EVERYBODY OUGHT TO GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

by General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe

The time—Saturday night, June 22, 1985.
The place—Anaheim stadium.

More than 15,000 of us had gathered for a Giant Sunday School Rally on the eve of the 21st General Assembly.

The service opened with that great congregation singing "Everybody Ought to Go to Sunday School." I hadn't sung that chorus in years. A flood of memories washed over me—

—Sunday School contests
—Brand-new people
—Bulging classrooms
—Attendance records broken

During the evening we were reminded that everybody isn't going to Sunday School. In most of our churches more people attend the morning worship service than Sunday School. Actually, adult classes are larger than ever. That's great! Nobody is too old for Bible study. But the number of children in our Sunday Schools has been steadily declining for the last several years. That's not great!

General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson stabbed our consciences in that Saturday night service about our God-given responsibility to get boys and girls into Sunday School. He spoke frankly about getting buses "out of mothballs" and back into service. He challenged thousands of adults to leave the comfortable pew in a Bible class and volunteer to teach children's classes.

Christian Life Division Director Phil Riley unveiled the goal of 2,000,000 on our Responsibility List (Enrollment by 1995). This will mean almost doubling in the next decade. It can be done. Just in the United States and Canada, multiplied millions of children and adults never go to Sunday School. Then around the world billions have no Christian education. Can we do less than this?

The Board of General Superintendents has designated 1986 as the "International Sunday School Year." This will be our major thrust as we open the new quadrennium. We'll be getting a head start this fall. This issue of the Herald of Holiness will tell all about it.

One great obstacle to Sunday School growth in many countries where our church is in operation is a dearth of printed materials. We take teachers' and pupils' quarterlies and other lesson helps for granted. But many Nazarene Sunday Schools in Third World areas have no materials at all! We are challenging our people to give a minimum of $250,000 to help provide literature for those who need it so desperately. This investment will reap rich dividends. There is a great hunger for reading material in many countries where the literacy rate is rising. Thousands will start to attend Sunday School if there is literature for them to read. This can be a tremendous harvest field for the church.

Every Nazarene should take this renewed emphasis on Sunday School seriously. It is a basic part of our all-out evangelistic commitment—"That the World May Know."
Friday, December 7, began just as any other day. There were routine phone calls, appointments, due dates, and letters to write. However, there was one exception—the Planning and Budget Council of International Headquarters was to have its quarterly meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the Bresee Conference Room. This council is comprised of the general superintendents, general church officers, the education secretary, and the division directors. Since I serve as secretary of this group, I was busily putting together the agenda. One of the first items would be to hear the report from the Board of General Superintendents on their recommendations for top priority programs to be emphasized in our denomination for 1986. I was curious as to what these would be.

All week long, the general superintendents had conducted meetings with the director of each division, ministry and service, as well as the general church officers. Each had outlined, as convincingly as possible, the program that seemed to be the most important in that division. At this Friday afternoon meeting, the announcement would come!

After the usual call to order by Chairman V. H. Lewis and the usual preliminaries of any business meeting, our attention focused on the first agenda item: the 1986 Budget Priority. Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, chairman of the Board of General Superintendents, was asked to present this item. All eyes turned to him. He began by saying, "This has been an excellent week for us. We have Sunday School each week, but many without any materials in their language. In our efforts to extend our missionary work into new countries, we have not always translated scriptural materials into the language of the people. This has hampered our discipling efforts very seriously. Just think of how much more effective our weekly Bible study can be with the proper materials. At last we can do something definite to change this situation. Our yearlong effort is multifaceted:

1. Create awareness of the need. The fall Sunday School emphasis will center around the theme "Let Them Know." Every local church will be asked to acquaint each person with the need for literature around the world.
2. Promote attendance and enrollment. During this yearlong effort, each local church is asked to "Take God's Love to New People" (spring 1986) and prepare for the "Weeks of Harvest" (fall 1986). Let's find, enroll, and urge new people to come to Sunday School.
3. Give unselfishly to provide Sunday School literature to those who desperately yearn for it in their language. While $250,000 has been earmarked in the 1986 budget, the hope is to match this amount with a denominationwide offering in Sunday School on October 26, 1986. This will not bring literature to every country where we now do not have any, but it will be a giant step to begin the process.

Yes, we will respond. Yes, we will give. Yes, we will show our world through the printed page that God loves each one. Yes, we will continue to promote the study of God's Word in Sunday School each week. Yes, we will touch the lives of new people through our renewed efforts. Yes, we will pray for more Sunday School workers. I promise to do my part—will you? Let's make it happen—starting now!

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by PHIL RILEY

with here in our headquarters. It has been a difficult decision to prioritize for 1986. However, by unanimous vote of our board, we are going to designate 1986 as the year we emphasize the Sunday School and its importance worldwide.

Since the growth pattern of our denomination follows the outreach growth of the Sunday School, and because we have Sunday School in our churches around the world, we are going to designate it the International Sunday School Year. The two main purposes will be:

"1. To emphasize the importance of Sunday School in the Church of the Nazarene around the world;

"2. To increase awareness of the need for Sunday School literature in the countries where the Church of the Nazarene is working and materials are not available in the language. This involves more than 60 language groups in over 75 countries.

"We are also appointing a committee to organize and implement the plan. They are Rev. Phil Riley, division director of Christian Life and Sunday School, who will serve as chairman; Dr. Bill Sullivan, division director of Church Growth; Dr. L. Guy Nees, division director of World Mission; and Dr. Bennett Dudney, director of Publications International."

By this time I could hardly see to take minutes of the meeting. Tears flooded my eyes. My dream of the past four years was becoming a reality—a dream of bringing importance and visibility back to the Sunday School in the Church of the Nazarene! This action would show not only that Sunday School is important and essential but that it is international. I was reminded of the 7,600 local churches located in the 75 countries of the world that
ACTIVISM URGED

Some have expressed alarm at the fact that the church is beginning to be outspoken about the problems in our society. They suggest that we forsake our well-meaning but fruitless ways.

It is the Christians' mandate to be the "light" and "salt" of the world and give guidance to the lost as to God's expectations as outlined in His Word. If the church has no message concerning the exploitation of humans, the killing of the unborn, and the call to man to repent of his personal sins, then the church has no message at all.

In the face of the onslaught of humanism, the church has been like Peter. We have denied the Lord and have turned our back on Him by failing to "subdue the world and have dominion over it." Fortunately, Christ gave Peter a second opportunity. May we respond like Peter and claim the promise found in 2 Chronicles 7:14.

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MISSING A LINK?

We have a good theology! I believe in repentance as we preach it, and I also believe in the life of entire sanctification, but it seems that something is missing.

My church has grown over the 5½ year period that I have been its pastor, but it's not growing as quickly as it should. I recently returned from a ministers' seminar in Hammond, Ind., where my life was greatly challenged. The pastor of this great church said, "Most pastors can immediately give financial statistics and attendance figures for their church last year, but how many pastors can recall the number of souls won to Jesus during that time?" All of us have read Mark 16:15-16, but how many of us (including pastors) have been soul winners for Him? I'm not talking about leading someone to Jesus at our altars who has been

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Fellow Nazarenes,

The church year, beginning in September, 1985, will be noted for the special emphasis on the Sunday School. This International Sunday School Year is not just another promotional idea. Rather, it reflects a burden that has been borne out of real concern.

Traditionally Sunday School has been one of the most effective outreach tools we have in the church. Its growth has always been followed by growth in the church itself. There is every reason to believe that this will continue to be the pattern on into the future. This makes our promotion of Sunday School imperative.

As the church rallies around this one great emphasis internationally we will indeed be taking one more step forward in the carrying out of the Great Commission Christ has given to us.

Sincerely,

JERALD D. JOHNSON

JDJ: mw
Evangelism and education are the two legs on which the church stands, walks, and runs. It is never either/or with these two priorities. Reaching new people for Christ and training them for life and service are essential activities of an authentic church. Creativity by BILL M. SULLIVAN and innovation may alter the appearance but never the essence of these two commitments. It will always be the task of the church "to save the lost and to save the saved."

For more than 200 years the Sunday School has engaged in both responsibilities with amazing success. Its name indicates that it is an educational organization, but its great thrust is reaching new people. The matrix on which both functions operate is a simple but effective organization. Its weekly meeting at the same time and place gives it unusual organizational strength. Everything considered, it is probably the most effective church growth program ever launched.

As the Sunday School is extended during the International Sunday School Year, it will be adapted to fit cultural and other conditions. But it will carry with it two absolutely essential responsibilities of disciple-making—evangelism and education. And through the faithfulness of the Sunday School, the church will grow.

I have often wondered why it took the Christian church such a long time to discover Sunday School. It was not until after the 18th century that Sunday School became a part of the Christian church. Robert Raikes started a school on Sunday for the slum children of Gloucester (that was the only day they could attend). The only place open for such a school was in a church. Soon it took its natural name, Sunday School, and instruction was given in Bible stories and related spiritual and moral truths. It was not long until Sunday School became standard for all churches. From that time until today, every wide-awake, growing church has had a Sunday School, not only for boys and girls, but for teens, young adults, and older folks, too.

As the Church of the Nazarene has extended its arms around the world, we have taken the full program of the church with us. This includes Sunday School. Despite limited facilities and supplies, our missionaries and national leaders see the value of Sunday Schools and promote them vigorously. Some of our largest Sunday Schools in the church are in World Mission regions.

Around the world, Jesus is known as the greatest of all teachers and the Great Commission still says to us, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..." (Matthew 28:19).

The International Sunday School Year will be supported by our people everywhere and will result in a better understanding of God's Word and in an increase in the outreach of every local church.
Praise the Lord for this timely emphasis! The staff in Publications International is especially excited since we work with the editorial and publication units that serve more than 60 languages in which the Church of the Nazarene functions.

In Kansas City, we have Portuguese, French, and Spanish editorial and production units. All of the other non-English language groups publish in their respective countries. Can you imagine people in over 60 languages studying the Word of God in the Church of the Nazarene every Sunday?

We have so much Sunday School literature in English that we are not aware of the needs of other language groups. Traditionally, in most non-English groups, we have put more emphasis on personnel and buildings than we have upon literature development. As a result, we have many groups that do not have adequate Sunday School literature or that are using material that may not be in harmony with our doctrines.

Publications International is working with all language groups in several major areas:
- Helping to establish priorities.
- Helping to secure funding for publishing when needed.
- Working with the Division of Christian Life and Sunday School by BENNETT DUDNEY

School in developing literature and concepts that are transferable across cultures and language groups.
- Helping to develop writers in various language groups.
- Helping to increase awareness of the need for literature.

You can see why we are thrilled with the International Sunday School emphasis. Teaching the Word is important. The money from the offering will be used to help provide literature in the language groups where there is the greatest need.

We have great missionaries and members of the Church of the Nazarene around the world. Many are in areas where the economic situation is very unfavorable. They need our help. We must find ways to have holiness literature for our Sunday Schools. To fail means we will have congregations functioning under the banner “Church of the Nazarene” that will not understand or embrace the doctrine of holiness. The church can effectively use the $250,000 offering. In fact, this will just begin to meet the need. How about going over your goal? To send missionaries and try to build a holiness church without holiness literature is like equipping an army with rifles and not providing any ammunition.

God will help us meet the need.

