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NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NAZARENE Theological Seminary is the church's graduate school for the training of young people called of God into the Christian ministry and into missionary service. Here we have dedicated and qualified professors who are pouring out their lives in teaching and training young men and women. Here we have a host of students preparing in answer to God's call upon their lives.

The apostle Paul declares, "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). The same apostle wrote to young Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

These words of admonition and instruction apply to all Christians but especially to those called of God into the ministry. God has a pattern, a blueprint, for every redeemed soul. It is for all of us to find and discover God's will and prepare, plan, and build our lives according to that pattern.

Our students at Nazarene Theological Seminary have found God's purpose and claim for their lives and are now in preparation, answering that call. The acme of living is for each of us to find God's plan, follow it, and then finish that plan for our lives. Jesus, toward the close of His life, said, "I have finished the work which

thou gavest me to do" (John 17:4).

Since seminary is our graduate school for the training of a great part of our men and women entering the ministry, we should support it with our prayers and finances. Dr. T. C. (Jack) Sanders and his administrative associates are providing excellent leadership to this institution.

Since its inception a good company of graduates have gone out to pastor our churches, serve as missionaries around the world, be evangelists, teachers, district superintendents, and serve as leaders in the General Church Headquarters.

We thank God for the influence of our seminary and pray that it will continue to give us preachers with clear intellect, Holy Spirit baptized and energized souls whose hearts are aflame with holy love and zeal for lost souls.

It was first in the heart and mind of General Superintendent Dr. J. B. Chapman for the church to have such a graduate theological school. Dr. Chapman has been with our Lord for many years now.

The story is told of the architect who planned the Brooklyn Bridge. During its construction he

was seriously ill for many long months, confined to his bed and unable to supervise the building project. Finally, the bridge was completed. Then the injured architect asked to see it.

They put him on a cot and carried him out to see the bridge. They placed him where he could see the structure which he had dreamed in his dreams and worked out in his plans and specifications. He carefully scrutinized it, observing every detail and seeing it exactly as he had purposed it. Then in an ecstasy of delight he cried out, "It's just like the plan; it's just like the plan."

Of course, we do not know all that Dr. Chapman envisioned for our seminary and what its full purpose might be. But we know that it has fulfilled, and still fulfills, an important role in the lives of our youth called of God to preach and serve, and, therefore, it fulfills an important place in the ongoing life of the church.

We thank God for the vision which brought Nazarene Theological Seminary into being. Today it is our chief source for trained and prepared ministers and Christian workers. The seminary deserves our best support in this year's offering. □

A HOST OF STUDENTS PREPARE HERE IN ANSWER TO GOD'S CALL UPON THEIR LIVES



by General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins

HE CALLED IT a responsibility. And he used another word, "tremendous"—or did he say "awesome"? Whatever the adjective, the young man communicated his feeling of responsibility in preparing for the pastoral ministry. He was one of several students from Nazarene Theological Seminary attending a Sunday evening church service.

There was a genuine moving of the Holy Spirit upon the congregation. Many young people were getting up spontaneously to praise God and to declare their commitment to His will. This young minister was one of them.

I was glad to hear his expression of concern for his lifework. And we all rejoiced in the assurance for the future which came with the refreshing touch upon the service.

"The church in which I grew up used to have times like this." The thought was voiced more than once. And it was plain to see the same God is still at work today blessing His people.

These seminary students, training to function in a complex world, committed to dependence upon God's power for effectiveness, strengthen my faith for the future of our church.

Many of us have invested our lives in the church—well, in Christ's kingdom *through* the church. Now we still see the spirit of the pioneer in many of these preparing to take on tomorrow's challenge. And they are an inspiration.

Sometimes a probe beneath the cheerful surface reveals the determined commitment to finish the course regardless of obstacles. One young lady, face

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aglow with a vision of her call, is studying in the field of Christian education. "I want to help the kind of home mission churches in which I grew up," she confided.

She is working hard to finance her graduate schooling. She had to drop out awhile to make it economically, but she is determined. And God will use her life and work.

One young family with whom I became well acquainted, lived with only the bare necessities. Both worked. Sometimes even food was scarce. She assured me that they always had bread. They made it through, and he graduated from seminary. Today they are pastoring a church.

Then there is the couple called to missionary work. Hours of dedicated study sandwiched between hard physical work will prepare them for the future.

Stories of these, today's pioneers, are as varied as the students themselves. They come from many areas and backgrounds. But they all have one basic goal—to minister to the spiritual needs of people in whatever capacity God and the church place them.

These are only a few. There are dozens, even hundreds of inspiring accounts which could be shared. God is at work through our seminary. I praise Him for dedicated professors, scholars who have given their lives to train the spiritual leaders of our church.

That is why I can say I have faith for tomorrow. There is no doubt of God's power. No matter the complexity of the world, He is the same "yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8).

And to see prepared young men and women who are abandoned to God's will, committed to be channels of His power, gives cause for rejoicing, and for faith for the future of the church. □



FAITH for the FUTURE

by MARY E. LATHAM



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KNOW ALL THE EDITORS

I have just read for the second time the *Herald* entitled "Everybody ought to know Jesus."

I am a retired minister 93 years old, saved in the Methodist church at age 16, sanctified and united with Chicago First Church of the Nazarene at the age of 25 in 1913, and called to preach one year later.

We have always had outstanding editors of the *Herald of Holiness*, and I rejoice that you are keeping up with their fine record. I have known all of them since 1913, and when Dr. B. F. Haynes was editor and also president of Olivet College, I was a student at Olivet and I took his editorials in

shorthand and transcribed them to be sent to Kansas City.

I hope that you will be able to put out a booklet that will contain this special message of the *Herald* that can be given by personal workers to those who are trying to win souls for Christ. It gives the full picture of our Lord's mission while here on earth, and I believe would lead many hearts to seek salvation.

*Rev. W. S. Purinton
Pompano Beach, Florida*

PLEA FOR PRAYER

For some time I've been wanting to share a heavy burden on my heart—the burden is the lack of prayer in so many of our Naza-

rene churches. Has prayer become obsolete as a whole? Can we substitute another service for Wednesday night prayer meeting? Do we not need to pray together like we used to do before we became so large and affluent??

Frankly, I'm puzzled as I've been in the church for 50 years and I remember when we went to Wednesday night prayer service at 7:30 p.m. and usually didn't expect to get out before 9:30 p.m. and on many beautiful occasions, when God broke in on the scene, it could be 10 or after and, strange to say, we children grew up and didn't suffer either physically or intellectually—God took

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PRAY FOR NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

IT WAS PAST one o'clock on Sunday afternoon and Joyce was still kneeling at the altar. She looked up through her tears and said, "I have tried to serve God so many times but my husband, Bill, objects, and makes life so difficult that I always turn back from my commitment and lose out spiritually."

The young pastor and his wife on the other side of the altar were in their first church and were very inexperienced. However, their reply was, "Joyce, give your heart to God today and we will join you in praying for Bill, believing that God will save him in our next revival." Joyce made her commitment to Christ and the young pastor and his wife took seriously their commitment to pray for Bill.

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The revival meeting was only a few weeks away and numerous seasons of earnest prayer were held in that parsonage, asking God to save Bill in this particular evangelistic campaign.

