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# EDITORIALS

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## Friendliness

Friendliness is both a privilege, and—for the Christian—a duty. Of all the titles drawn from human life and applied to our Lord, none is more meaningful than “friend.” He was known as the Friend of publicans and sinners. He called His disciples “friends,” instead of by the more impersonal term “servants.” Instinctively His followers have seen in Him the “friend that sticketh closer than a brother” (Proverbs 18:24).

Friendship is one of the greatest privileges and blessings we enjoy in this life. Ralph Waldo Emerson’s translation of an Arabian proverb is certainly pointed and true:

*He who has a thousand friends  
Has not a friend to spare,  
And he who has one enemy  
Shall meet him everywhere.*

No human tragedy is greater than friendlessness. It has been said that no friendless man is truly himself. Loneliness is desolation of soul and spirit. While God has promised us His own indwelling companionship, He has also planned that we should share the vicissitudes of our lives with others. Even Christians, established and mature, need friends. “There is no such thing as solitary Christianity.”



## The Cover . . .

*Portland, Oregon, located near the head of river navigation for deep-sea vessels, is the*

*Columbia Empire’s gateway to the seven seas of the world, and the location of the next General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, June, 1964. It is a thriving industrial and seaport city of some 402,300 people, a transportation hub of rails, highways, steamship and airline routes. Majestic Mount Hood, 62 miles distant, 11,245 feet high, snow-covered the year around, is clearly visible from the city. Be sure to read “To Portland in ‘64,” by General Superintendent G. B. Williamson, on page 3.*

Surely if anyone should be capable of real friendship, it is the one who knows the love of God in his heart. Unfortunately, this doesn’t always seem to follow. One of the most common complaints the editor hears about people of the church is their lack of friendliness, particularly to “the stranger within the gates.”

I know this is not all perversity. Some of it is shyness. Many find it hard to approach strangers easily and graciously, and in such a manner as to put them at ease. Because it is hard, it is not attempted.

Some of it is thoughtlessness. In fact, sometimes unfriendliness toward strangers and visitors is actually due to friendliness—interest in chatting with those we know well, and with whom we have common interest.

But to explain and understand does not excuse. The stubborn fact remains that many times we have failed to interest and win the casual visitor because we have failed to show any personal interest in or concern for him. It is possible that people of the world may not want our religion because of our high standards. On the other hand, it is also possible that they may not be impressed because of an unfriendly stand-offish attitude.

It is quite true that a person may be friendly without a spark of salvation. And there seem to be those who profess a high state of grace who have about the same degree of warmth in personal relations one normally attributes to a porcupine. But Christians, above all people, should be friendly and considerate in all of their contacts and human relationships.

Friendliness is usually the first point of contact in winning another to Christ. A cold and austere approach may be made as the result of a sense of duty; but the way that wins is the warm, personal concern that comes from an overflowing heart of love.

Many of our good people, urged to “win their friends for Christ,” have suddenly come to realize that they have few if any friends whom they could win. Somehow we have come to interpret separation from the world as merely a matter of isolation in the world. One result is that we have tended to cut ourselves off from the very people we want to help, and who need so much the Christ we love.

Whatever one may make of the somewhat enigmatic parable of the unjust steward (Luke 16:1

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# To Portland in '64

**THE ANNOUNCEMENT** that the General Assembly would convene in Portland, Oregon, in 1964 raised many questions and some protests. There are reasons both incidental and fundamental for the decision.

*First.* The Municipal Auditorium of Kansas City was unavailable at the date which has been almost permanently fixed in the Nazarene calendar. There were objections to moving either to an earlier or later date.

*Second.* There were good reasons to conclude that to come to Kansas City another consecutive time would fix the idea in the minds of Kansas Citians and Nazarenes elsewhere that coming to World Headquarters was to be taken for granted. Moving away occasionally would sharpen the interest of city officials and citizens as well as midwest Nazarenes.

*Third.* The facilities of the auditorium building in Kansas City overflowed in 1960. With normal growth they would be altogether inadequate four years later.

*Fourth.* There were seven or eight cities which extended invitations. Of these Portland seemed to offer the best for climate, public buildings, and accommodations for delegates and visitors.

*Fifth.* If we were to stay within a day's drive of Kansas City, the reasons for going elsewhere were discounted.

*Sixth.* This is the most convincing reason for leaving the middle section of the continent. The Nazarenes of that area have invariably had the quadrennial convocation within easy reach and have received advantage and blessing without measure. Should not this opportunity be given to the people of the Northwest and the West Coast? This will mean that thousands of our members and friends will be able to attend a General Assembly for the first time. No doubt they will become more convinced, inspired, and dedicated Nazarenes.

For these reasons the Commission to decide the location of the 1964 General Assembly, composed of six general superintendents and an equal number of others appointed by them (*Manual*, paragraph 330), voted first to seek another location. Ten members were present. The secret ballot revealed that nine favored going to another location; one favored Kansas City. When all the ten invitations were considered, another ballot was taken. Portland was first

by one vote. On the second ballot it was Portland by all votes save two.

Recently a commission duly appointed to choose a location for the General Assembly of 1968 met and voted unanimously to return to Kansas City when they were assured that plans for enlarging the facilities of the Municipal Auditorium, now in the making, will provide adequate room for a normal growth of the church.

Those who take a long look into the future envision the probability that in 1972 consideration will be given to a location favoring the east and southeast sections of this continent.

Announcement that the General Assembly of 1964 would convene in Portland was made more than three years in advance. This was done that those in remote areas might have opportunity to plan for the longer journey and added cost.

A trip to the great Northwest can be planned as a wonderful vacation to include the General Assembly. Many of North America's most thrilling sights will be along the route. There are the mountains and plains of the United States and Canada and some of the most famous national parks, such as Yellowstone, Rocky Mountain, Glacier, Waterton, and Yosemite. Then there are the great engineering feats like Hoover and

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Grand Coulee dams. In addition to these are the sights of the highways along the Columbia River and the Pacific Coast. For the city lovers there are Denver, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, and Vancouver, B.C. And in June, Portland will be a garden of lush, manicured lawns and roses. Not the least exciting experience will be to stand in one place on a clear day to view snow-capped Mounts Ranier, St. Helens, Adams, Hood, and possibly Jefferson.

Plan now to be in Portland, June, 1964.

Rev. and Mrs. William McMahon celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Saturday afternoon, March 10. They were married in Warren, Ohio, and have two children. Their children gave a reception in their honor at their home, 1141 Euclid Avenue. Mr. McMahon is pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Berkeley, California.

Word has been received that Rev. Oscar F. Ring, retired elder on the Akron District, died March 6. His home was in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Y. Jones, 234 Oak Street, Flushing, Michigan, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on March 21. They were honored at open house by the church and their children—Mrs. W. K. Evans, of Hoopston, Illinois; John, of Hammond, Indiana; Wayne, of Detroit, Michigan; and Mrs. Charlie Harrison, of Kansas City, Missouri. Brother and Sister Jones have labored in the pastorate of the Church of the Nazarene for forty-one years.

## Victory in Death

By HARRY F. TAPLIN

Superintendent of North Dakota District

A FEW MONTHS ago I sat on the platform of one of our churches assisting the pastor in a funeral service for one of the fine Christians in our church. She had faithfully served the Lord for fifty years; her family are all saved and working in our church.

Our paths crossed in 1937 as I moved into her community to pastor the local church. She proved to be a prayer warrior, and I am sure that she prayed me out of the brush many times. Her presence was an inspiration to the preacher, whether in a regular service, at camp meeting, or at prayer meeting. Her testimony always rang clear with faith, victory, and courage.

During recent years her eyesight dimmed; it was hard for her to get around. Just four weeks before her death she fell and broke her hip. This brought on a stroke, and finally resulted in her death. Why do faithful Christians have to suffer? Only God knows the answer. You and I will understand it better by and by. There are crosses to bear and burdens to carry, even though sins are forgiven and the heart sanctified. Gethsemane and Calvary were not easy!

As the funeral service progressed, the singers sang "The Lights of Home" and

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"The Eastern Gate." God's Spirit bent low. It seemed rather a home-going than a funeral. A note of victory pervaded the room. I looked at the family. While their hearts were heavy, and their eyes filled with tears at the thought of losing a wonderful Christian mother, yet I could sense a look of resignation as they realized, Mother has gone home to get a much-needed rest; but we will meet her again, "just inside the Eastern Gate."

As I sat there this thought flashed through my mind: Her life has been lived. She has made the run successfully from the cradle to the grave. Her days of testing are over; her battles with the devil are past. She has gone to her eternal home; she has gained the crown of life. She already has heard the Master say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord." As I thought of her home-going, the scripture came to my mind. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!"

But as the service ended, and the casket was placed in the back of the church, this thought came to me. All of us who looked into that open bier are right now in the midst of life. We are now taking that trip from earth to glory. We are daily facing the tests of life; we are still in the land of the living. The devil is working overtime to defeat us. The going will not be always

easy; there will be mountains to climb and rivers to cross. At times the clouds will hang low. It was that way in her life; it will be so in the life of every Christian.

But she came through victorious! She fought a good fight; she kept the faith; she finished the course. She came at the end to the right terminal. The same God who helped her has promised to help us if we will pay the price that she paid. For He has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee"; and if we draw nigh to Him, He will draw nigh to us.

Thank God, I came away from that funeral service that day realizing that the Christian has a wonderful hope. This life does not end it all—there is a heaven to gain. It is worth all it costs to live for God!

## For Time of Perplexity

*Within a gladness-lighted hour  
It is easy to feel God's power;*

*But oh, when troubles dim the mind  
Then light the light of hope and find  
The wondrous healing strength of prayer  
Your heart's horizons will be fair  
Again, and in the shoreless blue  
The sun of faith will shine anew!*

By GRACE V. WATKINS





# SOME FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS

By Dean ALVIN HAROLD KAUFFMAN, *Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass.*

## **What ought I do?**

Whatever else man is, he is an "oughting" creature. If he were not, he could neither sin nor be capable of moral goodness. The Psalmist has put it this way, "Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels [God, margin], and hast crowned him with glory and honour" (8:5).

