELL AND DEBORAH (ESTES) BURKS, Mansfield, Ark., a boy, Timothy Lynn, May 2
to DONALD AND PATRICIA (MATSON) COLDIRON, West Grove, Pa., a boy, William Paul, May 14
to GLENN AND LORRAINE (MILLIGAN) EVANS, Houston, Tex., a girl, Jeanine Elizabeth, May 24
to TOMMY AND SHARON (BLEVINS) FOREMAN, Grand Prairie, Tex., a boy, James Dennis, June 23
to TIM AND ROBIN (HOLLAND) FOX, Raleigh, N.C., a boy, Joshua Lee, July 9
to DENNIS AND LORIS (FLEMING) FRIESEN, Renton, Wash., a boy, Jerrod Allen, June 14
to BUCKY AND CAROLYN (TUCKER) GOULD, Gresham, Oreg., a boy, Brian Allan, Apr. 17
to KIRT AND DEBBIE (DOOLEY) HENDRICK, Bourbonnais, Ill., a girl, Erin Elizabeth, July 18
to BENJAMIN R. AND KARON M. (WILSON) LEE, San Jose, Calif., a boy, Bobby James, May 29
to KENNETH AND BETTE LEE, Boise, Idaho, a boy, Kenton Arthur, July 16
to PHILLIP AND JANE (CONIGLIO) McGLAUGHLIN, Columbus, Ohio, a girl, Adria Lee, July 13

to REV. ROBERT AND LOLA (WOODS) MITCHELL, Houlton, Maine, a boy, Jordan Caleb, June 10
to MIKE AND DONNA (DUNKIN) MOHLING, Oklahoma City, Okla., a boy, Andrew Blake, June 9
to ROSS AND LORRAINE PAINTER, Troy, Idaho, a boy, Corey Joel, June 12
to D. PHILLIP AND JODIE (HARPER) PINCKARD, Westminster, Md., a boy, Mark Wesley, Apr. 27
to MICHAEL AND KARLA (VASEY) POSTELL, Olathe, Kans., a girl, Emily Marie, July 6
to REV. STEVE AND DEBBIE (DUNKIN) SMITH, Edmond, Okla., a boy, Lucas Vincent, July 15
to BILLY AND COLEEN (O'HARA) STEPHENS, Clayton, N.C., a girl, Sarah Lynn, June 1
to REV. GREG AND FAITH (HALL) STORY, Gadsden, Ala., a girl, Brooke Marie, June 15
to BUDDY AND PAM (ANDERSON) WILSON, Parkersburg, Wash., a boy, Zachary Wayne, May 23
to MARVIN AND DEANA (HEMBREE) YOUNG, Fayetteville, Ark., a boy, Adam Christopher, June 16

ADOPTIONS

by FRANCIS AND BECKY SIDES, Colorado Springs, Colo., a girl, Katy Elizabeth, born June 18, 1984, adopted July 19

MARRIAGES

JANA LOUISE BROUGH and DAVID LAWRENCE DePASQUALE, Temple City, Calif., June 16
LISA BEATRICE EDWARDS and CARROLL EDGAR FOWLER II at Asheville, N.C., June 16
KAREN M. FLACK and JAMES R. PERRAULT at Seattle, Wash., July 14
SONYA BULLOCK and GABRIEL QUINTANA at Newport, Ky., July 28

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Are tongues-speaking Pentecostals our brothers in Christ?

Some of them are; others are sisters in Christ. All of God's redeemed children are brothers or sisters, having one Father and one Redeemer.

We disagree, sometimes sharply, in our doctrinal understandings, but we have no right, on this account, to despise or reject one another.

Yes, all who are "in Christ" are brothers and sisters spiritually. ☐

We have been having discussions lately in church regarding heaven. Paul states in one place that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:23 says, "But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." This suggests sometime in the future. Since, after we die, time is no more, it becomes academic but maybe your answer will help some others also.

Those who argue that a Christian enters the presence of the Lord (heaven) immediately after death understand the reference in 1 Corinthians 15:23 to refer to the resurrection of the body, and believe that 2 Corinthians 5:8 and Philippians 1:21-23 refer to conscious, personal existence beyond death although without the physical body.

