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WISHY-WASHY

by General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson

Lucy, in the cartoon strip "Peanuts," says it again and again, "Good ol' wishy-washy Charlie Brown." Charlie Brown never denies the charge, unfortunately. Do you find yourself wishing he would? Perhaps this is what makes Charlie so popular. Many people have great affection for this round-faced little fellow because he is the underdog, or because they identify with him. This demonstrates one thing at least, "wishy-washies" are not considered undesirable by everyone. There are good reasons and bad ones for not considering them as undesirable.

The person who fluctuates from one position to another becomes vulnerable to those who would "use" him. And there are always a lot of unscrupulous folk around who do this. Politicians like the wishy-washy. Media advertisers search them out. Religious hustlers exploit them.

Nor is it a 20th-century phenomenon exclusively. When Jesus entered into a serious discussion about the character of John the Baptist, He asked the religious leaders if they thought John would be like a reed shaken in the wind. To the contrary, they had found him settled, determined, and unshakable in his religious concerns.

Our challenge is just as great today. The need of the church is for men and women who will forthrightly and unashamedly declare their faith and abide by their convictions. A practical outcropping of this will be observed in less "church-tramping," more consistent local church support, and strong, positive, assertive Christian living expressed in the workaday world. The social drink will be refused, with a smile perhaps, but also with firm resolve. The head will be bowed in grateful appreciation before eating, even in the most crowded restaurants. The back will be turned to unwholesome conversation among colleagues at work. In each case, a silent testimony will be given that may raise questions but, at the same time, command respect and appreciation.

Let's get off the fence! It's better to take a stand that might be branded a bit extreme than to take no stand at all. Wishy-washies aren't world changers. May our resolve be as firm as was Joshua's, "As for me and my house, we *will* serve the Lord." □

The Grandest Image



by WAYNE LaFORCE

My wife had gone to work early this particular Saturday morning and our son was still sleeping. It was a good opportunity for me to get in some special quiet time with the Lord. According to the normal schedule, our two-year-

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old would not be awake for at least another hour.

Getting my Bible and sermon notes, I went to the living room and settled comfortably on the sofa. As I began reading, the Holy Spirit seemed so near I could reach out and touch Him. The Word was of great blessing and inspiration to my spirit.

After reading the Bible a few minutes, I turned to my sermon notes for Sunday. That, too, blessed my spirit until I felt more excited

about preaching the next day than I had in recent weeks.

An intense urge to pray came over me. So without hesitating, I dropped to my knees beside the sofa and began praying quietly so as not to awaken my son. Time quickly passed. Tears of joy bathed my face as I talked with God.

Suddenly, without any sound, in the midst of prayer, a voice seemed to say, "See about your son. He may be awake now waiting for his clothes to be changed and for something to eat."

I glanced at my watch and noticed that it was the usual time for my son to awaken. Still on my knees, I turned around and looked toward the hallway leading to my son's bedroom.

At that moment I was looking into the face of a little pajama-clad, two-year-old boy standing in the hallway door. A smile crossed his face as if to say, "I caught you." He never batted an eye or moved a muscle. There were no words spoken.

My first impression was to get up and change the boy's clothes and prepare his breakfast. Immediately a voice said to me, "Stay where you are! The image your son is getting now with Daddy on his knees, tears staining his cheeks and an open Bible before him, is the grandest picture this child could ever have!"

For several moments I gazed at my son standing motionless. He looked intently at me, surveying my posture, the expression on my face, and the open Bible before me. No effort was made by either of us to move toward the other. It seemed as though he was giving this image time to register.

And the thought quickly came and has come many times through the years: Of all that I might give my son, nothing could be better than the image of a praying Dad. □



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POOR RICH, RICH POOR

Just a note to let you know I appreciate the *Herald*, the magazine from and about my "family." Appreciated too the article "So Poor, So Rich," by Judy Hicks. I can relate to her feelings, as we have several in our church who participate in "Work and Witness."

As our people related to us their most recent task in Guatemala (Jan. '86) . . . truly how so poor a people can be so rich in spiritual grace in their lives! In our society we have a tendency to get hung up on things and our needs (which are really our wants). Most of us could exist on considerably less than we have. My husband recently took a pay cut . . . we are adjusting. I sometimes won-

der how God is going to judge us. We really give so little compared to all God has given us in this country.

May we all realize that "Seek ye first the kingdom of God . . ." means that having and keeping communion and intimacy with our Lord Jesus Christ should be first in our lives. If we are truly honest and really treasure "freedom in Christ" and depend totally on Him, then everything in our lives falls into proper perspective.

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EXPANDING MAJORS

I was a little behind in my reading of the *Herald*, so I picked up the last two copies and took them to work with me. My days are fast-moving

and I find it helpful to read something inspiring for 5 or 10 minutes two to three times throughout the day to refresh myself.

I am excited to see that our colleges are expanding to cover the needs of more of our young people so that there is more desire and opportunity to attend a Nazarene college. The article regarding a Mount Vernon student being No. 1 draft for a professional baseball team is inspiring to me. God needs good, solid, Christian people in every area of our life.

I hope to see more expansion in the area of majors in the near future. I know of some young people who would like to attend our Nazarene college but opt not to do so because

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Who Took My Raspberries?

When we returned from vacation, I glanced at our raspberry patch. I expected to see many luscious, ripe berries, but there were none. They had been picked, and the plants trampled!

"Who would do such a thing?" I asked my husband.

"We probably never will know. It isn't typical of our area," he replied.

The telephone rang. I was surprised to hear my neighbor say, "Hello, I'm glad you are home. Did you tell someone to pick your raspberries while you were gone?"

"I should say not! I was looking forward to making jam," I fumed.

"There have been many children picking almost daily," she assured me.

"Thank you for telling me. I'll be on guard and catch them," I said.

A few days later I heard voices and rushed out to find two children happily filling containers with my beautiful fruit. They were startled to see me.

"Who said you could pick my berries?" I demanded.

The frightened youngsters stammered, "A girl in the next block said you wouldn't care."

"Do you realize it is considered stealing when you take anything without permission?" I continued. "Come in the house with me while we talk to my husband to see what he thinks we should do about this."

Their eyes grew big with alarm as they silently obeyed. They said sincerely that they were sorry, and gave me their names and addresses. I felt a special love for them. I had planned to contact the parents, but suddenly I was reminded that we had been asking God to help us get acquainted with our neighbor children who did not attend Sunday School. I glanced at the desk and saw a stack of Vacation Bible School invitations, which we had promised to distribute.

"This is your chance," a little voice seemed to whisper. "Invite them now."

My little guests looked surprised when I asked, "Would you like to go to VBS? My husband and I will be driving the church van, and will pick you up."

I began giving out registration forms. I could hardly believe what I was doing. This is no way to discipline children, I thought, but I had to obey my inner urge.

With new courage the youngsters said, "Lots of other kids helped us pick your berries. We will go get them so they can tell you they are sorry too."

I answered my door several times until they had brought six more of their small friends. Each time they asked for another invitation to VBS.

The next week all eight of those berry pickers happily rode the church bus to Bible school. The entire group went forward to ask God to forgive their sins. Many of them are now attending our Sunday School.

My husband and I thank God that He showed us how to turn our loss into His gain.

Not another raspberry disappeared all summer, and they produced the biggest, sweetest fruit I have ever seen. □

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by LEONE A. BROWNING

GIVING

*We will not be judged
by what we would do*

IF,

*But we will be judged
by what we have done,*

WITH!

—WALKER K. YOUNG
Bethany, Oklahoma



The Life and Times of Josiah Rachuj

by GREG MASON

I guess the fact that Phil and Carol Rachuj requested a Father's Day baby dedication was what kept it from being merely routine. This particular dedication would be the tenth in 18 months for our church, yet having it on Father's Day compelled me to build the entire service around the dedication.

Having so many new babies in a relatively small (but growing) church led me to examine what their lives would be like in 15 or 20 years. What was Josiah's world going to offer him? And what could his parents or the church do to prepare him for it?

In the study that followed, I was intrigued, if not frightened, by the probabilities.

I found that the population of the U.S. when Josiah reached his late teens would be 275 million. This is quite an increase when you consider the smaller size of families these days and the tragic number of abortions being done.

I found that the population increase will be due to the "graying of America" more than anything else. Life expectancy, because of medical technology, better diet and exercise agendas, and more concern for one's own health, will be 87 for women and 78-80 for men.

Because of this dramatic growth in population, our cities will run together, forming large "megalopolises." Some predict continuous communities of residential and business districts stretching from San Francisco to San Diego, from Boston to New York to Washington, and from Milwaukee to Chicago to Toledo to Detroit to Cleveland to Pittsburgh. It's easy to see why mass transit will become increasingly more necessary and popular.

When Josiah and his generation journey into the year 2000, they will have been accompanied and aided



by a computer age that has gone from being fantasy to tritely familiar.

Computers will be as common to the populace as car radios are today. Josiah will make most of his transactions by computer. He will cash his check from his after-school job by computer; he will pay for his textbooks (or his text discs) by computer; he will cook his meals with computer; he will cool or heat his home by computer. His doctor will urge him to have periodic checkups, by computer of course. If he is suffering from a psychological or sociological frustration, a teacher or school counselor will encourage him to talk it over with a computer.

Josiah will read about, or possibly even know, a paraplegic who will have the damaged muscle area of his body rejuvenated by the implantation of electronics and computers.

I realized as I researched that most of these things are becoming more and more possible every day. By the time Josiah is 20, these events will be a common component of life. His home will likely have a communication network by which he will vote, shop, visit, and even go to college.

I found that Josiah might live under a government that is bigger, yet less effective. The Congress of the United States will have defined life. They will have instituted some form of social insurance for all people. There is the possibility of a guaranteed annual wage or a form of income redistribution plan.

The government will play a large role in family life. It is probable that every family will face government review at regular intervals. The federal and state departments of Human Resources will continue to assert themselves as "the authorities on child care and family relations" to the point of identifying the "needs" of individual families and dictating how those needs will be met. Government schools will press for classes dealing with Values Clarification, minimizing the opportunity to learn values at home.

I found that those who have gauged our entrance

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into the future have been made aware of an approaching change in most social issues. A couple come to mind. The fact that Josiah will be faced with a world where famine is an ever-increasing problem is one. In fact, it is suggested that wars will no longer be philosophical clashes, but will be for food. As one author noted, China would be able to feed a lot of people from the cattle that India finds so sacred.

The problem of violence and crime will be extreme. As the breakdown of the family continues to occur due to a loss of respect for our own family members, incest and child abuse will increase at alarming rates.

Some forms of drug use, as well as prostitution, will likely be decriminalized. A far greater degree of apathy concerning crime and government will emerge as the "me" era produces an impersonal generation.

I told you it was somewhat frightening. Just as my parents believed the world was at its worst in the 1970s and 1980s, creating a virtually impossible task for parents. I saw Josiah's future as bleak and cold, to say the least.

And then the Lord reminded me that I was preparing for a Father's Day baby dedication, a time when Phil and Carol, Josiah's dedicated Christian parents, would imitate Hannah and bring their bundle of answered prayer before the congregation of believers and offer Josiah to God.

The sense of hope that will thereby accompany Josiah's life overwhelmed me. I realized that Josiah could experience joy and happiness, despite the prospects of an uncertain future, because he will be introduced to

Jesus. He will be told of the One who forgives sin and who came to give life abundant. Greater is He that will be in Josiah, than he that is in the world.

Josiah will be introduced to the Bible. God reminded me that this will be tremendously beneficial because he will learn the historical truth regarding the creation of man and the sovereignty of God. His introduction into the Word will supply him a foundation of precious promises that will give him balance in a rocky world.

Josiah will be taught to pray. He will learn to seek guidance from the Alpha and Omega, not the Apple and the Epson. He will talk to God and learn to await His direction.

Josiah, I was reminded, would learn of his parents' commitment to wellness in the family. He would be loved, he would be provided for, he would be protected. He will need to go no farther than the kitchen table or the family altar to find reassuring support and warmth. Along with his sisters, Josiah will be a part of what God wanted in a family.

Finally, the Lord reminded me that Josiah, and all of the other new babies in our church, would be a part of the family of God, the Church. In contrast to the impersonal coolness of their world, they will find fellowship, friendship, and acceptance. They will experience the sharing of others and will be taught to serve.

Now you can see why I was overwhelmed. I had a message for Phil and Carol, for little Josiah, and for the rest of my congregation. Preparing our children for heaven may well be the best way of preparing them for the future. □

CLEAN AND AVAILABLE



by NORMAN MOORE

In front of the supermarket is a coin-operated vending machine that dispenses fresh drinking water.

I had never tried it, but it looked good to me, so I placed the required 35 cents in the coin slot and waited.

Immediately a downpour of water gushed from the spout, splashing my pants and shoes and running on to the sidewalk!

My first reaction was surprise, quickly followed by blushing embarrassment as I heard the muffled snickers of those passing by.

I didn't know that I was supposed to bring my own

bottle! I didn't take time to read the instructions on the machine.

All that was missing was a clean available container in which to take home my fresh drinking water.

And that's all God needs—a clean, available container to fill with the Holy Spirit for powerful, effective Christian living.

It brings some verses to mind:

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will (Romans 12:1-2, NIV).

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light (Colossians 1:9-12, NIV).

God has some wonderful plans in mind for our lives; all He needs is a clean, available container for the Holy Spirit to fill and work through. □

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TUPPERWARE, CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES, AND THE LORD?



A Sunday School class taught by Gwen Rodgers. The girl (l., facing) is the "chocolate chip cookie girl."

by GWEN RODGERS

Until we began to plant a church in West Plano, Tex., I never knew so many emotions could exist at the same time. I felt excitement, fear, peace, determination, and a burden for the lost that I had never experienced before. I knew my first challenge was to meet people, so I began to pray and ask the Lord to help me. I chose the house directly behind ours as my first object of prayer. "Lord, I have never seen this lady, but somehow open a door for me to get to know her."

I should not have been surprised the next day when I answered a knock at the door and heard a lady say, "Hello! You don't know me, but I live in the house behind you, and I would like to invite you to a Tupperware party tomorrow." She probably wondered why my mouth dropped open as I stared at her, then finally said, "Yes, I'd love to come." A friendship has developed with this woman over the past two years, and I have had several opportunities to share Christ with her.

I began to pray again, this time for the people next door. We had

not been able to meet them although we had tried several times. The thought came to me to bake some chocolate chip cookies for the children. I trembled at the thought of knocking on the door and handing cookies to someone I had never met. But when the Lord speaks, what can we do but answer? Never before or since have I baked cookies with such an intensity of love and prayer. As each ingredient went into the bowl I prayed, "Lord, help me to share Your love, help me to not be afraid, help them to see Jesus in me." Before long they were baked and I walked next door, bearing my gift of friendship and chocolate chip cookies.

In answer to my knock, a little girl's voice asked, "Who is there?" I told her my name and that I lived next door. She said her mother was not home and she was not supposed to let "strangers" in. I explained I had baked them some cookies and just wanted to introduce myself. She opened the door just enough for me to hand her the cookies and said, "Thank you." I went home feeling a little discouraged and told my husband they probably would not even eat them. He reminded me we were planting seeds and how fast the seeds grew was up to the Lord.

Over the next year I took different baked goods to that home, usu-

ally with the same response—"thank you"—but nothing else. I began inviting the family to church when I saw them in the yard. Once, when we were having a special children's program, my husband invited them and they promised to come! We were so excited; finally, after all that watering of the seed, they were going to come. That Sunday came and we watched and waited, but they never came. We were disappointed, but knew God wanted us to plant and water and leave the rest to Him.

A few months ago, on a Sunday afternoon, a timid knock was heard at the door. There stood the little girl from next door. She said, "Can I come to your church tonight?" After I gave her a big hug I said, "Of course you can come!" She has attended regularly since that time and we are anxious to see how God will work in the lives of this family.