But the mere experience of obligation is no assurance that man will fulfill it. The history of mankind as well as the Scriptures testify that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Ethically, this means that all men have violated what they know to be right and have brought guilt upon themselves. They are already dead in trespasses and sins. "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Millions of people today are aimlessly living on the plane of feeling, impulse, social and material pressures, aiming at temporary goals for this life only.

## **What principle should guide my life?**

Very few people, if they were asked, would be able to state the guiding principle of their lives in so many words. Relatively few have ever engaged in an examination of the principle that governs their conduct. Most men live from day to day doing whatever comes easiest.

The Christian, on the other hand, is able to give "a reason for the hope" that lies within, if he were asked, by saying, "Yes, I know the principle that guides my life; it is *the will of God in Jesus Christ* as revealed in His holy Word and as taught by the Christian Church."

The Christian finds in the Sermon on the Mount and in the Epistles of Paul much help in the ordering of his life. He sees in the life of Christ and in the lives of the great saints of the Old and New Testament real life situations in which Christian virtues, Christian attitudes, and Christian character are developed. However, the new Christian finds that he is not able indefinitely to order his life consistently with what he believes to be God's will. He finds himself faced with a new question.

## **Does the principle need reinforcement?**

The experience of the apostles and the testimony of all true Christians throughout the ages

point to the need of a deeper experience—one which enables the Christian to accomplish in action the purposes of God without the inner conflict which so often paralyzes and defeats. It is not enough to have the principle of Christ to guide in the making of choices, as necessary as this is. It is not enough to have good intentions, as did Jesus' disciples before the Crucifixion. There must be something more. We must experience *the baptism with the Holy Spirit*, which gives us power to overcome the fears and self-pity within and power to enable us to live the principle of Christ outwardly.

But even here the Christian's problems are not all solved. A further question arises concerning the application of the principle of Christ to today's world in general, and to my situation in particular.

## **How may the principle be made relevant for me?**

One of the real questions which faces many younger Christians is, How may I know the will of God for me in this situation? It is in this area that much misunderstanding arises among Christians about the question of right and wrong. For others the concern is related to how to know God's will for their lives.

Questions of this sort in many cases may be answered at an altar of prayer. For many of us, however, the answer may come only by diligent search and prayerful study of the Word of God. Such an attitude if pursued purposefully is an essential part of the Christian's *growth in grace*.

The Holy Spirit, that great Spirit of Truth, will illumine the mind. He will teach us that, for example, God may require something of us that He does not require of another. "What is that to thee? follow thou me" (John 21:22). One will learn that the "letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" (II Corinthians 3:6), and that the worth of the human soul is of more value than relatively unimportant ceremonial observances.

In short, the sincere Christian will learn the secret of Christian maturity through faithful study of the Word of God, through meditation on the writings of the greatest and best men who have ever lived, and through practicing the presence of God. He will learn how to arrange his life and

his values on a scale or hierarchy with those things which are fundamental at the top and with those things of relatively less importance nearer the bottom.

Christian character is not a gift. It is developed only through a lifetime of obedience, prayerful study, and then more obedience.

*In stewardship no man can perform the duty of another. The Easter Offering for world-wide evangelism, April 22, involves personal responsibility. Remember this when you prepare your offering.*

## HOME AND FAMILY LIFE FEATURE:



# Winning an Argument

*By MILO L. ARNOLD, Pastor, Moses Lake, Washington*

MEMORY is filled with the lingering residue of boyhood victories and defeats, together with some things hard to classify. One winter of my boyhood was spent in a house from which the back yard sloped gently away toward the creek. At the foot of the hill the creek had spent centuries carving a sharp precipice between the gentle hill and the creek bed. The bed of the creek was quite dry and sandy but strewn with many and variously shaped slabs of shale.

With boyish ingenuity and with the help of neighbor boys, my brother and I constructed at the base of the cliff a crude structure known variously as the fort, the cabin, the clubhouse, or the shack. The walls were piled quite solidly of blocks of loose shale, while fence posts served for a roof beam and rafters. Over these a roof of large, flat pieces of shale completed the structure. The cherished architectural accomplishment served us well all summer. With the start of school in the fall, the shack fell into partial disuse until one Saturday morning we awoke to the wonders of a gentle snowstorm.

A snowball fight was of course the order of the day, and my brother and I each mustered a partner for the conflict. Thus in two armies of two each we launched the running attacks. My army however suffered the handicap of slow thinking, for the other army circled the hill and made their way into the stone fortress, where their shouts of derision and mockery ridiculed our snowballs, which burst softly and ineffectively against the slabs.

It was then that I had an unusual, bright idea. Instructing my fellow soldier to keep them in the fort by well-aimed snowballs, I ran to the top of the hill and started rolling a snowball. By the time I reached the precipice with it, the accumulated ball of snow was a masterpiece. With per-

fect aim I rolled it to the brink of the precipice and heaved it over, watching its deadly aim taking it squarely for the center of the roof.

The moment it left my fingers I knew I had made a mistake, but no power on earth could stop it now. It was a lethal blockbuster. There was a terrible crash as roof beams and rafters, stones and slabs yielded to the destroying impact. There were horrifying screams from under the rubble of it all and I knew that the war had been won! Or had it? Maybe it was terribly lost!

God's angels who care for children were with us and only bruises, property damage, and humiliation waited us in the creek bed. However, through the years that boyhood memory has often reminded me that one can pay too big a price for too small a victory.

To risk the injury of those we love, to destroy that which has been long in building, or to expose others to needless pain is too big a price to pay for the winning of an irrelevant cause. Yet in the big games of life we see repeatedly where even adults lose their sense of values in their eagerness to get their way.

Across the land there are churches torn apart, immortal souls lost, the kingdom of God done injury, and investments of the years left in rubble because good people paid too big a price for too small an issue. Nobody intends it that way, but somebody begins to gather together an accumulation of trifles and rolls them into a big,

*Money talks! It expresses what its possessors actually are. Our money can express our deep concern for the souls of men when we give to support the program of world-wide evangelism in the Easter Offering on April 22.*

exaggerated snowball. People do not realize how deadly the thing is becoming until it is out of hand and words are said which cannot be recalled. Maybe somebody won an argument but the victory was less sweet than was expected. He won an argument and lost a cause.

It happens in homes where a good husband and wife begin to line up their forces to win an argument. Soon they pick up all kinds of trifles and the entire family is involved in it as one person seeks to gather enough force to win the argument. The well-aimed missile can win the argument—and lose the home.

It happens in neighborhoods where friends have lived for years, but a trifling argument seems to become disproportionately important. Soon little things are being rolled into big things and the enjoyments of the year are blasted to rubble by it.

We all enjoy the feel of victory. Defeat does not have a desirable taste. However, we live to learn that irrelevant defeat may be less bitter than an irrelevant victory gotten at too great a price. He who gets his own way should not measure his winnings until he adds up the cost to himself and those he loves.

## Their Own GETHSEMANE

*The Garden of Gethsemane,  
That station on life's race  
Where every pilgrim on the road,  
Saved by redeeming grace,  
Will someday meet his blessed Lord  
And Saviour, face to face—  
The Garden of Gethsemane  
Becomes a sacred place,  
A place where he pours out his soul,  
Drinks to the dregs the cup  
That God has given as his own,  
Which he would loath give up.  
Though bitter it may prove to be,  
And his cross looms ahead,  
This tryst within Gethsemane  
But spurs him on instead.  
It spurs him on to do his best  
Wherever his life leads;  
And though life's hill be long and steep,  
No matter, then, the needs.  
To him it is God's chosen way;  
So faithful he will be  
To Him whom he has met within—  
His own Gethsemane.*

By JESSIE WHITESIDE FINKS

## "Thanks Be unto God for His Unspeakable Gift"



*Mozambique Nazarenes bringing their gifts of thanks to God.*

"The gift of salvation"—how familiar these words are to most of us! We say them easily, often without much reflection on the cost of that gift, to God.

But to people like these in Mozambique who have heard only recently of this precious gift, it is almost too magnificent to comprehend. How much it encompasses! Deliverance from the guilt of sin, deliverance from the fears that have haunted them day and night! Strength to live clean and pure in the midst of evil! Strength to bear the taunts and cruelty of hostile neighbors and families! Who can put into words all that salvation means to people like these?

Is it any wonder that, though they live on the slim margin of starvation all their lives, with none of the comforts we count necessities, they come rejoicing, bringing their gifts to God in gratitude for His wonderful love?

But what about us? Has He not redeemed us from sin also? Has He not delivered us from fear and evil, and made it possible for us to live clean and pure in an evil world?

Are we, like the Christians in Mozambique, bringing our sacrificial gifts of love to God? Are we sharing, as they are, that others out there who have never heard of the Saviour may hear and live?

Let us give genuine thanks to God, this Easter season, for His unspeakable gift of love.

—General Stewardship Committee





# Evangelism through a FIRST Subscription

By **ROBERT L. LEFFEL**  
Pastor, Independence, Kansas

THE INVESTMENT of a year's subscription won an entire family to Christ. At least the subscription price of the *Herald of Holiness* was the initial chapter in a thrilling drama of evangelism in our day through the printed page.

Unlike Nicodemus, who came by night, LeRoy came on Sunday afternoon. He came in response to a Sunday morning appeal for volunteer community survey workers last fall. After receiving our block assignments, LeRoy and I went out together to do our part in the religious census of our neighborhood.

Nearly two hours later, after completing our survey, we returned to the church in his car. As I was about to leave, he asked if he might talk awhile. And talk we did! For over an hour in his car in front of the church, the inspiring story unfolded—the story of *evangelism* through a *first* subscription.

"Pastor," he began hesitantly, "for the past few weeks my wife and I have been reading your church paper—the *Herald of Holiness*, I think you call it. You know, Preacher, that paper has done

*The task of evangelizing the world is imperative. Give liberally in the Easter Offering, April 22.*

something to us. I guess you'd say it started us to thinking! And lately we've been talking things over at home. We know that we ought to get started attending church regularly, and we've decided that we should have family worship. The kids need it—well, we do too—but we need something more than that. I've been praying some, and I'm getting closer, but just what does it mean to be a real Christian, anyway?"

It hadn't been easy for him to "break the ice," but he did, and his question—life's basic question

—came straight from the heart. He meant business! He really wanted to know!