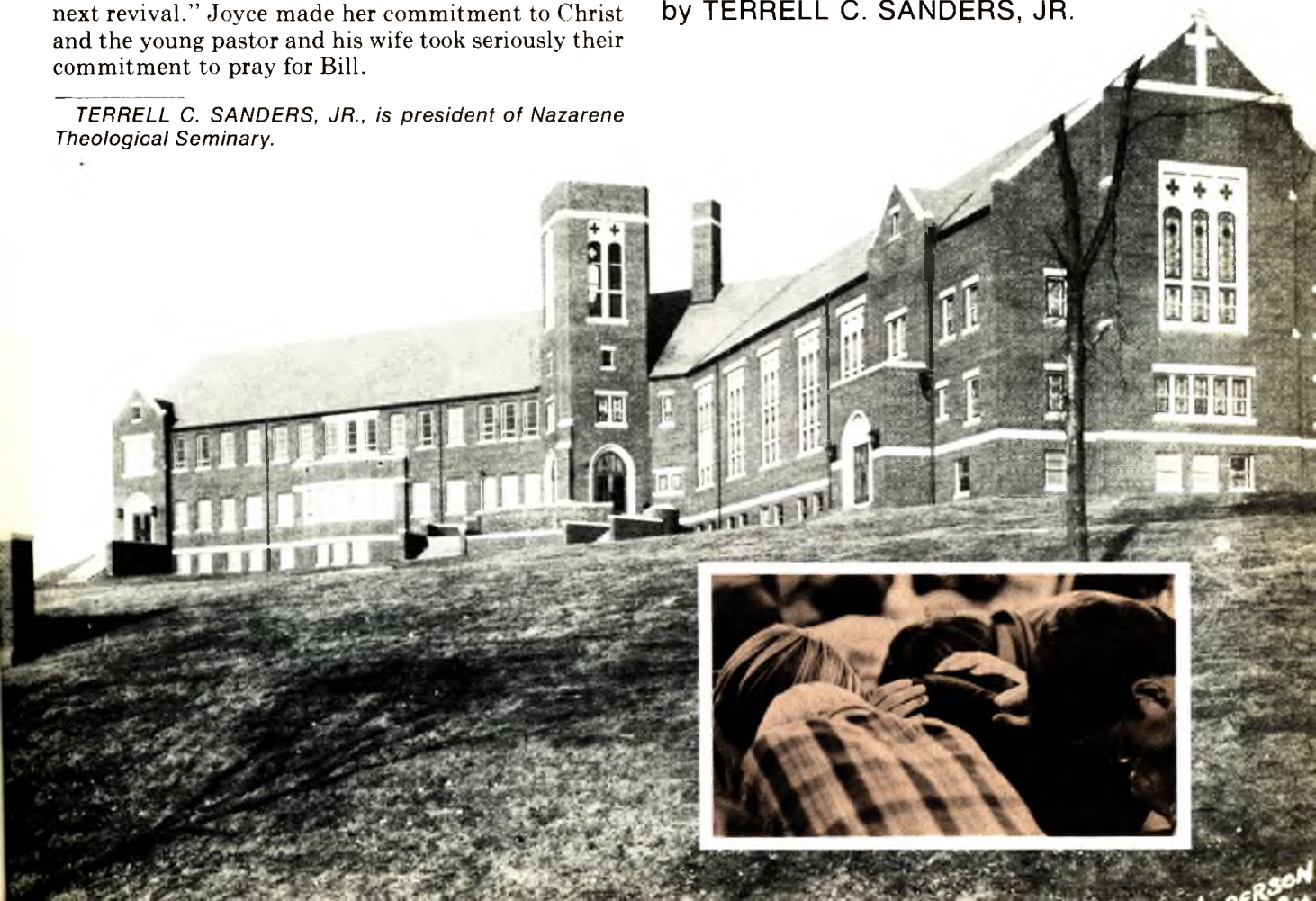
The last Sunday night of the revival, as the evangelist was giving the invitation, Bill stood grasping the back of the pew tightly. He would start to move forward, then hesitate. After several minutes of intense struggle, he ran to the altar, fell across it, repented of his sins, and received Christ as his Savior. This was the beginning of a new era in the life of Joyce and Bill and their three children. After these many years, he is now the pastor of a large church.

It was experiences such as this which taught me and my wife that great and wonderful things happen as a result of prevailing prayer. Jesus taught us by example and word to believe that God works in mighty ways in response to the believing prayers of His children. He said,

Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them (Mark 11:22-24).

Across the years as pastor and district superin-

by TERRELL C. SANDERS, JR.



PERSON

tendent, I saw God work in response to prayer. There were problems, financial needs, illnesses, and need for revival. All of them were taken to God in prayer and He responded by helping to find solutions to problems, by supplying needs much as He did for Elijah at the brook Cherith, by touching and healing bodies, and by sending spiritual renewal and revival.

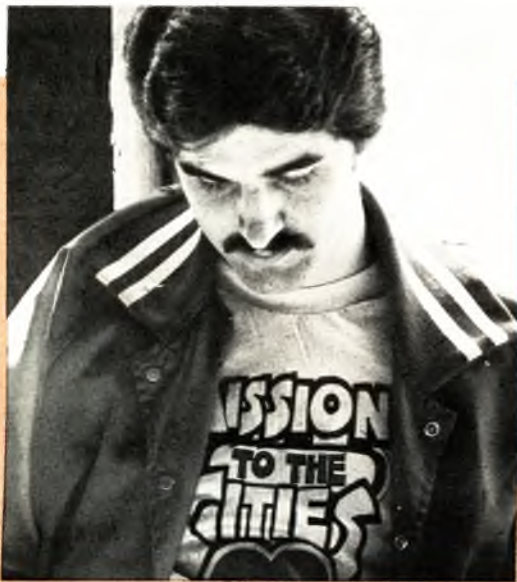
I have been impressed by the awareness of our need to pray at Nazarene Theological Seminary. There are a number of prayer groups, but I am especially impressed by the faculty prayer meeting which is held each Thursday morning in the faculty lounge. This is a time when we pray for one another, for our students, and for the church around the world.

January 31, 1982, has been designated as Seminary Sunday. In addition to being generous in your annual offering on this day, will you please join us in prayer for NTS? What an awesome responsibility is ours—to be charged with the graduate theological education for the Church of the Nazarene. We need and must have God's help in this tremendous task. Please pray

for the president, faculty, and staff. Our desire is not only to educate young people for a Christian holiness ministry, but to send them forth as Spirit-filled, Spirit-anointed ministers of the Word of God.

Pray for our students. Many of them come to seminary at great sacrifice. Many times they sell nice homes and give up good jobs to move to Kansas City. Here they often live in rented apartments and work at jobs with much lower pay. There are problems and needs which arise because of the demands of school, family, and job. However, God is helping them to cope in a marvelous manner with the stress of pursuing their education. God will continue to wonderfully help your seminary family as the people called Nazarenes around the world hold us up in prayer.

We need and must have a generous offering if we are to continue to function successfully. If every church will participate, we shall reach and exceed our goal of \$200,000. Please give generously, and don't forget to pray for us. □



Janet Anderson

THE BUILDERS

*In the dedicated halls of learning
In that building "on the hill,"
Students come to meet together,
Come to do God's holy will.*

*Each comes from a different background,
A different way of life and place,
But all of them have one thing common,
Each a trophy of God's grace.*

*They meet together, learning, mingling
With their friends, in one accord,
Working, studying, struggling, gaining
What they need to serve the Lord.*

*Like the carpenter of Nazareth,
Called to do the Father's will,
Are these men and women striving,
His special calling to fulfill.*

*When their studies are completed,
They'll go out, for souls to search,
With one aim and one assignment,
"Go now, called one, build My Church!"*

*Their tools are faith and hope and love,
Their blueprint is the Word of God,
The guidelines there direct and simple,
"Build My Kingdom, feed My flock."*

*We can be the builders' helpers,
Aiding them to reach each soul,
By giving of our prayers and money
So NTS can reach its goal—*

MORE BUILDERS!

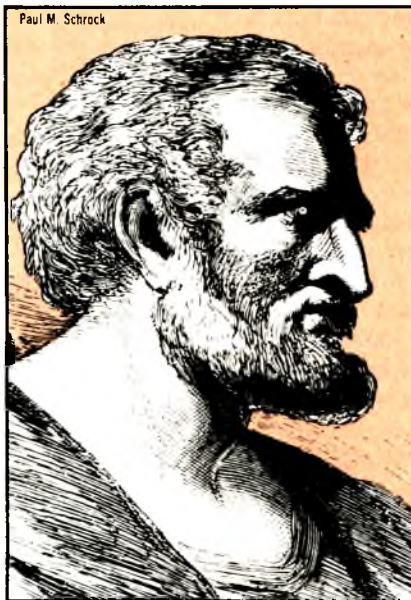
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THE SAINT PETER PRINCIPLE

IF YOU have read *The Peter Principle*, you saw it stated as, "Every person tends to rise to his level of incompetence." I have seen people who appear "duds" as employees grow into efficient motivators when promoted to managerial responsibilities. But most of the time, I notice the boy wonders and whiz girls, who are highly skilled technicians in business and enthusiastic church members, become bottlenecks that hinder organizational progress towards stated goals when they become managers, or church board members. When that happens, no one in leadership wishes to admit lack of judgement in selecting the incompetent manager or board member. It would be better for the organization if the "bottleneck" (a) dies, (b) resigns, (c) retires, (d) transfers to another department, or (e) all of the above!

Now compare this with *my* "Saint Peter Principle." The formula stated in this parallel is, "A person who trusts Christ's indwelling Spirit equals competence and confidence." Consider the apostle Peter.

Simon was a partner in a fishing company, operating on the shores of Lake Galilee. He eked out a so-so income which supported him, his wife, his wife's mother, and the Roman government (through taxes). His brother Andrew seems to have used company time to hear a strange new preacher, John the Baptist. The load was on Simon's



by JAMES F. SORRELL

shoulders during this time. Simon's outgoing ways were also tested by the temper tantrums of cousins James and John.

Simon's promotion came when Andy persuaded him to meet a new traveling preacher called Jesus. Simon was impressed by this Man's calm control. The Man was also impressed with Simon.

Jesus looked deep into Simon's being and saw the core of a steadfast person. Jesus claimed the future by renaming Simon, Peter (rock). He also shared Simon's sense of humor by calling Simon, in all seriousness, a fisher of men—a play on *fisherman*. A sense of humor and the potential to see a person at his best promotes that person socially, financially, and spiritually. □

After Peter allowed Jesus the use of his boat for one of Jesus' sermons, Jesus surprised Simon by telling him how to fulfill his need (i.e., casting a net at a certain spot to bring up fish Simon needed for income). Show a person how to meet needs and you'll go far.