Listed below are some of the more than 60 language groups to which the Church of the Nazarene ministers:

- Afrikaans
- Arabic
- Burmese
- Cambodian
- Chichewa
- Chinese
- Chibemba
- Creole
- Danish
- Dutch
- French
- German
- Greek
- Hindi
- Ilongo
- Indonesian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Mandarin
- Marathi
- Mayan
- Ndebele
- Pidgin
- Pocomchi
- Portuguese
- Samoan
- Sepedi
- Setswana
- Shona
- Siswati
- Southern Sotho
- Spanish
- Swahili
- Tsonga
- Tumbuka
- Turkish
- Venda
- Xhosa
- Zulu

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE AS A KINGDOM-BUILDING TOOL

After Jack Riley passed away last July, his wife, Mary Lou, asked me to go out to the building site in Mdansane, Ciskei, and bring home Jack's hammer. It had been a faithful help to Jack in the building of the new church and the kingdom of the Lord in Southern Africa. As I looked down at the hammer on the pickup truck seat beside me, I realized more fully how important tools are in taking the Word of God around the corner or around the world into new areas. Only the unwise person would try to drive a nail without a hammer. In building a house or the Church of Jesus, tools are needed if the structure is to stand against the elements of the world and the enemy. Yes, like a nail, the Word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword. But as Martin Luther reminds us, "God hath willed His truth to triumph through us."

One of the most valuable tools to use in driving home the truth of the Word is Sunday School material. This is especially true of pioneer areas that the Church of the Nazarene is now entering. There is a great hunger for literature in these areas. A good example of the desire for something to read in these areas where little is available is the familiar story in African elementary textbooks regarding the woman who wanted a pair of glasses. When asked what kind of glasses she needed, she replied: "I need glasses which make a person know how to read the Bible."

Sunday School material can be an effective "hammer" to be used to the glory of God for a variety of reasons.

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by TOM RILEY

1. The hunger for education. In many areas of the world where educational opportunities are few and learning to read has taken great effort, there is a deep desire to read at any cost. If edifying material is not provided, then the wrong material is often available to eager minds. In these areas where reading is a status symbol, the Sunday School serves in many ways to augment and emphasize the discipling of converts. Sunday School is inviting to the general public when they know that school is where one learns.

2. Cultural factors. In some cultures, it is not courteous to abruptly confront others. "Problems are solved by a stranger" is a common saying. Therefore, a pastor, Sunday School teacher, or district superintendent often finds it difficult to touch upon a subject, lest it seem too forward or selfish. Tithing can be such a subject for those who have never heard of the practice. But as the Sunday School material follows an orderly and comprehensive pattern, valuable instruction can take place that otherwise might not occur.

3. Practical examples. Illustrations in Sunday School material assist in making holiness relevant within the cultural scheme of values. Christ often taught with a parable. The examples and anecdotes taught in Sunday School are passed on by the printed page and around the evening homestead fires.

4. Assurance. The use of literature when beginning a new work can quickly give a sense of permanence, urgency, and importance to what is being taught. Many feel that if something is written down, it is correct. Should the truth not be given in written form for careful group and individual consideration, then we cannot blame those who believe lies that are handed out in pamphlets.

5. Accuracy. When working with any new language group, it is very important to establish accuracy from the beginning of the work so that a good foundation is built for the future. Some languages have no system of accurate prepositions and need careful communication, which is best done through literature.

6. Leadership. The role that the Sunday School has played in developing local leadership is tremendous. Often missionaries and pastors have sat with pride through Sunday School classes conducted by both young and mature Christians. It is quickly evident that the teacher has been spending time with the Sunday School lesson in preparation for the class. The teacher, reading from the lesson
and the Bible, is respected by those who listen. The teacher has an opportunity to develop poise under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Many Sunday School teachers later answer God's call and begin preparation for the ministry at a Bible college.

7. Mutual trust. In many areas of Africa, the name "South" means "Many Cannibal." Though the days of cannibalism have all but passed, there is still much mistrust and despair, which the enemy uses. The fellowship provided within a Sunday School class, through sharing the reading of lessons supported by Scripture, is of great use in building mutual trust and love.

We thank the Lord for the work now being done by Nazarene Publications International in providing literature for over 60 languages. However, more material for Sunday Schools in new areas is needed.

Sunday School is the "crib" of the church where many new converts enter and are nurtured by the Word. Let us continue to use the valuable tool of Sunday School literature in the great work of world evangelism. Let us use and multiply the ministry of this valuable tool.

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THE STORY HAD TO BE TOLD

For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). The place where José, María, and their daughter, Patricia, lived could only be called a house. The love and peace that prevails in a home was absent. Days and nights were filled with unrest and fighting.

One night, possibly to escape the turmoil of that house, María and Patricia found their way into a Nazarene prayer meeting in the town of López Arellano, Honduras. They enjoyed the music, and the Scriptures spoke of peace. The missionaries invited them to Sunday School.

Sunday morning dawned bright and clear. Added to the beauty of the morning were two new faces in Sunday School and church. Like parched ground soaking up the rain, María and Patricia took in all that was said that morning. The crowning glory of the day was seeing the two of them kneel at an altar of prayer and accept Christ and His peace in their hearts.

The following Sunday, María and Patricia were beaming as they entered the church—José was with them! After church that morning, we invited the family home for dinner. José's heart had been touched by the Sunday School lesson and the message. As the group talked throughout the meal, the Holy Spirit continued to work. That afternoon we talked to María and Patricia about growth in the Christian life. After about a half hour, I felt the nudge of the Holy Spirit to ask José if he would like to be reconciled to the Lord. The immediate reply was yes! We all knelt; José prayed for forgiveness; and we all rejoiced. What a beautiful scene!

Now the family no longer lived in just a house. They had a home where Christ was the Head. Patricia's love for Christ overflowed. Though she was only nine years old, she had to tell others about Jesus. She asked permission to share the Sunday School lesson with her friends. The following Sunday, Patricia brought the whole group to her Sunday School class. This, like a pebble dropped into water causing ripples to move farther and farther out, so God's Word, planted in one heart by a Sunday School teacher, is reaching out. We don't know where that influence will end.

The Sunday School in López Arellano has moved from a thatched roof hut to a new cement block building with an enrollment of 125.

The ripples continue to widen. A short time later, José felt God's call to a full-time ministry. He was burdened for the City of Puerto Cortés. He and his family moved to that port city where he began a Sunday School in his rented quarters. For a while, they were hampered by the small building. But God has blessed. Today, through the labor and giving of two Work and Witness teams, they have a nice sanctuary and parsonage. The congregation is enthusiastic and growing also. José, María, and Patricia could not keep the good news to themselves. The story of what they experienced in their lives had to be told.

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**"THAT THEY MAY KNOW YOU"**

**by CHRISTIAN SARMIENTO**

Programs, programs. Many times we use them in order to emphasize some truth, but in other cases we use them only because they are “official.”

The church year 1985-86 has been designated as the “International Sunday School Year.” The slogan for this emphasis on increasing Sunday School enrollment and awareness of literature needs has been taken directly from the Bible: “That they may know . . .” (John 17:3, NIV).

But the phrase is more than a slogan. It’s more than the promotion of a church program. This phrase was the very heart of the mission of a church program. This phrase is the central purpose of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The central purpose of the church should simply be the message and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. The central purpose is “That they may know who God is.”

Let’s see the context in which our slogan appears in John’s Gospel. Jesus has explained His mission to His disciples. He has prophesied His death. This leads Him to offer a prayer, His last before the crucifixion. He prays for himself, for the disciples, for those who will believe in God through the ministry of those disciples, and for their disciples.

This is a great prayer, for it expresses the desire of Jesus—what He wants His Church to become. Leon Morris writes: “The prayer marks the end of Jesus’ earthly ministry, but it looks toward the future, to the continuous work that will be the responsibility, first of the apostles, and afterwards of those who will later believe because of them. Jesus is praying for all of us.”

This prayer answers questions that every Sunday School teacher and student ought to ask himself: (1) What motivates us to teach who God is? (2) What inspires us to teach who God is? (3) How can we prepare ourselves to teach who God is? and (4) What keeps us from teaching who God is?

What motivates us to teach who God is? We are motivated by the joy of knowing that we have eternal life. “Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent” (John 17:3, NIV).

We know that eternal life is not something we are awaiting in the future. It is an intimate communion; it is knowing the Father and Jesus Christ. It is a joy-filled life because it offers us fullness and self-realization. The “may know,” in the original language, is in the present subjunctive, which indicates that his “knowledge” is a growing experience. In fact, we never cease to know God and what He has in store for our lives. This is the joy, self-realization, hope, and stimulus for the next minute, hour, day, year, and all eternity. This, more than anything else, motivates us to teach who God is and to study our lesson so we can do it. What inspires us? We are inspired by the fact that Jesus prayed personally for us, so that we could accomplish what He has commanded us: “As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. . . . My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message” (John 17:18, 20, NIV).

How can we prepare ourselves to teach who God is? First of all, by knowing Him. Second, by receiving the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus knew that on our own we could not accomplish the great task He commanded us: Therefore, He prayed, “Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth” (John 17:17, NIV). After His resurrection, Jesus explained to the disciples how they would complete their mission: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8, NIV). Only God within us, freeing us from wanting to do our will and God’s at the same time, and thus giving us unity of purpose, can equip us to help others to know God.

Finally, what keeps the church...
from teaching who God is? Lack of unity. One of the concerns of Jesus in His prayer is that there be unity among the believers. Therefore, He asks the Father: "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. ... I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know Jesus prayed that we may have this intimate relationship, a total abandonment in God, even as He did. When making God known is not our goal, we break that tie of unity with Him. When denominational programs degenerate into competition for the glory of a certain Sunday School class, local church, or district, that unity is broken.

Jesus insisted that His disciples be one so that others may know God. By means of the Sunday School, we have an opportunity to present others to the One who gives eternal life. As teachers and students of the adult Sunday School, let us re-emphasize who God is that others may believe that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and . . . by believing, . . . have life in his name" (John 20:31, NIV).

DISTRICTS OF THE QUINQUENNIUM ANNOUNCED

Rev. Phil Riley, division director of Christian Life and Sunday School, recognized those districts with high achievements during the quinquennium at the General CL/SS Convention at Anaheim. Emphasis was placed on the international church for the first time in the history of the award. Five regular districts outside the United States were recognized, as well as nine U.S. districts.

The chart above depicts the growth of Sunday School enrollment during the last quinquennium and the projected growth needed to achieve our decadal goal of 2 million by 1995. To reach this goal every local church and district will need a minimum 5% increase in enrollment during each of the next 10 years. An all-out effort by Nazarenes worldwide will be needed.

Eight other U.S. districts received recognition for gains in Sunday School attendance and enrollment. They are, with their superintendents:
- Alaska (Roger J. Wegner)
- Dakota (F. Thomas Bailey)
- North Central Ohio (D. E. Clay)
- Oregon Pacific (Gerald Manker)
- Southern Florida (Robert Spear, Jr)
- Washington Pacific (Melvin McCullough)
- Western Latin America (Raymond Lopez)
- Wisconsin (J. Ted Holstein)
ALL MY LIFE I've heard those great stewardship truths: "Give and it shall be given unto you" ... "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver" ... "You can't out-give God" ... and so on. They ranged from biblical quotations to present-day proverbs. But, a real-life story has focused for me the fact that giving pays.

A mature pastor friend shared with me the other day two incidents in his life related to giving and having one's needs supplied.

It was 30 years ago. Byron and Betty Conrad lived on the West Coast and were hardworking laymen in one of our small Nazarene congregations. They ran a tool and die shop, and it was a struggle for them to just "make ends meet."

Two young men from their local church had answered God's call to enter the field of evangelism. In time the church board voted to invite them both to come and to jointly conduct revival services in their home church.

Those fine Nazarenes wanted to encourage their "preacher boys" by having them come. Though most of the members were poor, they promised to give the best offering they could to the young evangelists.

During the week of meetings, however, one of the workers became gravely ill. He was rushed to the hospital, and it was discovered that he was suffering from serious stomach ulcers.

His hospital stay turned out to be lengthy. He had no money with which to pay the bill—which was just under $1,000. The Lord spoke clearly to Byron during the night. The message was short and simple: "You and Betty are to take care of the evangelist's hospital bill."

The next morning when he reported this to his wife, she was in agreement with the Lord's instructions. So Byron went to his banker to ask for a loan to cover the hospital bill.