I'll never forget the thrill on that memorable Sunday afternoon of revealing God's adequate answer to man's deepest need, "What must I do to be saved?" My words were simple and direct, sometimes faltering, but the Holy Spirit was there in the Plymouth, too, and what a difference He makes! I instructed LeRoy in the way of salvation, testified personally of the change Christ has made in my life, and quoted God's Word to him. For over an hour in his car we sat, and talked, and prayed.

Then came our evangelistic meetings in the church. The church had visited, and fasted, and prayed. And now we were simply believing that "they that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Psalms 126:5). On Sunday morning God came—like He did in the car that Sunday afternoon.

It was the Holy Spirit who had directed us to place that *Herald of Holiness* subscription in this family's home; now, during the altar call, the Holy Spirit was faithfully convicting them of sin. Together they came—family evangelism—husband and wife kneeling side by side at the altar of our church. Thank God for the altar! It didn't take long for them to pray through. They had already decided that God's way was the best way, and Christ was the answer for their family.

It all happened during the past few months. And when they stood at our church altar on last December 31 to join the church, I just couldn't help thinking about the priority of "Evangelism First." In this instance, it was *evangelism* through that *first* subscription.

P.S.—This year they paid for their own subscription, and more too!

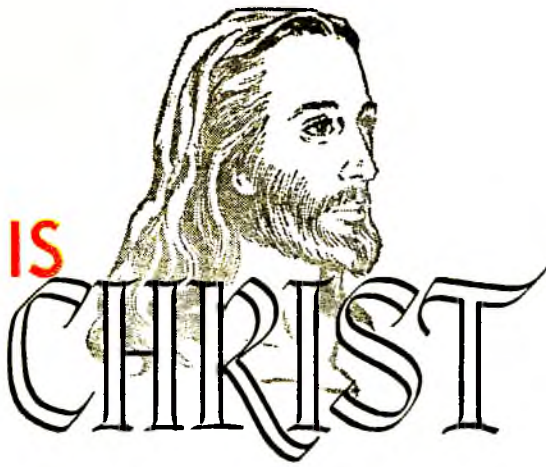


**Our goal of 18 million dollars certainly is a worthy goal for a quadrennium dedicated to "Evangelism First." We are**

**short of the figure appointed for this date. One and one-third million dollars in our Easter Offering is imperative. We can reach our goals by a sacrificial, all-out effort on the part of everyone.**

*D. Vanderpool*  
**General Superintendent**





## COMING SOON?

By Evangelist E. E. WORDSWORTH

THE DOCTRINE of the Second Coming has often fallen into bad hands. Date setting and wild speculation with wholly unwarranted so-called interpretation of the sacred Scriptures have done much harm.

A sort of spiritual egotism (an incompatible term, for one should always be genuinely humble) has done the good cause great damage. Some prophetic teachers have been too cocksure, and their "know-it-all attitude" has brought reproach and criticism. The writer has lived long enough now to see the falsity and foolishness of some pronouncements, lectures, sermons, and charts. We do not mean to imply that charts should never be used, but if they are, a tolerant and humble attitude is always necessary.

I heard one preacher prove conclusively (to his satisfaction at least) that the pope of Rome was the Antichrist. Another made out a "strong" case for Mussolini. Kaiser Wilhelm and Hitler in their day held the limelight, and now Khrushchev has eclipsed Stalin and Lenin from their previous prophetic position. Nimrod, King Saul, Judas, and many others have not been overlooked.

Now it is evident that somebody is mistaken. May I here bring to your attention a significant verse the Spirit impressed upon my mind and heart years ago? I refer to Deuteronomy 29:29, which reads as follows: "The *secret* things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are *revealed* belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law." The key words are "secret" and "revealed" in striking contrast. We always err when we go beyond what is clearly revealed.

Bishop Ellicott's comment is: "We must remember that Moses was delivering to Israel not law only but prophecy. And further, we may be certain that there was more in this latter portion of his prophecy than he could understand." Clarke also gives a timely and wise comment:

"What God has thought proper to reveal, he has revealed. The things which he has not revealed concern not man but God alone, and are therefore not to be inquired into." Yet man is too prone to go beyond divine revelation. Our natural inquisitiveness makes us want to know the unknowable.

We have three schools of interpreters: historical, futurist, and mil-millennial; and perhaps we should add an orthodox (not liberal) postmillennialist. This also confuses the matter. And for these reasons many good men, including preachers, leave the Second Coming entirely alone.

I think it is advisable for our younger men to wait until they have had time to read widely. Then this truth of Holy Writ should on proper occasions be proclaimed from the pulpit for the edification and comfort of the saints and warning of the unsaved. "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed in that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing" (Matthew 24:45-46). "And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened" (Daniel 10:19).

Prophetic truth influences both character and conduct. It also gives us proper perspective on

## THE WORD

By BERNIECE AYERS HALL

*God spoke—and there was glorious light  
All down our dark earth's way.*

*At His command the dismal night  
Became illumined day.*

*God spoke the same far-reaching word  
As when the world began.*

*A breath was drawn, a spirit stirred—  
And, lo, there stood a man!*

*God speaks today—and for our cries  
Petitioning—the One*

*Who walked 'neath Galilean skies,  
To light our lives—His Son!*

*God speaks! Should not our cares depart?  
Oh, there is love to flood the heart!*

world conditions and increases our knowledge of God and His holy Word. Paul said, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18). Note he did not say, "Despise this truth," or, "Leave it alone," but, "Comfort one another" with it. We need not make unfounded assertions with a proud dogmatism, but we can and should affirm what is beyond reasonable doubt and uncertainty. This will make the saints rejoice.

It seems to the writer there are three great truths about the Second Coming clearly mentioned in the

Scriptures. First, *it is certain*. Jesus said, "I will come again" (John 14:3). Note, it is a personal coming. It does not mean death, the destruction of Jerusalem, the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, a spiritual coming, or any such thing, but rather the literal coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. "I will come again." John on the Isle of Patmos closed his Revelation with a prayer, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." We too should thus pray.

The second fact to be mentioned and recognized is the *imminency of His coming*. Our beloved Dr. J. B. Chapman used to say, "I do not say Christ *will* come today; I say He *may* come today." A very wise statement! "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matthew 24:36). "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (v. 44).

The third truth is *the necessity of constant readiness for His return*. "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage" (Matthew 25:10).

We now close by briefly mentioning some apparent signs that seem to point to the soon return of Christ: (1) The apostasy of professing Christendom (I Timothy 4:1; Revelation 3:14-20). Christ is now outside the door. (2) "Perilous times" (II Timothy 3:1-5). (3) The return of the Jews to Palestine (Jeremiah 50:5). (4) Many running to and fro (Daniel 12:4). (5) Increased knowledge in the time of the end (Daniel 12:1). (6) The spread of the gospel (Matthew 24:14).

We cannot elaborate or illustrate these points in this brief article, but the above truths seem self-evident. But the most important thing is to be ready, moment by moment. He is coming soon! Hail that glad day!

## EDITORIALS

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12), two vital points are made that bear right on this matter at hand. The first is the observation Jesus made that "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" (v. 8). This ought not to be. It should never be that one can find more friendliness and sincere interest in others in the service clubs, the society circles, or the secret orders than can be found in the church.

The other point is in verse 9. The King James Version translates this, "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations." See how this verse sparkles in the Mogatt translation: "And I tell you, use mammon, dishonest as it is, to make friends for yourselves, so



While the world suffers and fearfully wonders what will happen next, the Church has one unalterable commission from her

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*W. Ludwig*

General Secretary

that when you die they may welcome you to the eternal abodes"; or in Phillips, "Now my advice to you is to use 'money,' tainted as it is, to make yourselves friends, so that when it comes to an end they may welcome you into eternal habitations"\*; or in *The New English Bible*, "So I say to you, use your worldly wealth to win friends for yourselves, so that when money is a thing of the past you may be received into an eternal home."\*\*

No better rule for making friends has ever been given than the first part of Proverbs 18:24, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly." This is true in our individual lives. Unless we go out of our way to show ourselves friendly, we shall do little toward actually keeping our Lord's command, "Make to yourselves friends."

It is also true in our churches. "The friendliest church in town" ought to be more than a motto. It should be a fact. Everyone who comes should feel the radiant warmth of friendliness and good will. Christian friendliness may be the subtle and benevolent net with which we become fishers of men.

### Editorial Note . . .

A regular subscriber to the *Herald* who is a member and literature evangelist of the Seventh-day Adventist church calls attention to the fact that the giving of the Seventh-day Adventists, with 345,000 members in North America, is currently \$220 per capita. That is certainly commendable, and is at least in part due to the emphasis on a "second tithe," over and beyond the first tithe. My kindly correspondent indicates that the present goal is to pass the second tithe.

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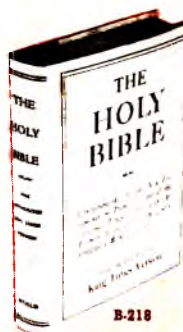


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them in the absence of the multitude.

7 ¶ Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, **Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.**

9 And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?

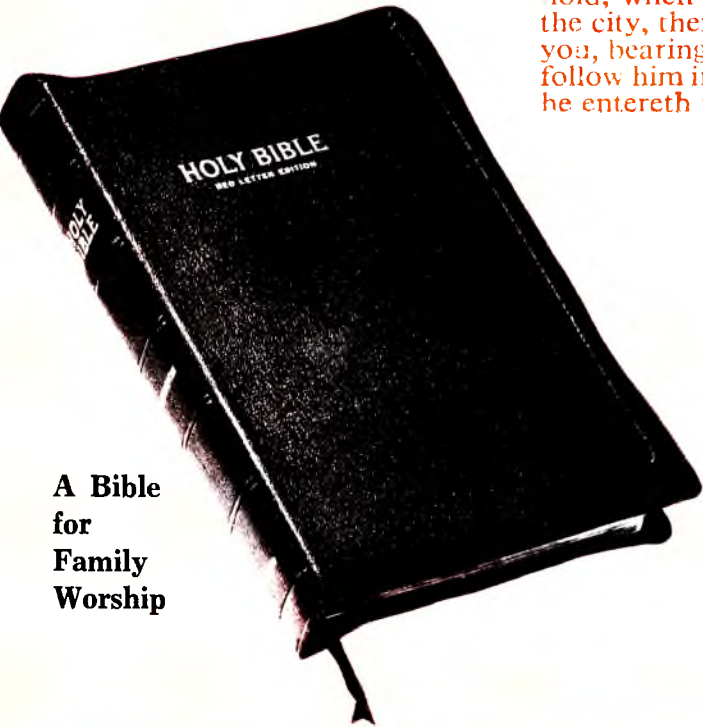
10 And he said unto them, **Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.**

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him that betray me on the table.  
 22 ¶ And truly thou goest, "as it was but woe unto thee he is betrayed!"  
 23 ¶ And they began among themselves, each of them thinking that it was that thing.  
 24 ¶ And there was strife among them, which of them should be greatest.  
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Several years ago I came to your church, a lonely, unkempt teen-ager from direst poverty. I hesitantly entered your door and sat near the back of your lovely auditorium. My hair was frizzy, for no one had ever shown me how to curl it into the sleek, popular styles. My clothes were faded, patched, and ill-fitting. I was painfully shy and timid.