Simon confessed his sins and accepted Christ's forgiveness. Honesty with God and man will promote one to higher planes.

Simon lived up to Jesus' faith in him. He took part in Jesus' training trips around the countryside. He eagerly shared with Jesus his successes, encountered during a mission with a partner. Open communication will promote one with God and man.

Pentecost saw the "death" of the stumbling Simon and the "birth" of powerful Peter. To be one with a cause, an ideal, and under the power of the Holy Spirit will take one out of incompetence into power and poise.

Matthew recorded Jesus' commission to His disciples (28:18-20, NIV). Notice these items:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given me . . . Therefore, go . . . and surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

You can have a clean slate. You can have an indwelling Spirit that will give you power and poise! You can become more than you are now! You can if you link in partnership with Christ, as Peter did.

You can go through life claiming victory in relations with people and in events in the name of Jesus! □

PROFESSORS, students, and administrators at Nazarene Theological Seminary must often ask the question, What justifies the existence of the seminary in which we teach or study? What could possibly warrant the church's extensive investment of funds necessary to purchase library books and journals, to pay faculty and staff salaries, and to heat classrooms in the winter and cool them in the summer?

How are we to explain why a student should move his or her family halfway across a nation (or halfway around the world for that matter), to spend what often seem to be endless hours studying the art of sermon construction, the origins and history of the Christian Church, administration of Sunday Schools, the declensions of Greek nouns, and the precise use of theological terms and concepts?

Should all this be continued simply because the professors have spent years receiving their formal education and now need some place to teach? Should the church provide a seminary just so the students interested in theological questions may have somewhere to satisfy their intellectual thirsts? Should we maintain a seminary simply because it's here, and once there is such an institution, it develops its own internal reasons for existence, such as jobs for secretaries, custodians, places for scholars to air their views, or a means by which professors can pay for their children's college education?

Maybe once these dynamics are in place, the seminary no longer needs to ask about its broader reason for existence. Maybe, since we know that other denominations have seminaries, and this seems to be a part of the ecclesiastical furniture, we ought also to have one just for its image value. Or, perhaps, since theology seems to be an academic exercise that some people want to play we ought to field a representative team also.

In my estimation, not one good reason has so far been advanced; none of these suggestions should prompt our denomination to commit one inflated coin.

Only one reason justifies the existence of NTS: that it be a place where people explore, and prepare to proclaim, the extensive reaches of God's gracious self-disclosure in Jesus of Nazareth. Here, young men and women, called to some specific form of Christian ministry, must, through the diverse areas of study, comprehend and be commissioned by the glorious word of the gospel, the good news that God was present in Christ, reconciling the world to himself.

Nazarene Theological Seminary exists to serve the purposes of God's grace. All resources—a professor's scholarship, a student's skills, the library, and all areas of study—must have as their single focus the simple and awesome reality that where sin did abound, the grace of God does much more abound. Diligent studies, research papers, examinations, required reading, all of these must find their meaning and motivation in the love of God that penetrates sin's darkness and cannot be overcome by it. Here

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NTS: BY GRACE

and here alone does NTS receive its charter. No other factor can supply it.

But not only does God's grace *permit* the existence of NTS, it *demand*s it. If Jesus is as completely necessary to this world as we profess Him to be, if He is in fact Lord of all life's realm—religious, cultural, moral, political, and domestic—then the church—i.e, you and I—must make available to its young people who are called to some form of full-time Christian ministry the best available level of preparation. *Who Jesus is—Lord and Redeemer—makes Nazarene Theological Seminary necessary.*

Since the whole of life is subject to the saving and sanctifying activity of God's grace, preparation for ministry must give careful attention to the full range of factors and interests that weave the fabric of modern life. The church believes that a rigorous seminary curriculum, a well-supplied library, a qualified faculty, graduates who are firmly committed to the gospel of redemption and Christian holiness, and who believe in the power of God's grace to redirect lives towards wholeness and purpose, will help achieve this goal.

So the seminary's reason for existence is but one part of fulfilling the church's reason for existence. Every institutional arm of the Church of the Nazarene, in its own assigned manner, must bear witness to that grand event in which God in Christ shattered the kingdom of sin and death. The church, Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, needs only so much room in the world as it takes to proclaim that Christ is Lord. Here—through the church—the Lord of grace takes shape in the world.

All of us share in this witness—every layperson, pastor or evangelist, and church administrator. Whatever our place in Christ's Body might be, to be a joyful ambassador for Him who chose us in love is the reason for our being there.

Hopefully, the educational process at NTS converts to a full and happy proclamation of God's grace. Hopefully, as students prepare for ministry, they will more completely view the whole of life from the perspective of grace. This includes at least the following four elements.

Life is given. The very character of life is gracious, given to us by God: "It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves" (Psalm 100:3). We must learn to live with a deep awareness that the entire fabric of life and love has been given to us by God. Boasting about one's self-sufficiency is an activity engaged in by people who are blind to their total

by AL TRUESDALE

FOR GRACE

Thomas E. Saner



dependence on Him who is the Giver of life, and on others through whom this gift is mediated.

Life is gifted. The New Testament makes clear that our abilities, our talents, are themselves gifts from God. As gifts they are trusts to be used in the service of others. To the members of Christ's Church, God gives gifts for ministry whereby we may contribute to life in the church and to the extension of our Lord's kingdom in the world.

To seminarians, God has given a call to Christian ministry, and He has given abilities that must be developed and used to fulfill this call. The fact that these abilities are gifts from God must never be lost sight of. They, and the life they represent, must be fully given to Christ, sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and committed to His service. Nazarene Theological Seminary exists to help students achieve and understand this commitment, and to cultivate the call to, and gifts for, ministry.

For life, we are forgiven. Christian ministry, whatever its form, must rest on a radical awareness that apart from God's redeeming grace, freely extended to us in Jesus, we would be hopelessly separated from God, the source of all life and hope. For it to be truly Christian, ministry must always proceed from, and embody, the truth that whereas sin once reigned unto death, now grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 5:21).

All the elements that go into preparation for ministry must have as their purpose to help students become firmly grounded in the righteousness of God that comes through Jesus Christ, and to prepare them to proclaim the good news that the reign of sin can be ended through the saving and sanctifying activity of our Lord. In neither preparation nor exercise of Christian ministry should any other motive be allowed.

Life is to be given. Ministry and servanthood are unpopular words in a world that worships at the shrine of greed and self-centeredness. But the grace of God that appeared in the selfless surrender of our Lord to the Cross, that washed the feet of disciples and thereby taught them the meaning of greatness in His kingdom, establishes an immeasurable gulf between this world's model for greatness and our Lord's example. In His kingdom, greatness will be assessed according to the quality of one's service.

If indeed we understand the nature of God's grace, then we will also see that a life consistent with it must be one that is given. This is eminently true of those preparing for and carrying out Christian ministry. Strange, but sometimes we get our models confused. We sometimes allow our understanding of Christian ministry to be shaped not by the Lord who was among us as a servant, but by the idea that the greatest among us should be served. If we will but listen, the meaning of God's grace will perpetually correct this error.

As part of its service to God's grace, NTS must help students fully embrace the meaning of a life that is given, given first of all without reservation to our Lord, and, through the church, then given to a broken world. □



A SEED PLANTED ON THE HILL

by GEORGE GATELY

GO AND MINISTER." God's words rang in my heart and my destiny was immeasurably altered. Just a moment before saved by God, I was now called by Him into a vocation I had not remotely considered and knew even less about. In two months I would be 27 years old. I was born again!

My Nazarene pastor introduced me to a seminary graduate who was teaching at a zone CST course on the New England District. "You need to go to seminary," he stated with such conviction the issue seemed settled on the spot. As a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso three years earlier, the training I needed to answer God's call would be best provided at Nazarene Theological Seminary, I was assured by my new friend.

"I don't know, Charles," I said two months later in his living room. "They asked me for my written testimony with the application. And—well, I told them God *spoke* to me and *told* me to 'go and minister.'"

"Yes, go on," he said, somewhat puzzled at what point I wished to make.

"I've seen the NTS catalogue. Most of those pro-

fessors have Ph.D.'s. They're going to think I'm crazy when they read that testimony."

"Don't you think they know what it means to talk with God?" Charles's question had explosive force upon my young regenerated soul. I had never even suspected that God could, or would, talk with a Ph.D.! Not until I started classes did I realize how unimaginative I had been.

A Christian of 10 months attended his first class at NTS and learned how true his friend's response had been. The class started with prayer; as did every class, every day for three years. Ph.D.'s asked for God's blessing and grace that they might teach and that we might learn!

I share this anecdote from my life to illustrate how different NTS is from the way some perceive it to be. Ivy-covered walls and ivory-headed, pipe-smoking, tweed-crusted professors were my mental images of a graduate theological institution. Imagine the joy of a nervous, naive, impressionable young Christian in discovering that his professors were also vitally aware of being saved by grace and washed in the blood of the Lamb! That is what my New England friend tried to tell me; what I experienced my first day of classes; what was confirmed during three years of study, and what I still heartily believed as a graduate.