The banker friend refused. Byron was often getting loans against work orders so that he could make payroll and keep their little shop in operation. But Byron persisted in his request, insisting that he was under divine orders.

Finally the banker agreed to honor the check they would be writing to the hospital. He cautioned, however, that he would never again make such a foolish loan. The young lay couple did, of course, pay back the loan over a period of months.

In time they answered the call into the ministry. Ten years later they were pastoring a home mission church in a different state. God was blessing their efforts, but they were experiencing tough times in their family finances. Their income was a fraction of what it had been when they were laymen.

Betty was a model pastor's wife—a lovely, gracious, radiant Christian. Yet she suffered from a condition with which she was born. Her eyes were severely turned, which caused a psychological handicap. Though Betty desperately needed corrective surgery, they knew they couldn't afford it.

When she went to an ophthalmologist for an eye test, Betty expected merely to have new glasses prescribed. But the eye specialist looked at her and demanded, "Girl, why haven't you gotten this eye problem cared for?"

Though it would help her cosmetically as well as improve her visual perception, there was seemingly no way they could afford the surgery. But, over a period of

SEPTEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Stewardship involves ownership, obligation, responsibility, faithfulness, accountability, involvement. It begins with ownership—not what you own, but what God owns. You are His by creation and by redemption, "bought with a price." The rest follows naturally, out of gratitude to Him!

"Freely ye have received, freely give."
Matthew 10:8

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time, the doctor kept pressing the issue. Finally he scheduled surgery, telling them that a payment plan would be worked out.

The eye surgery was an overwhelming success. Betty and Byron were ecstatic. The self-esteem impact for Betty was enormous.

When the home mission pastor went to see the doctor about the bill, he almost fainted as he heard the total—just under $10,000!

"Somehow I'll get you paid, even if it takes the rest of my life," he said.

The good doctor—himself a P.K. (a pastor's kid)—spoke up, "Don't worry about it; I'll take care of these bills. I know what it's like for preachers' families."

Ten years earlier Byron and Betty had obeyed the Lord and had given sacrificially to one of God's servants. Unknowingly they had cast their bread upon the waters. Now it was coming back to them ten-fold "after many days" (Ecclesiastes 11:1).

They had been faithful, and God was faithfully keeping His promises. He was opening the "windows of heaven" (Malachi 3:10) and pouring out blessings. He was supplying their need "according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). And, friend, the Lord will do it for you. Giving pays.

#### Thanks for the Thorn

**by NELSON G. MINK**

Paul wrote, "There was given to me a thorn" (2 Corinthians 12:7). "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities" (2 Corinthians 12:10). "For I know that this shall turn" (Philippians 1:19).

How can you take pleasure in infirmities? How can you glory in tribulations? How can you say that "all things work together for good"?

How can Hannah Whitall Smith call tribulations "chariots" on which we are to climb and be led on to victory?

Is it true that the Christian has a philosophy of always winning?

Dr. Earl Lee says, "Attitudes are more important than facts." I turned this one off at first, but now I wonder. Just maybe!

Paul's attitude about his thorn took full circle. After he got on the other side of his problem, and saw it from God's perspective, he cashed in on it and made it work for him. In prison he was able to describe himself as an "ambassador for God." He echoed the words of Joseph down in Egypt, who said, "it was not you that sent me here but God."

Dr. Richard Taylor's famous words about Paul's thorn need to be run by us again. He said: "Paul was not delivered from his thorn, but he was delivered from preoccupation with his thorn." It seems that some people never get over their troubles, but Paul did. It does seem that God has some kind of lovely and beautiful way of working from the opposite side of our sorrows and trials. He seems to be working on "something beautiful, something good."

When we read in Ephesians about being lifted up into the "heavenlies," and in Philippians "I can do all things through Christ," and in Colossians about the power that "worketh in me mightily" one would hardly believe Paul was writing from an old stone prison without windows or doors, where he had to be lowered into his cell from the top.

So, "'Tis the set of the sail, and not the gale, that determines where they go."

George Matheson handled his problem well. Because of his coming blindness his sweetheart rejected him. It was then that he wrote his immortal hymn, "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go."—Thanks for the thorn!

Beethoven! We find it hard to believe that Beethoven, after losing the sense of hearing, could compose those wonderful symphonies!—Thanks for the thorn!

Would Fanny Crosby have written all those lovely gospel songs if she had not been blind? How grateful we are for "Blessed Assurance," "Pass Me Not," "Saved by Grace," and many others.—Thanks for the thorn!

John the Revelator saw those who had come out of great tribulation and had washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb standing before God's throne (Revelation 7:14-17). We wonder what it was like for those who were brought safely through all that they endured, and were able to sing the victor's song. Dare we say, "Thanks for the thorn"?

I will not doubt, though sorrows fall like rain, And troubles swarm like bees about a hive: I shall believe the heights for which I stride, Are only reached by anguish and by pain; And, though I groan and tremble with my crosses, I yet shall see, through my severest losses, The greater gain.*

HERE IT SAT, wedged crosswise between the 
banks of the drainage ditch nearly as deep as it 
was tall, a pretty yellow compact car inextricably 
stuck. Apparently the driver had missed the driveway 
just a few feet.

How often this has happened in Christian life and 
service. Many have become immobilized because they 
deviated from the driveway. Lack of foresight or clear-
headedness resulted in becoming stuck in a spiritual 
quagmire.

Among holiness people there is always the danger of 
missing the driveway of doctrine and deeds. The ten-
dency to explore new concepts and to be caught up 
with modern faddism often results in confusion and 
spiritual paralysis.

We are told that holiness churches have been in a 
state of flux and the doctrine of sanctification is in the 
process of development. Along the way we have shed 
the extraneous and unnecessary and have picked up 
new concepts. We must guard against losing its central 
focus, however, and the clear demarcation of black and 
white.

Old concepts are challenged by new thinking. For 
one, the work of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pen-
tecost is seen by some today as the inauguration of the 
church, having nothing to do with the cleansing and 
empowerment of believers. Most holiness people, how-
ever, believe the disciples were sanctified on that mo-
mentous day.

While the discussion goes on, God continues to 
sanctify souls and set them on the high way of holi-
ness. At first thought, we are tempted to say if it works, 
don’t fix it, but true holiness is able to stand on its own 
feet in encounter with doctrinal deviation. The drive-
way is still usable and it will bring us to the right 
destination.

The extremes of emotional adventuring as opposed 
to mental theories are ever present. The desire to find 
something tangible, something we can handle with our 
hands or fathom with the mind is always with us, but 
the old driveway remains.

Some issues are misnomers. Tongues is not really 
the issue; the baptism with the Holy Spirit is. Spiritual 
gifts are not the touchstone of sanctifying power, the 
baptism with the Holy Spirit is. Discipling does not 
measure the extent of service, discipleship does.

The world strains to listen for a new drumbeat or to 
see a new light, sometimes scorning the well-traveled 
and tested spiritual driveway. Old-time, second-
blessing holiness truth helped pave the driveway and is 
still as dependable as ever.

It is interesting that the Manual of the Church of the 
Nazarene has increased from 79 pages in 1908 to 370 
pages in 1980, but there has been no deviation in doc-
trine. Salvation and sanctification are still depicted in 
clear terms.

Through the years the experience of sanctification 
has withstood the excesses of fanaticism and radical-
ism as well as the dilution of liberalism. Holiness stan-
dards and ethics are still with us.

It takes self-control to negotiate the driveway. Things 
may distract, new pathways may allure, there may be a temptation to come in from another direc-
tion, but it is the tried and true way that keeps us from 
getting bogged down and hopelessly stuck.

While deeds are vital to holy living, Christian ser-
vice is not limited to special gifts. Our day is absorbed 
with finding our gifts. Some claim discernment, teach-
ing, or prophecy, or one of the other gifts, but I have

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met no one who claims the gift of miracles! Some insist on the gift of tongues but are strangely silent on the other phenomena of the Day of Pentecost, such as the rushing mighty wind and cloven tongues of fire.

The driveway of evangelism is not passé although revivals are sometimes replaced with seminars or family counseling sessions. Soul winning, mass and personal, has no alternative. Gospel songs and invitation hymns are still viable, as well as vocal response to the gospel message. Incidentally, I have seen many prayed to the altar, talked to the altar, sung to the altar, but no one applauded to the altar.

The fact is, there is something for us all to do, and we must not miss the driveway doing it. There are souls to be saved, believers to be sanctified, backsliders to be reclaimed, people who need to be built up in the faith, and a special gift is not required to participate with the Lord in witnessing and working to those ends.

Our talents may be limited. We may sing like a crow instead of a canary, we may lack the eloquence of Apollos or the force of Paul, but we can work and win within the framework we already have.

Whatever new routes we take funnel into the same driveway that takes us home. The same tenets are true, the same gospel remains the good news, and the Blood has never lost its power in conviction, conversion, and cleansing. The spiritual guidelines are still good, and the God who set them still gracious.

Whether minister or missionary, leader or layperson, the message is the same to all of us. We may take various routes to get there, we may change vehicles from time to time, we may even update and modernize, but we must not miss the driveway.

I heard the roar of restless waves
And felt the storm of life sweep high;
My heart would faint, then came the voice
Of "Peace, be still," as Christ stood by.

I trembled when temptations lurked
And trials in my path were laid;
My strength would fail, but then He spoke,
"Lo, I am here; be not afraid!"

I stumbled 'neath a heavy load and
Thought that no one seemed to care;
Then tenderly He spoke again,
"Your every burden I will bear."

How comforting the words He speaks!
How freely spent His care for me!
Amazing love that would endow
My soul with such security!

No storm can wrest my soul from Thee!
No fears assail, no foes deride!
Thy loving arms shall fold me close
And safely there I will abide.

—REEFORD L. CHANEY
Richmond, Virginia

THE VOICE

Book Brief

MIRROR, MIRROR . . . PLEASE LIE

PAT WELLMAN
author

IN A DAY when one of the current interests in home psychology is in the coping mechanism of denial, a book like this is a big help. We're told we have blind spots, some of them deliberate, which spare us from seeing ourselves as others see us. "Know Thyself!" could be considered the theme of this book, and it's refreshing to read the work of an author who admits to owning coping devices and understands those of us who overdo the denial bit.

As we delve into this very enjoyable reading experience, we are reminded that some of the most beautiful women in the world are not very pretty underneath their facade. We are challenged to look inside ourselves to see if we are "yucky" or beautiful.

The chapters, "The Rear-view Vision Mirror" (a glance at formation years) and "The Distorted Mirror" (which makes us feel rejected, inferior, or a complete failure) prepare the way for a superb message of hope. Pat Wellman gives clear directions for improving the flaws the mirror reveals, as well as making us face up to the facts.

The book reads easily and in spite of the powerful punch it packs, it's comfortable, like visiting with a knowing friend. Many of Pat's thoughts are good for meditation, and some make neat notes of encouragement to pass along or to tack up over our own kitchen sink. A couple of charts are helpful in setting us on track, first to pluck good from our background and record strengths, and then to record undesirable aspects of past life and examine their effects on life today. The book promotes freedom from forever trying to compare ourselves with others and keep up an image.

Pat Wellman will help all her readers become better women, more pleased with themselves, and more pleasing to God.

—Evelyn A. Stenbock

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88 pages. To order, see page 23
LOVE IS FORGIVING

The essence of holiness is love, and the noblest expression of love is forgiveness.

I thought of that recently when reading The Long Surrender by Burke Davis, one of America’s ablest Civil War historians. Following the defeat of the Confederacy, its greatest soldier declared that he felt no resentment toward his foes. Robert E. Lee said, “I believe I may say, looking into my own heart, and speaking as in the presence of God, that I have never known one moment of bitterness or resentment.”