We have learned several lessons over the past two years. The first one is that the special moments are fleeting: the neighbor's baby is only a newborn a few days; the time to share in your neighbor's excitement over a job promotion is the day they receive it; the lady across the street who has the flu may feel fine tomorrow; the man two houses down who was laid off needs encouragement today; the neighbor with a doctor's appointment and no one to watch the baby needs you *today*. God has been teaching us, once we meet our neighbors, to find out about them. The best time to show you care is when they hurt, have a need, or have just had something terrific happen to them. Once we know the needs we can go about finding ways to help them through a crisis or to share in their joy.

An important lesson God taught my husband is the fact that He has already opened many doors for us. We used to pray for an open door to witness. Now our prayers go more like this: "Lord, thank You for opening many doors for us to share

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You with others. Help us to be alert to those open doors and give us the courage to walk through them.”

God keeps reminding us that we are building a church for tomorrow as well as today. He is the gardener; we are but workers in His field. His timing is perfect, and he is working on a master plan for our church. I am glad He asked me to fit into that plan, and now I must be patient and rely on His sovereignty.

A hard lesson we have learned is to rejoice when we have helped people see Christ, whether or not they

ever come to our church. One couple in our church, Larry and Paulette Wayland, have been tremendously helpful in the start of Plano Westside. They have learned this lesson many times over. They share Christ beautifully with their neighbors and coworkers and have seen many come to the Lord or return to Him after years of separation. It was wonderful to see people being drawn to Christ but a bit discouraging to have them turn to another church or return to their original church home. We have seen this re-

peated in our lives to some degree. What a tremendous lesson in humility and trusting the Lord. We have had to shut our ears to Satan telling us if we were doing a better job they would have come to our church.

Before being a part of the start of a new church, I had never felt such excitement, fear, peace, determination, or burden for lost souls. I'm thankful for a creative God who is showing me there are many ways to reach people—even through chocolate chip cookies. □

CHAPLAINS AND CHANGED LIVES

A Peace Officer Finds Peace

by WALLY JOHNSTON

He's in a very depressed state," the police lieutenant explained. "His wife is very concerned. Chaplain, would you go by and talk with him?"

As chaplain of the Santa Monica Police Department, I was more than glad to visit an officer in need. But this was not my first encounter with Officer Scolari.

We first met at a wedding I conducted for another officer. The ceremony was on board a ship just off the California coast. Cesar Scolari and his wife, Gina, introduced themselves on the lower deck during the reception. They shared some family concerns and he asked if he could call me the next week to discuss something. I sensed a mood of unrest in him.

Cesar never called, but one day I saw him in the squad room. He indicated there were things about his life that he didn't like. Things hadn't gone well for him since his injury and return to light duty. I began to share God's plan of salvation with him, but before we could finish, someone came into the room and he excused himself. I asked God for another opportunity to speak with him. That opportunity came two weeks later with the police lieutenant's call.

I called the Scolari residence and Gina answered. "Hello, Gina, this is Wally Johnston."

"Oh, Wally, I'm so glad you called. Could you come over and see us today?"

When I arrived, Cesar was lying on a mattress on the living room floor. He was in severe pain from back in-

juries and had just been released from the hospital. God opened their hearts that day as I shared the good news of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit had done His work, for they were eager to receive Jesus into their lives!

What a dramatic change! Gina told me later that after I left, Cesar was able to sit up and even to twist his back. He was to have returned to the hospital, but the doctor said all he needed now was therapy. Greater than the physical change was the change in attitude and spirit.

I recruited the help of the nearest Nazarene church, and they began teaching them through *Basic Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians*. They have faithfully attended the church and were recently baptized.

As a result of God's work in the lives of the Scolaris, there is revival going on at the police department. Officers are pulling me over and asking, "What's happened to Cesar? He's a changed man!" Cesar has witnessed to his officer friends and there is even an interest in Bible study among the personnel.

Gina and Cesar have also shared the Good News with friends and family. They have led several friends and his brother and sister to the Lord!

As I write this, Cesar has asked that I share with you, "Tell them I have a peace in my life that I never had before, and God has given me a compassion for others. He is helping me see others through a new set of eyeballs!"

It's good to know that even though we live in a society filled with crime and broken lives, there are peace officers out there like Cesar Scolari who have found peace. □

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H. Armstrong Roberts

THE CHURCH'S ABILITY TO HELP THOSE WITH A

DISABILITY

Donny, wearing leg braces and a delightful smile, was helped up to the sanctuary platform to sing with the rest of the children. His part was to play a small set of drums. He did his task well and, after the song was over, squealed with delight and didn't want to leave.

The congregation smiled. They all felt pleased that Donny, who is severely brain damaged from hydrocephalitis, was able to participate. They loved his parents and his brothers, and they loved Donny, although Donny's shyness kept him from speaking to most of them. And many of them didn't speak to him because they didn't think they knew *how* to deal with him.

Since the very beginning, Nazarenes have taken seriously the Lord's admonition in Luke 14:21, "Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor"—but many of us have been leery of obeying the rest of that verse, "the crippled, the blind, and the lame" (NIV). And since 35 million people in the U.S. alone have a handicapping condition, we have many yet to reach!

We've been afraid—sometimes it's fear of offending, sometimes it's fear of the unknown, sometimes it's fear of seeing ourselves as we could be or could have been. A statement of the Health and Welfare Ministries Department of the United Methodist Church states our fear of lack of normalcy this way:

In our day the church as a part of our society, composed of individuals, has been greatly influenced by the prevailing obsessions with youthful beauty, mental alertness and material affluence. These have become idols which we worship. They have become the "norm" of our society, that which we value most of all. Hence, anyone or anything that

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deviates from this norm is subject to suspicion, rejection, discrimination or avoidance. The subtle conditioning we have undergone in our culture tells us that what it means to be fully human is to possess all the marks of affluence, intelligence and physical charm. So by induction we conclude that those who do not have these qualities are less than fully human. We fail to see the humanness of these persons because they remind us of what we do not wish to see in ourselves: that we are weak; that we are imperfect; and that we too face the loss of the youthful image and abilities which we idolize and the possessions which we treasure. And we know that this can happen at any moment and in any number of ways over which we have no control. These attitudes place the church in grave danger of losing its biblical identity as the body of Christ, in which each person's uniqueness builds up the whole body in a network of interdependent relationships (Ephesians 4:11-12).

Many of us have felt "not normal" because of diseases, chemotherapy, surgery, or injuries. We learned on a temporary basis how it feels to be different in public. There was less concern because the condition was temporary—but there are 450 million people who have *permanent* disabling conditions.

Life can be hard for those who must go into a public world that does not understand that people in wheelchairs generally do not have mental handicaps. They feel a lack of personhood when people ask others how they are or if they can be helped in some way. And those with mental disabilities still know when they are loved and welcome. They understand when they are being treated as a whole person. Those who are blind are sometimes left out of conversations because others think their mental capacity is not quite right. Deaf people often have to have an interpreter to sign for them and this makes ordinary people nervous. And since those who are hard-of-hearing sometimes speak loudly, it embarrasses those around them.

So what should be our reaction to those with a disability?

1. Find their abilities. Help them develop their abilities and then find a way to use them. Persons with mental disabilities may be assigned simple tasks, such as placing a glass of water on the pulpit for the pastor. They may serve as ushers or greeters. Some have talents in singing or have other musical abilities. Don't be afraid to use their talents. If they do something inappropriate, have someone counsel them in love. They can learn, and they need to be needed.

People with physical disabilities may have developed abilities in other areas. One who can barely move an arm or hand may have heightened awareness in other areas. He can smile, talk with others, and perhaps serve as a greeter in Sunday School or worship services. Many who may not be able to lead the singing with their hands can do so with beautifully strong voices. Or they may be able to conduct Bible studies. Even those who are homebound may be willing and able to write letters of encouragement or call visitors and absentees.

2. Accept them as they are—some of God's people, created in His image, with a special purpose to fulfill. It is *man's* idea that each person should be beautiful and intelligent and strong. God looks beyond this finite state. He says in Isaiah 55:8, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways" (NIV). Each one of us is expected to become all we can be according to our abilities and our disabilities. Look past the exterior. Get to know persons with disabilities and help the rest of the congregation get to know them personally.

3. Enhance their worship time as much as possible. Interpretation of services and lessons into sign language is vital for those who are deaf. (Teach classes in sign language so others in the congregation can talk to those who are deaf. Children learn sign language very easily and love to practice it.)

Blind persons appreciate a braille hymnal. And they can receive tapes and missionary books and magazines in braille free from our own publishing house.

Persons in wheelchairs or who have mobility problems need ramps instead of stairs, wide doorways,

toilet facilities for wheelchairs, and perhaps transportation with special lifts. Provide a special place for them to sit in the sanctuary where the ushers and other people do not have to walk around them.

People with speaking problems may need an alphabet board so they can point to letters to spell out their words. Check with the family to ascertain what the person's needs are.

Those who have mental disabilities may need special classes to help them learn at their own level and/or to prepare them for participation in public worship. Perhaps all they need is a simple-English version of the lesson (available through NPH) and of the Scriptures. Suggestions for curriculum to use with those with mental handicaps are available from: Special Education Ministries, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

4. Love and support the parents and families. Enlist volunteers to

sit with homebound persons while the family goes shopping and makes other necessary trips—or to stay in the home so the family can go to church services. Even those persons who are not actually "homebound" require a lot of care and their families need a break. A short-term class should be given to train the volunteers.

5. Think of those who have handicaps when you plan social activities for the church. Try to include things in which they can achieve success. And be sure the activities are accessible to *all* your congregation.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 says, "Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap" (NIV). In other words, don't look at all the obstacles and worry about the things you *cannot* do to minister to your entire congregation. Get to know those with disabilities and let them bless you and your church with their abilities. □

LIFE'S MAGNIFICENCE

*Lord, let me savor this life of mine,
not be tyrannized by circumstance and time.
Let each daily moment be a packaged gift from Thee.
If there be rain, let each drop contain
crystalline beauty and freshness for me.
If winter come, let me not only feel
the cruel sting of cold steel, but also
the wafted softness of the snowflake on my face.
If there be wind, let me not despair
at the momentary ruffle of my hair,
but welcome as my friend, the warm chinook,
melting snows and springing brooks,
and gentle breeze that jiggles a million
silver leaves on cottonwood trees.
If there be loneliness, let my emptiness be filled
by the One, who going a little farther, went alone,
who fleshed the Cross and crossed the stone.
If there be sickness, let me know
the distance gained only by delay,
the power found only by those who pray,
the hushed worship of those who suffer silently,
the holy companionship of walking valleys with Thee.
Lord, let nothing be without significance,
but quietly teach me each moment's magnificence.*

—STAN MEEK
Dodge City, Kansas

What About the Wall?

by LARRY LUCAS
As told to SHARON BUSHEY



Camerique

Ask me a question about construction, and I can give you an educated answer. Building is a part of my nature. When my friend's house burned, I helped organize a 35-man crew who gutted the house and reconstructed the second story and roof in 12 hours.

How humiliating then that I couldn't build a successful marriage. Although my wife and I desired a happy Christian home, more times than not we lived in an atmosphere of strife. Each disagreement and misunderstanding seemed to build on the other. We really did try to pray-forgive-forget-kiss-make-up routine, but with only periodic success.

The years were increasingly difficult. We were together but so far apart. Because divorce was not a viable option for us, we felt doomed to our strife-filled, unhappy existence.

Our new pastor and wife encouraged us to attend their Marriage Enrichment retreat. Thinking it would be a good chance to get to know them—and possibly get some help—we agreed to attend. We were aware

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that Marriage Enrichment was "to make good marriages better," but we hoped nobody would ever know ours wasn't good.

It was good to get away from the kids and all the tasks at home. The fellowship was welcome, and our pastor and his wife made us feel comfortable. They talked about their own marriage, which to our surprise included conflicts.

What they shared was undeniably the result of their commitment to growth in their relationship. Although I agreed that "change is inevitable, but growth is intentional," I doubted that it was possible for our relationship to grow.

When some communication skills were taught, we realized that we had resorted to a lot of deprecating, accusing conversation. Again our pastor and wife shared their experiences and convinced me of the value of search talk and care talk: conversation with the intent of better understanding myself and my mate, not intent on defending or winning. It sounded good. I sure hoped we could learn to use these tools.

Then came a concept that didn't line up with my thinking! "Conflict can be viewed as a friend in disguise." No way! Conflict and I would never be friends! I could verbally and physically handle about any situation, but I didn't like conflict. It left me with hurt, bitterness, and memories of my childhood. I would have to think about that one.

The resolution part sounded good, however. In the construction business, I was familiar with negotiation. Could negotiation in marriage be that peaceful? Could we understand an issue to the point that there would be no pain or reopening of a wound with future conflicts? Only because Pastor and his wife discussed their past conflicts peacefully, void of hurt, did I have hope that it was possible to completely resolve a marital conflict.

My mind kept flashing questions. "Are the wounds too deep?" "Is there hope for our relationship?" "Could the wall between us ever be removed?" "These marriage enrichment tools are fine for them, but would they work for us?"

Then came the "esteem" session, where I recognized the effect our pasts had unconsciously had on our marriage. But we were offered hope that with the Holy Spirit's help, we could break those patterns and start fresh. That's what we needed: a fresh start!

Somehow, in our quest for marital harmony, we had replaced esteeming each other with romantic experiences. We had lost the art of praising one another.

It wasn't the easiest thing I've ever done, but was definitely one of the smartest, when I told my wife in front of everyone, "I really do love and appreciate you. You are the most consistently joyful person I've ever met. Thank you for being what I needed." I even cried a manly tear, but speaking love felt so good.

But the wall kept rising before me. "We've waited too long. There've been too many years of accumulated misunderstanding, too many unresolved conflicts, too many blocks in our wall." Could the contentment that I was feeling now possibly last? Could we ever again enjoy the closeness of a barrier-free relationship?

We woke early for the closing session. It was appropriate that since today was Sunday, we'd talk about

Lordship. I was born a Nazarene and I understood the terminology of Lordship: sanctification, holiness, making Jesus Lord of my life. I relaxed.

Just as I was putting my mind into neutral, I heard my pastor say, ". . . and Jesus wants you to make Him Lord of your marriage." My mental tool chest reopened. I knew that I should make Jesus Lord of my life and that He had a plan for my life. But Jesus Lord of my marriage? Did He have a plan for my marriage, too?

I had been fearing disassembling that wall between us, knowing that, much like an unskilled demolition crew, we could cause the wall to fall on either or both of us and the injuries to our relationship might be fatal. Now, however, I was beginning to have hope, believing that the Master Builder had a solution for our wall.

I tuned in again and heard, "You've learned a lot this weekend. Now depend upon the Holy Spirit to bring things to your memory as you need them." His plan, His Lordship, and the Holy Spirit as our Helper to disassemble that wall, telling us which block to remove and when so neither of us would be crushed or destroyed by the mistakes and conflicts of our past—those were the answers!

It's been over three years since that retreat. There have been times when we've been careless and tried

removing some blocks on our own power and suffered pain in our relationship. Nevertheless, block by block the Holy Spirit has been faithful to help us remove our barrier wall.

Just recently, I saw a new wall. It had been perfectly constructed to encircle me and my wife. As I was admiring its beauty, I saw the Holy Spirit remove an ugly block from our barrier wall and carry it to this new wall. Curiously, I asked Him, "What are You doing?"

He lovingly responded, "The issues, those blocks that Satan meant to destroy your marriage, I am transforming into your protection." A friend in disguise! Conflict *could* be viewed as a friend. God had not chosen all those conflicts, but He was being faithful to bring good from them. With the touch of the Master Builder, those ugly, broken blocks had become a work of art, protecting us, not separating us. Amazing!

Change and conflict are inevitable, but growth and resolution are intentional! I'm sure that life will throw us some more blocks, but now, thanks to Marriage Enrichment tools, we'll allow the Holy Spirit to teach us through our conflicts. The wall will never again separate us as before, for heaven's architect, the Holy Spirit, is a full-time crew leader to continue moving those blocks from between us to the wall surrounding us. □

Forgotten Answers to

My first year of teaching at Mount Vernon Nazarene College was so full that I didn't see how my life could possibly get busier, but my husband, Ted, was called to his first church, and my life changed from extremely busy to borderline impossible.