I am among those who believe that Paul envisions an "interim" condition, that somehow the believer is still in conscious fellowship with Christ after death and before the resurrection.

A number of my friends and colleagues in ministry believe otherwise, either holding that spirit and body are inseparable so that the resurrection

means a radical new creation of the total person, or holding that the period between death and resurrection is "sleep" for the total person.

Scriptures and interpretations of scriptures fly from both sides and few are convinced by the counterarguments. As one commentator has said, "No completely satisfactory resolution to the problem posed by these seemingly contradictory views has yet been given." ☐

In Acts 12:4 in the KJV, the word *Easter* is used, while in other translations and in commentaries we are told that the correct translation is *Pass-over*. In researching the difference in the meanings of these two words, I find that *Easter* is actually a pagan holiday. Now I know that we celebrate it as the Resurrection of our Lord, but why do we use the name *Easter*? Why doesn't the Church have a Christian name for this uniquely special day, instead of a name honoring a pagan goddess? I know that through the years this name *Easter* has become acceptable to many as a Christian ritual, but that doesn't alter the fact that it isn't.

The men who provided our King James Version picked up *Easter* from earlier English translations, the Tyndale, Cranmer, and Geneva translations. It is not a good translation. The Greek word refers to the Passover, and the whole seven days of that celebration are in mind.

However, that *Easter* was used shows us that by the 16th century the word was firmly associated with the Christian passover—the celebration of our Lord's crucifixion and resurrection.

In our day millions of people gather in thousands of places on Easter Sunday to proclaim the Resurrection. You can't find anyone on that day gathering to honor the ancient pagan goddess! *Easter* is a classic example of a word, whatever its origin, being taken captive to Christ.

However we feel about the appropriateness of the word, after nearly 20 centuries of usage by the Church we won't succeed in changing it. ☐

OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES



D. Paul Thomas gives commencement address.

MVNC GRADUATES 173

Rain, for the first time, forced the Mount Vernon Nazarene College's 15th annual graduation ceremony indoors, May 21. Even so, 173 graduates met with faculty, family, and friends to acknowledge the responsibilities outlined in the commencement address.

"There are three temptations seniors will face after leaving college: a temptation to mediocrity, to security, and to selfishness." With these words, D. Paul Thomas, noted Christian actor, spoke to Mount Vernon Nazarene College's 15th annual commencement, challenging the graduates to recognize their obligations to each other, to the college, and to Christ.

Following the commencement address, Dr. William J. Prince, president of MVNC, formally accepted the class of 1984 from Robert G. Lawrence, vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Prince, Dr. Lawrence, and the registrar, Rev. William Bennett, officiated over the awarding of 148 bachelor of arts, 5 associate of arts, and 20 associate in applied science degrees.

As part of the commencement ceremony, the college, by action of the Board of Trustees, awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree to Rev. M. V. Scutt, superintendent of the Northwest Ohio District. He served as pastor on the Eastern Michigan District (1961-72), Little Rock, Ark., First Church (1972-74), and superintendent of the New York District (1974-80).

This year, the faculty voted to honor Mimi Bullock and Terry Blosser with the Service Above Self Awards. Mimi, daughter of Everett and Dorothy Bullock of Wayne City, Ill., majored in communications and was involved with Living Witness, and graduated magna cum laude. Terry, son of Robert and

Betty Gregg, majored in church music and was involved in Student Council and Collegians.

Seven students from the MVNC Adult Studies Program received their certificates in a special ceremony on Saturday afternoon. The adult studies program is for ministers and lay leaders in the Church of the Nazarene. The MVNC program was instituted shortly after the college was founded in 1964. The seven students, Glen Freshour, Walter Jeffrey, Marvin Lawver, Gary Lemasters, James Nash, Rochie Stricklen, and Steven Wheeler, form the largest graduating class ever for the adult program. □

NTS ANNOUNCES NEW FACULTY MEMBER

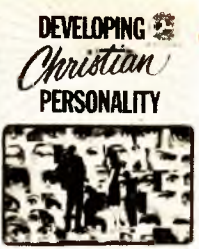


Rev. Donald G. Whitlock, associate pastor for Christian education and administration at Colorado Springs First Church, has accepted the invitation to join the faculty of


Nazarene Theological Seminary as assistant professor of religious education. He will be teaching in the area of adult ministries.