When I went to your Sunday school class, I listened hungrily to your message and drank in the warm smile of the teacher. But when the session ended, all of the gaily dressed teen-agers thronged together with hardly so much as a low-muttered "Hi!" in my direction. I followed them into the church service and sat in their vicinity—but I was still alone!

As your minister spoke, my heart surged up in response—but I didn't know for sure that his invitation was meant for me. I looked about me—but everyone was engrossed in his own thoughts, so I decided that maybe I had better remain where I was. After the worship service I hung back watching the laughing chatter of those my age, wishing that I could belong! A couple of women spoke to me and your minister shook my hand as I went out the door.

And then I walked home—just as I had come—still lonely, still seeking, returning to my poverty unchanged. No one ever came to call after that, so I felt that I must have stepped out of my place in going to your nice church building. Thereafter, I determined to stay with my "class." This I did.

That was several years ago, dear church member. I am writing this letter to you from the county jail. Soon I will receive my sentence.

I sit here in my hot, stifling cell with regret as my companion. I remember back to that morning I spent in your church. I wish I had gone again! I wish things had been different! But my life is ruined now. The future looms before me in a gray stone penitentiary. I won't come to bother you again with my ill-fitting clothes, my frizzy hair, my poverty, my ignorance of grace. I won't come again.

But, dear church member, I have a little sister who will. If she should enter your door this Sunday—or the next—you will recognize her immediately, for she will be from my environment. She will be dressed as I was dressed. She will be unattractive to you in your fine clothes. But I am writing this letter to you asking that you will be kind to her, take an interest in her, visit her. O church members, will you save my little sister before she joins me in the stifling heat and bitter agony of my cell? My parents won't! I can't! The responsibility will be yours!

You didn't *mean* to fail me! You just didn't take time to notice me. You didn't *want* me to go from your church to a jail cell! You just didn't take time to understand the danger. You meant well—but your good intentions did not lead me to your Christ! Your pure motives did not steer me from the wrong road! Only your actions could have won me!

Dear church member, by investing a bit of your time, interest, and love in me, you could have saved me from sin, for I yearned to know your Christ. But as I sit here with the broken pieces of my life, I write to you to tell you that if you do not have the time, interest, or love to offer my little sister, the devil does! He will offer them all to her in gaudy abundance. She will follow him, feel at ease, laugh for a while—and then cry when he leads her here!

O church member, please—won't you try to save her before it is too late? Won't you outstrip the devil in his efforts to bring her to ruin? You have so much to offer! You know this Christ! You know His love! You know His redeeming power! You did not bother to share it with me—but I plead with you today not to allow my little sister to go away from your doors without this knowledge!

I went from your church to jail! Where she goes is your responsibility to determine!

Sincerely yours,  
JANE DOE

# THE CHURCH AT WORK

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

**GEORGE COULTER, Secretary**  
**Come Along with Us**  
**to a Philippine Zone Rally**

**By Dr. CHARLES BRODHEAD**

Nazarene medical doctor, stationed in the Philippine Islands with the U.S. Navy

### PART I

Grab your hat and come along with us to a zone rally. To get there we'll have to catch a *jeepney*. *Jeepneys* are a purely Filipino means of conveyance. They started out as army jeeps, and now have been converted into public conveyances by adding a sort of truck body on the back with two bench-like seats facing each other. Often as many as twenty people pile into one of these small passenger carriers. The owners paint the *jeepneys* bright colors and often have slogans and names painted on as part of the decorations. Fins and ornaments are welded on almost anywhere—the more, the better.

Here's a *jeepney* now. Jump on quickly and push your way through to a seat. Drop something on another for us, too, for we must climb back outside and put our baggage in the back. This is the only way to get a seat on these buses, for there is never enough room for all who want to ride.

This is a first-class bus. It has window glass and upholstered seats. Many of the *jeepneys* have just board seats and no window glass. A few of these have window boards that can be pulled up to close the window space if necessary.

At last everyone's luggage and baskets are on and we can start on our way to a small barrio, or village, about one hundred twenty-five miles north of Manila. My! How these *jeepneys* hustle along over the rough roads!

See that driver zip around us and hustle along ahead. He is trying to get to the next passenger before we do. There are no bus stops here. You just stand wherever you are—in the middle of the block, out along the highway, anywhere—and put out your arm to wave the bus down. If there is another six inches of space they'll take you on board. Filipinos are smaller than we are and they can fit a lot more of them in.

We are driving through the lowland country now, and you can see the rice fields in various stages of growth, all the way from planting to harvesting. There is no winter here, so the growing season never ends. The methods of cul-

tivation have not changed much over the years, for most of the fields are too small to allow mechanical cultivation or harvesting. It must be done with carabaos (water buffaloes) or by hand. The carabao is the beast of burden here. He draws the carts, plows, carries heavy loads. He is very gentle with the small children who care for him but not always so gentle with adults.

By five o'clock in the afternoon we arrive in a small town and stop for a rest. Even before the bus stops rolling, children are on the sides sticking in their hands, baskets, and bags, begging or selling their wares. Begging is an accomplished skill here, and it is difficult to know which are really in need, for many of them are rather well off by Filipino standards.

In this town we snatch up our bags and suitcases and catch another *jeepney*. We bargain with the driver until we get a fair price, then climb aboard and wait for the driver to get a full load before we rattle and bounce away down the rough, dusty, dirt road.

*(To be continued)*

## EVANGELISM

**EDWARD LAWLOR, Secretary**

### 35 by Profession of Faith

Dr. Otto Stucki, superintendent of the South Carolina District, sent this picture as visible proof of the intense evangelistic emphasis of one of his churches. Rev. C. Harry Huff, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene at Sumpter, South Carolina, took in these thirty-five members by profession of

faith, on this Sunday in 1961.

They climaxed the "Fourteen Sunday Nights of Evangelism" in a revival with Evangelists Lloyd and Gertrude Ward.

This picture tells us once again that revivals do save souls, and the 35 mem-

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EVANGELISM FIRST—1962 EMPHASIS

bers received by profession of faith at the close of the revival are numbered among the 12,645 received throughout the denomination as a result of the "Fourteen Sunday Nights of Evangelism." This church believes in "Evangelism First."

During the calendar year of 1961 under the leadership of Pastor Huff, the church received seventy-eight members by profession of faith! This church earned a place on the Evangelistic Honor Roll in 1961 and it appears that they are already eligible for another certificate in 1962.

We pray that pastors and people everywhere will accept the challenge and opportunities offered by this year of "Family Evangelism" to receive new families into the Church of the Nazarene by profession of faith.





## DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

### Third Annual Indoor Camp

Pensacola (Florida) First Church feels it a real privilege to be host to such a great and growing Indoor Camp. We are grateful to the Lord that through His blessings we have adequate facilities to entertain such an endeavor.

Under the leadership of Rev. L. S. Oliver, superintendent of the Alabama District, and with the co-operation of many churches of Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi, this promises to be a spiritual high light of the winter season.

Good attendance in the morning services, with near-capacity crowds each evening, evidenced the appreciation for the dynamic, Spirit-filled ministry of Dr. Edward Lawlor, executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism. It was a pleasure to have Mrs. Lawlor with us. Her jubilant spirit was contagious and added much to the spiritual atmosphere of the camp.

Brother Paul McNutt, who was with us for the second year, sang with much ease and blessing—the psalms and other favorite gospel songs!

Plans are being made for another great spiritual feast, February 4 to 11, 1963, with Mr. George Coulter and Brother Jim Bohi as the special workers.—GENE FULLER, *Host Pastor*.

### Virginia District Ministers' Convention

The annual convention of the ministers of the Virginia District was held February 12 to 14, at Calvary Church in Arlington, Virginia.

The activities began with a most enjoyable dinner, at which time the ministers and their wives were guests of the Arlington Calvary Church and of the entertaining pastor, Rev. C. D. Withrow.

The high light of the convention was the ministry of Dr. Samuel Young. His devotion to God and the church, together with his wit and wisdom, brought again into focus the obligations of pastor and church to world evangelism. Dr. Young's lectures on John Wesley were very helpful to all.

District Superintendent V. W. Littrell's deep concern for the great task of the church set the pace for the convention, and was reflected in the informative and challenging program. The program included papers presented by Rev. C. D. Withrow, Rev. V. J. Shetler, Rev. L. E. Humrich, and Rev. W. F. Masters, covering the general scope of the pastor's responsibility.

Contributing to the success of the evening services was the singing of the Calvary Church choir. They sang in the Spirit and with the understanding, so that hearts rejoiced and burdens were lifted.

There was time for fellowship among those attending the convention, and the unity that was felt among the pastors of the district and appreciation for the leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Littrell gave evidence of bigger and better days for the Church of the Nazarene in Virginia.—V. J. SHETLER, *Reporter*.

### San Antonio District Sunday School Tour

Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Potter were the special workers in our district Sunday school tour, February 1 to 9. This proved to be one of our very best district tours, and we feel that the fruits of it will last a long time.

The rallies were well attended, and Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Potter gave us just what we needed to stir us concerning the opening exercises, the Cradle Roll, the vacation Bible school, the Caravan, Christian Service Training, Home Department, and many other Sunday school emphases. The Potters are unexcelled in this field.