I don't think I have ever had a busier year in my life. I've been so busy that on the way to work I have prayed, "Lord, please help me to do more today than I can possibly get done." How is that for a positive, negative prayer? Well, the Lord knew that I was serious and answered my request day after day.

During one of my lowest, busiest times this semester, the Lord must have known I needed an extra special lift.

This is what happened:

Ted and I were absolutely swamped with work and during the midst of it all we had to get our income tax reports done. While we were going through our papers, he found a sealed envelope of mine that was labeled, "PRAYER REQUESTS." He asked me what it was and I said, "Oh, it's just a prayer list I wrote down last year sometime."

He said, "Well, open it."

PRAYER

by PATRICIA J. HAMBRICK

I said, "It's not been there long enough."

He asked me again to open it and I finally said he could open it. He did and started reading. "Patty, you're not going to believe

this," he said. I took the paper from him and I just couldn't believe all the things I had written on that prayer list.

The list had to be almost a year old because the first thing on the list was "a church for Ted." (We had been at our church for 11 months.) The most unbelievable thing was that there were almost 25 requests and all of them, I mean *all* of them, had been answered in some way, and most of them completely!

I've always known that God answers prayer. I've always believed it, too! Right here in front of me, however, was positive, written proof of that fact.

I guess we don't always know how many times God answers our prayers because we forget what we pray. That day I really needed to know that God was with me no matter what was going on. That very day God reminded me that He was continually working in my life . . . right down to the smallest details.

Why don't you try it in your life? Write down your prayer requests periodically. Put them in a sealed envelope. Open it several months later and let God remind you how much He has been at work in your life.

The experience was a wonderful blessing for me! Why not let it work for you? □

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WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT

SIN

by RICHARD S. TAYLOR

It is very important that church members come to an understanding of what we believe about sin.

The “bottom line” is very stark and simple: It is sin that separates us from God, and it is sin that brought Christ into the world to die on the Cross that He might save us. His salvation is primarily from sin. Christ is not a Savior to those who do not want to be saved from sin.

We believe that sin is the supreme calamity of the human race, the one thing really wrong. At base our problems are not economic, physical, educational, or sociological, but moral and spiritual.

We believe that sin was introduced into the race by one sin—the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in the Garden of Eden. God had imposed a law, a very simple prohibition concerning the fruit of a specific tree. This was a test of Adam and Eve’s voluntary submission to God’s authority. It was necessary as the only possible means whereby the holiness of nature with which they were created could become fully ethical—that is, a holiness confirmed by deliberate,

self-conscious choice, a choice made against the pressure of temptation. Their holiness would then become a holiness of personal character.

But they disobeyed. The immediate consequence was spiritual death: loss of innocence, loss of holiness, and loss of divine approval and fellowship. The Holy Spirit no longer dwelt with them in personal communion. An inevitable fallout of their spiritual death was physical death (which set in at once). The ultimate consequence of their sin would be eternal separation from God, unless God stepped in with a counterbalancing plan of salvation. This He did, in the gift of His Son Christ Jesus, whose death and resurrection made possible the salvation of Adam and Eve and all their descendants.

We believe that sin is universal in the human race. This means not only that all men commit sin but also that they come into the world with a nature that predisposes them to do so. For God’s promise of mercy did not annul the effects of Adam’s sin, either in them or in their posterity. They were driven from the Garden, symbolic not only of a lost environment but of lost holiness. What they had become was transmitted to their children, so that every generation since has been born under the sentence of physical death and with a depraved moral nature. Human nature since the Fall is cor-

rupt and degenerate, “averse to God, is without spiritual life, and inclined to evil, and that continually” (*Manual of the Church of the Nazarene*).

A newborn babe is certainly not evil in personal character, for the child is not yet at the age of accountability, when free moral choices can begin to be made. But the child has a predisposition or bent to make evil choices when the age of accountability is reached.

We believe that these “free choices” must be clearly distinguished from inherited sinfulness. One kind of sin (personal or actual sin) is volitional; the other (inbred sin) is dispositional. The one is individual, the other is racial.

The bent of inbred sin is a push in the wrong direction, but, due to counteracting divine grace, is not a compulsion. Sinning is not inevitable and unavoidable. Each act of sin is voluntary. The person chooses to yield to temptation. Knowing that the action, word, thought, or attitude is wrong, the person nevertheless commits the action, speaks the word, thinks the thought, or takes the attitude. In this he is accountable and blameworthy. He is guilty. This brings condemnation, both from his own conscience and from the all-knowing God. He cannot exonerate himself by blaming Adam, or his parents, or his environment, and certainly not God. He alone bears the blame for willful sin.

A further implication is that just as personal or actual sin must be distinguished from inbred sin, so it must be distinguished from wrong actions that are simple mistakes. A mistake is of the head, a sin is of the heart. A mistake involves no evil intent, a sin does. We blame a child for disobedience, but not for unintentional accidents. Catching cold is not a sin, but stealing is.

We further believe that saving faith is impossible without repentance, and that repentance involves the complete and sincere renunciation of all known sin. A true child of God has a growing fear and hatred of sin. He makes no allowance in his thinking for the continued practice of anything he knows to be wrong. He is sincerely committed to the living of a holy life. His life-style will be resolutely purged of unholy alliances, habits, and activities, and conformed to the positive new alliances, habits, and activities that mark a Christian.

Yet while the willful practice of sin in any form is irreconcilable with being a Christian, an occasional defeat

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in the battle against sin is always a possibility. There is no place for carelessness or smug self-assurance. The apostle Paul warns: "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12, NASB).

When sin is committed, forgiveness is available. "My little children," says the apostle John, "I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world" (1 John 2:1-2, NASB).

Forgiveness for our sins is not automatic, any more than forgiveness for the sins of the whole world is automatic. All forgiveness, whether of the worldling or of the Christian, is conditional, according to 1 John 1:9—"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (NASB). As the well-known holiness advocate, C. W. Ruth, once said to this writer, "That's for us, too, isn't it?" Just as the requirement of confession is for us, so also the promise of pardon and cleansing is for us.

We believe further that the original proneness to sin continues to exist with the new life of the regenerate. The affections are not fully purified from basic self-interest. The self principle is still abnormally strong. This creates a disturbing and distressing tug-of-war between the new direction and the old deep-seated ego claims. As a result the Christian is much more likely to yield to temptation in the commission of actual sin.

But more than that, he is much more likely to display unchristlike attitudes and reactions. Examples are seen in the Corinthian Christians, in their midst, and the me-first spirit that would even go to the law against each other.

We believe that these manifestations of an unsanctified ego are sinful in nature, even though they may not be deliberate evil choices in the sense of our primary Wesleyan definition of sin as a "voluntary transgression of a known law."

Furthermore, we believe the full salvation, available now, includes cleansing from this remaining "root" of sin. It needs to be seen by the Christian as a residue of resistance to the Lordship of Christ. It needs to be seen as a corrupt, compromising tendency that must be brought deliberately and desperately to the Cross. This is what is

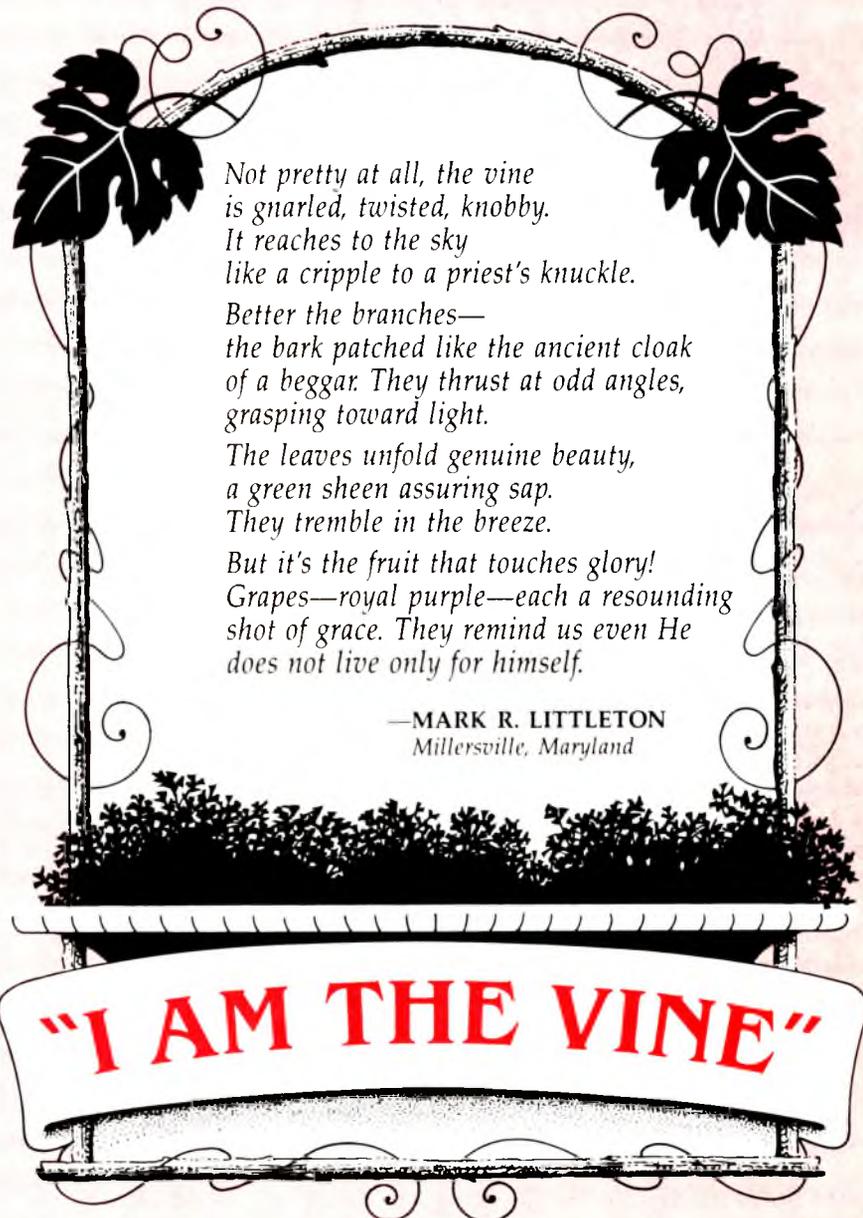
meant by "dying out to self." As Oswald Chambers says, "We surrender our right to ourselves."

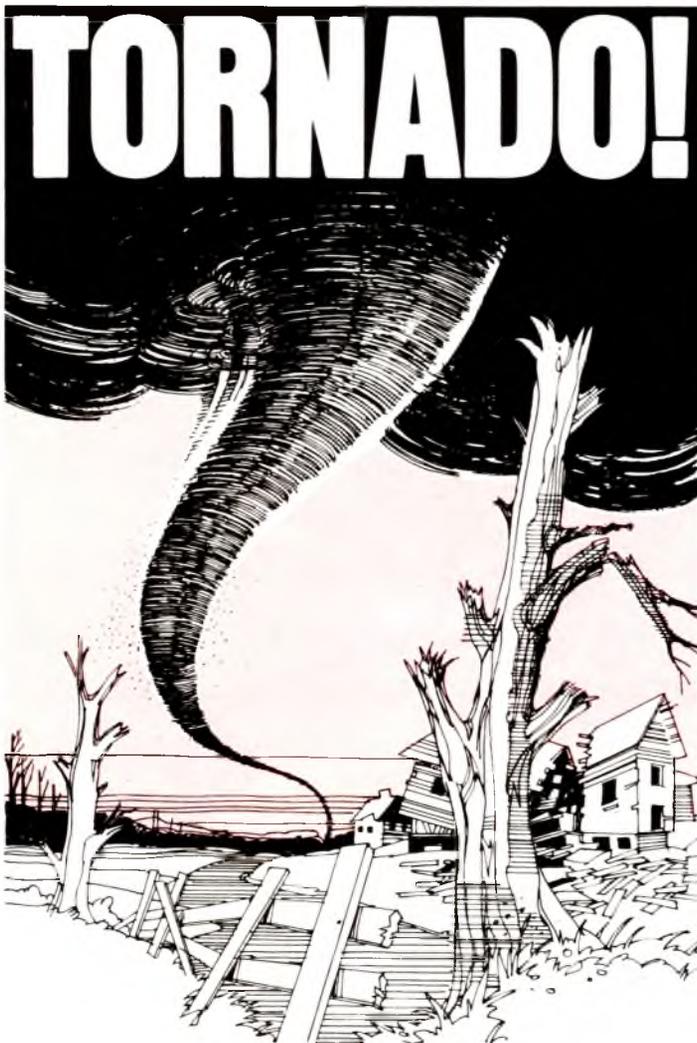
When we truly expose ourselves to God in prayer, in abject confession and brokenness, God will sanctify us through and through. This is the true baptism with the Spirit—Christ's baptism of His disciples with His Spirit in regnancy and power; enabling us to say with Paul, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20, NASB).

Therefore a statement of what we believe about sin ought to include a statement about what we believe God wants to do with sin. In Christ He pro-

vides for its free forgiveness, the breaking of its power, and even the cleansing of our nature from this abnormal sin-proneness. The grace of God aims at sin, not just to cover its guilt but to remove its presence.

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age." The Bringer of this salvation is Jesus, "who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds" (Titus 2:11-12, 14, NASB). □





TORNADO!

by JIM McDUFFEE

By midday on Friday, May 31, 1985, our church picnic looked doubtful. I advised the six couples involved that if it started raining we would call off the meeting scheduled for 6:30 at the city park. By six it hadn't started raining yet, so we finished preparing our food and drove the three miles across town to the park. By 6:30 rain was obviously coming, so we waited under a shelter to see if anyone came. Carmen and Pearl Vardino have been faithful at every activity, and they arrived just in time for a downpour. We decided to drive back to church and share our meal in the fellowship hall.

On the return trip the rain stopped as suddenly as it had started. We parked both cars in front of the glass doors and began setting up tables. On one trip to his car, Carmen called me outside to show me a piece of hail that had apparently just fallen. It was the size of a flattened tennis ball. I had just gone back inside when Carmen called again from just outside the door. "Hey, pastor, look at this." There was no excitement in his voice, only calm curiosity. I ambled to his side and followed his pointing finger to the sky. The specter I saw

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some 500 yards away will remain frozen in my memory for as long as I live.

Carmen was pointing to a tower, perhaps 50 or 60 feet high and 20 feet across. The center was so dense, it was impossible to see anything in it. The color was strange: gray, pink, and green. I thought, "This can't be a tornado; tornadoes are supposed to be black!" I learned later that the pink color was from the tons of fiberglass insulation torn and gathered like cotton from the neighboring subdivision it had just demolished. The green cast was provided by the hundreds of trees wrenched from the ground everywhere in the tornado's path, but especially from the once beautiful Union Cemetery just five blocks away, which now lay denuded. Sheets of plywood, clothing, and strips of aluminum siding spun slowly and crazily around the tornado's circumference.

Within seconds of the sighting, I reacted to what I am convinced was divine prompting. I ran back into the kitchen, which was really a small addition to the hall. It was the farthest point from the glass doors and had no glass itself except one small window. Carmen lingered outside just a few seconds longer. It may have been shock; it was probably just disbelief.

My teenage daughter, Christie, and I huddled in the corner next to the refrigerator, while my wife, Connie, crowded into the other corner with Pearl and our other two girls, Tracy and Corrie. By this time Carmen had come inside, too, and headed for the sanctuary, thinking that's where we had gone. We called to him once or twice but had no response. Not longer than seconds from the time we huddled into the corners, the world outside was ripped apart. Through the glass doors it seemed as if it were raining trees. We watched as Carmen's car was demolished. One

limb was speared through the side window and out the windshield. Suddenly, all of the glass in the room exploded. The room resembled one of those toy Christmas globes that you shake up to make it snow. Glass fragments hung nearly weightless everywhere. We felt the strange sense of changing air pressure.