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Profound spiritual growth marked my days at NTS. Naturally I studied hard. God blessed and I graduated with honors. More importantly, I grew as a believer in Jesus Christ. Had my outward appearance been altered as drastically as my inner man, no one would have recognized me. No single factor was more responsible for that than the spirituality of the faculty and staff of the seminary. The example and standard of Christian holiness they set before me started a hungering and thirsting for a deeper touch of grace in my own soul.

After a few weeks I became convicted of my poor devotional habits. These professors—busy and important people—had time for personal devotions. I learned through their instruction that without an adequate inner life with Jesus Christ, all of the education would be powerless. From the start, every class and each lecture was framed in useful relationship to the students' plan for full-time Christian ministry.

Disciplining me, one professor gave me a copy of Andrew Murray's classic, *With Christ in the School of Prayer*. I prayed through it, attended the noonday prayer meetings led by the seminary president, made good use of the quiet prayer chapel, and gave myself fully to the soul-searching sermons and heart-stirring hymns of our daily chapel services. I learned to pray.

Coincidence would be a poor explanation of the fact that I was entirely sanctified just a few months later. Only after testifying to this most blessed moment of fresh beginnings did I hear from my professors the joy they felt with me as God had answered their prayers. I was stunned to realize the devotion of our seminary professors to the lives of their students. As faithful ministers of the Word, they minded the vineyard in their charge—the countless seeds planted on the hill by God.

As a spiritual man I was fully prepared to continue in the way begun with Jesus ages, and yet only months, past. Three areas stand out. First, my marriage: Jeannie and I had been married for six years before we received Jesus into our hearts. Our sinful ways and worldly philosophies had left gaping wounds. Through prayers, fellowship, counseling, the influence of professors' wives, and the environment of love and healing, we moved our marriage onto a new, wholesome foundation which has grown and strengthened through subsequent days.

Second, I became a fisher of men in a meaningful way. I know now that I could never experience the joy of participating in a spiritual rebirth had I missed the grounding in prayer and personal holiness received at NTS.

Third, whether I would have endured the stormy seas of pastoring without Jesus in firm control at the helm of my soul, I do not know. It was at NTS that Jesus took unchallenged control.

My professors taught me much more about Jesus than can be recorded in books. Through their love for me and their personal example of Christlikeness, I too enjoy the peace that the world cannot give; a peace it cannot take away. *Thank You, Lord, for the years of growth You gave this seed when You planted it on the hill.* □

K **N**OWING **Y** **O**UR **E** **L**EPHANT- **B** **E**Ts

by WILLIAM L. POTEET

SHE RAN TO ME with all the excitement and enthusiasm that a two-year-old possesses.

"Daddy! I know my elephant-bets!"

With a toss of her head, flinging her golden hair out of her blue eyes, she placed her chubby hands on her chubby hips and began solemnly to recite, "A, B, C, D . . ."

The light of self-discovery lit up her eyes again a few weeks later while waiting in the car outside a shopping mall. Pointing to the signs she said emphatically, "Look, Mommy, there's my elephant-bets!"

What a tremendous discovery! She had suddenly realized that her "elephant-bets" were a part of the real world, that what she knew really mattered, it had intrinsic value. Her young mind had begun the lifelong process of establishing relationships, of seeing how the pieces of the puzzle fit together to form a cognate whole.

At age 35, John Wesley made a similar discovery of a spiritual nature when, at about a quarter before nine on a May evening, he felt his heart "strangely warmed."

"I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation: And an assurance was given me, that he had taken away *my* sin, even *mine*, and saved *me* from the law of sin and death."

After years of study, searching, and self-examination, in a moment's time what he already "knew" fit together and saving faith was his.

His brother Charles put the experience poetically in these words:

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,

Fast bound in sin and nature's night.

Thine eyes diffused a quick'ning ray.

I woke; the dungeon flamed with light.

My chains fell off; my heart was free.

I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Amazing love! How can it be

That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? □

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This Robin Is Singing a New Song

by CHARLES "CHIC" SHAVER

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THERE WAS no music planned in the program of the evangelism banquet on September 3, 1981, but, oh, my heart was singing. Seminary President Jack Sanders had welcomed the banquet participants with the call to become "fishers of men." One hundred forty-nine people representing 18 churches dined on delicious roast beef, against the backdrop of a fishing vessel decked out in its fishing nets. For at least five years now, this type banquet has been sponsored by Nazarene Seminary and cooperating churches once or twice a year as a kickoff to 16 weeks of intensive training in personal evangelism. Both seminary students and area laypersons are involved in these classes, with seminarians gaining academic credit for their participation.

During the banquet, 11 individuals gave testimonies of how God had worked in their lives. Most of them had recently accepted Jesus Christ, in part because someone had shared the gospel with them in a personal way. The 149 dinner guests were served by 15 waiters and waitresses, all of whom were individuals or relatives of individuals called on by our evan-

gelism teams over the past six years. Today all 15 are active in the Church of the Nazarene and most of them have given their testimonies of conversion at past banquets.

My heart was singing because of the flood of memories prompted by the testifiers and the waiters and waitresses. Interwoven with their spiritual victories were the lives of seminary students and students' wives who had cared, prayed, called, and counseled.

Arlene, a laywoman, was speaking. She told how she had desired to win others to Christ but was not sure that she could. Seminarian Kenny, in 1977, urged her to believe that with God's help she could. Now she was reporting on the Bible study group she was in and her chance to share the gospel. So far two adults had come to a clear assurance of salvation as a result, and Arlene was rejoicing. And Ken, in his church, must be proud of Arlene.

Dave and Wendy told how they had found Christ. Seminarian Steve had been their caring Sunday School teacher in 1977. He had to do more than teach the lesson. He asked his prof from NTS to call on them with him. They heard of Christ's saving power, did not respond that Saturday afternoon, but Steve didn't quit. He followed them with prayer and con-

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cern. A year later they accepted Christ. Today Dave is associate pastor at a Nazarene church.

When Darrel gave his testimony, I thought of students Ed, Tim, and Dave. Darrel's attendance at that Nazarene church was a cry for help. Though an engineer who saw buildings put together, his marriage had broken apart. Ed and Tim and their seminary prof had shared the claims of Christ and had seen Darrel find peace in Jesus in 1981. Dave stuck close, led Darrel through Bible study, and helped him keep Jesus first even if there was no guarantee of seeing his marriage restored. It was Dave's wife, Gloria, who took an interest in Darrel's former wife Virginia. Not long after, God's grace touched Virginia's heart, and she and Darrel were reunited in marriage. Now both are active in the church. And Dave and Gloria are beginning their first pastoral assignment.

Out of the corner of my eye, I saw Robin. She was one of the evening's waitresses. She had been a vivacious television model with a heavy heart. Surely, her broken marriage proved her a failure. After visiting the Church of the Nazarene, one of the laywomen of the church led Robin to Jesus. Her children were touched too. One of her sons, who had been so troubled, looked up from his prayer and said, "Mom, I'm happy!"

It was seminary couple Don and Linda who led Robin through *Basic Bible Studies*, supported her until she found victory over her cigarette habit, and prayed until they saw her sanctified wholly. They invested hours of time and Christian love. Today Robin is happily married to a fine Christian, her family is secure and are regular Nazarenes. The donut shop she and her husband operate is both her business and ministry. There she can tell others of Jesus. Because of Nazarene Theological Seminary students who cared, this Robin is singing a new song. And many others too. □

WHILE I AM HIS

*A piece of clay unmolded . . . pliant
in His hands . . . a spindly bud unfolded
. . . struggling through the sand. . . A
stone uncut, encrusted . . . awaiting
chisel bite . . . a moth with wings
untested . . . fearing daylight bright. . .
The Potter's wheel to form me . . . the
Sculptor's hammer blow . . . the wrathful
gales to storm me . . . the rain and hail
and snow. . . No onslaughts can alarm
me . . . for this my source of bliss . . .
I know that naught can harm me . . . as
long as I am His!*

—CHARSTEN CHRISTENSEN
Calgary, Alberta

NAZARENE ROOTS



Joseph P. Widney, M.D., cofounder of the Los Angeles First Church of the Nazarene (1895) with P. F. Bresee. Dr. Widney also figured prominently as the president of the University of Southern California, the founder of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, and the founder of the Medical College at USC.

Our Name: "NAZARENE"

“. . . A third meaning given to the word [Nazarene] is derived from the city of Nazareth in Galilee, where Jesus went to dwell . . . Galilee was a rough and wicked province. The people were generally impure and seditious. Because of this it was held in derision. Nazareth was small and obscure, the most despised town of Galilee. Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

"In naming the Church of the Nazarene . . . [this] third meaning of the word was chosen. . . The real thought, then, is the contempt put upon Him because He came from Nazareth. The scorn which Jesus the Nazarene bore from wicked men on account of His lowliness was expected and coveted by those who, eighteen years ago [at the founding of the Church of the Nazarene] 'went out under the stars' that they might be true to God and holiness.