What a contrast was Edmund Ruffin, the “firebrand of Secession.” Just before he stuck a rifle barrel in his mouth and shot himself to death, the bitter old man declared his “unmitigated hatred” for “the perfidious, malignant and vile Yankee race.” His final diary entry expressed his wish that he could bequeath that implacable hatred to every Southerner then living, and to all who would be born later.

I thought of love’s power to forgive, too, when I read H. B. Dehqani-Tafti’s book The Hard Awakening, an account of Christian suffering under oppressive rulers in Iran. Dehqani-Tafti is the first native Iranian to become bishop of the Episcopal Church of Iran. His own son, a college teacher, was murdered by the revolutionaries now controlling Iran. Though his sorrow seared him to the center of his being, Dehqani-Tafti refused to hate the murderers. In a prayer composed the day before his son’s funeral, he wrote, “… when his murderers stand before thee on the day of judgement … forgive.”

If holiness is “pure love alone reigning in the heart,” as Wesley taught, and if love is power to forgive, how can those who profess holiness excuse an unforgiving spirit? How can they harbor grudges and nourish resentments, refusing to forgive those who have wronged them? Some of them have split churches and retarded evangelism by their bitter, petty, self-centered refusals to forgive.

Christ prayed for His killers, “Father, forgive them.” In the light of His cross, we cannot vindicate a profession of holiness unsupported by a pardoning love.

CHRIST IS GOD OR CHRISTIANITY IS IDOLATRY

An army officer named Cornelius dropped to his knees before Simon Peter in a gesture of worship. Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I am also a man.” Men should not worship other men.

The apostle John fell at the feet of an angel to worship him, but was immediately reproved. “Do it not,” the angel ordered, “for I am your fellow servant . . . worship God.” Men should not worship angels.

When Union forces occupied Richmond during the Civil War in America, President Abraham Lincoln appeared on the streets. Throngs of blacks greeted him, and many of them fell to their knees. Lincoln was abashed and protested, “That’s not right. You must kneel to God only, and thank Him for liberty.”

Several times in the New Testament we read of persons falling to their knees before Jesus Christ. In no case do we read that He reproved them for doing so. This simple fact speaks volumes for the self-consciousness of Jesus. He knew himself to be the Son of God, one with the Father, to whom worship was entirely appropriate. He was human, fully and truly man. But He was also divine, the God-man, who thus stood in a relationship to God and to people that was unique, without parallels and without analogies. Though He was “made like unto his brethren,” He is worshiped by them and by angels. As Robert G. Lee once wrote, “He is the great Unlike.”

When “Herod the king” accepted worship from a crowd of deceived pagans, God “smote him” in judgment. “He was eaten of worms and gave up the ghost.” But God himself commands the very angels to worship Christ! You cannot reduce Jesus Christ to the level of prophets, teachers, or reformers without making nonsense of Scripture. He is infinitely more and greater than all of them. He is the rightful object of our worship and praise.

With any other person, a handshake is appropriate, for each person is the essential equal of any other. But in the presence of Jesus Christ, the only appropriate response is that of worship—“My Lord and my God!”
The essence of holiness is love, and the noblest expression of love is forgiveness.

CHRIST WITHOUT THE CHURCH? IMPOSSIBLE!

I have always been intrigued by “Rahab the harlot.” When Jericho was destroyed by Israel, she and her family were spared. Before Israel crossed the Jordan, invaded Canaan, and razed Jericho, General Joshua had sent out two spies to scout the situation. Rahab saved their lives by hiding them from a search party. Returning the kindness, they spared her from the devastation of the ancient city.

Rahab did a daring thing—she identified herself with the God of Israel. She said to the spies, “The Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.” She recognized the helplessness of Jericho’s dumb idols. The one, true, living God was the God of Israel, and she chose to trust in Him. Doing so alienated her from her own people. Had they discovered her changed loyalty in time, her life would have been forfeit to her faith.

But Rahab did another daring thing—she identified herself with the Israel of God. When the Book of Joshua was written, including the story of Rahab’s courage and faith, the author said, “And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father’s household, and all that she had; and she dwells in Israel even unto this day.” To serve the Lord was high adventure and deep fulfillment, for He is the eternal, invincible Creator and Redeemer. But to live with God’s people—that was something else! They were woefully imperfect, and the adjustment to their culture must have been a jolt.

Some want God without His people. Some want Christ without His Church. They find the Lord attractive but His people repulsive. Reacting to all they dislike or disapprove of in the Church, they attempt a private faith. It does not work. Christ dwells in the Church, and if we would have Him, we must live with them.

Rahab had her reward. She is named in the ancestor list of Jesus Christ! Those who are identified with Christ and the Church will have great reward, also. They will have a holy and happy fellowship on earth, for the Church has its warts but it isn’t all warts! And they will inherit God’s “better country” when life on earth is over.

HONOR CHRIST’S NAME

Floyd Pounds clipped a headline from a Peoria, Ill., newspaper and mailed it to me. It read, “MC CUMBER RESENTENCED.” He asked if I had been re-elected editor of this magazine!

My curiosity whetted, I requested from him the story behind the headlines. A woman named McCumber, unhappy with her boyfriend, shot him dead. This, as Floyd put it, “posed a disposal problem, so she dismembered the body and tossed some of it into a dumpster, and part of it along a roadside. Some parts never were found.”

She was tried, convicted, and sentenced. At her sentencing the judge referred to the fact that she had undergone at least three abortions as indication of her scant regard for human life. Later, the judge was ordered to resentence her without consideration for, or reference to, the abortions.

It is a grisly story, and I’m not delighted to know that her name is McCumber. Yet, as I wrote to Dr. Pounds, she may be kin to me, for the tribe has been infected by wickedness and stupidity.

The whole wretched matter did make me think of something even more tragic. The name of Christ has been slandered by those who bore that name but lived like the devil. Christians have dared to call themselves by the highest and holiest name in all history. How sad when any of us dishonor that name by attitudes and actions unlike Christ.

Pounds told me I could redeem the name of McCumber by conducting a Pastors’ Seminar on his district and by preaching in Peoria. He was being a mite facetious, but he makes a good point. When the name of Jesus Christ is disgraced by professing Christians who live by the world’s values, it is up to other Christians, by holy and helpful lives, to teach their communities the true meaning of our Lord’s name.

The question probes. Are we living up to our names? Are we setting Christ before others by our witness and our walk? Scripture calls His name “excellent,” and His people are exhorted to “exalt” His name. Let us do so by every means possible.
Gambling, legalized or not, has not been controlled. Even when brought out in the open, with attempts made to give it respectability, gambling still corrupts people. The greed to gain something for nothing is never controlled. A study of 1,300 legal lotteries revealed prevalent dishonesty and corruption. Fraud increased, large amounts of money were diverted from business, and trusted people fell victim to embezzlement. Every investigation reveals ties between gambling and the underworld of crime.

The New York City police White Paper concludes: “Offtrack betting led to a 62% increase in illegal betting and brought mob-connected figures into bookmaking. Because it is now legal to bet on horses, thousands of people who would never have thought of betting on ball games are now betting with bookies.”

Gambling is not an inborn instinct. It is an acquired habit, a habit that addicts humanity as surely as chemicals do. Almost 11 million people are addicted gamblers. Gambling is not an amusement but the sinister element of greed in force. Even the winnings in gambling serve to addict the players. A woman won $1 million in a state lottery. By the third year she was in financial trouble and miserable, saying: “I wish I had never played”—then she bought three lottery tickets! A man won at a slot machine and stayed to play until he lost all his earnings. He said: “I didn’t feel right walking away with all that money.”

Gambling, when adopted by states and cities, causes unfavorable economic situations, job absenteeism, higher police costs, higher court costs, higher jail costs, higher welfare and relief costs, and collecting agencies are kept busy.

Gambling is an infectious idolatry. The gambler’s god is Lady Luck; the casino, den, or parlor becomes a pagan shrine where gamblers pay their dues and sacrifices to the operator. Millions rush for the chance to stake their last dollar on the illusion of winning.

The Book of Proverbs says: “The sluggard’s craving will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work. All day long he craves for more, but the righteous give without sparing” (21:25-26, NIV).

The persistence appeal to covetousness is fundamentally opposed to the unselfishness Jesus taught. The effort to make profit out of the inevitable loss of others opposes the teaching of Jesus to love one’s neighbor and to do good for others. We are responsible for the manner in which we obtain our money and also for the use of our money. In all of our conduct we should perform to the glory of God.
MILITARY PERSONNEL APPRECIATION DAY

10 November 1985

In honor of those who serve in our nation's armed forces, the Church of the Nazarene has designated November 10 as Military Personnel Appreciation Day. This will be a time when communications are sent to each military person and special recognition is given in public services. Above all, it should be a time when earnest prayer is lifted for those serving in the armed forces, including our Nazarene chaplains.

Perhaps you would like to invite a Nazarene chaplain or a layperson who has been in the military, to speak in your church that day. You may ask some servicemembers in your church to present the colors before the morning worship service.

Some of our Nazarene servicemembers have become spiritual casualties. Others are making valiant witness to the lost, living as missionaries in uniform. We urge you to pray for revival in the military.

We also urge friends, relatives, and pastors to send name, social security number, address, local church and point of contact for Nazarene military personnel to Chaplaincy Ministries, International Headquarters, Church of the Nazarene, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131, in order for us to read so we may locate and minister to them.

Many churches are still sending requests for free denominational publications for servicemembers. The responsibility no longer rests with the general church but has been delegated to the local church where immediate needs and concerns can be more accurately assessed.
European Retreat

14-17 OCTOBER 1985
Berchtesgadener Hof Hotel

Special Speaker: Dr. Jerald D. Johnson
General Superintendent

Registration begins 1200 Monday. Retreat begins 1930 Monday and ends 2100 Thursday. Reservations can be made by calling the Religious Retreat House, 2538-601/770

Reservation cutoff date is 4 October

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Retreat coordinator is Chaplain Dwight Jennings, Office of the Chaplain, 2/64 Armor Bn., APO, NY 09702 (Schweinfurt, Germany)
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4-6 October 1985

Far East Retreat Center
Seoul, Korea

Special Speaker:
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Retreat Costs
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RELATIVES, PASTORS, FRIENDS: Encourage your Nazarene military members stationed in the Far East to attend.

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OUR FAMILY had enjoyed a wonderful vacation in Montana that August, and now we were eager to get home to our ranch in Longview, Tex., before dark. My husband, Carl, our three small children, and I left the small eastern Montana airport at daylight for the 10-hour trip home. Carl set the rented Cherokee’s headings on a course toward Rapid City, S.Dak.

The day was cloudless, perfect. The contour farming patterns of South Dakota’s and Nebraska’s checkerboard fields interested us. We stopped at North Platte, Nebr., for gas and for some lunch. Leaving North Platte, time passed rapidly.

Coming up quickly was Russell, Kans., which we knew often surprised pilots with tricky weather. At Russell, we encountered some bumpy weather that nauseated two of our three little troopers. With the help of Mom and some plastic bags, they soon were quieted and settled down. Passing Russell, we breathed a little easier. It looked as though we should be home in time for supper.

Traveling south, Paris, Tex., moved into view toward late afternoon. It was time to gas up and to be off again on the last stretch home—that’s what we thought.

Climbing out of Paris about 5:30 p.m., the sky was a bit hazy; nothing to concern us, though.

Radioing ahead to Longview, Carl asked for a weather briefing. We planned we would arrive there about 6:30 p.m. But the man in the Longview control tower said it was raining hard there. Next, we called Tyler, 30 miles west of Longview, and found it was raining even harder there. By now the weather was a matter of grave concern.

Thankfully, we did have a tank full of gas. Suddenly the wind whipped us dizzyingly toward the west. The wind a gale, we decided to try to outdistance the storm. Carl set our headings west toward Mineola, Tex. Reaching Mineola, though, the sock was positioned straight out, taunting us. We would have to land into a crosswind blowing at more than 60 m.p.h., gusting at 75 m.p.h. We were quite uneasy and frightened by this time.