Christie squeezed my arm with both her hands, buried her face in my shoulder, and called desperately, "Oh, Dad, oh, Dad . . . help me!" Help was there, but it couldn't come from me.

The ceiling tiles began to float off their frames and a great tearing began directly over our heads. I knew the roof was going, and I fearfully held the bricks and waited for them to topple. There was nothing I could do now. I bowed my head, closed my eyes briefly, and waited.

I did not think about my eternal destiny. I had taken care of that many years ago. Besides . . . there was no time; no time to repent and ask for forgiveness . . . No time to apologize to my family for being so casual about the great privilege of years together . . . No time for regrets or remorse or restitution. Only waiting. I knew it would be a short wait. Whatever was going to happen would take place in the next few seconds. My only prayer was that the Lord would be gracious

enough to take us all or preserve us all. For some of us to be taken and some left was the greatest horror I contemplated. And which of us would it be?

I wondered, too, what would happen to the church if we were all killed and the building destroyed? Had I invested my life in things that mattered? Could there have been a better, happier way for me to serve the Lord other than pastoral ministry? A gentle rebuke came quickly, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Then it was over. It was deathly quiet. We were still all here and apparently uninjured. Was the sanctuary still there? What of Carmen? We called again. He walked nonchalantly into the room, saying, "Here I am!"

We crept cautiously outside. The words of Steve Adam's song, "Peace in the Midst of the Storm," suddenly came to life in Connie's mind. The air was pungent with the heavy odor of maple, oak, and willow. Trees were everywhere. They were bleeding and dying. Man's creation, also, was upside down. Power lines snaked crazily across the parking lot. A piece of siding creaked painfully from a broken limb. People's belongings littered everything. I felt I was trespassing as I stepped across shoes, roofs, toys, and clothing. I called to my neighbors to see if anyone needed help. It was deathly quiet except for their somber, shocked expressions of relief that they were all right. It was time for a prayer meeting. The scene on the inside of the sanctuary was a microcosm of the one outside; roofing and glass were everywhere. A big piece of roofing sat attentively in the second pew. One shred of grass hung

reverently from the Cross. There were children's toys on the platform. We knelt at the altar and thanked the Lord for His shelter. One thing remained unchanged . . . the Bible on the Communion table remained open and unruffled to Psalm 61, "For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy."

Still dazed and shaken, Carmen and I left the girls and our wives at the church and walked to the corner, just one house away. There were a few injured people, and *nothing* else but rubble. The service station was gone. The shopping plaza, with about 12 stores, was leveled, and the roller rink next door, preparing to open an hour later, was nothing but twisted metal. The new nursing home, due to open in a few days, had disappeared. We tried to help, but the broken gas mains made it dangerous and we were asked to leave.

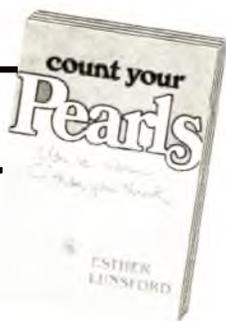
The church building will recover. We'll rebuild it. I'm alive. I'm grateful, too. But waves of sorrow still overtake me occasionally. There's grief for those who died, and for the violation to our sense of privacy. Other things are different, too. We hold hands more often. We say, "I love you," frequently. And I recognize that until all of creation is redeemed from its twisted perversion of God's design, those around me will be caught up in maelstroms much like mine. Pain, death, and sorrow from storms of disease, family stress, financial burden, and spiritual nightmare will continue to devastate people's lives. I'll continue to invest my life the way His Holy Spirit has directed me. The creation will all be redeemed some day, but until then, "I will abide in thy tabernacle forever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah" (Psalm 61:4). □

Book Brief

COUNT YOUR PEARLS



ESTHER LUNSFORD
author



The title of this book of essays comes from Norman Vincent Peale's story of a woman who touched her strand of pearls and suggested to her discouraged, hospitalized husband that they recall a wonderful experience for each of the pearls. Thankfulness and happy hearts replaced their gloom, and Mrs. Lunsford's purpose in writing the book is to encourage us to dig into our memories to discover the same kinds of hidden joys.

Her own memories go way back to her first doll, her first grade teacher, times with her mother after school,

and a childhood Sunday School teacher. The years go by as she lists recollections, bringing her the joys of grandchildren and Holy Land tours. This list becomes somewhat of an outline for her book, for from such memories she builds a collection of devotional articles to inspire the readers and set their minds spinning back to the past.

The book is pleasant reading, nice for short breaks—excellent for lunch-hour reading or hospital inspiration. Because the author is a mother/grandmother/elementary schoolteacher, her writing has a unique appeal to women, who will relate comfortably to her experiences. This quality enhances her spiritual applications, which are drawn from everyday life. Preachers take note—your people live on this level!

I have found several illustrations for possible use in future speaking and writing, and a couple of essays I might pass along for oral readings. This leads me to recommend it for this use, as well as for gift-giving. In our stressful era, such thoughts can calm anxious hearts, and more such reading ought to be available to renew minds troubled by events of the average day.

Pearls! Read hers—and count yours! □

—Evelyn A. Stenbock

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the editor's STANDPOINT

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus Christ is present in the world and church through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the life and power of God in contact with, and in operation upon, our human lives.

Older versions of the English Bible refer to Him as the Holy Ghost. Language changes. Today the popular mind associates the word *ghost* with spookiness, something eerie and unreal, out of touch with the stuff of daily life. This has made it easy for many to regard the Holy Spirit as essentially unrelated to human life, something in the category of “things that go bump in the night.”

When I was a boy one of our neighbors, an emotionally unstable woman, claimed to have seen the Holy Ghost. Her experience had no effect upon her life beyond scaring her witless. The Holy Spirit is not God's way of covering us with goosebumps. He is God's way of being present in us, dealing with our sin, altering our lives, and conforming us to the image of Christ. His ministry is our sanctification, and that makes Him essential to our lives, not accidental to them.

He comes to the believer's heart, not as a visitor but as a resident. Living in us and loving through us, His ministry reaches out to the world. He sanctifies and empowers the church to live and speak for Christ. This brings conviction of sin to outsiders, creates in them a hunger for life and peace and freedom, and draws them to Jesus Christ who alone can satisfy those cravings.

The Holy Spirit can cleanse the vilest heart and empower the weakest saint. The work and witness of the church is not totally unrelated to human personality, but the Holy Spirit achieves extraordinary feats through ordinary people. He can use beauty queens and all-star athletes and millionaire business tycoons—I know that, and I'm glad for it. But He can also use plain folks in unsung roles as well. John Doe, earning his bread on the assembly line without the benefit of college degrees, but filled with the Spirit, is worth more to the kingdom of God than some VIP who is crammed from hairline to toenail with unconsecrated ego. □

ON RESIGNATIONS

Resignations, like ultimatums, should never be given unless they are seriously intended. They should not be expressions of a passing mood, nor should they be used as “bluffing” devices.

Pastors sometimes resign unwisely. I know one, a dear friend, who would privately write and publicly read a resignation whenever he was depressed about the church's condition. Before he finally moved from one church, he had formally submitted eight different resignations. Even his warmest support group was relieved when he left.

Sometimes a pastor will resign, perhaps affirming a conviction that the Lord wills his move to another charge, then change his mind and request the district superintendent and the local church to let him remain. Some have accepted calls to other churches, then decided they were too hasty and should not move. With rare exceptions this kind of reversal breeds confusion, discontent, and even skepticism in the minds of the congregation.

Far wiser is the man who thinks the situation through, prays earnestly for divine guidance, makes his decision in a “cool” moment, and sticks to it. All of us can make mistakes, not because God's signals are indistinct but because our receivers are faulty. We can reduce the number of mistakes, and their hurtful consequences, however, if we apply diligently the counsels given by James: “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God,” and “Be quick to hear, slow to speak” (James 1:5, 19, NASB).

Perhaps we can never fully detach our feelings from our decision making. As far as possible, though, a pastor's decision to resign should be made rationally, not emotionally, and decisively, not tentatively. And all of us, members and pastors alike, should exercise the greatest possible patience with one another's blunders, for we all make them.

Pastors are like the seasons, they come and go. But the circumstances under which they make their changes have tremendous influence on the whole church. God grant us all wisdom, patience, and above all love. □

The Holy Spirit is not God's way of covering us with goosebumps. He is God's way of being present in us, dealing with our sin, altering our lives, and conforming us to the image of Christ.

THE TREE MAKER

One of the many beauties of Hawaii is the abundance of flowering trees seen there. The variety of forms, colors, and perfumes is amazing. Against the backdrop of blue ocean or green mountains, these flowering trees delight the senses beyond the power of words to describe.

Each of these trees and blooms evidence an intricacy of design and decoration for which God is the only adequate explanation.

I know that arguments from design for the existence of God are regarded as obsolete in scholarly circles. This, I believe, owes to the pride of scholars, not to the weakness of the arguments. It is just as true today as ever that "Only God can make a tree." That any argument for God's existence should be needed or sought is, in itself, a tribute to the binding and blinding power of sin. Small wonder that Jesus said, "Except a man be born again he cannot see . . ."

As you may have guessed, I am writing these lines in

Hawaii, "where every aspect pleases and only man is vile." In these islands I have seen something even more beautiful than the flora. I refer to people who are no longer vile, whose lives have been redeemed from sin and united with Christ. In our churches are people from a variety of racial and cultural backgrounds. All colors and classes are represented. They form the Body of Christ, expressing His spirit and forwarding His mission. Their gentle and gracious lives, their unity in love and purpose, testify to the power of the gospel.

They did not, they could not, just happen. Their existence as Christians in mutual service has a cause inexplicable in terms of psychological and sociological forces. God in Christ by the Spirit, working out His saving design for a new creation, is the only rational explanation for these people. Together with the natural beauty that surrounds them, they compel my heart to exclaim, "The whole earth is full of his glory."

Only God can make a tree, or a church of Jesus Christ. □

EXPERIENCE TEACHES

"Experience," runs an old adage, "is the best teacher." Its lessons have been frequently called "dear." Tuition can be high in the school of experience.

A doctor named T. H. Parke was the medical officer in one of Henry Stanley's expeditions in Africa. Once, while hacking their way through the dense jungle, the expedition was harassed by swarms of forest bees. Parke told the others that, in his opinion, the bees had no sting. Shortly after, he was stung badly on the neck. Stanley commented, "Just so, nothing like experience to stimulate reason."

Experience has revamped many opinions. Peter is an example. When Jesus told him that he would deny his Lord, Peter was shocked and offended. He protested his willingness to go to prison or death for Jesus. He did not believe that his courage and love would fail. By sunup next day he was a wiser and sadder man, having three times denied Jesus. And when Jesus was crucified, Peter, along with the other disciples, fled the horrible scene to insure his own safety.

The risen Christ probed Peter's soul with the twice repeated question, "Do you love me?" Peter insisted, "I do." When Christ told him that he would one day go to prison and death for his Lord, Peter made no affirmation of courage. Experience had taught him not to rely on his own strength of will.

After Pentecost, this spirit-filled disciple was ready and willing to seal his witness with his blood, and he did.

If we imagine that we are a match for Satan, that we are strong enough to endure any measure of suffering for Christ, we will come to a rude awakening somewhere. Experience will stimulate reason and revise opinion. We will discover that the power of the sanctifying, energizing Spirit of God is our only sufficiency for Christian life and service.

Paul found that he was strong when he was weak. Distrusting his own strength, he trusted in the power of God and became invincible. That is one of the most valuable—and expensive—lessons taught in the school of experience. □

the college cannot offer them the degree or opportunity they are seeking.

Nancy Springston
Oakdale, California

VOLUNTEERS HOPE

Congratulations! C. Dale German's "One Baby the Abortionists Didn't Kill" was beautiful!

As a volunteer in a crisis pregnancy center, I pray with women who are considering killing their child. Jesus needs our hands to offer these women His hand of hope.

Lois Robison
Marion, Indiana

COMMENDS GERMAN

I would like to commend C. Dale German for his very frank article on abortion, "One Baby the Abortionists Didn't Kill."

I don't see how anyone can look at a precious baby and believe abortion is not murder of the worst kind. They can't even defend themselves.

Come on, Christians! Our many voices can stop this innocent slaughter

Sheila Randall
Cove, Arkansas

MAKE FOLKS WELCOME

When we travel out of our area and state, we go to churches along

our route. But there have been times when we were not welcomed in our churches—no smiles, handshakes, or personal recognition in any way. Some churches have been very warm and friendly. If we are in a town with no Church of the Nazarene, we go to a church that we feel will be close to our denomination, and we have always been welcomed royally. All I want to say is, when a new person comes to your church, if you can't welcome them any other way, at least give them a warm smile. I know by experience it does make a difference.

Virginia Stroud
Oxnard, California

A GOOD INVESTMENT

by ESTHER M. JETTER

My husband, George, glanced through the classified section of the *Wall Street Journal*. An ad offering land for sale for \$120 per acre in Colorado caught his attention. Since George has a call to support the work of the Lord financially, he is often looking for a good investment. When it appreciates, he can donate the increase.

This seemed to be such an opportunity. He answered the ad and visited Colorado Springs a few months later. There the salesman, Joe, met him at the office and explained the situation and the terms of the sale. Then he took George to the San Luis Valley to inspect the land.

As they drove south in Joe's polished sports car, George observed the young man beside him. Energetic, courteous, and personable, Joe had the marks of a successful businessman. Here was someone who had the desire to achieve, and the ability and determination to do it.

Mount Blanca rose high above them as they approached the valley. At nearby Smith Reservoir fishermen pulled in catches of trout. They saw several antelope in the distance. The valley lay before them, broad, tranquil, and shimmering in the bright sunlight. The air was clear and clean. Snow glistened on the high peaks of Mount Blanca and the Sangre de Cristo mountains that rimmed the flat land.

Amid so much beauty, and improved through irri-

gation, surely this land would increase in value. After selecting several five-acre plots in the development, George and Joe drove back to Colorado Springs and arranged for the purchase.

Back home in Ohio, George and I waited for the lots to appreciate in value. They didn't. Driving through the valley a few years later we saw sagebrush and cactus growing into the streets, beginning to obliterate them. Only one house stood in the entire huge development. George had not realized when he purchased the land that the valley lay over 7,000 feet high and the winters were extremely cold. Water was strictly controlled and irrigation was prohibited. Besides, the services of the nearest town were miles away.

A few more years passed and George again visited Colorado Springs. He phoned Joe at his office to inquire about the land situation.

"Nothing has been happening," Joe informed him. "I bought some land out there for an investment, too, but it just isn't selling.

"But, George," Joe continued, "I've been intending to write to you. Do you remember that day we drove out to see the land? You told me that you were buying it so you could give more to the church. Then you said that you had given your life to Jesus Christ when you were 21, and that you had never been sorry that you did.

"I never got away from what you said. All these years I've thought about it, and now I'm saved. I've become a Christian too."

The lots, still unsold, lie empty beneath the bright Colorado sun. The roads are increasingly difficult to find. George has not made a profit from his investment, but somewhere in Colorado an ambitious, talented young man is actively serving his Lord.

Mission accomplished! God doesn't depend upon selling lots to build His kingdom, only upon faithful witnesses. □

ESTHER and GEORGE JETTER contribute generously to church projects, and are largely responsible for the church's braille ministry. They reside in Fort Recovery, Ohio.

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

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Eric R. Noah, son of Rev. Robert and Cheryl Hogueison Noah, has been selected to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point beginning in July. The 17-year-old senior was cited for his outstanding academic achievements and leadership potential.