Rev. Whitlock has wide experience as a public school teacher, director of a Christian day school, and as staff member at churches of the Nazarene at Kansas City Nall Avenue; Boise, Idaho, First; Seattle First; and Colorado Springs First.

He served in the Division of Christian Life at the International Headquarters of the Church of the Nazarene, where he was involved as an editor of junior high curriculum mate-



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rials, and participated in numerous Christian Life conventions in the area of youth ministries.

Mr. Whitlock holds the bachelor of education degree from the University of Alberta at Edmonton, Alta. He re-



The 1984-85 Student Government Assembly Officers of Trevecca Nazarene College are shown (l. to r., first row), Melinda Nabors, executive vice president; Joel Williams, sophomore class president; Leslie McDonald, executive secretary; Ronaldyn McBrayer, student body president; David Faircloth, sophomore SGA representative; Beverli Lindsey, *Darda* editor; (second row) Darell Caldwell, TIA vice president; Nathan Hyde, *Trev-Echoes* editor; Bill Sharpe, senior class president; Brad Poe, sophomore SGA representative; Mike Myhlhausen, junior SGA representative; Phillip Bhagoutie, treasurer; (third row) Warren Williams, attorney general; Brian Casey, junior class president; Greg Tulowitsky, senior SGA representative; Rick Harvey, vice president of religious life; Alan Knowles, vice president of social life; and Mr. Wayne Gallup, sponsor. (Not pictured are Bryan Hulse, junior SGA representative, and Claude Perhealth, senior SGA representative.)

ceived the master of religious education degree from NTS with honors in 1973.

His wife, Joanne, is a graduate of Mid-America Nazarene College. She has experience as a schoolteacher and is the mother of three children: Drew (7) and twins, JoDawn and Steven (5).

Mr. Whitlock will begin his teaching responsibilities at NTS when school opens September 6. □

FACULTY SHIFTS AT NTS

Dr. Terrell C. Sanders, Jr., president of Nazarene Theological Seminary, has announced two major faculty changes. Dr. Wesley Tracy and Professor E. Dee Freeborn have been moved to different areas of responsibility. Dr. Tracy, associate professor of religious education, who joined the faculty in 1978, has been elected by the Board of Trustees to succeed the retired Dr. Oscar Reed as associate professor of preaching.



Dr. Tracy has been editor of the *Preacher's Magazine* since 1980 and was managing editor 1978-80. This magazine officially serves the ministers of six Wesleyan denominations, including the Church of the Nazarene. He is also the author of several books, including *When Adam Clarke Preached, People Listened*.



Professor E. Dee Freeborn has shifted from associate professor of religious education to associate professor of pastoral theology and director of field education. He will teach the basic course in church administration and supervise students who are engaged in field education in area churches. He will also be working closely with the pastors as they direct NTS students in practical ministries in their respective churches.

Professor Freeborn has served successfully as pastor of Nazarene churches at Haltom City, Tex.; Moscow, Idaho; and Cupertino, Calif. He also served as associate with Rev. Earl Lee at Nampa, Idaho, First Church, and Pasadena, Calif., First Church. While at Pasadena he directed the Christian Minstrels teen choir in six nationwide tours.

He is one of the writers of the Word-Action senior youth curriculum for the Nazarene denomination. □

TWO MVNC PROFESSORS RECEIVE DOCTORATES

Charles R. McCall, associate professor of religion, and Alex Varughese, assistant professor of religion at Mount Vernon Nazarene College, were recently awarded their Ph.D. degrees from Southern Baptist Theological

Seminary (Kentucky) and Drew University (New Jersey), respectively.

McCall used as his thesis, "Homiletical Uses of Greek: A New Emphasis for Intermediate and Advanced New Testament Greek." He earned his master's degree in history from the Ohio State University in 1973 and his Th.M. degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in 1965.

McCall, who has 16 years pastoral experience in Texas and Missouri, earned his A.B. degree in philosophy from Bethany Nazarene College in 1949 and his B.D. degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1956.