Carl circled and tried to set down our small craft. It was useless! Our plane was being tossed around like a small kite. Carl’s knuckles were white as he tried to steady it. With our imaginations working overtime, it was all we could do to keep going and trusting God.

It was growing dark as we approached Dallas and searched for a suitable landing strip. We did not want to land at big Love Field, and we knew of no other strips between Mineola and Dallas. We were trapped! We were also not used to landing in the dark!

Preparing my mind for the worst, I was beginning to feel panic, but I knew it was imperative to remain calm for Carl’s sake as well as the three preschoolers’. At this moment, God assured me that He was controlling the storm and saw us. We were a tiny plane in His vast universe but safe in His care.

The sun was about to slip behind the horizon when Carl spotted a strip about 30 miles east of Dallas, and it was lighted! The strip was outside the small town of Wills Point, Tex. Lo and behold, as we circled the paved strip, the sock hung down. We were ahead of the storm—just barely. By now it was dark. We eased onto the airstrip ahead of the storm and were tying the craft down when the cold wind slammed into us. Our children waited inside the plane.

Now another plane landed on the strip. This plane had four passengers, a family we had heard radioing for a landing in Tyler at about the same time we were trying to get a weather briefing at Tyler. We had not heard them on the radio after that. Out piled a man and woman. The four of us hung onto hats and ropes as we hurried to tie down the second craft.

Shivering happily, we found a pay phone at the edge of the strip. We found a gas station number and talked to complete strangers, telling them our situation. A man and woman came, picked up the nine of us, took us to a motel, and brought us some hamburgers. These gracious friends told us that the town of Wills Point had been able to put in lights at the strip “only last week.” It was now 9 p.m.

Reliving our experience since then, I always think of the words that quieted my panicky fears at Mineola: “The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms” (Deuteronomy 33:27). We were safe in His almighty arms.
coming to the church for years. I am talking about presenting Jesus to someone unfamiliar with the church and its teachings.

Since returning from the seminar approximately five weeks ago, I have presented the gospel eight times to unchurched people and four of those eight are newborns in the kingdom of God. Some folks in the church say they're too old to be soul winners, some say they're too young, and others say they're too busy! I ask you, who is left to carry out Christ's great commission? The church will become more unified and its teachings.

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One teenager came to me this past Sunday and told me he has an appointment to present the gospel to one of his friends.

Where are these unsaved individuals? Everywhere, including gas stations, restaurants, supermarkets, and next door to us.

I begin each day by asking God to give me a soul for Him. This past Sunday, three of the four whom I have won to Jesus were in my church worshiping the Christ. We need to stop looking inwardly for the answers and take up the challenge of becoming a soul winner for Him. Pastors, we need to lead our people in this endeavor.

Jeffery Davidson
Norwich, Connecticut

A PRISONER WRITES

I have been sentenced to the Indiana State Prison for a fixed term of 85 years. I've been here 5 years almost and have gone through various changes. I used to be very depressed, withdrawn, bitter, and downright hard to live with. All I could think of was getting out. I thought the monotony of the situation was driving me to the brink of insanity. In the wee hours of the early morning, I finally let Jesus have His own way.

I've learned through Jesus to throw all my worldly habits away and start caring more for my brothers around me. I would certainly like to be released someday, but until then, I'll remain here and spread the Word. The men in here have done wrong but still are human—these lost souls need God as well as anyone else out in society does.

We all need your prayers.

Ron B. May
Michigan City, Indiana

MORE STUDY URGED

Which is more important, version or conversion?

I have read and heard many comments about the NIV, KJV, and other translations. I laugh at some of them because so many statements are too shallow to even merit discussion.

I think the most important thing is, how much and how deep you study it.

I think a good translation has enough gospel, love, Christian example, and teaching of Christ in it that if we studied them more and argued less, we'd all be better Christians.

R. O. Brenner
Owosso, Michigan

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TOM”

by CAROLE L. SPENGLER

A YOUNG ADULT TEACHER stood up in our Sunday evening service, and with an Irish grin, declared, “I just had my first birthday in the Lord . . . on March 7.”

As Tom Cashell continued to praise the Lord Jesus for coming into his heart and life, my thoughts went flying back to March 7, 1984, when Tom, on “morning tower” as a “roughneck” on the oil rig, was gently led to Christ by a coworker. Getting saved on an oil rig was unusual enough, but Tom was delivered from the drinking habit that had dominated his life.

In the next 10 months, God used this young “roughneck” to influence many others for Jesus Christ. First his wife, Shelly, came to know the joy of salvation in our revival services, five days after Tom's conversion. This meeting with Jimmy Dell brought the Cashells into our church.

By late spring, my pastor-husband and I met Shelly's parents and saw them come to a saving knowledge of Christ. They enrolled in a discipleship class and joined the church! Meantime, back on the oil rig, Tom led a coworker and friend, Jerry West, to Christ.

Jerry's wife, Tammy, found Christ real to her heart soon after at the church altar. Jerry's and Tammy's transformed lives brought Jerry's parents, the Ken Wests, into our services. Although backslidden at the time, they quickly responded to the ministry of the Holy Spirit and were reclaimed. Later they joined the church family.

The “domino effect” continued as Tom’s in-laws, Larry and Marian, by their transformed lives, began to influence Marian’s relatives for Christ. Her two brothers, their wives, and her mother all began to attend our Sunday services. These five people all received spiritual help, were discipled, and joined the church recently. Of the 24 new members received during this church year by profession of faith, Tom had influenced 12 of them for Christ!

Even now, as Tom testified, he glanced over at a new young couple he had invited to visit our service. Tom told of the change Christ had made in his heart and why he believed we must be totally committed to the Lord. His gentle, holy boldness surfaced again and again, as he recommended Jesus Christ and the Spirit-filled life to all those present. My heart rejoiced in what God had accomplished in the life of one obedient man. Truly this birthday was cause for celebration!
Diego and as far as Vicenza, Italy, met during the 21st General Assembly for two days of inspiration and commitment.

With Reuben Welch as guest speaker, the theme for the Wednesday to Friday noon retreat was, appropriately, “We Really Do Need Each Other.”

Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, speaker at the Thursday evening banquet, encouraged the chaplains to continue their sacrificial ministry, extending the church to a needy world.

One chaplain’s response, “From the first welcome to the final prayer, it was a spiritual highpoint in my life,” seemed to speak for many.

The retreat was coordinated under the direction of Chaplain Curt Bowers, director of Chaplaincy Ministries, with the assistance of Rev. Melvin Shrout and Connie Disney.

BOARD OF PENSIONS CHANGES NAME

The Board of Pensions held its mid-year meeting in Anaheim, Calif., just prior to General Assembly. Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator for the board, reported the following highlights.

To keep current with the increasing internationalization of the church, the board voted to change its official name to the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA.

The board also took action to amend the Plan Document of the Nazarene Health and Hospitalization Program to improve the dependent coverage for widowed spouses. The amendment allows such dependent’s coverage to be continued beyond the prior limit of 24 months following the death of the participant.

The Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program (TSA, IRA, and KEOGH) was reviewed. It was decided to pursue further contract negotiations with the insurance company for improving the plans.

SOME HOME-OWNING CLERGY GET “ANOTHER” REPRIEVE FROM REVENUE RULING

Recently the Internal Revenue Service announced that for certain ministers, Revenue Ruling 83-3 will not be applied until January 1, 1987. Revenue Ruling 83-3 disallows deductions for mortgage interest and property taxes paid by a minister out of a tax-free parsonage allowance.

This announcement by the IRS, in effect, adds a year to the extension that was granted by the Tax Reform Act of 1984. Unfortunately (and contrary to earlier indications), Revenue Ruling 83-3 will continue to apply to ministers who purchased homes after January 2, 1983.

Questions about this new extension may be directed to the office of Pensions and Benefits Services USA, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. Dr. Dean Wessels, director, indicated that the Pensions office will continue to monitor further developments in Revenue Ruling 83-3.

—Pensions and Benefits Services USA

CHAPELAINS MEET AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RETREAT

Seventy-five Nazarene chaplains and their wives, from as near as San Diego and as far as Vicenza, Italy, met during the 21st General Assembly for two days of inspiration and commitment.

Along with times of fellowship were times of instruction and encouragement for chaplains and their wives.

Rev. Reuben Welch brings words of encouragement and insight.

Chaplain Max Jones (correctional chaplain) was elected president of the Nazarene Chaplains Association.

Curt Bowers (r.), director of Chaplaincy Ministries, talks with retired chaplain, Geren Roberts of Pilot Point, Tex.
The first convention of the Association of Nazarenes in Social Work was held June 21-22 at Azusa Pacific University in conjunction with General Assembly. More than 40 people attended from across the United States, Canada, and Germany. Ruth Bullock, professor/chairperson of the Department of Social Work, had arranged for the Azusa Pacific campus in North Los Angeles to be the convention site.

The conference consisted of eight workshops:
1. Beginning a Christian Social Service Agency
2. Servant-Shepherd or Servant-Slave: Drawing the Fine Line as Christian Professional Women
3. The Family of the Adolescent: Promoting Healthy Identity During a Time of Change
4. Establishing a Wholistic Senior Adult Program
5. Integrating Faith and Practice: Social Work as Ministry
6. Depression: Assessment and Treatment
7. Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children
8. Healing and Homosexuality: Ultimate Hope

John Perkins of Voice of Calvary, a community ministry in Mississippi, and author of *Let Justice Roll Down* and *Quiet Revolution*, speaks to the members of the ANSW in plenary session at their luncheon. Ruth Bullock, chairman of the Department of Social Work, Azusa, looks on.

Two plenary sessions and a Saturday evening banquet were also well attended.

Jerry Appleby, formerly ethnic/urban coordinator for the general church and now pastor of Pasadena, Calif., Bressee Church, gave the keynote address, “Social Servants and Nazarendom.” Michael Mata, urban projects coordinator for Los Angeles First Church, brought a stirring message in the Saturday plenary session, addressing cultural single-mindedness. He challenged Nazarenes to move from an initial awareness of other cultures, to acceptance, and on to subordination/submission or servanthood.

John Perkins, minister, lecturer, author, and community organizer now in ministry in Pasadena, spoke at the closing banquet on the reconciling work of those in the helping professions.

Dr. Raymond W. Hurn and his wife, Madelyn, attended the banquet. Dr. Hurn, now general superintendent, offered the prayer of dedication as the new board of directors were installed by laying on of hands.

Officers are:
- President: Michael Malloy, ACSW, director of Christian Counseling Services, Nashville, associate professor of social work at Trevecca Nazarene College, and part-time consultant.
- Vice President: Paula Neal, MSW, administrator, Intercommunity Blind Center, and therapist with the Los Angeles First Church Counseling Center.
ANSW members who attended the luncheon at Azusa Pacific University during the 21st General Assembly.

Newly elected ANSW officers and board members are (l. to r.) Becky Morsch; Ben Sherrill; Wayne Dunlop, treasurer; C. J. Sizemore, secretary; Michael Malloy, president; Paula Neal, vice president; and Betty Fraser. Also on the board, not pictured, are Mary Curran and Wendall Campbell.

Secretary: C. J. Sizemore, ACSW, assistant MF coordinator of field services with the Illinois Department of Mental Health. C. J. has served in a number of offices in NASW and other professional organizations.

Treasurer: Wayne Dunlop, ACSW, director of the social work program at Eastern Nazarene College and in private practice at Beechwood Counseling Services in Quincy, Mass.

Additional board members are:
Mary Curran, MSW, living and working in urban areas the last 11 years. Mary is currently with the Community of Hope in Washington, D.C. She also has a part-time private practice in pastoral counseling.

Ben Sherrill, ACSW, director of the Department of Social Work at Northwest Nazarene College, is in part-time practice in counseling and consultation.