"This was the circumstance of the selection of the name. Dr. Widney, one of the leaders, made it a special subject of prayer. He prayed during the night, and it is said that early in the morning the name Nazarene was vividly impressed upon his mind by the spirit of the Lord. . . . Let us see to it that the name Nazarene does not lose its meaning. 'Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?' 'Come and see.'" (Written by Fred Shields in the 1914 yearbook for Pasadena College and used by Timothy Smith in *Called unto Holiness* as a source for explaining the meaning of our church's name.)

STEVE COOLEY, director of Archives



Entire SANCTIFICATION

by J. KENNETH GRIDER

THE DOCTRINE of entire sanctification cannot be explained and substantiated in a single article. Within such a severe limitation, let me focus on 1 Thessalonians, one of the places in Scripture where the light of holiness shines brightly.

It is clearly to believers that Paul is writing. He calls them “brethren” 14 times in the five chapters. He gives special “thanks to God” for their “work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ” (1:2-3, NASB). And he says that they had “received the word” (v. 6) and were witnessing (v. 8) and waiting for “His Son from heaven” (v. 10).

Yet for these believers Paul prays “night and day” that he might see them and “complete what is lacking” in their faith (3:10).

What is lacking in these believers is the experience of entire sanctification—a cleansing from original sin, instantaneously received, and an empowerment, wrought in believers by the baptism with the Holy Spirit and obtained by faith.

In 3:13 Paul writes, “. . . so that He may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God . . .” He adds in 4:3, “For this is God’s will, your sanctification . . .” And before long he is saying, “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely” (5:23, NASB).

Whatever is lacking in them is to be supplied instantaneously, not gradually. The Greek word in 3:10—translated “perfect” in the KJV, and “supply” in the RSV, and “complete” in the NASB—is aorist in tense. The aorist tense, as commonly understood by grammarians, indicates punctiliar action and what is completed. The aorist is sometimes called the “lightning tense.” Even the words “increase” and “abound,” in v. 12, are aorist: “. . . and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another.”

Although the English words have in them the sound of the present tense, Paul seems to me to be saying that they could not expect to grow into this kind of love—which John calls “perfect love” (1 John 4:18), and on which Paul writes so beautifully in 1 Corinthians 13. And the word for “establish” in 3:13 is also aorist, suggesting that to be established “unblamable in holiness before God” will happen in an instantaneous experience of God’s favor. In 5:23, “sanctify” is likewise aorist. There the “entirely,” in “sanctify you entirely,” is from a compound Greek word meaning “wholly, completely.” It refers to a cleansing of all aspects of our being, for Paul’s next words are: “and may your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame . . .” (5:23).

We are justified by faith and we receive this instantaneous cleansing of entire sanctification by faith. Peter says, in Acts 15:8-9, that it was “by faith” that their hearts had been purified at Pente-

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cost and at Cornelius's house. And Paul states that he had been "appointed" to preach the "forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me [Jesus Christ]" (Acts 26:18, NASB). So we are sanctified by faith. And as our justifying faith has repentance in it, faith for entire sanctification is significantly characterized by the believer's yieldedness (Romans 12:1).

This "procuring" faith, as I understand it, is not simply flashbulblike in its nature, but is often durative—a steady, expectant, obedient, yielded trust that God will sanctify us wholly. Then, when we are indeed cleansed in this way, the faith that it will be accomplished becomes transfigured, by the imparted experience itself, into knowledge that it has occurred. This knowledge is at least one aspect of the witness of the Spirit to entire sanctification (Acts 15:8-9)—there being also such a witness to justification (Romans 8:16).

It is obvious to us Wesleyans of the holiness denominations that entire sanctification is a privilege of God's grace for this life. If it were to happen in the hour and article of death, or at our glorification in the second coming of Christ, surely we would not be exhorted to receive it, as in 1 Thessalonians 5:23. Nor would Paul have sometimes stated that it had already happened, as in Romans 8:2 where he says, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you [the two manuscripts that are the third and fourth oldest read 'me'] free from the law of sin and of

death" (i.e., as many of us view it, from the principle or the state of original sin).

And right after praying for the Thessalonians to be sanctified entirely, Paul says, "Faithful is He who calls you, and He will also bring it to pass" (5:24, NASB). Paul also prayed, "... and may your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Since something is usually preserved "until" a certain time instead of "at" a certain time, some of us would prefer to render it "until" the Second Coming, as in Phillips's translation.

It is to be noted, also, that God "himself" (v. 23) does this through-and-through sanctification. Thus, while "sanctification" is often used in Scripture in the sense of being set apart for God's use, as in the case of tithes, sacrifices, the Sabbath, the Levitic priesthood, and Jesus himself (John 17:19), a through-and-through sanctification involves a cleansing. This is a cleansing from original sin—that propensity to acts of sin which characterizes the whole human race.

This cleansing grace results in a love to God and others that is perfect, or pure, in the sense that it is not carnal. Love remains inadequate and errant because of our human infirmities, but it is pure. A person in this state of grace needs to be nourished by the various means of grace in order to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our crucified, risen, and coming Lord Jesus Christ. □

Book Brief

THE YEAR OF THE LOCUST



DAVID F. NIXON,
author



THIS IS A BOOK about locusts and locust years. It is not to be confused with the creeping, crawling, destructive variety that inhabits the insect world, but rather the locustlike experiences of life which destroy people, homes, and churches.

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Author David F. Nixon is a Nazarene pastor. His experience in counseling and in assisting people who

face adversity has put him in good stead to discuss these familiar topics. They touch all of our lives in one way or another. The topics cover a broad range of late-20th-century experience:

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And much more! Nixon's counsel concerning depression, a common malady among even Christians today, is particularly helpful. Depression, according to the author, is the arch enemy of abundant living.

These locust invasions are directed by the enemy of our soul, Satan. They are times of temptation and testing. But God's promise still remains: "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able" (1 Corinthians 10:13). From page 12: "Strangely enough, the significance of many Bible truths is obscured until a real life need exposes an applicable promise."

This is the book for all seasons, and all reasons. □

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KIRBY'S CAT KILLED A SNAKE

I LOVE THE LORD. He helps me in school. Tomorrow is my last day," six-year-old Eric testified during prayer meeting service on an early June evening.

Next came his younger brother. Wriggling, twisting, with brown eyes twinkling, Kirby said, "I love the Lord. Our cat killed a snake."

Sure, we adults had a hard time keeping our faces straight. I turned my head so the five-year-old could not see my smile.

Kirby wasn't trying to be funny. He was simply sharing—like the adults. That's what a testimony service is all about.

And what times of blessing and inspiration they can be for young and old alike.

Just as I was entering my teens, my father was called to Lapeer, Mich., to pastor at Beulah, the nearby rural church, the first structure built by the Church of the Nazarene in our state, and named for the deceased daughter of the Potters, who were charter members.

Dad took over in the dead of winter. At church the people hovered around the wood stove at the back of the auditorium. While frontsides burned, backsides froze, so periodically the order of stance was reversed.

Long, undraped windows lighted the austere furnished interior during the daylight hours. Gas lanterns hissed and flickered away the darkness at night. When the lamps began to dim, Dad used a tire pump to resuscitate them.

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by PAULINE E. SPRAY

I especially remember the prayer meetings I attended at Beulah until I married and moved away from home. How I wish I could turn back time and hear those dear saints pray and testify once more. Can anything be more inspiring to the young than hearing about the experiences and victories of older Christians?

Everyone took part in the service. Each both prayed and testified, repetitious phrases notwithstanding. Up and down the long pews we took our turns—Dad, Mom, we children, Mary McCellan (the no-nonsense maiden schoolteacher and Sunday School superintendent who clapped a strong hand over her mouth when she laughed, but a snap of whose finger brought instant attention and the fear of death), the Winslows (who were both saved in late life), Louie Young (an afflicted bachelor), old Brother and Sister Goodale (whose petitions and praises seldom varied), and on and on it went until all had participated.

Yes, the nights often grew long and wearisome. Many a youngster (and some oldsters) drifted into oblivion before the benediction was given. However, the influence of those evenings still lingers. Perhaps, in part, I am what I am today because of the inspiration from those loyal lovers of Jesus.

Since that long-ago time, the testimonies of many other Christians have also blessed my soul and encouraged me in my walk with God. For one, there was Elfrieda Wehner who effervescently

praised the Lord in her strong German accent and made you hungry for the joy she exuded.

Still later, in one of our own pastorates, we often heard a devoted, humble man tell about his "problem God" and praise Him publicly for His many blessings and deliverances. Ora Bright also tearfully shared examples of God's goodness to him.

You can't listen to Christians tell about their personal encounters with the Lord, how He especially blessed them, or delivered them from trials, or solved problems, without having your own spirit boosted and the fire in your soul rekindled.