Rev. T. A. Burton, district church school board chairman, made the entire tour along with the district superintendent and the Potters.—JAMES C. HESTER, *District Superintendent*.

### South Dakota District Tour

In January, South Dakota was privileged to have two of the "top" Nazarene laymen, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Olsen, tour the district in behalf of the N.F. M.S. and the Sunday school.

Mrs. Olsen, member of the General N.F.M.S. Council, brought a glowing report of the progress of missions, and then presented a stirring challenge for our day.

Mr. Gordon Olsen, a member of the General Board, moved the hearts of our people as he showed by practical illustrations from a rich life of experience areas in which our Sunday schools can make improvements.

Our churches were greatly strengthened by this tour. We appreciate the sacrificial and inspiring leadership of Rev. and Mrs. A. O. Loeber, our fine district superintendent and N.F.M.S. president. Without them, the tour could not have been the success it was.—GLEN G. DAYTON, *Chairman of Church School Board*.

### Minnesota District Preachers' Meeting

In spite of the Minnesota blizzard which raged three days preceding the meeting, fifty pastors and wives attended the district preachers' meeting at Fergus Falls. It was the second year for the entire group to stay at the River Inn Hotel, and enjoy all our meals, and coffee after the evening sessions, in the large dining room which hangs out over the frozen river and falls.

For the ninth year District Superintendent Roy Stevens and Mrs. Stevens presided over the district convention, with sessions beginning on Wednesday afternoon and closing after lunch on Friday, February 7 to 9. Joining the Stevenses in their ministry were Dr. and Mrs. Jarrette Aycock. The preaching services, general sessions, and pastors' sessions were held in the church two blocks away, while the ladies met with Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Aycock in the Green Room of the hotel for their meetings.

Mrs. Aycock's talks to the women were planned to inspire and review the importance of the pastor's wife in Kingdom building. Much time was given

to discussion, and also to earnest prayer for the individual churches and the district. Mrs. Aycock's friendliness, understanding spirit, and sense of humor won the hearts of the group. Mrs. Stevens organized the pastors' wives into a chorus, and their singing at the one public service of the convention was used of the Lord to bless hearts.

Brother Stevens led the pastors' sessions, each one having a theme with ten or twelve topics suggested to stimulate discussion. The themes were: "Mr. Pastor, You Are a Minister of the Gospel," "Mr. Pastor, You Are the Key to the State of the Church," and "Mr. Pastor, 'Evangelism First' Depends on You."

Dr. Aycock preached two rewarding biographical sermons, the first directed to the pastors, and the second, an evangelistic message preached to the laymen who were permitted to attend the one evening service.

Dr. Aycock's messages to the pastors and wives were practical and included much helpful advice.

During these days of fellowship together we sensed the presence of the Lord as we sang together, as we prayed together around the altar, and as we listened to God's anointed leaders speak to us. Spiritually, we returned to our fields of service refreshed, blessed, and with renewed determination.—J. PHILIP JOHNSON, *Reporter*.

### Southwest Oklahoma District Preachers' Meeting

The annual preachers' meeting of the Southwest Oklahoma District was held February 7 and 8, in First Church, Oklahoma City, with Rev. James Snow as the genial host pastor.

District Superintendent W. T. Johnson had a feast of good things planned for us. Dr. V. H. Lewis spoke three times each day. During the day his messages were planned around "Making the Ministry Relevant." Again and again he both probed and provided inspiration for us as we faced up to our tasks as ministers.

Dr. Robert L. Sawyer of the Department of Religion of Bethany Nazarene College spoke in the morning and afternoon on the Minor Prophets. His material was full of wealth, graphically presented, giving us a well-orded picture of our tasks as "preachers of the Word" in this our day of crisis. Both of these men gave us just what we needed at this time, and we left the convention inspired to do ever better our tasks in our given field of labor.

Mrs. W. T. Johnson, our district superintendent's wife, had arranged for Mrs. V. H. Lewis, wife of our general superintendent, to minister to the ministers' wives. Mrs. Lewis is held in highest esteem as a most appreciated example of the gospel of holiness we preach. The ladies greatly appreciated Mrs. Johnson's making it possible for them to have this rich experience. The Johnsons make a wonderful team as our district leaders.

The department heads—W. M. Lynch, district church schools chairman; Marvin Powers, district N.Y.P.S. president; and Mrs. W. T. Johnson, district N.F.

M.S. president, presented the emphases for the coming months.

The district is enjoying another of its good years of progress, with a unity which makes us a force for spreading scriptural holiness in this southwest country and around the world.—GRANVILLE S. ROGERS, *Reporter*.

### Southwest Indiana District Preachers' Meeting

Another Southwest Indiana District preachers' meeting is history, but the glow and challenge linger on. The date was February 19 to 21. The pastor, Dr. B. G. Wiggs, and the people of Seymour First Church, were very gracious hosts.

Dr. Leo C. Davis, district superintendent, and his collaborators are to be highly commended for the arrangement of the program. The leadership of Superintendent Davis is greatly appreciated by our district.

It is always a joy and privilege to have the senior general superintendent, Dr. Hardy C. Powers, to minister to us, and this occasion was no exception. Surely God has not given greater general leadership to any church group than that which we enjoy. Also it was a delight to have with us for the second consecutive year Dr. T. W. Willingham, director of the Nazarene Radio League. The anointing of the Spirit was upon both of these great leaders as they each addressed us on four different occasions.

We were happy to have Dr. Donald Snow of Dayton, Ohio, and Rev. J. W. Short of the Indianapolis District appear on the program. Rev. John Swearingen spoke in behalf of Olivet Nazarene College, and our Publishing House interests were well represented by Rev. George Rice.

A large number of ministers and friends from neighboring districts were present for at least a part of the convention. Some of our own district leaders also appeared on the program and added to its effectiveness. There were times when the printed program was set aside while the people gave expression to the glory of the Lord which was so apparent to all.

We believe in and give wholehearted support to the entire program of our beloved church.—RALPH A. CARTER, *Reporter*.

### Northwest Indiana District Preachers' Meeting

The blessings of the Lord were manifested from the first service of the preachers' meeting, February 19 through 21, at First Church in Kokomo, Indiana.

The theme of the meeting was "The Helmsman and His Responsibility"—to the Sunday school, the N.Y.P.S., the N.F. M.S., as well as to the work of the whole church at home and abroad.

Well-prepared papers were presented by four pastors expressing the thought of each department in outlining the responsibility of the department, and the pastor's part in directing the departments to victorious ends in the salvation of souls and carrying on the progress of the church in general.

Dr. Edward Lawlor, secretary of the Department of Evangelism, was the very able speaker during the meeting. He left a part of himself in our hearts as

he poured out his soul in the stirring messages on the love of Jesus Christ, the need of the infilling of the Holy Ghost, and the responsibility of each pastor as well as layman to be an example of the experience of holiness.

The entertaining church did a fine job in caring for the convention, and the mayor of the city was present to welcome cordially District Superintendent Morgan, the pastors, and all visitors.

The ministers returned to their churches with the assurance, "God was there."—L. D. LOCKWOOD, *Reporter*.

## THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Dr. W. M. McGuire announces that he is now available for evangelistic meetings. Address him, 209 Rhea Circle, Lakeland, Florida.

Wellston, Ohio—First Church recently closed an eight-day revival which was considered to be the best in the history of the church. Rev. Asa Sparks was the evangelist, and his messages on soul winning, with his unique way of working in the homes, stirred our people. Brother Sparks is a truly great soul winner. Our people were made to realize the value of a soul and the need of personal witnessing. There were thirty-seven seekers, eight of them coming on the last Sunday night without any preaching. We received a class of ten into church membership, including young married couples and heads of families. With the present fervor and enthusiasm shown by our church in witnessing for Christ, I am convinced the revival is not over.—L. O. RIST, *Pastor*.

Chesterhill, Ohio—From February 5 through 18 our church had a glorious revival with Evangelist John H. Lanier as the special worker. His old-time holiness messages stirred the church and community. God honored His Word and seekers at the altar prayed through for regeneration and entire sanctification. The saints were greatly blessed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Also we had a wonderful healing service, and four children were dedicated to the Lord. We had wonderful singing throughout the meeting. Brother Lanier is a dynamic preacher and an enthusiastic worker for the Kingdom. Large crowds attended the services each night. We thank God for touching the body of our good pastor, Rev. Opal Crum, so she was able to carry on her work. A good love offering was given her so she might attend the district preachers' meeting. Brother Lanier was given a call to return in '63.—*Reporter*.

Bainbridge, Indiana—On February 4 we closed a revival with the Reverend Mr. Laston and Ruth Dennis as the special workers. Average attendance per service was twenty-six, with finances coming in good, and nine seekers at the altar. This church is only four months old, and God is definitely working on hearts. We appreciated the good ministry of Brother and Sister Dennis, and also appreciated the help of our good district superintendent, Dr. Leo C. Davis.—CARLTON D. HANSEN, *Pastor*.

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One of the service items of the Publishing House for several years has been the annual distribution to each church of a large Day-by-Day Activity Calendar, listing major denominational emphases and other data helpful in planning the church year. It is arranged on a quarterly basis to provide the maximum amount of organizational help to the pastor, Sunday school superintendent, and other church leaders. The calendar is then posted in an obvious place in order that the church may also profit from it. Many pastors have expressed their appreciation. Among their responses are the following:

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"I appreciate this fine extra from our Publishing House."

Carbon, Indiana—First Church recently closed the greatest revival in its history. The meeting was sponsored by the young people's group, with Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep as the special workers. The entire church was moved to greater heights spiritually, and many new folk were reached for God and the church. In the closing service the Holy Spirit so moved upon the congregation there was no preaching, and folks began coming to the altar during the song service—with four different altar services during the evening. Many said they had not been in meetings like these for years. The Sunday school was doubled, and a nice class of members was added to the church. The Esteps were given a call to return for a meeting in the fall of '63. We give God praise.—JOSEPH D. BRITTON, *Pastor*.