Eric is a member of the National Honor Society, A Cappella Choir, Men's Gymnastics Team, and is active in his church youth group. He is a member of the Madison, Wis., Community Hope Church of the Nazarene and is a fourth generation Nazarene. □

\$100,000 PLEDGED FOR CHICAGO THRUST

Pastors from eight churches, along with two district superintendents, pledged \$100,000 to start new churches in Chicago following a meeting in the Windy City April 4 to get a firsthand view of the Chicago Thrust to the Cities project. The pastors and superintendents made the pledges on behalf of their local congregations and district churches. They also accepted Work and Witness projects and volunteered to sponsor individual churches after they are planted in the months ahead.

While in Chicago, the ministers had lunch at the Sears Tower, hosted by Richard M. Jones, a member of the General Board and Chicago First Church, who serves as president and chief operating officer of the nation's largest retailer. After lunch an overview of the Chicago Thrust program was presented by Rev. Michael Estep, Church Extension Ministries director. Specifics were outlined by Rev. Keith Bottles, Chicago Central district superintendent, and Rev. Bob Brunson, Ethnic Ministries director for the Chicago Central District, who is heading the Chicago Thrust office.

Tours of north and south Chicago followed with a stop at the newly opened Chicago Thrust office. The office is being provided rent-free for the first year by Rev. Gilbert Leigh of New World Ministries. Furniture for the office is being donated by Lyle Hill, a

member of the Chicago Oak Park Church.

Those ministers and superintendents participating in the day's events included Rev. David Wilson, Bartlesville, Okla., First; Rev. Morton Estep, South Charleston, W.Va., First; Rev. Merlin Provance, Charleston, W.Va., Davis Creek; Dr. Jack Stone, Kankakee, Ill., First; Dr. John Bowling, Kankakee, Ill., College; Rev. James Mahan, Dayton, Ohio, Beaver creek; Rev. Wayne Quinn, Shreveport, La., Huntington Park; Rev. David Penn, Racine, Wis., Community; Rev. Jesse Middendorf, Northwest Oklahoma district superintendent; and Rev. Harold

Graves, Southwest Ohio district superintendent.

Contributions to the Thrust program are approved 10% special giving. □

—NN



Tim and Kathy Alderson

CORRECTION

In the May issue on page 21 a picture of Tim and Kathy Alderson appeared. This lay couple from Casa Grande, Ariz., were wrongly identified as Anderson. We apologize for this error

NAZARENE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES

Four more couples who have achieved marriage enrichment leadership certification are Dave and Debbie DeBord, pastor and wife at Brighton, Colo.; Carlos and Carolynne Fandino, pastor and wife at Indio, Calif.; Darrell and MonaGail Trotter, lay couple at Chicago First Church; and John and Patty VanDalsem, lay couple at the Emporia, Kans., church.

Scores of couples have been equipped and nurtured in spiritual growth by the commitment and leadership of these marriage enrichment leaders. We welcome them to the extended family of Nazarene Marriage Enrichment.

J. Paul and Marilyn Turner, reporting



Dave and Debbie DeBord



Carlos and Carolynne Fandino



Darrell and MonaGail Trotter



John and Patty VanDalsem

MEXICO CITY THRUST COMMITTEE MEETS

The Steering Committee of the Mexico City Thrust to the Cities adopted a minimum goal of 100 new organized churches in 1987 during its first meeting. The organizational meeting of the committee was held in Mexico City, March 31. Representatives from all of the churches in the city were present during the morning session to discuss

the Thrust project scheduled for 1987. The Steering Committee was appointed by Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, responsible general superintendent, and the group met following lunch.

Among those present for the meeting were Rev. Jose Palacios, superintendent of the Mexico Central District; Rev. Jerry Porter, newly elected regional director of Mexico and Central America; Don Bell, Work and Witness coordinator for Mexico; Juan Vazquez-

Pla, Latin American Media Resources coordinator for Media Services. The meeting was chaired by Rev. Michael Estep, Thrust to the Cities director.

Each local church on the Mexico Central District will be responsible for organization of between one and seven new missions that would evolve into fully organized churches. □

—NW

WESTERN LATIN AMERICAN DISTRICT SHOWS GAINS



Western Latin American District celebrated its 56th annual district assembly with reports of substantial gains, April 16-17, in Los Angeles. Dr. William M. Greathouse,

general superintendent, presided at the assembly where Rev. Raymond Lopez was reelected district superintendent for a three-year term.

Reports indicated a 5.1 percent increase in SS attendance, 6.8 percent increase in morning worship attendance, 8.8 percent increase in membership, and 21.8 percent in giving. On budgets, the district paid 90 percent of its General, 100 percent of Pensions and Benefits, 95.1 percent of Educational, 115 percent of District, and 104 percent of Home Missions. The district also received 149 Nazarenes on profession of faith.

"We, like the paralyzed man (John 5), were waiting for external help, except that we had received it for 55 years," said Rev. Lopez. "The Lord Jesus came to our rescue, ordered us to get on our own feet and walk. We stood on our own feet and started to walk. Our ankles were strengthened. We set our eyes on Him who ordered us to stand up, and glory to God, here we are."

These gains came even though the district gave up 10 churches to the organization of the Southwest Latin American District last year. This was the first year of regular status for Western Latin American District. □

—NW

HURN TO REPRESENT DENOMINATION AT LAUSANNE '89



The Board of General Superintendents has approved Dr. Raymond W. Hurn's participation as a member of the advisory council and program committee for "Lausanne '89: International Congress on World Evangelization," slated for July 1989 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

An international congress was held

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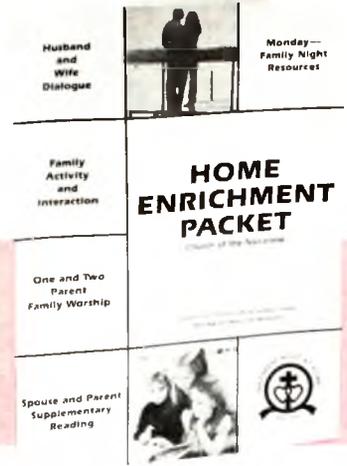
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for ANBP expertise in Work and Witness projects.”

Dates for this year's ANBP Convention in Toronto were set for June 19-22. Election of new officers for the next year will take place there.

Among the problems discussed was the need for accurate and adequate information on projects requesting ANBP help, to eliminate the margin for wrong design solutions.

Nashville was selected as the 1987 convention site, the theme to focus on home and foreign missions.

The group's projected development will include:

1. Continuation of the *Church Building Sourcebook*, update and expansion.
2. Moving toward a full-time executive director.
3. Moving toward self-support with Church Extension Ministries support services.
4. Education within the church regarding building problems.
5. Training of district Boards of Church Properties.
6. Each member's volunteer involvement in at least one project a year.
7. An increase in membership.
8. Revision of the ANBP Directory.
9. Continued development in relationship with Work and Witness.
10. Development of policy for paid consultation from churches with adequate budget.

The ANBP was organized in 1979 and has provided consultation services to help the Church of the Nazarene secure church-related facilities that are the most functional and cost effective. They have given valuable professional assistance to many churches and institutions without remuneration. □

in Lausanne in 1974. Out of this grew the Lausanne Congress for World Evangelization (LCWE). About 40 Nazarenes were delegates to the 1974 Lausanne Congress.

A planning session for "Lausanne '89" is scheduled for this summer. □
 —NN

NAZARENE CHAPLAINS ENTER ACTIVE DUTY



Larry Kendrick is our newest Navy chaplain to go on active duty. He has been assigned to the Commander Submarine Squadron 10 in New London, Conn.



Tom Cook has been assigned as the chaplain for a Destroyer Squadron of nine ships in Long Beach, Calif. □

ANBP INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS MEET FOR ANNUAL PLANNING

The annual meeting of the Association of Nazarene Building Professionals (ANBP) was held in Kansas City, March 13-15. Present were: Ed Levin, Tom Schriber, Dan Campbell, John Westmoreland, Don Jernigan, Ray Bowman, Clarence Haviland, Jim Couchenour, Michael Estep, and David Hayse.

Michael R. Estep, newly appointed Church Extension Ministries director, was introduced. He expressed appreciation for the work of ANBP and the continued need for their expertise to the church as a whole, and to Church Extension Ministries.

David Hayse, international coordinator of Work and Witness, reported growth of the church in Haiti, resulting in a 30 percent increase in the past year. "The diversity of needs around the world," he said, "points up the need



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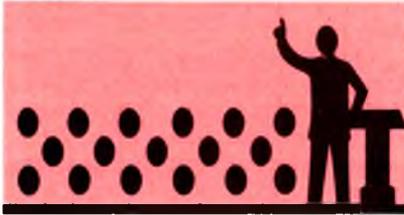
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ARMSTRONG, LEON, LINDA & FAMILY: Camden, SC (First VBS), June 3-8; Greensboro, NC (Concord Friends; VBS), June 9-15; North, VA (Gloucester; VBS), June 16-22; Gainesville, GA (First; VBS), June 23-29

ATKINSON, DEAN & PAT: Pelham, TN (Chapmans Chapel; Kids' Crusade), June 1-8; Springdale, AR (B/G Camp, Siloam Springs Campground), June 9-14

BAGGETT, DALLAS W.: Reserved, June 1-30

BAKER, RICHARD C.: Huttonsville, WV, June 3-8; McArthur, OH, June 10-15; Proctorville, OH (Holiday Drive), June 17-22; Kingman, IN (Free Holiness), June 24-30

BALLARD, DON: Meridian, MS (Oakland Height), June 4-8; Reserved, June 10-15

BEELER, LOWELL E.: Buena Vista, VA (Evangelical Methodist), June 1-8; Winston-Salem, NC (Wesleyan), June 10-15; Morganton, NC, June 17-29

BELZER, DAVID A.: Reserved, June 21-29

BLUE, DAVE & DANA: Southwest Oklahoma District Camp Meeting, June 1-8

BOCK, DON: Laurelville, OH (Pleasant Hill Community), June 4-8; Reserved, June 9-22; Ewington, OH (Church of Christ in Christian Union), June 24-29

BOND, GARY & BETH: Chillicothe, OH (First), June 3-8; Clare, MI, June 10-15; Sparta, MI, June 17-22; Syracuse, NY (New York District Camp), June 28—July 6

BOQUIST, DOUG & DEB: Parkersburg, WV (Broadway; Concert), June 1; Lombard, IL, June 6-8; Bedford, OH (Concert), June 15; Brazil, IN, June 20-22; Bucyrus, OH (Youth Retreat), June 26-28

BROWN, ROGER N.: Albion, PA (Concert, a.m.), June 1; Conneaut, OH (Kelloggville; Concert, p.m.), June 1; Brunswick, OH (Concert), June 4; Martinsville, IN (Concert, a.m.), June 8; Indianapolis, IN (Fall Creek; Concert, p.m.), June 8; Nebo, IL (Concert, p.m.), June 22; Springfield, IL (Illinois District Camp), June 23-29

BUNNELLE, DANNY & APRIL: Plymouth, NC (Concert), June 1; Hot Springs, AR (First; Concert), June 8; Dallas, TX (Central; Concert), June 15; Waxahachie, TX (Concert), June 22; Lubbock, TX (First; Concert), June 28

BURKHALTER, G. PAT: Arkadelphia, AR (First), June 3-8

BURNHAM, KENNETH H.: Lyons, KS, June 2-8

BYERS, JR., CHARLES & MILDRED: Knoxville, IA, June 2-8; University Park, IA (Independent Holiness Camp), June 26—July 6

CANFIELD, DAVID B.: Reserved, June 9-22

CARROLL, LARRY & ROBERTA: East Jordan, MI (Boyne City Camp), June 13-22; Jackson, MI (Grace), June 29

COBB, BILL & TERRI: Alexandria, LA (Louisiana District Camp), June 3-8; Bethany, OK (Oklahoma City Pengerssiana Avenue), June 15; Greenville, AL (Alabama North & South District Camp), June 30—July 6

COFFEY, REV. & MRS. RUSSELL: Alpena, MI, June 3-8; Hale, MI, June 10-15; Houghton Lake Heights, MI (Houghton Lake), June 24-29

COVINGTON, NATHAN A.: Ada, OK (First), June 10-15

CRABTREE, JAMES C.: Reserved, June 3-25

DARNELL, H. E.: Thomasville, NC (Carolina Christian Camp), June 12-22; Muncie, IN (Muncie Camp), June 24-29; Pell City, AL (Alabama Conf. Camp, Bible Methodist Church), June 30—July 6

DELL, JIMMY: Oklahoma City, OK (Warr Acres First), June 3-8; Paso Robles, CA, June 15-19; Grand Junction, CO, June 22; Carson City, NV, June 29—July 2

DENNISON, MARVIN E.: Norristown, PA, June 3-8; Livermore Falls, ME, June 10-15; Skowhegan, ME, June 17-22; Strong, ME, June 24-29

DODDS, LARRY W.: Colorado Western Zone Indoor Camp, June 3-8

DOOLITTLE, KEVIN C.: Denville, NJ (Lakeland; Concerts), June 4; Monongahela, PA, June 6-8; Denville, NJ (Lakeland), June 10-27; Waverly, PA (Free Methodist Camp), June 28—July 6

DUNMIRE, RALPH & JOANN: Jena, LA (Free Methodist Camp), June 16-22

DUTTON, BARRY & TAVIA: Canada and Maine Concert Tour, June 3-8; Rapid City, SD (Cedar Canyon Camp), June 17-23; Midwest Concert Tour, June 25-29

ESSELBURN, BUD—THE KING'S MESSengers: Wrightsville, GA

(Mount Olive), June 1 (a.m.); Warner Robbins, GA, June 1 (p.m.); Monroeville, AL (Beulah Camp), June 12-22; Wadsworth, OH (Sharon Camp Meeting), June 26—July 6

FADER, WES & MARY: Asheboro, NC (First), June 13-15; Shortgap, WV (Independent Mount Zion Church), June 29

FISHER, C. WILLIAM: Reserved, June 1-30

FRANK, RICHARD A.: Caribbean Project, June 4-30

FREELAND, RONALD E.: Sullivan, IN, June 3-8; Leipsic, OH, June 10-15; Bloomington, IN, June 17-22

FREY, THE DONALD FREY FAMILY: Chesaning, MI (Brady Center Wesleyan), June 8-15; Jackson, MI (Church of God), June 22; Henderson, MI (Chapin United Methodist), June 29

GARDNER, JOHN M.: Lakeland, FL (Work and Witness Crusade), June 8-13

GAWTHORP, WAYLAND W.: Berry, AL, June 3-8; New Ringgold, PA (Auburn Union Camp Meeting), June 27—July 6

GINTER, TIMOTHY E.: Esther, MO (Esther-Flat River), June 3-8; Farmington, MO, June 10-15

GREEN, JIM & ROSEMARY: Dubuque, IA (First), June 4-8; Billings, MT (Rocky Mountain District Camp), June 11-15; Mount Vernon, OH (North Central Ohio District Camp), June 18-22; Peoria, IL (Northwest Illinois District Camp), June 27—July 6

GROVES, C. WILLIAM: Coal Grove, OH, June 3-8; Reserved, June 24-29

HAINES, GARY W.: Flint, MI (West), June 7-11; Ortonville, MI (Lake Louise), June 12-15; Mount Vernon, OH (North Central Ohio District Camp), June 18-22; Kenner, LA (First), June 28—July 2

HAYNES, CHARLES & MYRT: Fairbury, IL, June 3-8

HELMS, MIKE & GLORIA: Muncie, IN (Forest Park), June 3-8; Pottersville, MI, June 10-15; Oscoda, MI, June 17-22; Dale, IN, June 24-29

HENDERSON, LATTIE V.: Barnesville, OH (Church of God), June 2-15; Quaker City, OH (Methodist), June 16-22

HOWARD, RICHARD E.: Caribbean Project, June 4-30

HUBBARD, JEFFIE A.: Reserved, June 3-8; Lake Charles, LA (College Park), June 11-15; Killeen, TX (First), June 18-22

JACKSON, PAUL & TRISH: Decatur, IL (Peoples Church of God), June 8 (p.m.); Reserved, June 16-22; European Tour, June 23-30