Varughese's dissertation was titled "The Hebrew Test Underlying the Old Greek Translation of Jeremiah 10-20." Varughese received his M.A. degree from Olivet Nazarene College; his M.Div. from the Nazarene Theological Seminary, and M.Phil. from Drew University. He earned his bachelor's degree in zoology and master's degree in marine biology from the University of Kerala, India. □

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

REVIVAL FIRES FOLLOW WAITING UPON THE LORD

It all began for Pastor Keith Maule of the **Kingfisher, Okla., church** when he attended the Fort Worth Conference on Evangelism.

Following the conference, Rev. Maule remained in Fort Worth to pray. He realized that he didn't have a goal for his church, so he told God he was going to wait until he heard from Him. He was there two days.

When God spoke, he gave him a plan for outreach that he has called "Reach for PEAK" with the letters standing for:

Prayer and Fasting,
Evangelism,
Abiding in the Word, and
Koinonia.

In a telephone call with Evangelism Ministries, Rev. Maule detailed what has happened since that time in his church.

During a Northwest Oklahoma District Preachers' Retreat with Keith Maule; Jerry Baker, pastor of Oklahoma City Lakeview Park Church; and District Superintendent Bill E. Burch speaking, God poured out His Spirit in an unusual way. Pastors were brought to repentance, prayer, fasting, and giving praises to God.

God brought a renewed dedication to the goal that He had set for Rev. Maule. Rev. Maule changed his sched-

ule and now reserves at least three hours each day for prayer.

Since then, between 30 and 35 persons have found Christ at the altars of the church. People who had been smoking and drinking for as long as 30 years were gloriously delivered.

One lady with a rare kidney disease reported that God healed her.

One hundred and twenty people of the church fast and pray each week. Many are memorizing Scripture each week.

An evangelism team visits smaller churches in the area. Many times when someone is converted, they take that person along to give his testimony on the next visit to the churches.

Revival fires have also spread to other churches on the district. □

SPIRIT OF REVIVAL BUILDS CHURCH

A spirit of revival has been building since last November, according to Pastor Ron Richmond of the **Monroe, Mich., church**. That spirit climaxed during the revival services with *Evangelist Don Ballard*.

"Actually," says Rev. Richmond, "the revival began last November when a young married couple was saved." The husband had been using drugs for 10 years and they testified that their marriage was in jeopardy. The change in their lives became an inspiration to the entire church.

Then in February two teenagers accepted Christ in a Sunday morning service. The following weekend on a teen retreat, 30 of the 39 teens made commitments to Christ.

Two weeks later the teens were in charge of the Sunday evening service and both parents of two brothers were saved along with another young adult.

Shortly after that in a Sunday morning service a young married couple got back to God.

The spirit of revival was already evident when Evangelist Don Ballard arrived. Much emphasis had been placed on prayer. "The tide was high and we felt we were ready to see the Spirit move in an even greater way," said Pastor Richmond.

The Lord blessed from the very first night. Christians prayed concerning areas of their lives that were not pleasing to God. One was a lady who had been bitter toward God since she was a child. A good number prayed to be filled with the Spirit. Others moved up spiritually.

There were 92 seekers between Wednesday night and Sunday night. Attendance averaged about 140 in the evening services. The church has grown from about 135 to 170 in Sunday School and from 180 to 225 in morning worship in the last three months. □

SEPTEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH



Chaplain Curt Bowers, newest member to join Pastoral Ministries as chaplaincy coordinator, toured the Nazarene Publishing House as a part of his orientation to the work of the general church. Of special interest to him was the new equipment in the typesetting department, which Josué Mora, NPH employee, was using. Colonel Bowers was the staff chaplain at Fort Stewart, Ga., just prior to assuming his new duties in Kansas City.

The JESSIE EADES Memorial CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



The new church building in Desertmartin, Co. Londonderry, Northern Ireland, was dedicated May 12, in memory of the late Mrs. Jessie Eades, missionary to the Cape Verde Islands. The service of dedication was conducted by Rev. David Tarrant (*at microphone*), superintendent of the British Isles North District. The special preacher was Rev. Herbert McGonigle (*next r.*), newly elected superintendent of the British Isles South District. Others participating were Rev. E. Eades, husband of the late Jessie Eades, and daughter Margaret Ann (*in doorway*), and Mrs. L. Gay (*next r.*), wife of the late Clifford Gay, missionary to the Cape Verde Islands, and sister of the late Mrs. Eades. Rev. W. B. Kelly (*sixth from l.*) has pastored the Desertmartin church for seven years.