Betty Fraser received her certificate of social work from the University of Regina, Saskatchewan, and is also a psychiatric nurse. Currently Betty is manager of the Young Offenders Program for Southern Saskatchewan.

Rebecca Morsch, ACSW, is a social worker/casework supervisor at Christian Counseling Services in Nashville. Becky, along with Ben, Wayne, and Mike, served on the steering committee to establish ANSW.

Wendall Campbell, ACSW, now retired in Spokane, Wash., has served in a number of positions during his distinguished career. He was 12 years at Azusa Pacific University, where he established the undergraduate social work program. He is a charter member of NASW, ACSW, NACSW, and ANSW.

These board members will be responsible for arranging regional membership meetings in 1986 and 1988. Entire membership conventions will be held during the "odd" years, beginning in 1987, projected for Nashville, and tentatively looking to Canada in 1989.

The conferees were offered understanding of servanthood and service not motivated out of guilt or sexist in nature. They were called to be open to others, particularly those who are different by virtue of their culture, race, or sin. They were called upon to take on the very nature of Christ himself—to meet the needs in His strength.

The material presented at the conference will be available in monograph form.

ANSW thus begins with the needs surrounding each person—so that by all means we might save some (1 Corinthians 9:22). Membership is open to Nazarene social workers everywhere.

—Michael Malloy, ACSW

Joe Colaizzi, superintendent of the Kansas City Rescue Mission, shares social work interests with Susanna Fitzgerald following ANSW luncheon.
ADAMS, MICHAEL D.: Ridgeville, IN, September 3-8; Defiance, OH, September 10-15; Oxford, MI (Community Church Missionary), September 18-22; Naperville, OH, September 24-29.

ARCHER, DREI: Beavings, MT (Tiffin), September 11-15.

ARMSTRONG, LEONARD AND FAMILY: Marshfield, WI, September 3-8; Marion, WI, September 10-15; Roseville, IL, September 24-29.

BAGGETT, DALLAS W.: Charleston, WV (Davis Creek), September 1; Decatur, AL (Bethel), September 10-15; Hartsville, AL, September 17-22.

BARR, RICHARD C.: Allison, PA, September 3-8; De Pere, OH, September 11-15, New Harmony, IN (Harmony Church), September 22-24.

BALLARD, JOHN C., JR.: Reading, MA, September 17-22; Rumford, ME, September 24-29.

BEELER, LOWELL E.: Knoxville, IA, September 3-8; Franklin, IN September 10-15; Junction City, KS, September 17-22.

BOONE, FORD L.: Hattiesburg, MS, September 4-8; Shreveport, LA, September 24-29.

CAYTON, JOHN, JR.: Hingham, MA, September 3-8; East Wareham, MA, September 17-22; Princeton, NJ, September 24-29.

BYERS, CHARLES AND MILDRED: Clinton, AR, September 1-8; Defiance, OH, September 17-22; Fremont, OH, September 17-22; Topeka, KS (Lakeview), September 24-29.

CHRISTNER, JACK M.: Sheakleyville, PA, September 3-8; Orbisonia, PA, September 10-15;核心区, PA, September 17-22; New Bremen, OH, September 24-29.

COVENHAGEN, NATHAN AND TINA: Topeka, KS (Lakeview), September 10-15; Sallisaw, OK, September 17-22; Poquoson, VA, September 24-29.

CURL, CURTIS B.: Mayville, KY (CICU), September 8-12; Jasper, AL (First), September 17-22.

CRANDALL, VERNON AND BARBARA: Mexico, MO, September 14-22; Geneva, IN, September 10-15; Columbus, IN (Evangelical Methodist), September 10-15; Shreveport, LA (Crestline), September 24-29.

DIXON, GEORGE AND CHARLOTTE: Yuma, CO, September 3-8; Davenport, IA, September 10-15; Farmington, IA, September 18-22; Tishomingo, OK, September 24-29.

DOUGHERY, JIM AND CAROL: Topeka, KS (Lakeview), September 10-15; Shenandoah, IA, September 17-22; Laurel, MS (First), September 24-29.

DRISKELL, G. TIMOTHY: Benton, KY, September 24-29.

EBY, PAUL AND MARIA: Florissant, MO, September 24-29.

FISHER, C. WILLIAM: Missouri, September 8-15; Blythe, CA, September 24-29.

FARRIS, ALBERT A.: Bethelridge, KY (Kingbee), September 3-8; Sharpsville, PA, September 17-22; Waynesboro, GA, September 25-29.

FARIS, ALBERT B.: Bethelridge, KY (Kingbee), September 3-8; New Castle, IN (Westview), September 17-22.

FISHER, C. WILLIAM: Missouri, September 8-15; Blythe, CA, September 24-29.

FORTNER, ROBERT E.: Albany, KY (First), September 3-8; Front Royal, VA, September 10-15; Middletown, IN, September 17-22; Chillicothe, OH, September 24-29.

FRANK, RICHARD A.: Dongola, IL (3rd Place Richmond), IL (Woodville), September 10-15; Sikeston, MO (Eastside), September 17-22; Casper, WY, September 29—October 4.

GREEN, JAMES AND ROSEMARY: Philadelphia, PA, September 1-7; Decatur, IL, September 22-29; Covington, VA, September 24-29.

HICKE, SHIRLEY F.: Macomb, IL, September 24-29.

HILL, RICHARD E.: Hagerstown, MD, September 17-22; Huntington, IN (Fairplay), September 24-29.

HOLCOMBE, RALPH: Arizona District, AZ (First), September 10-15; Sharpsville, PA, September 17-22; Des Moines, IA (Highland Park), September 17-22.

HOPKINS, MELVIN: Portland, TN, September 10-15; Elkton, KY September 17-22; Charleston, WV (Elk River), September 24-29.

HURST, GEORGE AND CHARLOTTE: Yuma, CO (First), September 3-8; Farmington, IA, September 10-15; St. Croix Falls, WI, September 24-29.

JENNINGS, WALLY AND GINGER: Howell, MI, September 10-15; Mauston, WI, September 10-15; Muncie, IN (Wheeling Avenue), September 24-29.

KNIGHT, JOHN L.: Reserved, September 2-5; Pontiac, MI (First), September 10-15; Sharpsville, PA, September 17-22; Toombs River, NJ, September 24-29.

KRAMER, RAYMOND AND DONNA: Oklahoma City, OK, September 17-22; Ambridge, PA, September 24-29.


LECRONE, LARRY D.: Oak Hill, WV, September 3-8; Gainsville, GA (First), September 10-15; Westport, WV, September 24-29; Cincinnati, OH (Montana Avenue), September 24-29.

LIDDEL, RAYMOND: St. Louis, MO, September 3-8, Fayetteville, AR, September 10-15; Columbus, OH (Deshong Church), September 24-29.

LOWRICE, PAUL AND ALICE: Federal Way, WA, September 15-19; Hillsboro, OR, September 20-22; Edmond, OK (First), September 25-29.

LLOYD, ALBERT J.: Lakeland, FL (South Florida), September 17-22.

LYBARGER, O. EVERETT: Jr., New Rockford, ND, September 3-8; Carrington, ND, September 10-15; Mandan, ND, September 17-22; Piqua, OH, September 24-29.

MACDONALD, JOHN A.: Powell, OH (First), September 3-8; Chillicothe, OH, September 10-15; Redkey, IN, September 17-22; Muncie, IN (Wheeling Avenue), September 24-29.

MALWYN, L. DOLORES: Waco, KY, September 22-29.
At the heart of evangelism is a compelling concern for others.

Some Very Important People

The highest award issued in our Caravan program is the Phineas F. Bressee award. We congratulate these award winners and all who worked with them in the program.

Jason Battien, Lowell, Mass
Dan Barton, Colorado Springs
Teresa Beachy, Amariillo, Tex.
Kathy Beers, Salisbury, Md.
Jeff Bentley, Colorado Springs
Joanna Bramhall, Collingdale, Pa.
Ryan Brown, Winterport, Maine
Tamara Brown, Midwest City, Okla.
Susan Cananas, Kalspell, Mont.
Jonathan Campbell, Colorado Springs
Card Crowell, Findlay, Ohio
Tamarra Davis, Orlando, Fla.
Eric Ferren, Bourbonnais, Ill.
Lisa Fowler, Chokolawa, Okla.
Barbara Fritchey, Collingdale, Pa.
David Gray, Salisbury, Md.
Julie Gray, Lowell, Mass.
Evan Hanes, Colorado Springs
Cathy Haven, Kalispell, Mont.
Gwen Hayes, Bourbonnais, Ill.
Deanne Hedgahl, Kalispell, Mont.
Craig Henderson, Dover, Ohio
Jeni Effrich, Tempe, Ariz.
Rebecca Hildreth, Issaquah, Wash.
Julie Hobbs, Orlando, Fla.
Timothy Holloway, Midwest City, Okla.
Andrea Hunter, Tempe, Ariz.
Larina Jacobs, Tempe, Ariz.
Tawna Jefferson, Frickville, Md.
Julie Johnson, Reynoldsburg, Ohio
Bessie Johnston, Washougal, Wash.
DeAnn King, Bourbonnais, Ill.
Kenneth Kinney, Winterport, Maine
Royme Kilsing, Robinson, Ill.
Rima Kondourajian, Bourbonnais, Ill.
Joyce Mathai, Bourbonnais, Ill.
Amy Messer, Tempe, Ariz.
Nancy Neal, Colorado Springs
Michelle Newby, Indianapolis, Ind.
Gary Nuzum, Arlington, Ohio
DeAnna Peppel, Reynoldsburg, Ohio
Amy Peterson, Findlay, Ohio
Katrina Peirce, Amariillo, Tex.
Judy Priest, Reynoldsburg, Ohio
Jim Profit, Colorado Springs
Ephney Rangulong, Lowell, Mass.
Aric Raymond, Bourbonnais, Ill.
Kimberly Reedy, Bourbonnais, Ill.
Tiffany Richwine, Indianapolis, Ind.
Craig Simms, Parsonburg, Md.
Jennifer Smith, Bourbonnais, Ill.
Michelle Smith, Dairmar, Md.
Lori Spangenber, Collingdale, Pa.
Kari Sprovil, Amariillo, Tex.

David Walker, Winterport, Maine
Mindy Watson, Bourbonnais, Ill.
Jeff Whittow, Robinson, Ill.
Layne Wilkinson, Franklin, Ky.
Amy Williams, Indianapolis, Ind.
Loyla Williams, Salisbury, Md.
Nyel Williams, Colorado Springs
Matthew Young, Hebron, Md.

The list of winners will be continued in future issues.
July 19, Theodore “Pop” Anderson celebrated his 100th birthday. A reception was held at Kansas City First Church. Over 100 relatives and friends attended. Five generations were represented, with 23 family members coming from Iowa, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri. Highlights of the celebration included the large “Happy Birthday” banner that was hanging on his home that morning; the special birthday greeting from President and Mrs. Reagan; and a proclamation from the City of Raytown, presented personally by the mayor, Willard H. Ross. “Pop” Anderson is pictured with his daughter, Mrs. Curtis (Esther) Simpson, with whom he makes his home; and his pastor, Rev. and Mrs. George Williams.

For the Record

District Assembly Reports

East Tennessee

The 38th annual assembly of the East Tennessee District met in Chattanooga. Rev. District Superintendent Doyle C. Smith, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent Raymond W. Hurn ordained Thomas G. McClung and James G. Patrick and recognized the credentials of Ronald Brown, Gayle McCarty, Benjamin E. Snyder, and George Williams.