JAMES, RANDY & MARY JANE: Griggsville, IL, June 3-8; Fairview Heights, IL (First), June 10-15; Owosso, MI, June 23-29

JEFFRIES, JEFF & JAN: Placentia, CA (Concert, a.m.), June 1; Sunland, CA (Sun Valley; Concert, p.m.), June 1; Oxnard, CA, June 8; Spokane, WA (Bethel; Concert, a.m.), June 15; Spokane, WA (Valley; Concert, p.m.), June 15; Canadian Concert Tour, June 22-30

JOHNSON, BOB R.: Reserved, June 1-15

JOHNSON, RON: Western Washington Concert Tour, June 1-4; Western British Columbia Concert Tour, June 8-15; Central California Concert Tour, June 22-29

JONES, TERRY & LAQUITA: Greentree, AR, June 8; Conway, AR (North Arkansas Camp Meeting), June 9-13; Des Moines, IA (Iowa District Youth Camp), June 16-20; Des Moines, IA (Southside), June 22; Valparaiso, IN (Youth Camp), June 23-27; New Castle, IN (Westview), June 29

JUSTICE, MEL & DONNA: Toledo, OH (Chapman Memorial), June 10-15; Columbus, OH (Whitehall), June 17-22; Marion, IN (First), June 24-29

KEENA, EARL E.: Reserved, June 10-15

KNIGHT, JOHN L.: Reserved, June 3-8; Oneonta, AL (Union Hill), June 10-15; Troup, TX (Martins Chapel), June 17-22

KOHR, CHARLES A.: Seneca Falls, NY, June 3-8

KRATZER, RAYMOND C.: Naches, WA, June 1; Prospect, OR, June 17-22

LAWSON, WAYNE T.: Baldwin Park, CA, June 8-15

LAXSON, WALLY & GINGER: Nashville, TN (Tennessee District Camp), June 8-15; Lubbock, TX (West Texas District Camp), June 16-22; Jamestown, ND (Dakota District Camp), June 24-29

LECKRONE, LARRY D.: Reserved, June 10-15; Louisville, OH, June 16-20; Reserved, June 23-29

LEPTER, DOUGLAS & SAMUELLEA: Wickes, AR (First), June 3-8; Barberton, OH (First), June 16-22; Strongsville, OH (Sharon Center Holiness Camp), June 26—July 6

LIDDELL, P. L.: Dubuque, IA, June 3-8; Chesterton, IN, June 10-15; Plainfield, IN (Trinity), June 17-22

LOETSCHER, O'NEAL & LINDA: Reserved, June 3-8

MANER, ROBERT E., JR.: Mobile, AL (First), June 3-8

MANLEY, STEPHEN L.: Kirksville, MO, June 8-11; East Jordan, MI (Boyne City Holiness Camp), June 13-22; Springfield, IL (Illinois District Camp), June 23-29; Columbia, SC (South Carolina District Camp), June 30—July 6

MATTER, DANIEL W., SR.: Winchester, IN, June 2-8; Elkton, MI (United City-Wide Crusade), June 16-22

McFERRIN, RICK & LANETTE: Montpelier, IN (First Baptist Church), June 3-8; Marion, IN (Park Lynn), June 10-15; Buckhannon, WV, June 17-22; Frank, WV, June 24-29; Reserved, June 30—July 6

MICKEY, ROBERT O.: Cache, OK (North American Indian District), June 15-22

MILLER, WALLY & CARROLL: Heppner, OR, June 4-8; Silverton, OR, June 10-15

MILLHUFF, CHARLES R.: New York, NY (Manhattan), June 4-8; Billings, MT (Rocky Mountain District Camp), June 11-15; Des Moines, IA (Retreat for Singles), June 20-22; Springfield, IL (Illinois District Camp), June 23-29

MILLS, CARLTON A.: Independence, MO (First), June 8 (a.m.); Eldon, MO, June 8 (p.m.); Cuba, IL, June 13-15; Decatur, IL (First), June 18; Reading, PA (SAM Meeting, Washington, D.C. District), June 20; Springfield, IL (South Side), June 22 (a.m.); Decatur, IL (Trinity), June 22 (p.m.); Bloomington, IN (First), June 29 (a.m.); Huntington, IN (First), June 29 (p.m.)

MOORE, NORMAN L.: Fallbrook, CA (Church Planting), June 1—August 31

MORLEY, FRANK W.: Reserved, June 1-9, 17-22

MOSS, UDELL G.: Camdenton, MO, June 3-8; Reserved, June 9-30

MULLEN, DEVERNE: London, Ont. (First), June 7-8; Stouffville, Ont. (Missionary Church), June 15

MUNCIE, ROBERT & JANE: Rome, NY, June 3-8; Rochester, NY (Calvary), June 15-18; Rochester, NY (Immanuel), June 22

MURPHY, MARK N.: Eastern Michigan Concert Tour, June 4; Mount Clemens, MI (Chesterfield), June 7-11; Reserved, June 16-22; Richardson, TX (Dallas District Center), June 24-29

MYERS, HAROLD L.: Alanson, MI (Lakeview), June 3-8; Sault Ste. Marie, MI, June 10-15; Pickford, MI, June 17-22

NAJARIAN, BERGE & DORIS: Youngstown, OH (First), June 6-8; Reserved, June 10-15

NEFF, LARRY & PAT: Caro, MI (Caro Interdenominational Camp), June 15-22; Hanover, PA (Evangelical Christian Camp), June 28—July 6

OLIVER, L. S.: Mexico City, Mexico (Nazarene Theological Seminary), June 1-30

OVERTON, WILLIAM D.: Northwest Indian Reservation Crusades, June 1—August 30

PAGE, MARK: Chillicothe, OH (Church of Christ in Christian Union), June 3-8; Pilot, VA (Cedar Springs Union Church), June 10-15; Grove City, OH, June 20-22; Salem, VA (Mason Cove Chapel), June 26-29

PASSMORE EVANGELISTIC TEAM: Easton, MD, June 3-8; Schuykill Haven, PA (Cressona Holiness Camp), June 16-22; Seneca, PA (United Brethren District Camp), June 27—July 6

PERDUE, NELSON S.: Tennessee District Camp, June 8-15; East Tennessee District Camp, June 16-22; Iowa State Holiness Camp, June 26—July 6

PFEIFER, DON, EVANGELISTIC TEAM: Spartanburg, SC (Free-Will Baptist), June 6; Greenville, SC (WGGG-TV 16), June 7; Jackson, MS (Mississippi District Camp), June 9-15; Roan Mountain, TN (Holiness Church Camp Meeting), June 23-29

PIERCE, BOYCE D.: Urbana, IL (Faith), June 3-8

PRICE, JOHN H.: Columbia, MO (First), June 3-8; Knobel, AR, June 17-22

RICHARDS, LARRY & PHYLLIS: Indianapolis, IN (Clermont), June 20; Indianapolis, IN (Clermont), June 29

ROBINSON, TED L.: Wray, CO, June 3-8; East Palestine, OH, June 10-15

ROTH, RONALD W.: Rand, WV (First), June 3-8

SEMRAN, KIM: Newton, IA, June 3-8

SMITH, HAROLD & ORPHA: Reading, MI, June 23-29

SMITH, JR., OTTIS & MARGUERITE: Concert Tour in Pennsylvania/Ohio, June 1-29

SMITH, DUANE: Sharpsville, PA, June 3-8; Sligo, PA, June 10-15; Imperial, PA, June 17-22; Calcutta, OH, June 24-29

STANFORTH, KENNETH: San Bernardino, CA (Southern California District Camp), June 22-28

STARK, EDDIE G.: Springfield, MO (First), June 2-8; Des Moines, IA (First), June 9-13; Ottumwa, IA (Trinity), June 16-22; Tulsa, OK (First), June 25-29

STEVENSON, GEORGE E.: Fort Washington, MD (Washington Trinity), June 3-8; Reserved, June 10-15, 17-22, 24-29

STREET, A. DAVID: Bedford, IN (Boys/Girls' Camp), June 23-27

STRICKLAND, RICHARD L.: Oklahoma City, OK (Southwest Oklahoma Camp), June 3-8

SWANSON, ROBERT L.: Kentucky District Boys/Girls' Camp, June 23-27

TAYLOR, MENDELL L.: Kingston, NY, June 8-13; Flint, MI (Central), June 27-29

TAYLOR, ROBERT W.: Wurtland, KY, June 8; Fairmont, WV (Central), June 10-15; Southwestern Ohio District Camp, June 16-22; Reserved, June 24-29; Alabama North/South District Camp, June 30—July 6

TOOLEY, JAMES: Freeman, SD (Missionary Church), June 2-8; Absarokee, MT (Evangelical), June 22-27

WALKER, BRIAN & DEBI: Sumner, WA (Bonney Lake), June 29

WALKER, LAWRENCE C.: West Bend, WI, June 3-8

WELLS, LINARD O.: Edgewood, TX, June 10-15

WILLIAMS, LAWRENCE Z.: Watonga, OK, June 2-8

WOOTEN, D. J.: Keymar, MD (Evangelical Christian Church Camp), June 17-22

WRIGHT, E. GUY: Bethlehem, PA (Christian Fellowship Church), June 3-8; Graffon, WV (Parkview), June 10-15; Athens, WV, June 17-22; Stuart, VA (Five Forks Wesleyan), June 24-29

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Friday —Jan. 23—Arrive Miami 8 A.M. Expect to clear customs at 11 A.M.

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The A Cappella Choir from Canadian Nazarene College recently visited Edinburgh, Scotland, for a day during their tour of the British Isles North and South Districts. The choir is pictured in front of the Edinburgh Castle entrance.

OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES

FIRST COMMENCEMENT FOR APNTS

The first commencement service for Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary was held in Metro Manila, Philippines, April 6. Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent in jurisdiction, was the featured speaker for the event.

Dr. E. LeBron Fairbanks, APNTS president, conferred degrees on four students from the Philippines, India, and Korea. They are: Rev. Clemente Haban, who will continue as pastor of Manila First Church; Miss Carolina Binavince, who has joined the staff of the Antipolo, Philippines, church as full-time education director; Mr. Kim Soung Gon, who has joined the faculty of the Sungkyul Theological College, Kyunggi-do, Korea; and Rev. Jayaraj Krishnan, who has been accepted into the doctor of ministry degree program at the Baptist Seminary in Baguio City, Philippines.

APNTS is one of two graduate-level schools in the denomination, the other being Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. APNTS will begin its new academic year in mid-July with an anticipated enrollment of 60 students from the Philippines, Korea, India, Japan, Taiwan, New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, and Zimbabwe.

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REV. VELEZ REPORTS RECOVERY OF SIGHT

Rev. Mario Velez, who worked in Publications Services for almost 10 years, reports that recent laser surgery and medication has brought almost total recovery to his sight. Rev. Velez had been totally incapacitated because of a hemorrhage in his retina. His doctor in San Antonio says he knows of only one other case where recovery has been so nearly complete.

Rev. Velez moved to San Antonio nine years ago to teach at the seminary for Mexican students. There he taught 18 subjects and also served as administrator of student work activities and the library.

He and his wife, Lou Ann, continue to make their home in San Antonio. Rev. Velez has been teaching some at the new Nazarene seminary in Mexico City.

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weekend of April 19-20. The major events April 19 included Awards Chapel, the Alumni Association Luncheon and Business Meeting, Commencement Banquet, and the Music Division Concert in the auditorium in the evening.

Sunday, April 20, the Baccalaureate Service was held 11 A.M. in the Fort Gary Church of the Nazarene; Commencement at 3 P.M. in the church; and a buffet luncheon in the college dining room was provided, following Commencement, for all guests. The A Cappella Singers and College Chorale participated in the various events.

One of the special events of Commencement was the honoring of two outstanding Canadians.

Mr. Bob Rimington received the LL.D. (Doctor of Laws). He joined the nine others who have received this special recognition during the 65 years of CNC. Mr. Rimington has been actively involved in churches in Alberta for over 40 years. He has served on a number of Canada West district committees and was a member of the Board of Governors of CNC for 6 years. In addition, Mr. Rimington was a member of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene from 1980-84; a member of the Internationalization Committee



The A Cappella Singers of Canadian Nazarene College conducted a 10-day concert tour of Scotland and England during February. The 16-member choir is a select group of upper-classmen chosen from the members of the 40-voice college chorale. The choir presented eight concerts in Nazarene churches from London to Glasgow, and visited British Isles Nazarene College, an affiliate college of CNC. This was the first overseas choir tour for CNC, and all the funds for it were raised by the singers. The A Cappella Singers schedule also includes an appearance at EXPO '86 in Vancouver, B.C., May 6.

and was the first administrator of the Executive Board of the Church of the Nazarene in Canada. The Rimingtons live in Calgary and attend the Midnapore church.

Miss Dorothy Thomson was honored with an emeritus rank with the faculty. She was the commencement speaker. Dorothy grew up with the Church of the Nazarene in Canada—her father, Dr. Charles Thomson, being a pastor and then a district superintendent in

the West and the president of Canadian Nazarene College for many years. Miss Thomson graduated from CNC in 1941 with the Th.B. degree. She taught at CNC and at the short-lived Maritime Nazarene Bible College in Saint John, N.B., and was a librarian at Point Loma Nazarene College for a number of years. Dorothy is recognized for her publication *Vine of His Planting*, a history of CNC, and is currently developing the Canadian church archives. □

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included a 45 percent gain in church membership, an 88 percent gain in Sunday School attendance, and more than a 100 percent gain in funds raised for all purposes by the district. This was the second assembly of the newly created pioneer (phase I) district.

The Church of the Nazarene began work in Ecuador in 1975. There are now two districts and a pioneer area in Ecuador: Coastal (national mission/phase II); Sierra; and South (pioneer area). Rev. Bustle also serves as mission director for Ecuador. —NN

districts will be electing new superintendents this summer due to a number of retirements. —NN

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KNIGHT PRESIDES AT VENEZUELA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



Nazarenes from 10 of the 20 states in Venezuela gathered in March for the third Venezuela District Assembly, according to a report from Rev. William Porter, pioneer Nazarene missionary to that country. Dr. John A. Knight, general superintendent, presided.

The annual report shows 20 organized churches on the young district with 610 members. Concern among district pastors and laymen led to the creation of new congregations in nearby communities and 12 additional preaching points.

The Venezuela District was able to purchase property for a campground in 1985, as well as land in six areas for churches and parsonages to be built as soon as possible. Almost 100 students are enrolled in ministerial studies in the CENETA program (Education by Extension through the Nazarene seminary in Costa Rica). —NN

DR. STOWE PART OF HISTORIC ANNIVERSARIES



Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, recently presided at the Eastern Maharashtra, India, District Assembly, marking the 50th anniversary of the organization of that district by Dr. J. B. Chapman. The pastors reported receiving more than 500 by profession of faith for a 20 percent increase in membership.

While overseas, Dr. Stowe also participated in the 25th anniversary of the Middle European District. That district was organized by Dr. Jerald D. Johnson. Total membership on the district increased 10 percent in 1985.

The district assembly season in the United States began April 9 with the Hawaii Pacific District and will continue through September 6. Several

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

MICHIGAN—July 9-10. Indian Lake Nazarene Camp, 7926 Central St., Vicksburg, MI 49097. Host Pastor: George Whetstone. General Superintendent: Dr. Charles H. Strickland.

NORTH ARKANSAS—July 9-10. First Church of the Nazarene, Corner Faulkner and Scott Sts., Conway, AR 72032. Host Pastor: Lynn Casseday. General Superintendent: Dr. Jerald D. Johnson.

CHICAGO CENTRAL—July 11-12. Kankakee College Church of the Nazarene, 250 E. Olivet St., Bourbonnais, IL 60914. Host Pastor: John Bowling. General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

EASTERN MICHIGAN—July 11-12. Warren Woods Church, 14300 Thirteen Mile Rd., Warren, MI 48093. Host Pastor: James Mellich. General Superintendent: Dr. John A. Knight.