Goldsboro, North Carolina—First Church recently had an eight-day revival with Rev. H. J. Eason and wife of Savannah, Georgia, as the special workers. During the meeting ninety-seven new contacts were made, fifteen persons testified to praying through for salvation or entire sanctification, and a new Sunday school record was set. Pastor W. J. Harrison and the church greatly appreciated the ministry of Brother and Sister Eason with us.—MRS. CHARLES MCGEE, *Secretary*.



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**Christianity gives people the motivation for sharing with others. If we are good stewards of all we have, we are not satisfied to keep all our wealth for our own use. The Easter offering, April 22, is an opportunity to share in a world-wide program of evangelism.**

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Wilkinson, Indiana—The Warrington Church recently had a wonderful meeting with Rev. Carl Nutter as the evangelist. It was the best revival in the history of the church, with about one hundred people seeking God at the altar of prayer. Brother Nutter is a revivalist, and was mightily used of the Holy Spirit. There were seekers in every service, beginning the first night, and in three services of the eleven-day campaign, there was no preaching. We give God praise, and the church moves forward.—RUSSELL L. ROBERTS, *Pastor*.

Selma, Indiana—The Harris Chapel Church recently enjoyed a gracious, old-time revival with the blessings of God and twenty-six victories at the altar. It was a privilege to have Rev. Roy A. Bettcher and Rev. C. C. Langford as the Spirit-filled workers. Six members were added to the church by profession of faith.—MRS. ROBERT E. CARTER, *Reporter*.

East Liverpool, Ohio—Old-time revival fires have been kindled in a recent revival in the La Croft Church, which has probably brought the widest coverage of news and inspiration in the twenty-six years of the writer's ministry. Rev. Peter Drazich and Maynard Walker, singer, were the special workers. From the very first service, God was present, and in the three-Sunday meeting there were only three barren altar services. The church folk had been conducting both church and cottage prayer meetings, and were on believing ground. Among the seekers was a well-known minister who had been away from God for twenty-five years, and for whom many of the people in this area had never ceased to pray. There was great joy in various churches over his return to God. Brothers Drazich and Walker are most humble and co-operative workers and we appreciated their ministry with us. We are much encouraged, and give God praise for His blessings.—RAY E. BANKS, *Pastor*.

Austin, Texas—Grace Church recently experienced a very wonderful visitation from God through the ministry of Evangelist J. C. Crabtree. The services were well attended, with the highest nightly average of any previous revival—over one hundred. Brother Crabtree's messages were dynamic, the people were responsive, and the results, we believe, will be enduring. We are in the midst of the twelfth year as pastor of this good church. He is blessing in many ways, and we are humbly grateful.—HOWARD BORGESON, *Pastor*.

Evangelist Roy M. Vaughn reports: "God is blessing in a marvelous way in the church at Ocala, Florida, where we

recently closed a revival. In the first week of our meeting at the Fern Park Church in Orlando, with Pastor D. Peacock, we have seen fifty-four seekers at the altar. We will be closing a meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 15, and have an open date immediately following. I'd like to slate this time in that general part of the States. Write me at my home address, 2224 E. Concord Avenue, Orlando, Florida."

Escondido, California—The revival in First Church, February 11 through 18, with Evangelist Ivan Lee Sisk was a great success for the glory of God. There was a very good attendance in each of the eight services, with many seekers at the altar, and several were saved and sanctified. The young people of the church were especially thrilled with the inspirational messages and singing of Brother Sisk. Pastor W. A. Jordan and the people feel that this was one of the most glorious and inspiring revivals this church has had.—*Reporter*.

Joplin, Missouri—In January, Calvary Church had a good revival with Evangelist J. D. Carleton and wife. From the first service God met with us, and the messages in song and preaching blessed the hearts of our people. God gave several seekers, and the church was encouraged. At the close of the meeting eleven new members were received, nine by profession of faith.—JOHN R. ROBERTS, *Pastor*.

Cullman, Alabama—First Church recently experienced one of the greatest revivals of its history according to the older members of the church. Pastor and many of the members united in prayer asking God to give us a real revival, and He answered in a measure beyond our expectation. God anointed and honored the messages of Evangelist "Billy" Erickson to all our hearts with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Night after night the altar was filled with seekers and many were reclaimed or saved, and some were sanctified wholly. We thank God for Brother Erickson and his messages. He is a man with a burden, and a message that is a blessing to the church. Some new people were saved in this meeting, some of whom were middle-aged. We have given Brother Erickson a call to return.—G. W. BALL, *Pastor*.

Little Rock, Arkansas—In January the Broadmoor Church closed one of the greatest revivals in its history. Evangelist W. R. Donaldson and wife were used of God in a mighty way. Every service from Sunday morning of January 21 through Sunday night of January 28 was crowned with victories around the altar. People, for whom prayers had gone up for years, were broken under the power of the Holy Spirit, and sought and found God. Sunday school teachers saw many of their class members pray through and shout the victory, as souls were saved and sanctified is a marvelous way. On the closing Sunday there were 267 in Sunday school, and the next Sunday there were 277 present. The spirit of

the revival continues. Our young people participated in a wonderful way, working in teams to invite people and made a real contribution to the revival. Pastor Tullis D. Tompkins has been with us eighteen months and last year God blessed and gave the church 46 new members, of which 39 came by profession of faith. Since the assembly we had received 8 new members, and following this revival we received 18 more new members. Of these 26 for this year, 21 came on profession of faith. We give God the praise.—MRS. NITA CURTIS, *Secretary*.

Charleston, West Virginia—The Lord has recently poured out His Spirit upon the people of the Davis Creek Church in a marvelous way: (1) through the ministry of Evangelist Paul Martin and Singer Carl Thompson, God gave one of the most fruitful revivals this church has witnessed in years. (2) We have just closed an indescribable missionary convention with Dr. Samuel Young and Rev. Paul Orjala, with over seven thousand dollars pledged for world evangelism in 1962. Also, many young people answered yes to any call God might place upon them. Pastor and people begin the ninth year of happy service together with horizons unlimited.—DALLAS BAGGETT, *Pastor*.

Evangelist George L. Fitch reports: "At this writing [Feb. 14] I am in a good meeting with Pastor Robert Clayton and his good people at Yerington, Nevada. Since my re-entering the field last September, the Lord has kept me busy and given good meetings with the blessings of the Holy Spirit, at Florence, Oregon, with Rev. Alan Miller; in Montour, Idaho, with Rev. Floyd Cummings; at Carson, Washington, with Pastor Mockler; at Midvale, Idaho, with Brother W. J. Hopper; and at Sutherlin, Oregon, with Brother Longanecker. Truly God has answered prayer in giving souls, blessing the churches, and meeting the financial needs. Write me, 124 Elder Street, Nampa, Idaho."

Confluence, Pennsylvania—Recently our church closed one of the best revivals of its history, with Rev. George O. Cole as the evangelist. Under his Spirit-anointed ministry more than one hundred souls sought God at the altar of prayer during our Youth Week services. We saw several outstanding conversions, and answers to prayer among both young and old. In spite of very bad weather, the attendance averaged 153 nightly; and although our church is situated in a town of only twelve hundred population, on the closing Sunday night of the meeting there were 241 persons present—which number represented 20 per cent of the town's population. Forty persons sought God on the closing night, and our church is strengthened and encouraged as a result of seeing the Spirit of the Lord work in our midst.—ARTHUR EVANS, JR., *Pastor*.

Ceres, California—Our church has been much benefited by the ministry of Evangelist George M. Knight in a

three-Sunday meeting. He preaches the truth fearlessly, with unction, and in a unique manner. A number of new people were won to God and the church, and the church was built up spiritually and united for greater endeavor in Kingdom work.—G. H. CUMMINGS, *Pastor*.

Oregon City, Oregon—We have enjoyed one of the finest revivals held here in recent years with Rev. Mrs. Evelyn McKinney as the evangelist. As the result of her sincere, forceful, and scriptural preaching, many sought the Lord at the altar, particularly among the young people and children. The whole church was brought to new spiritual heights as God was pleased to reveal himself time after time. I am now closing my twenty-ninth year as pastor on the Oregon Pacific District, and the seventh year with this fine church. Oregon City church now has representatives on three mission fields—the Ralph Cooks (former pastors), the Merrill Bennetts, and the Earl Mostellers. Also Mrs. Maxine Fritz, missionary daughter to China, is a member; and her daughter, Kathy, is preparing to answer her missionary call abroad.—BERTRAND F. PETERSON, *Pastor*.

St. Marys, Ohio—First Church recently closed one of the best revivals in the past several years. Time and again the altar was lined from one end to the other, and several times the front pews were filled with people seeking the Lord. Evangelist Daniel Stafford preached a Bible-centered gospel with a tender spirit. His messages stirred both pastor and people, and we were able to get under the burden for souls. Finances came easily. At the request of our people, the evangelist was slated to return for a meeting in '64. During the morning service on February 4, members of the church voted overwhelmingly to call the pastor for three years more. It has been a real joy to serve this wonderful people for the past three years. Recently they gave us a ten-dollar-per-week increase in salary, and in addition they have been so liberal at Christmas time and throughout the year! During these three years we have received forty new members into the church. Pastor and people are encouraged.—O. V. MEWNUORN, *Pastor*.

Bedford, Indiana—Valley Mission Church recently enjoyed an old-fashioned, Holy Ghost youth revival with Rev. Ernest E. Florence as the evangelist. We deeply appreciated the wonderful, Spirit-filled ministry of this man. He had a burning message and a burden for souls. God blessed and there was not a barren altar service. Scheduled for one week, the meeting continued for a second week because of the blessings of God. The special singers were Larry Richards and Peter Whitted, and we appreciated their ministry in song and music, and their fine spirit. We give God special thanks and praise for the ministry of these three fine workers. New people attended the services, souls prayed

through to victory, gains were made in every department, and a good spiritual tide prevails in our midst. We appreciate Pastor Harold Small and his wife for their faithful, loyal service to our church.—ROBERTA MADDOX, *Reporter*.

Fredonia, Kansas—Rev. Jack and Wilma Hamilton were the evangelists for our Youth Week revival. They present an outstanding program of singing and music, and Brother Hamilton's preaching is dynamic, scriptural, and deeply spiritual. More new people attended the services than in any previous revival, and nine different individuals prayed through to God for pardon or entire sanctification. All of these were teen-agers or young adults. This is a comparatively new work, and last year we had sixteen additions to the church, eleven by profession of faith. For all this we praise God.—HOMER GILBERT, *Pastor*.