The children who are fortunate enough to hear these testimonies can never completely get away from the influence.

I suppose most of us have had to make ourselves go to church on Wednesday night at some time or other because of a weary body or a touch of illness. But it never fails: We always come away feeling rested, refreshed, and rejuvenated. After times of sharing, our faith is reaffirmed, we feel drawn closer to God, and His touch gives new life to a worn body. That happened to me just the other night.

Dear little Grandma Roth praised God for being with her when her house was struck by lightning. Shirley witnessed to the prosperity their family business is enjoying while many another concern is closing its doors. Archie rejoiced because the Lord was with him when a cow stepped on his foot. Eric was thankful because Jesus helped him in school. And Kirby's cat killed a snake. □

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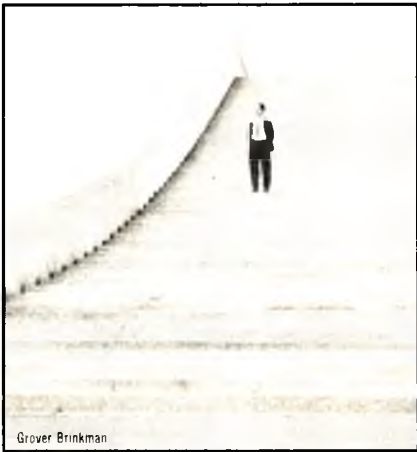
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STAND STILL

"... AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD"

by ARTHUR TOWNSEND

ONE OF THE HARDEST things to do is to *stand still!* It is often harder than walking or running. However, when God commands that we stand still, instead of taking action, it is the only thing to do! All else—walking, running, jumping, leaping, and even fighting—will fail miserably and bring about defeat in the Christian experience if we don't obey.

Of course there is a time and place for running and leaping (Acts 3:8) and even fighting (1 Timothy 6:12) in the strength of the Lord. But there are also times when the only thing for the Christian to do is to "*stand still* and see the salvation of the Lord."

Israel is a prime example of this. When the nation came up to the Red Sea, they could have done a number of things. They could have fled to the right or left, or compromised with the enemy and gone back to the leeks and garlies of Egypt, or fought the Egyptians with whatever they had in hand. Any one of these actions would have brought about defeat. The nation was no match for Pharaoh and his host. But the word of the Lord came to Israel through Moses, saying, "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord."

One evangelist, who was used greatly in reaching people with the gospel of Christ, told of an occasion when he was on a tight schedule. He had closed one meeting, and was to catch a bus to take him to the next, when a person detained him. The preacher, agitated, moved from one foot to another, trying to get away.

Finally he dragged himself out the door, but as he hurriedly rounded a corner of the building, his suitcase flew open and shirts, socks, and ties went in all directions on the sidewalk. Down on his hands and knees, he crammed his belongings back into his suitcase and fumed inwardly. Then he jumped to his feet and got to the bus depot just in time to see the tail end of the bus leaving for its destination without him.

Extremely provoked, he was wondering why all the delay when the Lord spoke to his heart, saying,

"Stand still and see my salvation." Then word came through later that the bus he had failed to catch had been in an accident. The man could have been killed or hospitalized if he had been on it.

To stand still is just as important a lesson to learn in our Christian walk as it is to learn to run, leap, or anything else, for God does not always send His blessings packaged and wrapped as blessings. At times He sends them in disguise.

A shipwrecked man was the sole survivor of the catastrophe. Stranded on an island in the South Pacific, he rafted food supplies and materials ashore before the last of the battered hulk slid off the reef and into deep water, putting an end to his forays. Then, with the salvaged materials, he built for himself a little house, facing out to the sea, and stocked it with the provisions he had garnered from the wreck.

Months passed, while the lonely man roamed the island, fishing in the lagoon and gathering coconuts to augment his provisions. And then one evening, as he was returning to his home, he was appalled to see his house on fire, flaming up into the night sky. He could do nothing to stop the inferno.

All his earthly possessions were in the house. Now all was lost. He threw himself upon the beach and beat upon it with his clenched fists, so great was his consternation. Then, utterly exhausted, he fell asleep, to be awakened in the early morning hours by the sound of voices and a boat offshore. He jumped to his feet and was rowed to a ship anchored out at sea.

When the overjoyed man was presented to the captain of the ship, the captain said, "We were cruising by last evening and saw your signal fire. We decided to investigate in the morning hours. It's a good thing, sir, you had your signal fire burning last night."

Of course it was no signal fire. It was the man's cabin going up in flames. What that shipwrecked man thought was a great tragedy was a tremendous blessing in disguise—restoration to family and friends. So, in like manner, God does not always send His blessings packaged and marked as blessings, coming to us like a birthday or Christmas gift. They can come to us in disguise!

Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord! □

care of us. Can't we trust Him to do that today?

I noticed in the November issue of your very fine paper, the article "How Shall We Celebrate the Year of the Layman?" I have a suggestion: Let's make Wednesday nights truly sweet hours of prayer, and do what God commands us to do in these last days—namely to "watch and pray" (Mark 13:33-37).

Jeanne D. M. Rudin
Owego, New York

PLEA FOR ARMOR

As a pastor, let me say that I appreciate our many fine laymen in the Church of the Nazarene. With-

out laymen, I would be out of a job. However, during the "Year of the Layman," I would like to voice one concern that I have.

I have noticed in churches, and in some letters received by the *Herald*, that there is a growing tendency with some to "strain out a gnat but swallow a camel" (Matthew 23:24, NIV). What I would like to see happen in this year of the layman is a casting off of the cloak of legalism and a putting on of the "whole armor of God."

Harold E. Keeton
Sebring, Ohio

NEEDS WELL MET

Just a short word of praise concerning the *Herald*. It is a fine, meaningful publication, we re-

ceive much from it that feeds our spiritual needs very well.

We are members of the First Church of the Nazarene in Vineland, N.J., a church that fully satisfies our needs, after many years of clawing our way through our problems in our own inadequacy.

It would be possible to write for hours on all of the blessings that my wife and I have received from our Lord, our church, and the wonderful people there, but suffice it to say, our needs are well met.

Keep on with what you are doing, for you do it well.

Ralph H. Pierce
Vineland, New Jersey

GOD DIDN'T FORGET

by MARK VANDINE

THE TELEPHONE woke me at 6 a.m. In the parsonage, a very early call usually means bad news. I picked up the phone and on the other end I heard the words of our number two son.

"Dad, I'm scared. My heart is beating fast and I don't know what is wrong. It's 3 a.m. here and Gloria is still asleep. I just realized I don't know God. I don't know how to pray or how to die."

"Jim, you were raised in a parsonage. You know how to pray."

"Dad, I have read so many secular books and books on philosophies of all sorts that I hardly know what I believe anymore. Will you pray for me?"

What a thrill for a father to hear these words from his son. Across the many miles my prayer went out, and it wasn't long before he said, "It's all right now, Dad. God has met my need."

Jim is a P.K. (preacher's kid). We pastored small churches and were very happy in the Lord's work. He loved to read, developed a love for good music, and had a mother and father who loved him and showed him a God who loved him also. He hated school, but when a good biology teacher got hold of him he even attended Olivet Nazarene College. There he found the girl who now shares his life. He took a job near the college and lived there for nine years. He failed to

keep contact with the church and soon he and his wife were drifting. They made new friends among non-Christians and left God out of their lives.

Our hearts were heavy when he decided to move to Arizona to work in a large copper mine. We were concerned about the kind of influence they would come under. We can see now that it was God's plan. The next year we made a trip to see our two sons and their families. When Sunday came, we all made plans to attend the nearest Nazarene church, and there was not a murmur, although neither of the families had been going to church.

When we arrived at the church, we found the pastor was away, but the supply pastor was good. Jim found out one of the men attending there worked in the same mine he did. Gloria found that one of the women was a very close neighbor. When the pastor returned, he started calling on them. He sent others from the church. When their baby came, the pastor sent the Cradle Roll secretary to call. Then came the phone call I just mentioned.

Later Jim called and asked us to pray for Gloria. He was letting her decide for herself about becoming a Christian. The church had a revival, and soon afterwards another phone call came.

"Dad, Gloria wants to talk to you."

"Dad," said Gloria, "I have become a Christian. I am so happy. I wonder why I didn't do it sooner."

What a thrill for me! Their letters became filled with talk of little Mark, and their work in the church, and of the Lord.

I remember that the Scriptures tell us, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). We did the best we could and God did not forget. □

MARK VANDINE is an elder in the Church of the Nazarene, residing in Coldwater, Michigan.

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IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES



Len Bailey has been selected as one of the *Outstanding Young Men of America* for 1981, an honor that recognizes young men from 21 to 36 years of age for professional achievement and exceptional community service. The OYMA program is endorsed by the United States Jaycees. This honor is conferred each year on those who have been nominated by esteemed members of their communities and subsequently selected by the OYMA Board of Advisors.