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FIRE DESTROYS EAST KENTUCKY CHURCH

A fire during the early morning hours of August 4 completely destroyed the Whitesburg, Ky., church.

The pastor of the congregation, Rev. Paul Crisp, who lives nearby, was alerted to the blaze by a passerby who had seen smoke coming from the church.

Firemen were unable to save the contents or the building, which was a residential dwelling that had been renovated for worship. Attempts to insure the structure had been unsuccessful due to its condition. Replacement costs of the building's contents are estimated at \$11,000.

The loss of the church building has not dampened the spirits of the Whitesburg Nazarenes. On the morning after the blaze they gathered to worship in the home where the church had been organized with only six members in 1978.

August 26 was declared "Whitesburg Day" on the East Kentucky District by superintendent Dr. John W. May, with a special offering being taken to help the congregation purchase new property. □

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FULLER ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT OF PITTSBURGH DISTRICT



Rev. Roy Fuller, superintendent of the Canada Quebec District, is the new superintendent of the Pittsburgh District, following election on the second ballot by the

Pittsburgh Assembly July 27.

He replaces Dr. Jerry Lambert who became the president of Nazarene Bible College July 1.

Rev. Fuller served as superintendent of the Canada Quebec District beginning in April 1977. He was appointed to that post by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent. □

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NEW BIBLE SCHOOL DEDICATED IN INDONESIA

A new Nazarene Bible school building was recently dedicated in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The building, financed by a Nazarene family's business foundation, Investments Eternal, is the first unit to be built of what will be a district center and Bible school.

Dr. L. Guy Nees, World Mission Di-

vision director, was in Yogyakarta for the dedication, along with two members of the family that funded the project. Also present were Indonesia's mission director, Rev. and Mrs. George Rench, and Nazarene missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Michael McCarty.

The Nazarene Bible school in Yogyakarta currently has an enrollment of 32 students. It provides trained pastors and Christian workers for the Indonesia District. □

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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA SUPERINTENDENT HAS HEART SURGERY



Dr. Wil M. Spaite, superintendent of the Central California District, is recovering from open-heart surgery to clear five arteries July 30 at UCLA Medical Center. He was released from the hospital after a week's stay. Doctors say his problem was hereditary and that he can expect a long and healthy life.

Dr. Spaite was not aware of his heart problem until the Friday before the surgery. That's when he went for a checkup concerning discomfort he had been having. □

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FIRST NAZARENE ARCHIVES AND HISTORY CONFERENCE CONVENES

About 80 persons from across the United States and Canada convened in Kansas City last month for the first Nazarene Archives and History Conference sponsored by Nazarene Archives, the Nazarene Publishing House, and Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Presentations were made by a number of persons, including Dr. Timothy Smith, Dr. Carl Bangs, Patricia Michaelis, and many others interested in the research and preservation of Nazarene history.

Dr. Smith, Nazarene elder, author, and professor at Johns Hopkins University, suggested several areas for

study concerning the Church of the Nazarene, such as the intellectual history of the denomination, the history of the internationalization of the church, the impact of fundamentalism on the church, and the rise and fall of Nazarene sectarianism.

Dr. Bangs, professor at Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, made a special presentation of newly uncovered information on the life of Dr. Phineas F. Bresee that is being gathered in connection with a book project.

Ms. Michaelis, curator of manuscripts with the Kansas State Historical Society, held a special seminar for librarians and archivists on the acquisition, preservation, and retention of Nazarene historical materials.

The conference was specially designed for faculty, librarians, and archivists at Nazarene schools, along with others interested in the history of the denomination.

"There is coming a time when the memory of our people will be only as good as our archives," Nazarene Archivist Steve Cooley reminded the conferees. Cooley served as the principal coordinator of the meeting.

An ad hoc committee was organized during the conference to explore the possibility of the creation of a Nazarene History Fellowship. The committee will meet with those interested in such an organization during next summer's general assembly in Anaheim, Calif. □

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Dr. Timothy Smith addresses participants at the first Nazarene Archives and History Conference. Also pictured is Nazarene Archivist Steve Cooley.

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