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Monroe, Michigan—Recently First Church had the best youth revival in its history. On Tuesday night the young people enjoyed a banquet, and a five-day revival began on Wednesday night with Rev. Virgil Caudill as evangelist. He preached the old-time truth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. God honored the messages and souls prayed through, with thirty bowing at the altar of prayer on the closing night. Mrs. Caudill and family were with us for the week end, and the music by the family thrilled all our hearts. We have a great host of young people in our church. The work moves forward under the direction of our fine pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Burton.—*Reporter*.

Evangelist Thomas Hayes writes: "We thank God for His help and blessing. I will be closing a big tent meeting in Diagonal, Iowa, on July 29, then have an open date, August 1 to 12; will come with or without my

God does not want us to give "to be seen of men," nor seeking our own reward. The joy of giving is its own reward. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; . . ." simply carries out the principle of satisfaction which comes from sacrificial giving. A sacrificial gift in the Easter offering, April 22, will carry with it a reward of satisfaction.

big tent. Would like to slate this time in Iowa, Kansas, or Oklahoma. Write me, c/o our Publishing House, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

In February we closed an area-wide youth revival held in College Church, Nampa, Idaho, and sponsored by twenty churches. The opening service was attended by more than one thousand people, with excellent attendance throughout the meeting. The special workers were Rev. Kenneth Pearsall and Brother Paul Skiles, and their ministry to our youth was deeply appreciated. Many souls prayed through to spiritual victory, with several answering calls to special service. We shall not soon forget Brother Pearsall's stirring messages and Paul Skiles's uplifting music and excellent work with the youth choir of more than one hundred teen-agers. Thank God for our emphasis on youth and for the wonderful young people of this area.—HARRY EVANS, *Chairman*.

Cheyenne, Wyoming—In February, First Church had a six-day revival with Evangelist J. C. Crabtree as the special worker. The effectiveness of the Bible ministry of Brother Crabtree will be long remembered by our people. Seventy-one folks bowed at the altar of prayer and received definite spiritual help from God.—DWIGHT J. BOLTON, *Pastor*.

## THE BIBLE LESSON

By ARNOLD E. AIRUART

Topic for April 1:

### Christ—Center of Our Faith

SCRIPTURE: I Timothy (Title); I Timothy 1:12-17; 2:3-6; 6:11-12)

GOLDEN TEXT: *There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus* (I Timothy 2:5).

Pupil, "son in the faith," companion in persecution, trusted personal ambassador, faithful minister—all this was Timothy of Lystra, product of missions, to Paul, the apostle. To the aging apostle, Timothy had become almost indispensable; he had "no man like-minded" (Philippians 2:20). At the writing of I Timothy, the recipient was pastor at Ephesus, not his first difficult and strategic mission.

The letter is personal, affectionate, practical, fatherly. Its first exhortation is a reminder to curb teaching which detracts from the pure gospel. At the thought of that glorious gospel committed to him, Paul, quite suddenly,



and quite characteristically, bursts into a song of praise.

This *Song of Salvation* is found in 1:12-17. Gratitude fills Paul when he peers into the depths from which he has been lifted. He marvels at the reach of mercy. He revels in the scope of grace. He sees himself as a kind of proof of Christ's ability and willingness to save all men. Since he saved the worst of sinners, none need despair. Paul ends his song with a shout.

The apostle proceeds then to charge Timothy to see that prayer and intercession is made for all men, and this leads (as does any thoughtful discussion on prayer) to a concise statement about the *Gospel of Grace* (2:3-6). These affirmations of faith are the underpinnings of intelligent praying. Grace is universal, but there is no access to God without a mediator, and there is but One so qualified, the God-Man. The atonement includes all in its scope, and ransoms all in its provision. Glorious affirmations! God is for us in His eternal decrees, in the death of His Son, and in the Son's endless priesthood.

Paul's letter continues with practical advice on church organization, deals with some church problems, and includes personal counsel. A concluding warning regarding covetousness brings into focus stirring words about the *Fight of Faith* (6:11-12). Timothy is to flee the snare of things, and follow after the treasures of the Spirit. Having "come clean," he is to keep clean. He must fight if he would win, but the fight is worthwhile and the prize is the promised crown of life. Having purposefully "laid hold" of the prize, he must take care never to lose his grip.

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## Announcements

### WEDDING BELLS

—Miss Esther Mae Beckwith and Mr. Sheridan Ray Bailey, both of Keene, New Hampshire, were united in marriage on February 17 at the Keene Church of the Nazarene with the pastor, Rev. John S. Noffle, officiating.

### BORN

—to Rev. and Mrs. Ray Schermerhorn of Trenton, Ontario, Canada, a son, Ronald Paul, on February 18.

—to Rev. Phillip and Darlene (Broom) Kellerman of Amherst, Ohio, a son, Timothy Paul, on February 15.

—to Mr. and Mrs. (Judy Scroggins) Glen Lee of Baldwin Park, California, a son, James Allan, on January 18.

### SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

—by a Nazarene friend in Virginia for a young man in great need of divine guidance, that he may follow the will of God in his work and for his home—also for the need of the writer's home, and a new touch of God for strength in the midst of a most severe trial;

—by a reader in Georgia for God's help in finding a job, which is greatly needed; for a sister who needs help both physically and spiritually; for a brother-in-law, that she and her sister may be able to attend church; and also for the work of God in that place—no Nazarene work there;

—by a reader in Colorado who is sending the "Herald" to friends, for their salvation and for their children;

—by a reader in Idaho for God's special help in a serious situation, involving malicious gossip, in the place where she works—she believes God is able to undertake even though the persons are not Christians;

—by a Nazarene reader in Ohio for his wife, who has been a church worker, and now hospitalized for two years, that God may touch and heal her, that she may be able to resume her church work, if it is His will.

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## Deaths

### REV. EDMUND B. GALLOWAY

Edmund Burritt Galloway, oldest elder in the Church of the Nazarene, died February 3, 1962, at Orange, California, at the age of one hundred two. He was born August 17, 1859, at Odessa, Missouri. He had been a minister of the gospel eighty-six years, having started out as a circuit-riding, lay preacher at the age of sixteen in the Southern Methodist church. He was a Methodist

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## "SHOWERS OF BLESSING" Program Schedule

April 1—"Wake Up and Live," by  
J. E. Williams  
April 8—"The Pre-eminency of  
Christ," by J. E. Williams  
April 15—"Let the Stones Cry Out"  
(Palm Sunday), by Samuel Young  
April 22—"Light in the Darkness"  
(Easter), by G. B. Williamson

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pastor for twenty-five years. When the Holiness Church of Christ came into existence he united with this group, and through the union at Pilot Point came into the Church of the Nazarene. His later years were given to a special ministry of intercession and personal soul winning. He had been a resident of Orange for forty-three years, moving there in 1919 from Greenville, Texas. Hundreds of troubled souls found their way to the little cottage on Pixley Street where he made his home for the last forty-two years, and came away, after a time of prayer, with tear-wet eyes but a shine on their faces. He was active and his mind keen to the very last; in fact, he talked salvation to the nurses and the doctor on his deathbed. At twenty-five he married Ella Baker, his wife for sixty-four years, and mother of six children. His wife died in 1949, shortly after they celebrated their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary. A member of the Santa Ana Church of the Nazarene, he was honored on his one hundredth birthday in 1959, when his church established a scholarship in Pasadena College in his name. He is survived by three sons and three daughters. His oldest son, J. B., spent more than forty years as a teacher in Nazarene colleges; his son T. A. was business manager of old Peniel College under the administration of Dr. R. T. Williams; and his son Fletcher, pastor of First Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, has spent forty years in continuous pastoral service in the Church of the Nazarene. Two of his daughters, Mrs. Arthur Collins and Miss Pearl, have taught in Nazarene colleges; and his youngest daughter, Mrs. Clarence Skiles, is mother of Paul Skiles, the general N.Y.P.S. secretary. Funeral service was held in Santa Ana First Church with his pastor, Rev. B. Edgar Johnson, officiating, assisted by Dr. A. E. Sanner and Rev. Odie Gunter. Interment was in Fairhaven Memorial Park.

### REV. ERNEST CORYELL

Ernest Coryell, the "lumberjack evangelist," was born March 27, 1885, at Liberty Mills (near Jackson), Michigan, and died January 27, 1962, at Meridian, Idaho, where he had lived since 1935. For sixteen winters he was employed in the lumber woods of Minnesota and Wisconsin. In 1914 he was married to Matilda Johnson. Ernest Coryell was converted on June 12, 1919, and later sanctified. In 1920, at the North Dakota District Assembly, he united with the Church of the Nazarene, and was ordained by Dr. H. F. Reynolds in 1926. For some thirty years he served as one of the foremost pioneer evangelists of the church through some twenty states in the North and West. It is believed he preached over ten thousand times in six hundred revival campaigns, and was instrumental in starting sixty-six churches for our beloved Zion. His converts numbered into the thousands, and he literally poured out his life in soul winning, until his heart gave out and he had to retire in 1950. He is survived by his wife, Matilda; three sons, Earl, Wesley, and Melvin; and seven daughters, Arbutus Munzmaeder, Hazel

Ruska, Doyce Caulk, Dorothy Klett, Ruthe De-Waard, Joyce Law, and Elaine Wilson. Funeral service was held in Meridian with Rev. I. F. Younger, Rev. H. A. Thon, and Rev. C. T. Corbett officiating. Six grandsons served as pallbearers.

### REV. STEPHEN C. JOHNSON

Stephen C. (Callie) Johnson, retired Nazarene elder on the Indianapolis District, whose home was in Greenfield, Indiana, died January 20, 1962, in an Indianapolis hospital. He was seventy-two years old. He was a minister in the Church of the Nazarene for forty years, having been ordained by the late Dr. H. F. Reynolds in 1927. He served pastorates in Indiana and Ohio, and as secretary of the Indianapolis District for twenty-one years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cora Dell Johnson; a son, Kirby; and a brother, Harold. Funeral service was held in the Stringtown Church of the Nazarene, of which he was a member, with long-time associates in charge—Rev. Fred Bouse, Rev. T. W. Stofor, Rev. Forest Crider, Rev. H. J. Rahrar, and his pastor, Rev. James Ford. Interment was in Park Cemetery, Greenfield, Indiana.