Len is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College and a senior at Nazarene Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Penny, are active members of Kansas City First Church. For the past two years, Len has served as treasurer for the church □



Rev. Jay H. Keiser, pastor of Ravenna, Ohio, First Church, resigned to become the first full-time director of pastoral care at Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna. He had been in pastoral ministry for 32 years. He formerly served in the part-time chaplaincy position as appointed by the Portage County Association of Pastoral Care. Rev. Keiser will administer spiritual welfare programs and provide spiritual resources to all patients and personnel of the hospital. □

Jim Spruce, pastor at Champaign, Ill., First Church, completed the D.Min. program at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, in June, 1981. The focus of the major project was "Revitalizing Worship Through Assessing Perceptions and Expectations." Rev. Spruce contributed the "Gospel of Mark" section of the *Beacon Small-group Bible Studies* series. □

Edward G. Downs, of Olathe, Kans., received a Ph.D. in Psychology, July 1, 1981, from California Western

University. His dissertation, "The Effects of Participation in a Marriage Enrichment Weekend Retreat on Couples' Perception of the Communication in their Marriage," culminated two years of joint national research with his wife, Jeanette. □

Dr. and Mrs. John Riley, veteran educators, are now serving at the Nazarene Theological College in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa, where they spent a previous two-year term six years ago.

Here is a recent report from them about the students at NTC: "They are young adults who have sold homes and left good jobs to study for Christian service. Many of them are married with children. A civil engineer, two accountants, a printer, a rubber tech-

nician expert, and a graphic artist are here this year. The European work of the church in South Africa will depend on their leadership in the years to come. Ted Esselstyn, a South African himself, son of pioneer missionaries, is the rector."

In addition to pastorates, and their 30 years of service to Northwest Nazarene College, the work of the Rileys has taken them to Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Brazil. □



J. Howard Briggs, an associate pastor at the Kansas City Shawnee Church, has been selected as one of the *Outstanding Young Men of America* for 1981. He is a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary. He was a member of the New Zealand and Western Samoa Student Mission Corps in 1977.

Among the honors Briggs has received is the Salvation Army "The Others Award" for emergency service during the Boston Chelsea fire of 1973. He and his wife Diane (Ward) have one child, J. Ryan. □



November, 1981, marked a milestone for Rev. Clyde Rodgers, Nazarene evangelist from Nashville. After 48 years in the field of evangelism, Rev. Rodgers held his 1,000th meeting at Arcadia, Fla., First Church. Clyde Rodgers is well known throughout the South, Northeast, and Midwest as a chalk artist and singer, as well as a biblical preacher. Originally from the Miami, Fla., area, he worked with "Uncle Bud" Robinson as a song evangelist. Though approaching 80 years of age, Rev. Rodgers still serves the church with remarkable vitality, sometimes driving hundreds of miles to a meeting and singing, drawing, and preaching all on the same day.

RICE REVIEWS ADULT MINISTRIES

Dr. Kenneth Rice, director of Adult Ministries, reviewed with his staff the gains in adult Sunday School enrollment and attendance as they finalized their plans for 1982—"The Year of Adult Ministries."

The adult Sunday School attendance and enrollment in the Church of the Nazarene has shown unusual gains during the last three years.

	Enrollment Increase	Attendance Increase
1979	29,221	16,077
1980	8,151	7,403
1981	19,456	15,454

The year 1982 has been designated "The Year of Adult Ministries" by the Board of General Superintendents in the quinquennial emphasis. Among the activities to be highlighted are:

"YEAR OF THE LAYMAN" with the Fifth International Laymen's Retreat in Toronto, Canada, July 6-11;

Local church activities planned to highlight the significance of laymen in the work of the church;

"Denomination-wide CST Study" during February and March with the text, *They Never Stopped Teaching*, by Dr. Richard Spindle;



Pictured at the Adult Ministries staff meeting (clockwise, l. to r.) are Marilyn Turner, marriage and family life; Ruth Gibson, Cradle Roll and women's ministries; John B. Nielson, editorial; Dr. Kenneth S. Rice, director; Mabeth Clem, editor of *Standard*; J. Paul Turner, marriage and family life; and Gene Van Note, elective curriculum.

Special effort to start new adult classes for singles and those just married. Classes should be organized on enrollment, not attendance;

The start of at least one elective class in every local church;

Organization of adult classes with a "caring captain" over every five persons enrolled; and

The use of team teaching with adults to utilize space, to provide more pupil involvement in learning, and to involve more Nazarenes in teaching.

A 45 percent gain is predicted in

adults in the United States from 1979 to 1989. One good way to meet the challenge of this adult growth is to make the most of this "Year of Adult Ministries." □

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Mrs. Mabel Kirby was selected as "Teacher of the Year" at Bucyrus, Ohio, First Church. She has taught and supervised the Kindergarten Department for 31 years with only one absence. In the presentation of a plaque, pictured (l. to r.) are Pastor Melvin L. Thompson; Richard Kirby; Mabel Kirby; and John Kelly, Christian Life chairman.

a two-year period, Olivet's pre-med students rank in the top 11 percent of 1,008 schools in the country.

Over a period of two years, 18 of 21 Olivet students have been accepted into medical schools.

"I don't think the [pre-medical] courses are so difficult," said Dr. Robert Wright, chairman of ONC's biology department. "Success depends more on students' discipline and how much they want to reach their goals." Dr. Wright believes the success of Olivet's pre-med students, who usually major in zoology or chemistry, results from several factors:

Because Olivet is small, counseling is more thorough; teachers can administer more subjective exams; and the faculty is able to become better acquainted with the students, allowing them to make more thorough recommendations to medical schools. □

HIRAM SANDERS TO MANC POST



Rev. Hiram Sanders has assumed the duties of the assistant to the president of Mid-America Nazarene College. He has served 24 years in the pastoral ministry. He comes to MANC from Kent, Wash., First Church.

As pastor of Kent First Church, Rev. Sanders challenged the congregation to plant three new churches. He was training and supervising four young church planting couples and had opened the second of the new churches.

Before going to Washington, his pastoral assignments were in Nebraska, Colorado, and California.

Hiram was the founding pastor of the campus church and ministry at Oklahoma State University, where he taught a class on the Gospels and the Life of Christ.

Hiram is a graduate of Bethany Nazarene College. He married Janice Willey of Bethany. They have two daughters, Terri and Traci. □

COUPLES RECEIVE PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION AS MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT LEADERS

Four couples have met the requirements for provisional status as a Nazarene Marriage Enrichment leader couple: Stan and Cecile Bengtson, Sherwood Park, Alberta; Merwin and Becky Doud, Medford, Ore.; Orval and Roberta Halley, Nampa, Ida.; Mike and Mary Ellen Murphy, Chillicothe, Ill.

These new leader couples are committed to equipping and nurturing the marriages within their own local church by leading growth groups and retreats. Their basic commitment is that they become channels through which the Holy Spirit can minister to others.

Marriage Enrichment is realizing the fulfillment of the promise in 2 Co-

rinthians 2:14, "Thanks be to God, who always leads us . . . , and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him" (NIV).

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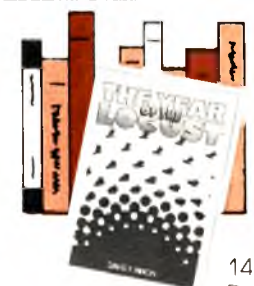
Dick and Kay Young

Ken and Betty Rice

J. Paul and Marilyn Turner □



A ground-breaking service for the Farmdale Adult Citizens Towers was held Sunday, September 27, 1981. The Towers will be a seven-story, 106 apartment complex for senior citizens. It is subsidized by the Federal Government so that occupants will pay only one-quarter of their monthly income. Rev. Oliver C. Huff, pastor of Louisville, Ky., Church for 36 years, has headed this project. Participating in the ceremony were Rev. Aleck Ulmet, Kentucky District superintendent; Pastor and Mrs. Huff; Rev. Paul Thornhill, associate; Mrs. Peggy Levy, consultant; Mr. Ford Hamilton, district senior citizens chairman; Mr. James Miller, FACT board member; Mr. Hiram Taylor, candidate for state representative; and Mr. Harold Haering, state representative.



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MANC AGRICULTURE REPRESENTATIVES MEET YOUTHS AT CONVENTION

Mid-America Nazarene College's agriculture program participated recently in the annual convention of the National Future Farmers of America. Held each year in H. Roe Bartle Convention Center at Kansas City, the convention hosts over 20,000 agricultural young men and women of high school age, vocational and college agriculture teachers, and parents from across the United States. There were also many international visitors and participants.

Dr. Steve Forsythe, MANC Agriculture Department representative, and four agriculture degree majors manned an attractive display booth in conjunction with the agricultural career show. For three days, the public was invited, along with FFA members and guests, to visit over 600 booths manned by representatives from agricultural industry and universities and colleges from across the country. Over 120 young men and women signed up to receive more information about MANC and requested receiving the monthly "Agricultural Update" newsletter. Many expressed interest for 1982 in pursuing the four-year agricultural degree in either agribusiness, agrimissions, or the dual degree in agriculture with Kansas State University.