Elders Ina E. Fowler, William G. Hill, Bobby G. Madison, and Robert F. Styers and laymen James C. Cline, Paul W. Gamertsfelder Roger D. Holgie, and Homer R. McKnight were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. J. Wilmer Lambert was reelected NWMS president; Rev. Larry B. Hodges was elected NYI president; and Rev. Bobby G. Madison was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

North Arkansas

The 33rd annual assembly of the North Arkansas District met in Conway, Ark. Rev. District Superintendent Thomas M. Cox, completing the first year of an extended term, reported.

The credentials of Michael Grebe were recognized by presiding General Superintendent William M. Greathouse.

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

Wyoma Cox was reelected NWMS president; Harold Wedel was reelected NYI president; and Larry Woodward was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

Michigan

The 72nd annual assembly of the Michigan District met in Vicksburg, Mich. Rev. District Superintendent C. Neil Strait was reelected for a four-year term.

Presiding General Superintendent John A. Knight ordained Leonard Earl Bailey, Dan Dennis Lima, Randy Paul Murphy, John David Obrecht, Jay W. Ott, David Arthur Pollok, Jr., and Wayne Lee Westfall.

Elders James A. Adams, Harold M. DeMott, George V. Harris, and Jack E. Holcomb were elected to the Advisory Board. Laypersons elected were Mrs. Maxine Akers, Arlyn F. Brower, Al Overholt, and James B. Schwengert.

NWMS president Mrs. William F. (Gladys) Hurt, NYI president Ronald D. Adams, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS Mark H. Moore were reelected to their respective offices.

North Central Ohio

The 11th annual assembly of the North Central Ohio District met at Mount Vernon, Ohio. Rev. District Superintendent D. E. Clay, completing the first year of an extended term, reported a new church, Mount Vernon Evangelical.


Elders Jack Archer, Ernest R. Rhodes, D. Eugene Simpson, and Melvin L. Thompson and laymen Dale Foster, Frank Hyson, C. Wayne Rice, and L. Thomas Skidmore were elected to the Advisory Board.

Reelected to their respective offices were NWMS president, Mrs. D. E. Clay; NYI president, Stephen R. Ward; and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, Melvin L. Thompson.

Alabama South

The third annual assembly of the Alabama South District met in Dothan, Ala. Rev. District Superintendent Don Jernigan, completing the first year of an extended term, reported.

At the 1985 Alabama South district assembly, Harry Radcliff was ordained by Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, general superintendent. Pictured (l. to r.) are Mrs. Radcliff; Rev. Radcliff; Dr. Jenkins; Don Jernigan, district superintendent; and Rev. W. J. Harbison, district secretary.

The third annual Alabama South district assembly was significant in that it was Dr. Orville W. Jenkins' last official visit as presiding general superintendent. The churches and people of the Alabama South District shared in the gift of a grandfather clock for the Jenkins' home. Superintendent Jernigan closed his annual report with a special tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins: "As the pendulum swings, remember God's unceasing love; as the chimes sound their sweet melody, remember that we love you; as the hours sound forth, remember that we carry on in the 'Quest of souls.' Dr. and Mrs. Orville W. Jenkins—we salute you!"
Pictured at the East Tennessee district assembly (front row, l. to r.) are District Secretary S. M. Shaw; ordinand Charlotte Jones; ordinands and wives Rev. and Mrs. Jim Larrabee and Rev. and Mrs. Gene Shell; (back row, l. to r.) District Superintendent Doyle C. Smith; ordinands and wives Rev. and Mrs. Charles Dawson and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Hilliard; and General Superintendent Raymond W. Hurn.

Shown at the Central Ohio district ordination service (l. to r.) are candidates (whose credentials were recognized) and wives Rev. and Mrs. George Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin E. Snyder, Rev. and Mrs. Gayle McCarty, and Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Brown; ordinands and wives Rev. and Mrs. James B. Patrick and Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Glen McClung; and Rev. Elbert R. Speckien, district secretary.

At the Michigan district assembly are pictured (rows 1 and 2, l. to r.) ordinands and wives Rev. and Mrs. John David Obrecht, Rev. and Mrs. Jay W. Ott, Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Earl Bailey, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Lee Westfall, Rev. and Mrs. Dan Dennis Lima, Rev. and Mrs. David Arthur Pollok, Jr., and Rev. and Mrs. Randy Paul Murphy; (back row, l. to r.) Dr. John A. Knight, general superintendent; Mrs. and District Superintendent C. Neil Strait.

Pictured at the North Central Ohio district assembly (l. to r.) are Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent; ordinands and wives Douglas M. Downs and Sherry, Gary W. True and Debra, Eric J. Boomer and Diana, Lowell P. Ford and Odessa, Owen Swartzentruber and Clara, Marvin J. Smith and Linda, Jerry L. Clark and Barbara; and Dr. D. E. Clay, district superintendent.

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The Alabama North District has organized its second new church, the Sumiton, Ala., Community Church. The church was officially organized during the May 2, Thursday evening service of the district assembly. Twenty-nine charter members received the right hand of Christian fellowship from Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent; Rev. B. J. Garber, district superintendent; the District Advisory Board; and the District Board of Home Missions. An offering of $56,765 was given spontaneously in the service in cash and pledges for new churches to be organized during the 1985-86 assembly year. This offering has since increased to over $60,000. Church Planter plaques and Citation of Merit certificates were presented to Cordova, Gardendale, and Jasper First Churches; and to Rev. Bob Corley, Rev. Lamar Smith, and Rev. Roy Shuck, pastors respectively, for giving members to begin this new church.

Pictured (l. to r.) at the Northwest district assembly are Rev. Walter E. Lanman, district superintendent; ordinands and wives Rev. and Mrs. Grady Zickefoose, Rev. and Mrs. David Becker, Rev. and Mrs. Rollie Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Bradshaw (whose elder's orders were recognized); and Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent.

Pictured at the New York district assembly (l. to r.) are Rev. Jerry Short, chairman of the Board of CL/SS; and the District Board of Home Missions. An offering of $56,765 was given spontaneously in the service in cash and pledges for new churches to be organized during the 1985-86 assembly year. This offering has since increased to over $60,000. Church Planter plaques and Citation of Merit certificates were presented to Cordova, Gardendale, and Jasper First Churches; and to Rev. Bob Corley, Rev. Lamar Smith, and Rev. Roy Shuck, pastors respectively, for giving members to begin this new church.

Pictured at the Minnesota district assembly (l. to r.) are Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent; ordinands and wives Richard and Betty McLaughlin and Willie and Ronald VandenOever; and District Superintendent Virgil Grover.

Pictured at the New York district assembly, following the ordination service conducted by General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson, are candidates and wives: (front row l. to r.) Mrs. A. Riddle; Mrs. S. Seamans; Mrs. R. Taormina; Mrs. Do Hyun Choi; Mrs. Kil Jong Choi; and Rev. Do Hyun Choi, credentials recognized; (back row, l. to r.) ordinands Rev. Anthony Riddle, Rev. Stephen Seamans, and Rev. Robert Taormina; credentials recognized, Rev. Byung Hong Lee and Rev. Kil Jong Choi; and Dorothy Verna, commissioned minister of Christian education. Rev. Dallas Mucci is the district superintendant.
E. JOE CHILDS from associate, Vancouver (Wash.) Central, to Snoqualmie, Wash.
F. DON DUNLAP from Memphis (Tenn.) Grace to Arlington (Va.) Calvary
BILL M. FORD from Longview (Tex.) First to Brownwood (Tex.) First
JAMES D. FOX to associate, Maiden, Mass.
JERRY HARRISON from Jacksonville, Tex., to Topeka, Kan., First
FRED J. HORSCHEL from Snoqualmie, Wash., to Poulsbo, Wash.
SHERRY H. HOWARD from associate, East Charlestown, N.J., to Newport, Vt.
JOSEPH H. KNIGHT from Wichita (Kans.) Bel Aire to Seattle, Wash.
JAMES A. LOCHARY to Hooksett, N.H.
DAMON H. WRIGHT to Parker, Ariz.
JAMES A. LOCHARY to Hooksett, N.H.
MICHAEL R. WEHNER from student, Nazarene
DR. TERRY and SUSAN HALL, Papua New Guinea
MICHAEL R. WEHNER from student, Nazarene
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ANNOUNCEMENTS
Bloomington, Ill., First Church will celebrate its 70th anniversary September 8. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend or send greetings. Rev. Keith Bottles, former pastor, will be speaking each evening. A special day is planned for Sunday. All former members, and friends are invited to attend or send greetings. For further information, contact the church at 701 W. Washington, Bloomington, IL 61701, or call 309-829-4410.

Las Cruces, N.Mex., First Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary September 21-22. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend or send letters of greeting, which will become part of a permanent Book of Remembrance. Rev. Leon Wyas, district superintendent, will be speaking. For further information, contact the church at 1900 S. Locust St., Las Cruces, NM 88001, or phone (Tues-day through Friday) 505-522-7120.

Charlotte, N.C., Plaza Church will celebrate its 40th anniversary October 1-6. Rev. Harold Graves, former pastor, will be speaking each evening. A special day is planned for Sunday. All former members and friends are invited to attend or send greetings. For information, contact Ernestine Blackwell, 3235 Brixton Ct., Charlotte, NC 28205.

The Milford, Ill., church will celebrate its 50th anniversary October 6. All former pastors and members are invited to attend this special day of celebration. For more information, write the church at 6 Lyle St., Milford, IL 60953, or call 815-899-4025 or 815-899-4024.

The Elgin, Ill., church will celebrate its 60th anniversary October 13. Rev. Donald Smith will be speaking. All former pastors and members are invited to attend or send letters of greeting. For further information, contact Pastor Winn Allison, Rte. 4, Box 115, Elgin, Ill. 60120.

Los Angeles First Church, founded by Dr. Phe­nriss F. Breeze in October 1965, will celebrate its 50th anniversary Founding Sunday, October 20. Former pastors Mr. Kenneth 27, Mrs. Guy Laven, Wenderl Weltman, James Ingalls, Paul Benefiel, and Randal Denny will join present pastor Ron Benefiel for the celebration. General Superintendent William M. Greathouse will participate with other church leaders in a mortgage-burning ceremony. The church, at the present location since 1951, is valued at $4,250,000. The five congregations of Los Angeles First Church (English, Spanish, Kew and Filipino) will meet in a unified worship service to celebrate this anniversary. Dr. L. Guy Nees, director of World Mis­sion, will preach in the morning service and Rev. Randal Denny will preach in the evening.

The Somerton, Ariz., church will celebrate its 68th anniversary October 27. District Superinten­dent Bill Burch will be the special speaker. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend or send greetings. Following the morning service, there will be a basket dinner in the fellowship hall and dedication of a new church sign and remodeling of the church. For further information, contact Pastor Darrell E, Lloyd, 305 23rd Ave., Yuma, AZ 85364, or call 602-782-9418.

Yukon, Okla., First Church will celebrate its 60th anniversary October 26-27. Former pastors Mr. Kenneth, Mrs. Guy Laven, Wenderl Weltman, James Ingalls, Paul Benefiel, and Randal Denny will join present pastor Ron Benefiel for the celebration. General Superintendent William M. Greathouse will participate with other church leaders in a mortgage-burning ceremony. The church, at the present location since 1951, is valued at $4,250,000. The five congregations of Los Angeles First Church (English, Spanish, Kew and Filipino) will meet in a unified worship service to celebrate this anniversary. Dr. L. Guy Nees, director of World Mis­sion, will preach in the morning service and Rev. Randal Denny will preach in the evening.

VITAL STATISTICS
DAUGHTER OF PASTOR KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT
Ms. Melodie McDonald, 21, daughter of Pastor B. Edwin McDonald at Tucson, Ariz., First Church, was...
pronounced dead Wednesday afternoon, April 24, at Riverside, Calif., General hospital, following an auto­mobile accident Sunday evening, April 21.

Ms. McDonald and another student, Todd Cook of Long Beach, Calif., were traveling back to Point Loma Nazarene College from Palm Springs, Calif., when their car ran off the highway, down a 15-foot embank­ment and overturned. Todd was thrown free; he ent­ered the hospital and was released on Wednesday.