### REV. DORSEY W. DOBSON

Dorsey W. Dobson was born May 6, 1871, in Iowa, near Marshalltown, and died February 10, 1962, in Pasadena, California. He was converted in 1885, and entered into the experience of holiness in 1890. He early identified himself with the Holiness Association, joining in 1900. He was ordained by General Superintendent Walker in 1916. He served as pastor of Nazarene churches in Bloomfield and Glenwood, Iowa; at Cypress, California; and also as district superintendent of Iowa. He was noted for his winsome spirit, and loyal and enthusiastic support of his church. He is survived by his wife, Laura Ruth Dobson, and a sister, Sylvia Ferguson. Funeral service was held from the Chapel of Bresee Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena, with the pastor, Rev. J. George Taylorson, officiating, assisted by Dr. A. E. Sanner, Rev. David Scott, and Rev. I. W. Young. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery, Altadena.



## Bill Would End "Free Drinks" on Airlines

Washington, D.C. (EP)—Sen. Olin D. Johnston (Dem., S.C.) has introduced in Congress a bill which would prohibit the serving of free cocktails on airliners.

The bill would require any line serving alcoholic beverages to charge an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the liquor and service involved.

"There is no reason in the world why passengers who do not drink, but who wish to travel first class, cannot do so without paying the price that covers the cost of liquor they do not consume," said Senator Johnston.

"It is not only unfair to nondrinking passengers to have to pay for alcohols served to others," he told the Senate, "but it is a source of great embarrassment, harassment, and sometimes serious physical threat to other passengers."

Too many disturbances created by tipsy passengers are occurring in aircraft, said Senator Johnston.

"Actually, I would like to see the Congress act favorably upon one of the several bills now pending which would prohibit entirely the serving of any alcohol, free or paid, on any aircraft," he explained. "I am disappointed that the Congress has not acted, but while we wait the elimination of all drinking on planes, I think the Congress should end this practice.

"It will at least be a step," he added,

"in the direction of slowing down the drinking traffic by putting a price on the alcohol."

The bill (S. 2695) was referred to the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce.

#### **Glenn-Gagarin Contrast:**

*John Glenn Described as "Born-again" Christian* (EP special)

Unlike the Russian Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, who "flew right through the heavenly mansions and did not run into . . . the Almighty," America's first man in orbital space flight returned to earth with calm assurance it was God who had given him the spectacular success.

Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., who circled the globe 3 times in 296 minutes. February 20, 1962, is described by those who know him best as a Christian man of great faith.

"There's no doubt about it," says Rev. C. Edwin Houk, pastor of the Glendale (Calif.) First Presbyterian Church and Glenn's boyhood chum in New Concord, Ohio, "John is a born-again Christian."

Rev. C. Edwin Houk's father, then pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New Concord, was used of the Lord to lead John Glenn's father to Christ many years ago, and the conversion of the entire family soon followed. Pastor Houk recalls: "John, Jr., was always a clean-thinking fellow—a leader everyone respected."

#### **Spanish Officials Seize Gospels**

LA JUNQUERA, SPAIN (EP)—A consignment of St. John's Gospel was seized as contraband material by custom officials at this frontier post. The Gospels were in a British-registered car driven by R. E. Love, an American citizen, who is a representative of the publishing house of Ediciones Evangelicas Europeas, Winterthur, Switzerland.

Spanish Protestants are reported to be planning an appeal to the United Nations' Human Rights Commission protesting the seizures and arrests.

#### **Open Black Hills "Rest Camp" for Christian Workers**

CUSTER, SO. DAK. (EP)—Lakota Pines, a unique rest camp for Christian workers, will be opened this spring in the Black Hills near here, according to Rev. R. L. Gowan, builder and manager of the camp.

No rates as such will be charged. Ministers, missionaries, teachers, editors, and others in full-time Christian work, regardless of church affiliation, may use the modern camp on the freewill offering plan, according to Mr. Gowan.

Lakota Pines is located on a secluded eighty acres in the heart of the Black Hills, a few miles from famed Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Mr. Gowan, an ordained Wesleyan Methodist minister, built the camp largely out of native materials he gathered in the Black Hills.

# the **A**nswer corner

Conducted by **W. T. PURKISER, Editor**

**What do you think of the pastor, after calling an evangelistic party for a meeting to have charge of the preaching and music, pushing the evangelist aside, putting himself up as the song leader and some of his local talent to play the piano and sing the special numbers?**

Never heard of such a thing. Why don't you ask him about it?

**Don't you think the amount of tithes and offerings should be posted in the church like the Sunday school attendance and offerings? We never know what it is.**

No. The far better way would be a monthly or quarterly financial statement, released to the membership and congregation after it has been reported to the church board. After all, income

is a relative matter, and the information would mean little or nothing unless you knew the commitments and expenses as well as the income.

**Please explain why the Church of the Nazarene does not observe foot washing as our Lord revealed to us in the Gospel of John (13:12-17).**

We hold that the action of Jesus in taking a towel and washing the feet of His disciples was an example of service to be followed in every area of life, not a religious ordinance to be practiced in church. So, it seems, the New Testament Church understood it; for while we find the apostles administering the sacrament of baptism and observing the Lord's Supper, we find no mention of foot washing as a part of worship.

However, the New Testament has many commands and exhortations which fulfill the principle involved: "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one

another" (Romans 12:10); "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2); "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, . . . took upon him the form of a servant" (Philippians 2:5-7).

Bathing the feet of guests was the common courtesy of Oriental homes, made necessary by the wearing of sandals on dusty roads and streets. It was the task of the lowliest servant or slave in the household. That Jesus himself should perform this service for His disciples is a tremendous example of self-giving service.

**Please give me an explanation of Hebrews 6:4-7. Does it mean if we have received the Holy Spirit and turn from Him that we cannot receive Him again, seeing we would crucify Christ again? If not, explain.**

The puzzle in these verses comes from the apparent teaching that it is impossible to restore a person who falls away: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, . . . if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh."

Two things must be kept in mind. "Falling away" is not ordinary backsliding. While this is the only place in the New Testament where the word is used, the context would seem to show that this is a total and absolute rejection of the Christian faith, or what we would call apostasy.

The other point is a matter of translation. The Greek literally reads, "It is impossible . . . again to renew to repentance, crucifying again for themselves the Son of God and putting Him to open shame." The best English translation is that of the margin of the

American Standard Version of 1901. "While they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh." Dr. H. Orton Wiley comments on this: "What the writer says therefore is that it is impossible to renew again to repentance those who have fallen away, 'while they are still crucifying the Son of God afresh for themselves'; and 'while they are still exposing Him to ignominy and shame'" (*The Epistle to the Hebrews*, p. 217).

Let no one ever conclude there is no hope for the backslider. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7). "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:1-2).



# I Met the Lord in Church!

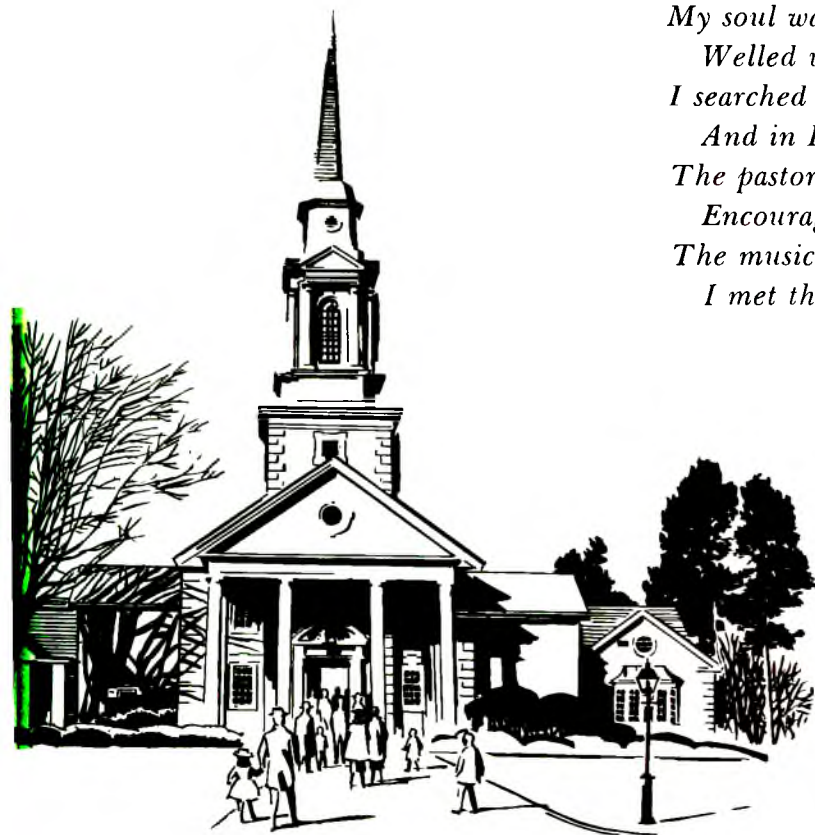
*I have "attended service" when,  
If asked, I could not truly say  
That deep within my heart of hearts  
"I met the Lord in church today."*

*I saw the choir, I heard them sing,  
But then the organ missed a note;  
I saw a hat that looked like spring,  
And someone's too-expensive coat.  
Then, with the benediction said,  
I turned to go my homeward way—  
My soul was hungry and unfed;  
I failed to meet the Lord that day.*

*Another day, the church the same,  
I entered, in a mood to pray.  
My heart rejoiced; I felt God's love;  
I met the Lord in church that day!*

*My soul was fed; the joy of praise  
Welled up and brought a happy tear.  
I searched my heart and sought His ways,  
And in His love He drew me near.  
The pastor's message from the Word  
Encouraged, strengthened for the fray;  
The music? Words of praise I heard!  
I met the Lord in church that day!*

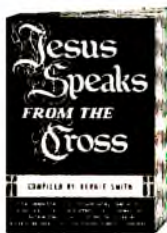
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