CENTRAL OHIO—July 16-17. Central Ohio District Campground, 2708 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH 43229. Host Pastor: Elbert R. Speckien. General Superintendent: Dr. William M. Greathouse.

ILLINOIS—July 16-17. First Church of the Nazarene, 5200 S. 6th St. Rd., Springfield, IL 62703. Host Pastor: James W. Palmer. General Superintendent: Dr. Jerald D. Johnson.

COLORADO—July 17-18. Denver First Church of the Nazarene, 3800 E. Hampden Ave., Englewood, CO 80110. Host Pastor: W. Donald Wellman. General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO—July 18-19. Towne Boulevard Church of God, 3722 Towne Blvd., Franklin, OH 45005. Host Pastor: Virgil Applegate. General Superintendent: Dr. Charles H. Strickland.

NAZARENE CAMP MEETINGS

CENTRAL OHIO—July 18-27. Central Ohio District Campground, 2708 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH 43229. Special workers: Gary Bond and Boyd Hancock, evangelists; Steve and Sue Caudill, song evangelists. J. Wilmer Lambert, district superintendent.

CANADA ATLANTIC—July 19-27. District Center, Big Lake Campground, Oxford, N.S. Special workers: John Cayton, evangelist; John Swindells, music evangelist. William E. Stewart, district superintendent.

EASTERN KENTUCKY—July 21-27. Mount Hope Camp (near Flemingsburg), Rte. 1, Box 242, Flemingsburg, KY 41041. Special workers: Wilbur Brannon and Howard Tripp, evangelists; L. Gene Cooks, singer. John W. May, district superintendent.

IOWA—July 21-27. Nazarene Campgrounds, 2251 Fuller Rd., West Des Moines, Iowa. Special workers: Stephen Manley and Dr. V. H. Lewis, evangelists; Bob and Becky Gray, singers. Forrest E. Whitlatch, district superintendent.

WASHINGTON—July 26—Aug. 3. North East Nazarene Center, North East, MD 21901. Special workers: Lenny Wisehart, Rob Staples, and Calvin Oyler. Roy E. Carnahan, district superintendent.

CANADA PACIFIC—July 27—Aug. 3. Camp Charis,

51935 Hack Brown Rd., R.R. 1, Rosedale, B.C. V0X 1X0. Special workers: Arnold Airhart, Wil Spaitte, and Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Alexander. Charles J. Muxworthy, district superintendent.

NORTHWESTERN OHIO—July 27—Aug. 3. District Center in St. Marys, Ohio (272 Jack Oak Rd., St. Marys, OH 45885). Special workers: Chuck Millhuff, Al Truesdale, Russell Lovett, and David and Dana Blue. M. V. Scutt, district superintendent.

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA—July 27—Aug. 3. District Center, 1794 S. 350 E., Marion, IN 46953. Special workers: Alex Deasley, Charles Higgins, and Mark Murphy. Bruce Taylor, district superintendent.

PITTSBURGH—July 27—Aug. 3. Mount Chestnut Nazarene District Center, 177 North Rd., Butler, PA 16001. Special workers: Talmadge Johnson, Ted Lee, and Bill and Terri Cobb. J. Roy Fuller, district superintendent.

INDIANAPOLIS—July 28—Aug. 3. District Campground Tabernacle, 1 mile west of Hwy. 67 on Camby Rd., P.O. Box 46, Camby, IN 46113. Special workers: J. C. Crabtree and Nelson Perdue, evangelists; Bill Crane, singer. John F. Hay, district superintendent.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—July 28—Aug. 3. Point Loma Nazarene College. Special workers: Stephen Manley, Paul Orjala, and Dan Steele.

OREGON PACIFIC—July 29—Aug. 3 (Southern Oregon). Rogue River State Park on I-5, Rogue River, Ore. Special workers: Darrell Dennis and family, Aug. 19-24 (Portland area). Jennings Lodge, Milwaukie, Ore. Special workers: Stephen Manley and Richard S. Taylor, evangelists; Bill Green, music. Gerald A. Manker, district superintendent.

KANSAS—July 30—Aug. 2, evenings: Sunday, Aug. 3, 5 P.M. First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 E. Kellogg, Wichita, KS 67211. Special workers: Dr. Charles H. Strickland, speaker; Gene Braun and Steve Adams, musicians. R. J. Cerrato, district superintendent.

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JOSEPH D. ATKINSON from Hollis, Okla., to Medina Valley, Devine, Tex.

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GERALD A. BOHALL from Benton, Ark., to European Military Coordinator, A.P.O., N.Y.

PHIL BOLERJACK from Newton, Kans., to Hays (Kans.) First

JOHN W. BRUCE from Coshocton (Ohio) First to St. Paul Madison Heights, Troy, Mich.

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GERALD K. CRAIG from Hays, Kans., to Port Huron (Mich.) North Hills

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B. G. (William) SNYDER to Springfield Maplewood, South Charleston, Ohio

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the 50th anniversary celebration of **Fort Wayne, Ind., Lake Avenue Church**, a "Summer of Celebration" will begin with a homecoming weekend, June 14-15. General Superintendent John A. Knight will speak in the morning service. The Speer family

will present a concert that evening. Former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend. Those not attending are encouraged to send letters of greeting. Other special events are planned throughout the summer, which will climax in revival September 21-24 with Chuck and Marge Higgins. For more information, write the church at 4100 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46815, or phone 219-426-4618.

Bartlesville, Okla., First Church will celebrate its 65th anniversary July 5-6. Special services and fellowship meetings are being planned. All former pastors, associates, members, and friends are invited. Rev. David Wilson is the pastor. For more information contact the church, 918-335-3211 or write to P.O. Box 1376, Bartlesville, OK 74005.

The **Wellington, Tex., church** will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding July 6. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend or send greetings.

Rev. Arnold Lidy, evangelist, will have the special music July 1-6 during revival and celebration time. For further information write Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 432, Wellington, TX 79095, or call 806-447-2010.

The **Laona, Wis., church** will celebrate its 50th anniversary Sunday, July 20. The day's events will begin at 10:30 A.M. and conclude following the anniversary service at 3:30 P.M. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend. Those unable to attend are asked to send letters of greeting for an anniversary scrapbook. For more information contact Rev. Samuel Byrd, pastor, at P.O. Box 66, Laona, WI 54541; phone 715-674-2335.

The **Linton, Ind., church** will celebrate its 40th anniversary July 27. Dr. B. G. Wiggs, district superintendent, will speak in the worship hour at 10:30. Rev. Tom Charles will be the speaker for the afternoon service at 2:30. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend. For further information please contact Pastor Paul E. Drake at 812-847-9816, or 420 N.W. 4th St., Linton, IN 47441.

The **Dodson, Tex., church** will celebrate its 80th anniversary August 3. All former members and friends are invited to attend. Special speaker will be Dr. Gene Fuller, superintendent of the West Texas District. The Royalheirs will provide music throughout the day, including a gospel concert on Sunday afternoon. Contact Pastor Al Mixon at 806-493-

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

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

MRS. ELIZABETH BARRS, 86, Mar. 25, Umatilla, Fla. Interment: Miami, Fla. Survivors: daughters Myrtice Chism, Louise Edwards, and Iva Blythe; 9 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 2 brothers.

ZELLA G. HARRISON, 98, Mar. 7, Whittier, Calif. Survivors: daughters Cassie Broussard, Jimmie Blanchette, Ima Faye Sickles, and Floy Thompson; sons H. R. (Bill) and Claude; 27 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; 2 sisters; and 1 brother.

REV. CHARLES A. HOOS, 79, Apr. 13, Burton, Mich. Survivors: wife Erma; daughters Margaret Porter, Erma Lemke, and Grace Ange; son Bob; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one brother. Ministry: the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and the Eastern Michigan District.

WALTER W. LINDER, 79, Dec. 30, Elizabethtown, Ky. Survivors: wife Helen; son Wayne; stepson Kenny Cundiff; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one sister.

MRS. LUCILLE SPARKS MONTGOMERY, of Chesterhill, Ohio, 65, Feb. 2, in Marietta, Ohio. Interment: Ashland, Ky. Survivors: husband Rev. John; sons Rev. Emmitt and David (Mike); daughters Mrs. Olen (Janice) Harvey and Mrs. Sterling (Nina) Crum; 17 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers; and 2 sisters.

DOROTHY J. MORRIS, 62, Apr. 27, Charleston, WVa. Interment: Dunbar, WVa. Survivors: husband Clyde; son Daniel Clyde; daughter Terry Lynn Vucelick; and three grandsons.

VESTA PURKHISER, 89, Apr. 15, Aurora, Mo. Survivors: sisters Alta King, Ida Jones, and Amy Gregory.

HAZEL M. WILLIAMS, 74, Apr. 14, Van Nuys, Calif. Survivors: husband Charles H.; son Wayne; daughters Shirley Williams, Marilyn Patterson, Donna Tolfson, Doris Neisler, and Dorothy Arms; eight grandchildren; and one sister.

BIRTHS

to JIM AND MARCIA (SCUDDAY) BRYANT, Long Beach, Calif., a girl, Lindsay Danielle, Apr. 4

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NEWS OF RELIGION

TUTU ELECTED FIRST BLACK TO HEAD SOUTH AFRICA'S ANGLICAN CHURCH. Bishop Desmond Tutu, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his antiapartheid activism, was elected April 14 as the first black to head the Anglican church in South Africa. Tutu, 54, was elected archbishop of Cape Town, making him the titular head of the South African Anglican church.

Tutu will assume his position as head of South Africa's fourth largest denomination on September 1, when the current archbishop retires. His new post is expected to give him an important forum for his advocacy of black rule in that racially divided nation.

"I am overwhelmed and deeply shattered by the enormous responsibility that has been placed on my shoulders by God," said Tutu, who now serves as bishop of Johannesburg. "My appointment is not a 'one-man band' about to explode on the scene, and it would be a very silly archbishop who ignored the advice of his counselors."

The Methodist church is South Africa's largest church, with some 12 million members. The 3.5-million-member Dutch Reformed church is next in size, followed by the Roman Catholic church with 2.4 million members. The Anglican church has 1.6 million members. Although 80 percent of the church's membership is black, there had never been a black archbishop. □

WOMEN SAY RELIGION IS IMPORTANT IN LIFE. Most women characterize themselves as religious, although many disagree with some aspects of their chosen faith, according to a survey of 25,000 readers conducted by *Glamour* magazine.

Almost 75 percent of the women describe themselves as religious. They say their faith is a source of inner strength (72 percent); provides perspective on what's important in life (70 percent); gives them moral and ethical guidance (64 percent); and offers spiritual peace (63 percent).

Disagreement with their church on certain issues was also expressed by women surveyed. Teachings on premarital sex were unpopular with 43 percent of women; 36 percent don't approve of their church's teaching on abortion and birth control; 25 percent disagree with their religion's stand on divorce.

More than half (54 percent) said they attend church or synagogue regularly. Belief in God was expressed by 83 percent; 72 percent believe in life after death; and 57 percent in a judgment day. Twelve percent had tried evangelism. □

SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY HIRING PRACTICES UPHELD. The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has upheld the hiring practices of this Free Methodist institution located in Seattle, which restricts employment to those who share its evangelical faith and mission.

This practice was questioned by the state Human Rights Commission. The FECC said that federal law permits a religious school to exercise a preference in hiring based on religion, even if the employee's work is not directly related to religious activities.

The ruling is the outcome of a suit brought by a woman who alleged she was not hired because she was not an evangelical Christian. □

MAINLINE CHURCHES DECLINE. A recent study shows that mainline denominations (Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, etc.) are becoming a minority in American Protestantism.

In 1902 mainline churches made up 76 percent of America's Protestant population, but by 1984 that figure had dropped to 53 percent, while evangelical, charismatic, and fundamentalist churches have increased.

Sociologists and church leaders believe the reason for this shift is aging membership in mainline churches, with relatively few young adults attending, and "the lack of a stirring message." □

to REV. STEVE AND PEGGY (DENNY) CECIL, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., a girl, Stephanie Michelle, Apr 12

to THOMAS AND CATHY (GUNN) DAVIS, Kirksville, Mo., a girl, Lindsey Nicole, Feb. 26

to VERNON AND ROBIN (HYPES) HICKS, Galagher, W.Va., a boy, Tristan Dale, Mar 19

to ROBERT AND COLLEEN JOHNSON, New Glasgow, N.S., a boy, Joshua David, Apr. 7

to KIM AND ROBIN KREIDER, Cincinnati, Ohio, a boy, Scott Edwin Douglas, Apr. 12

to DOUGLASS AND CATHERINE (DASCALOFF) LEATHERMAN, Lansdale, Pa., a boy, Steven Douglas, Apr 1

to MICHAEL R. AND DIANA (ORR) MORGAN, St. Louis, Mo., a girl, Angela Rae, Apr. 21

to DONALD AND LINDA (MELTESEN) MORTENSEN, Racine, Wis., a girl, Amy Alyssa, Mar. 12

to CARLIN AND BETH (TRAVIS) PARKER, Sebastian, Fla., a boy, Travis Ryan, Feb. 8

to TODD AND JOANNA (PARRY) TRAVIS, Pompano Beach, Fla., a boy, Kyle Jeffrey, Jan. 11

to REV. JEFF AND JOYCE (HARDY) WATTERS, Coshocton, Ohio, a boy, Jonathan Jeffrey Hardy, Mar 14

to ROGER AND MELINDA WILLIAMS, Little Rock, Ark., a boy, Paul Brandon, Mar. 31

to JEROLD AND DAWN WOLF, Wilcox, Ariz., a girl, Keri Dawn, Apr. 12

to HAROLD AND PATRICIA (BUSH) WOODS, Nichols, N.Y., a girl, Deanne Patricia, Feb. 26

to RONALD AND NANCY (HARRINGTON) WRIGHT, Grants Pass, Oreg., a girl, Alyssa Alice, Apr. 15

ADOPTIONS

by REV. ARLEN AND JEAN (WOLSTENHOLM) ANKLE, Atwood, Kans., two boys, David Aaron, born Nov. 24, 1982, and Christopher Ryan, born Nov. 14, 1984, both adopted Apr. 21

ANNIVERSARIES

REV. HARRY B. AND GENEVIEVE HALL of Sharpville, Pa., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Halls have served the church for over 50 years.

They have pastored churches in Woodsfield, Ohio; Carthage and Brocton in New York; and are active in the Hubbard, Ohio, church.

The Halls have three daughters and six grandchildren.

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THE ANSWER CORNER

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

What do you think of a local church charging money for a CLT class or a film seminar? Doesn't this put the church in the category of a profit-making organization? Also, does not this make it difficult for many people to attend and get needed help, especially when these things are on prayer meeting night?

I don't think any of our churches will ever show a financial profit! Some way of covering the cost of such activities as you mention is necessary. We do need to be careful, however, to keep such courses and seminars open to all who need and want them, either by offerings, or "scholarships," or some other means by which those who have may secure these privileges for those who have not. On prayer meeting night some may not want the seminar or CLT class that is being offered. Alternative activities should be provided for them. □

I have been visiting a Nazarene church after having attended another denomination for years. I was told in Sunday School that the New Testament has many errors in it.

Is this the belief of most Nazarenes or is it just the belief of this one particular teacher?

Our Articles of Faith affirm the inspiration and infallibility of the Bible.

The New Testament was first written in Greek. Hundreds of Greek manuscripts exist, but the original documents are not extant. What we have are copies, indeed, copies of copies.

For centuries the copying was done by hand, a painstaking and laborious task. In the process copyists would make mistakes. As a result, the hundreds of manuscripts that exist contain many variations. Scholars have collated and compared these manuscripts, noting the variant readings.

They have concluded that (1) no variant affects any Christian belief or practice, and (2) our Greek New Testament is better attested than any ancient literature. It can be accepted and used in confidence as "The Word of God in the words of men."