Melodie was a junior at Point Loma, majoring in child development.

Other survivors include her mother, Anne; a yon­nger brother, Marc; of Tucson, and an older sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman, of Hudsonville, Mich.

Funeral services were held April 29 at Tucson First Church. Dr. Crawford Vanderpool, Arizona district superintendent; Dr. Jim Bond, PLNC president; Rev. Manon McCandless, pastor of Midwest City, Calif., church; and her father, Rev. Edwin McDonald, participated in the service.

A memorial service for Melodie was conducted May 2 at Point Loma Nazarene College and a memo­rial fund in her name was also established at PLNC.

DEATHS

WILLIAM M. ASHUM, 84, July 12, Orland Park, Ill. Survivors: wife; 3 daughters; 3 sons; 18 grandparents; and 3 great-grandchildren.

WILLIS E. BALDRIDGE, 62, July 6, Colorado Springs, Colo. Survivors: wife Veima; and two sis­ters.

HELEN BOLANDER BASHAM, 59, July 6, Portland, Oreg. Survivors: husband Aris; daughters Janris and Dave; daughters Lavenia Hitchcock, Marie Brown, and Dorris Maxwell.

REV. HUGH S. CLARK, 92, July 8, Georgetown, Ky. Survivors: wife Grace Smith Clark; daughters Mary, Alice Dalton and Jane Clark Tackett; sons Joseph E., Sr., Paul T., and Robert D.; 16 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM M. CLAYTON, 84, July 5, Los Angeles, Calif. Survivors: wife;brother.

WILLIAM M. McANDREW, 83, July 5, Mountain View, Calif. Survivors: wife; sister; brother.

GRACE FANSLER, 96, Feb. 6, Portland, Oreg. Survivors: sister; brother.

WILLIAM w. A. FULLER, 79, April 16, Poc­klington, Ill. Survivors: wife; 3 daughters; 2 sons; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

JULIET F. GLENN, 88, July 6, Can­ton, Ohio. Survivors: husband; 3 sisters; and 1 brother.

HELEN BOLANDER HART, 87, June 28, Westlake Village, Calif. Survivors: husband; 3 brothers; and a sister.

HARRY A. HENDRICKSON, 70, July 6, Bridge­port, Conn. Survivors: wife; 2 sons; 3 daughters; 12 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Marion McCandles, pastor of Midway City, Calif., church, and her father, Rev. B. Edwin McDonald, participated in the service.

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RIP...
Is there to be an antichrist before the coming of the Lord? Is an antichrist someone like Hitler?

Most Bible scholars have understood passages like 2 Thessalonians 2 and Revelation 13 to include references to an end-time ruler, who will savagely oppose Christ and persecute His followers during a brief and brutal regime that will be overthrown by the return of Christ.

In many respects, Hitler did fit the description of this “man of sin.” The final antichrist may be even worse than was Hitler, wreaking havoc on an even vaster scale.

Nevertheless, no ruler will ever arise who will have power to defeat God’s purposes. Revelation was written to remind believers in every age that an antichrist will be overthrown by the return of Christ.

Has our denomination changed its official name? If not, is the groundwork being laid for doing so? In church publications and news releases from Headquarters over the past few years, the denomination has been increasingly referred to as “The International Church of the Nazarene.” The word “international” is always capitalized, making it appear to be part of the official name. This would seem to be a serious, but subtle, change, since in the English language, usage eventually determines definitions.

The official name of our denomination is the Church of the Nazarene. It remains unchanged. To call it “the International Church of the Nazarene” is to add a descriptive adjective to the official title, but that adjective should not appear where a title and not a description is intended. I am not aware of any intention to change our name. Perhaps we need occasionally to be reminded of the international character of our church, but we can achieve this without altering, officially or unofficially, our title.

Will just a certain number of people go to heaven, or will all who believe in Christ be there?

All the redeemed will be there, too numerous to count, too noisy to restrain (Revelation 7:9). There is a religious group that teaches that a certain number will inhabit heaven, while lesser saints are confined to a renewed earth. Nothing in Scripture allows us to believe that this kind of access to God in heaven is limited to a certain number of people. Will just a certain number of people go to heaven, or will all who believe in Christ be there?
Inspiring music complemented the entire convention. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Johnson (shown above) sang one of the convention favorites. Convention music was arranged and directed by Jim and Rosemary Green and Steve and Sue Caudill.

(Above) Large crowds attended each of the sessions. Over 130 districts in the Church of the Nazarene sent representatives to the convention. (Right) The Christian Life and Sunday School exhibit offered a variety of opportunities to its visitors—performances by evangelists, a playground for children, a place to rest, an information center, and more. (Below) Rev. Phil Riley, division director of Christian Life and Sunday School, introduced the decadal goal of 2 million in Sunday School enrollment by 1995.

General sessions were translated into three languages to allow full participation by all who attended.
REKINDLES EMPHASIS ON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Over 100 senior adults formed a volunteer choir for the Saturday morning service. They participated in the premiere of the Senior Adult musical “Sweeter Every Day.”

A Children’s Parade and special music by a children’s choir highlighted Friday morning’s “Make Room for the Children” theme. Miriam Hall, director of Children’s Ministries, urged the church to be aware of the needs of today’s children and minister effectively to them.

During the convention, 107 workshops were offered, covering subjects of interest to all Christian Life and Sunday School workers.
Music Introduced at the General Assembly

NOW READY

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TO TELL THE TRUTH
Sharing the Good News at home and around the world gives special meaning to this children's musical. Both music and dialogue for the 13 unison/two-part songs by LINDA REBUCK and TOM FETTKE make effective use of humor.

Girls and boys will enjoy singing: "Great Big Beautiful World"; "The S-s-slippery Serpent"; "God Calls Us"; "You Can't Hide from the Lord"; "In the Belly of a Fish"; "Teach Me, Lord"; "Hallelujah, Amen!"; "I Am the Very Model"; "Enough Love." Performance time, approximately 40 minutes.

Recommended for October 6 presentation

- **BAMF-546** Songbook $3.95
- **BAL-9065** Stereo Album $8.98
- **BAL-9065C** Book/Album $11.95
- **BATA-9065C** Stereo Cassette $8.98

NOTE: Information on accompaniment tapes, service folders, and orchestrations available upon request.

CONVENTION THEME SONGS FOLDER
Every Nazarene congregation will want to learn the theme songs introduced at the General Assembly.

Printed in this attractive 8-page folder are: "Let Them Know" (CL/SS); "Share His Spirit" (NYI); and "That They Might Know and Lift Up Jesus" (NWMS). 6" x 9" format.

Package of 25 for $5.00

WHO CARES?
Enthusiastically received when premiered by Youth Ministries at the General Assembly! This "Youth in Mission" SATB musical features comical-yet-meaningful sketches by HICKS and COHAGAN and contemporary-style songs by HARLAN MOORE.

Included in the nine titles are: "Bowling for Blessings"; "How Do You Give Them the Old-time Religion"; "The Basketball Game"; and "If No One Cared but Jesus." Performance time, approximately 35 minutes.

Recommended for October 13 presentation

- **BAMBF-300** Songbook $3.98
- **BATA-300C** Stereo Cassette $8.98

SWEETER EVERY DAY
A musical service for senior adults expressing the joy and hope of life with Christ both now and in the future. Four-part arrangements easily performed by even an untrained group. Narration in large print. Sixteen songs include: "He Never Has Failed Me Yet"; "How Firm a Foundation"; "We're Marching to Zion"; "Jesus Will Walk with Me"; "When We See Christ"; "The OldAccount Settled"; "The Eastern Gate"; "What a Day That Will Be." Performance time, approximately 30 minutes.

Recommended for October 30 presentation

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Presented at the thrillingly inspiring Sunday evening World Evangelization service amidst the parade of nearly 100 national flags.

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OWENS BECOMES SECOND PRESIDENT OF MANC

Dr. Donald D. Owens, 58, has accepted the position as president of Mid-America Nazarene College. He informed MANC Board of Trustees chairman, Dr. Forrest Whitelatch, of his decision July 29. Dr. Owens was elected to the position by the board July 18.

The former missionary fills the post being vacated by the retirement of MANC founding president, Dr. R. Curtis Smith, who steps down September 1, 1985.

Dr. Owens holds the A.B., Th.B., and M.A. from Bethany Nazarene College, along with the M.A. and Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

For the past four years he has served in Metro Manila, Philippines, as regional director of Asia in the World Mission Division for the international Church of the Nazarene. Dr. Owens served as founding president of Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary in the Philippines from 1977 to 1984. He was a professor at BNC from 1966 to 1974 and a professor at Nazarene Theological Seminary from 1974 to 1981. As a missionary to Korea from 1954 to 1965 and again from 1971 to 1972, he established the work of the Church of the Nazarene in that country and was founding president of a school for ministers, Korea Nazarene Theological College. He began his ministry as a pastor in Fairbury, Neb.

The recipient of the BNC Alumni "B" Award in 1962 and 1972, Dr. Owens was honored with the NTS Service Award in 1981. Most recently, he received the Citation of Merit Award from the general Church of the Nazarene as an outstanding alumnus of BNC. He has authored several books, including: Challenge in Korea, Church Behind the Bamboo Curtain, Revival Fires in Korea, and Sing Ye Islands. He has also contributed to most of the publications of the denomination.

He and his wife, Adeline, have four daughters: Donna, Deborah, Darlene, and Dorothy. Dr. Owens' inauguration is scheduled for November 20 at Olathe, Kans., College Church.

WANDA KNOX CONTINUES BATTLE WITH CANCER

Mrs. Wanda Knox, missionary for the Church of the Nazarene and former NWMS executive secretary, underwent diagnostic surgery in Kansas City, August 9. That surgery indicated that she has a malignancy. Doctors, who had been treating Mrs. Knox for cancer for more than a year, had been hopeful that the cancer was eradicated by months of chemotherapy treatment.

The pioneer missionary to Papua New Guinea was planning to return to Bethany Nazarene College this fall before returning to the field. For the present time, she will remain in Olathe, Kans.

GILLILAND ACCEPTS PRESIDENCY OF BNC

Dr. Ponder Gilliland, 67, pastor of Bethany, Okla., First Church, has accepted election to be president of Bethany Nazarene College. He becomes the ninth person to hold the office. He informed the BNC Board of Trustees and his congregation of his decision Sunday evening, August 4. He was elected to the post by the BNC Board of Trustees during balloting Thursday morning, August 1.

The choice followed hours of deliberation by the nominating committee and the 48-member board. Others considered during the balloting included Dr. Leslie Parrott, Dr. Jacob Blankenship, Dr. William Prince, Dr. Jarrell Garsee, Dr. Cecil Paul, and Dr. Wayne Rice.

The election was necessitated by the resignation of Dr. John A. Knight who was elected to the Board of General Superintendents by the 21st General Assembly.

Dr. Gilliland accepted the position saying he wants a new challenge. He plans to continue to serve in the pastorate and as college president until a new pastor is selected.

Chairman of the BNC Board of Trustees at the time of his election, Dr. Gilliland has been senior pastor at Bethany First Church since 1970. Prior to this he pastored churches in California, Arkansas, and Texas. He was superintendent of the South Texas District for three years and served the general Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City as executive secretary of NYPS for four years. He presently serves as a member of the General Board where he is Finance Department chairman. He is also chairman of the Board of Pensions and of the general Court of Appeals.

Dr. Gilliland will be able to serve as BNC president through the current quadrennium. He will be able to retain his position on the general Court of Appeals but will forfeit the General Board positions he now holds once he steps down from the pastorate.

A native of Sayre, Okla., and a graduate of Pasadena College, Dr. Gilliland and his wife, Floy, have four children: Glaphre, Marsha, Ronald, and Sheri.
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