A fellow looking for errors in Scripture would be better employed by taking out a license to hunt dragons in a city park. He wouldn't get any more game for his efforts, but he would do himself less harm. □

Are women allowed as licensed ministers, pastors, or assistant pastors in the Church of the Nazarene? What is the position of the church on women and their place or role in the church?

Yes. From its beginning the Church of the Nazarene has been served by women pastors, evangelists, and teachers, some of them ordained elders, others of them licensed ministers. So far as the constitution and rules of the church are concerned, all its offices are open to men and women. □

Does Matthew 10:28 mean that man's soul dies in hell?

No.

The verse reads, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

The word translated "destroy" (*apolesai*), does not refer to the extinction of being but of well-being. The same verb is used in other New Testament passages of split wineskins, lost sheep, and spoiled food (Luke 5:37; 15:6; John 6:27). Here it refers to the loss of all that makes human existence desirable and rewarding.

The thought expressed by Jesus in Matthew 10:28 is found in earlier Jewish writings. Fourth Maccabees 13:14 says, "Let us not fear him who thinks to kill the body; for great is the danger to the soul, consisting in eternal torment to those who transgress the commandment of God." Martyrdom is preferable to Gehenna, momentary pain to eternal misery. □

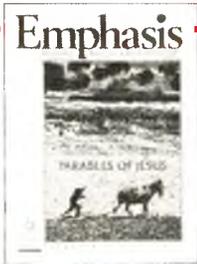
THE CHURCH SCENE



Tulsa Central Church of the Nazarene sustained wind damage late Sunday evening, April 13. What was labeled as a "strange tornado" blew out large windows and surrounding framing in the vestibule. Some ductwork and ceilings around the building were also damaged. No one was injured, the storm striking around 11 P.M. Damage estimates have been placed at between \$100,000 and \$200,000. □



The Cambodian youth choir, directed by Daravuth On, sings for the congregation during the joint worship service. On regular Sundays, the Cambodian church meets simultaneously but separately from the English-speaking service. Some Sunday School children are integrated.



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As the congregation sings "alleluia" following the baptismal service, many lift their hands in praise to God.



Pastor Manning greets new members (from left) Bun Song Rorth, Savy Sok, Roeun Seng, Bunsoeuth Rorth, Saroun Mom, and Heng Chhay, following a laying-on-of-hands and prayer that they would be "sensitive and obedient to the Spirit's direction and power."

MINNEAPOLIS FIRST ORGANIZES CAMBODIANS IN MULTICONGREGATION MINISTRY

Pastor Rodger Manning, Minneapolis First Church, baptized 34 Cambodians March 2, 1986, bringing the total number of Cambodians baptized into faith in Jesus Christ to 51 this year,

according to Bruce Millard, ethnic ministries director.

March 9, 1986, a board of elders representing the new Cambodian congregation were taken into membership. Pastor Manning charged them with the care of this part of the Body of Christ. Approximately 300 attended the combined Anglo/Cambodian celebration.

Bun Song Rorth, whom Manning says has an unusual grasp and understanding of Scripture, is the teaching/preaching elder for the Cambodian congregation. Rorth has been with First Church for two years. He meets regularly with Pastor Manning to work on qualifications for his local minister's license.

Bruce and Judy Millard, codirectors of the Cambodian work, helped their church cosponsor some 30 families in 1985 alone. Recent attendance in the Cambodian congregation has been 110 and 120.

The influx of Cambodians into Minneapolis First Church began when a Cambodian couple moved next door to one of their member families, Bill and Wilma Swanson. Two years later the church was averaging 35 to 40 Cam-



On Easter Sunday the Flagstaff, Ariz., church, using a large backdrop painted by church member Bob Martin to resemble Leonardo da Vinci's painting, presented three scenes from the Upper Room: (1) the Last Supper; (2) the Day of Resurrection, when Jesus appeared to the fearful disciples; and (3) the Day of Pentecost. Appropriate choral selections highlighted the drama, written and directed by Fairy Hawthorne. Church members played the part of the disciples and others of Jesus' followers in this annual event.



Dr. James Blankenship, district superintendent, and Rev. Denny Baylor, pastor, led the dedication services for the new Phase I building of the Temple, Tex., Grace Church, Sunday, March 2. The new building is a multipurpose facility using stackable chairs in the worship center, which will seat 150. It will be the fellowship hall when Phase II is completed. The 5,060 sq. ft. building includes six classrooms, a well-equipped nursery, ladies' and men's rest rooms, a modern kitchen and parlor, and two offices. It was built at a cost of \$135,000 and has an indebtedness of \$100,000. The builder was Cliff Hoerling, a member of the South Austin Church of the Nazarene. There were 136 present for the dedication service. Rev. Denny Baylor has been pastor since May 1983.

bodians each Sunday. An Ethnic Ministry was inaugurated, with Bruce and Judy as cochairpersons. Pastor Manning refers to them as "missionaries in residence." They minister extensively to the needs of the Cambodian community, including personal sponsorship. Judy particularly devotes her time to this ministry since she is not gainfully employed.

Many needs of Cambodians not in the church constituency are referred to the Millards by friends, or by World Relief and other refugee agencies. This not only gives them consistent out-

reach and growth opportunities but also has prompted the group known as "Cambodian Christian Community" to initiate a mutual aid association in Minnesota State, Millard says.

A small office was set up the first of January. Since then they have addressed more than 200 concerns for various individuals and groups, including welfare and school situations and moving families. Minneapolis First, Rochester, and North St. Paul Churches of the Nazarene are jointly involved in the aid program with several other evangelical churches in

the area. The Millards serve as advisers but, they say, final decisions are made by the Cambodians. □



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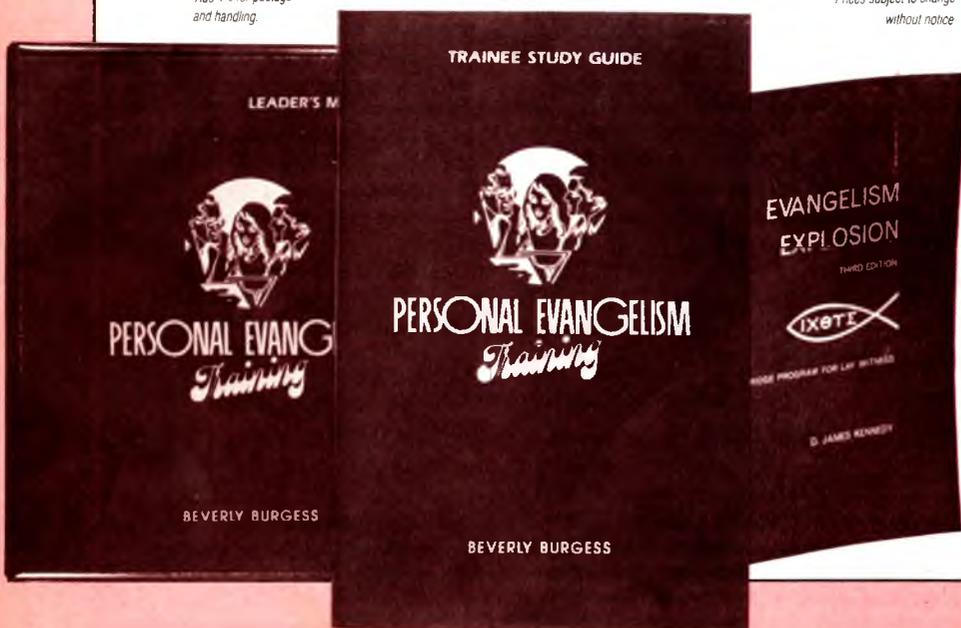
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HALL ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



Rev. B. Maurice Hall, 58, senior pastor of Santa Ana, Calif., First Church, was elected superintendent of the Southern California District on the ninth ballot by the Southern California district assembly, May 9. He replaces Dr. Robert Scott who resigned the post to become World Mission Division director at Nazarene headquarters.

Rev. Hall has served at Santa Ana First since 1975 when he succeeded Dr. Robert Scott as pastor. He began service as a missionary to Central Africa in June 1956, being transferred to Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) in 1963. He served as a missionary until 1975.

A native of Bethany, Okla., Rev. Hall holds the A.B. from Pasadena College. He also attended Nazarene Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Gerre, have two children, Tamara Ann and Timothy Maurice. □

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NASH ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT OF NORTH FLORIDA



Dr. Edmond P. Nash, 41, executive assistant to the president for Development and Church Relations at Trevecca Nazarene College, has been elected superintendent of the North Florida District. His election came on the seventh ballot by the North Florida district assembly, May 8. He accepted the call after flying to Gainesville from his home in Nashville, May 9.

Dr. Nash has served on the staff at TNC since 1982. Prior to this he pastored Nashville College Church for eight years and served congregations at Denver Westminster and Kingston, Mo.

A graduate of Olivet Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary, he holds the doctor of ministry from Vanderbilt University. He was ordained in 1971 on the Kansas City District. On the Tennessee District, he has served as district secretary, district CL/SS chairman, and as a member of the TNC Board of Trustees where he served on the Executive Committee.

He and his wife, Judy (nee Good-

man), have two daughters, Erin and Edie. He is the son of retired Chicago Central District Superintendent Forrest W. Nash.

Dr. Nash was elected to the post being vacated by Dr. J. T. Gassett, who retired at this assembly. Dr. Gassett was appointed superintendent of the district in 1973. Prior to this, he served superintendencies in Upstate New York (1968-73) and Northwest Oklahoma (1952-64). From 1964 to 1968 he was director of Wills and Annuities at Nazarene headquarters in Kansas City.

Dr. Gassett is a graduate of Bresee College in Hutchinson and holds the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Bethany Nazarene College. He pastored churches in Kansas and Oklahoma prior to entering the superintendency. He and his wife, Bernadine, have two daughters, Sherryl Gordon and Linda McGinley. □

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HAGGARD ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT OF PHILADELPHIA



Rev. Talmage N. Haggard was elected superintendent of the Philadelphia District by the district assembly on the third ballot, April 30. He replaces Dr. Paul D. Mangum, who retired as district superintendent at the assembly.

Rev. Haggard, who accepted the call, has served as the finance officer and home missions coordinator for the district since 1982. He served as a pastor and evangelist on the Indianapolis District from 1960 until 1973. From 1974 to 1980 he was associate pastor and minister of administration at Indianapolis Westside Church. He pastored Trenton, N.J., First Church until he was called to his position in the Philadelphia District office.

Rev. Haggard was ordained in 1962 on the Indianapolis District. He has served on various district boards and was Indianapolis District secretary from 1971 to 1978. He served as president of the Westside Christian Retirement Center during the planning and development of the \$13.2 million retirement project sponsored by Indianapolis Westside Church.

He and his wife, Esther, have two children, Matthew and Becky.

Dr. Mangum served as superintendent of the Philadelphia District since being appointed by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe in 1972. Ordained in 1944, Dr. Mangum is a graduate of Northwest Nazarene College and holds the M.A. from Pasadena College. He was

awarded the doctor of divinity degree by Eastern Nazarene College. Prior to his service as superintendent, he pastored churches in Oregon, Idaho, Texas, and California.

He and his wife, Geraldine, have three children: Anne DeCloss of Englewood, Colo; Dr. Paul D. Mangum, Jr., of Athens, Ga.; and Rev. Peter Mangum of Seattle. □

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PRAYER PARTNERS CONTINUE TO INCREASE

More than 8,500 Prayer Partner cards have been received by the Board of General Superintendents since the call to intercession was made last winter. The superintendents would like at least 10,000 Nazarenes around the world to sign the cards that commit persons to pray daily for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit in genuine revival, for a renewed commitment to Christ and His Great Commission, and for a worldwide harvest of souls and New Testament church growth.

The December 1 and 15, 1985, editions of the *Herald of Holiness* contained the cards, which persons could sign and return, pledging their prayerful support of the denomination in its mission to serve others. Cards have been duplicated and some churches and districts have sent lists of persons who have pledged themselves to daily intercession.

Each member of the Board of General Superintendents has signed a card and has committed himself to daily intercession.

Cards continue to be available from the General Superintendents' Office at headquarters. □

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Church planting in 1986 is at a near-record pace, according to Rev. Michael Ray Estep, Church Extension Ministries director.

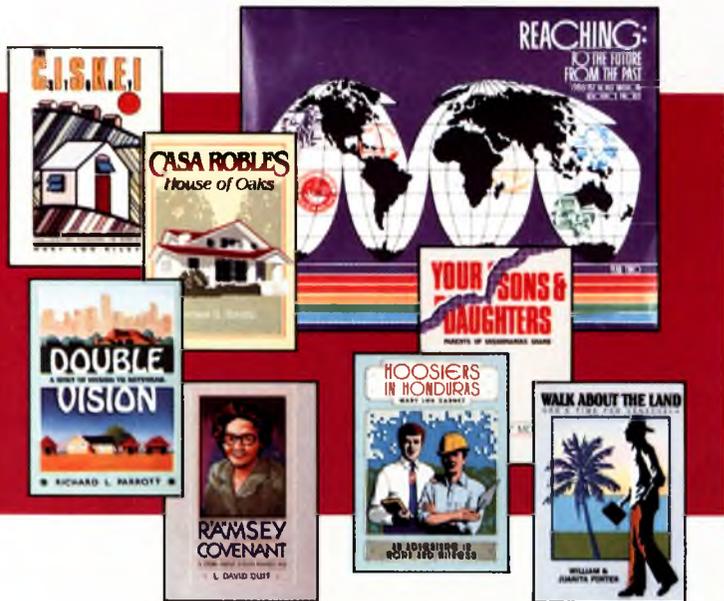
Twenty-two churches had been planted as of April 31, the highest start in new church plantings since 1964. Rev. Estep attributes the growth to the denominational emphasis on new church planting during the past decade. □

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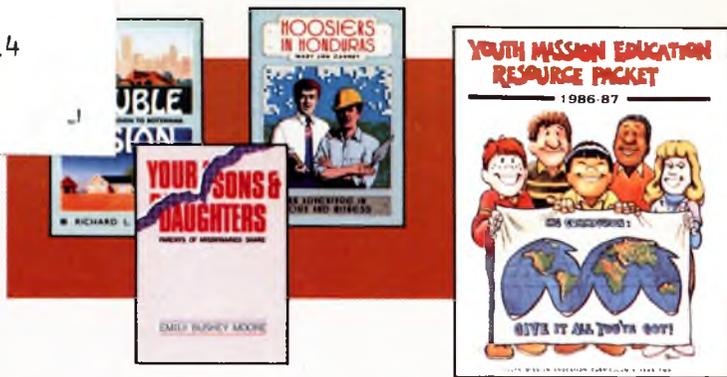
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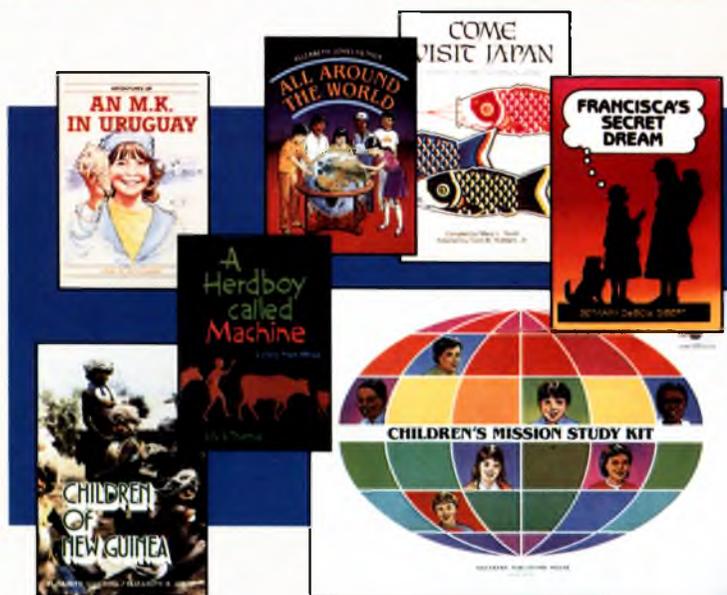
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