Dr. Forsythe reported, "Young people from as far away as Hawaii, New

York, even Germany, approached me or our students about agriculture degrees awarded at Mid-America. They seemed really excited and interested

in being able to pursue life service in their chosen field—agriculture—and being able to do so at a Nazarene College." □



MANC agribusiness major, Jeff Ferguson, a freshman from Zenia, Ohio, discusses the MANC agricultural degree programs with several FFA Convention guests from the Republic of Panama.



Dr. Roger Parrott, director of financial development at Mid-America Nazarene College, reports a total of \$2,000,893 was received in private gifts for all purposes during the fiscal year 1980-81. This 40 percent increase over last year's giving marks a new high in total private gifts to MANC. One of the most dramatic gifts during the year was a major gift for the construction of a prayer chapel on the campus. Mrs. Ivy Bates Weatherby of Pecos, Tex., presented a check for \$130,000 to Dr. R. Curtis Smith at the fall homecoming activities. Mrs. Weatherby is the aunt of Mrs. Smith, wife of the college president. The Weatherby Prayer Chapel, which will be a welcome addition to the campus, will be constructed near the center of the campus. It will include a small chapel for 70 people, a conference room, a Bible study room, and a chaplain's office. The colonial-style chapel will also feature a bell steeple and chimes. Pictured at the groundbreaking (l. to r.) are: Dr. Roger Parrott, director of financial development, MANC; Mrs. Murdell Weatherby Holbert, Ruidoso, N.M.; Mrs. Vivian Jordan, Abilene, Tex.; Mrs. Ivy Bates Weatherby, chapel donor, Pecos, Tex.; Mr. John Sandager, Albuquerque, N.M.; and Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Smith, president, MANC. Construction began in early December and the chapel will be dedicated during commencement.

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The Colorado District, under the direction of Superintendent M. Harold Daniels, sponsored a bus trip for the winners of the district Sunday School attendance contest to see the church headquarters and publishing house. Rev. Charles Jones, district Christian Life director, coordinated the trip. Those who came were first-time visitors. This enthusiastic group represented a cross section of the church: new Christians, long-time Christians, people from small churches, from large churches, both young and older. The group is shown boarding the chartered bus in front of Nazarene Publishing House after they had completed a tour. Their next stop was the International Center of the church, followed by a banquet at the Plaza Hilton Hotel with members of the general church Division of Christian Life and Sunday School.

THE NEESES RETURN FROM AFRICA

Dr. L. Guy Nees, director of the Division of World Mission, and Mrs. Nees, have recently returned from an extensive visit to Africa. During a six-week tour with regional Director Richard Zanner, they were in nine African districts, visited three colleges, and held five district assemblies.

Dr. Nees and Dr. Zanner spent a week in Nigeria with Rev. John Udoh, district superintendent. Services were held in 10 different churches, with meetings twice a day. From three to five hundred people were present in each service. There was evident enthusiasm for the Church of the Nazarene, and desire was expressed for a Bible college to be established in Nigeria.

The Republic of South Africa European District gave Dr. Richard Zanner a unanimous recall to be their superintendent.

In Zimbabwe, Rev. Mukome was elected district superintendent. In Malawi South District, Superintendent Mphamba was reappointed; in Malawi Central District, Superintendent Kalitera was reappointed. Both Malawi districts reported excellent membership and financial gains.

Dr. Nees reported a spirit of optimism and enthusiasm in all the districts in Africa. □

NEW GUINEA CHAPLAIN

Mission Director Lee Eby reports a chaplain serving in his homeland. He is Pastor James Singi of Papua New Guinea.

Chaplain Singi is married. His wife's name is Tawame. The Singis have two children: a son, Billy, five; and a daughter Shirley, three. They are expecting a third child.

Pastor Singi became a Christian through the work of the Evangelical Bible Mission, an interdenominational holiness mission working in New Guinea. After completing his basic primary education, he attended the Christian Leaders Training College—an interdenominational college in the



Chaplain Singi and family



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Highlands of New Guinea. He completed a three-year certificate course at the college. Then he served as an evangelist for various churches associated with the Evangelical Alliance of the South Pacific. He returned to the training college for additional work.

Three years ago, James Singi joined the Church of the Nazarene and became pastor of the Mount Hagan church in January, 1980. In May, 1981, he entered the chaplaincy of the Papua New Guinea Defense Force.

Chaplain Singi is currently pursuing studies in Nazarene Church History and the *Manual*, hoping to be ordained in January, 1983. □

—Earl C. Wolf
Chaplaincy Services

“THEY CRY IN THE NIGHT” CONTINUES RECORD SHOWING SCHEDULE

The film, “They Cry in the Night,” the story of the ministry of Harmon and Lula Schmelzenbach in South Africa, has had wide success not only in the United States, but in many other areas of the world as well.

After nearly 18 months of solid bookings, the film has been shown about 1,400 times to nearly 135,000 Nazarenes. Approximately 8,000 people have responded to the call to commitment. Offerings for Africa are reaching the \$90,000 mark.

The film has had district tours in Australia, South Africa, the British Isles, and Canada. A German version was released in the summer of 1981. A Korean release is set for 1982 and a Spanish version for sometime later. A Dutch television network is considering it for possible broadcasting.

“They Cry in the Night” is booked solidly into 1982. It is expected to receive wider use in 1982-83 because of the NWMS study on Africa. □

—NCN

MOÇAMBIQUE SUPERINTENDENT ELECTED

Rev. Elias Mucasse was elected superintendent of the Limpopo District in Moçambique in their recent assembly.

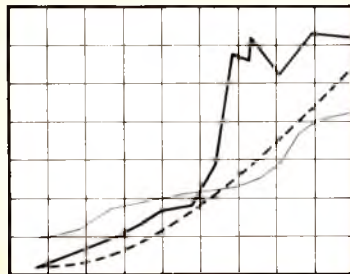
The Tavane District Assembly changed their name to Manjacaze District. This coincided with the name given to that area by the government.

The Maputo District in Moçambique reports an outstanding camp meeting in September with many seekers for salvation and sanctification at the altars. Banners which said “Forward with the Gospel” were presented to the top three churches on the district. □

—Division of World Mission
Dr. L. Guy Nees, Director



Under the direction of Pastor H. B. London and the mission board, the Salem, Ore., First Church people caught a vision of sending “Work and Witness” teams and of raising \$1 million for world outreach efforts. Pictured is the first project undertaken by First Church, in LaTinta, Guatemala. Since that first trip in 1975, more than 200 people from the local congregation have traveled to become more involved in missions. Eight churches have been built: in South Africa, Haiti, South Korea, New Zealand, India (Poona and Khopoli), and Peru. The local church's College Ambassadors program has also ministered in Barbados, Grand Cayman, and St. Croix. In 1981 the Salem First congregation reached the \$1 million mark in giving to world missions since 1975. On November 22, \$35,000 in cash was received for the first payment of a \$60,000 commitment to finance and assist in constructing the first evangelical church on Martinique, French West Indies.



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On a recent visit to Northwestern Illinois District, Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent (r.), met Mrs. Gladys Wilcoxon (l.), 90 years of age, who may hold a record for church membership in the Church of the Nazarene. In 1903, Dr. Phineas F. Bresee organized the Maples Mill, Ill., church, a rural congregation, the first to be organized east of the Mississippi River. Mrs. Wilcoxon, as a girl 12 years old, joined as a charter member and has remained active in the same congregation for these 78 years.

TAX BOOKLETS MAILED TO MINISTERS

Pensions and Benefits Services has mailed to active ministers in the United States, booklets which give guidance for the preparation of the 1981 income tax forms. The "Minister's Guide for 1981 Income Tax" has been prepared by tax specialist, Conrad

Teitell, and gives the most up-to-date information on how a minister reports income and expenses.

The current edition of the booklet is mailed annually to active ministers as a service of Pensions and Benefits Services. Any minister who has not received a copy of the booklet by January 30 may secure one by writing to Dean Wessels, Pensions and Benefits Services, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. Also available upon request is another of Teitell's booklets which has recently been updated. It is entitled "Minister's Parsonage Allowance and Social Security." □

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VITAL STATISTICS

TWO RETIRED MISSIONARIES DIE

Miss H. Irene Jester, missionary to Swaziland for 33 years, died in Indianapolis, December 4. Miss Jester retired in 1970, and lived in Indianapolis until her death. She had been in poor health in recent years.

Mrs. Samuel Krikorian, wife of pioneer missionary Dr. Samuel Krikorian who opened the first Nazarene work in Palestine (the Holy Land), died in September. The Krikorians retired in 1958 and lived in California during their final years. Dr. Krikorian preceded his wife in death in 1969. Mrs. Krikorian had been in very frail health for some months before her death.

DEATHS

HARPER B. BAKER, 74, died Sept. 26 in Sayre, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Paul Garrett and Rev. Gene Keith. Internment was in Erick, Okla. He is survived by his wife, Ona Mae; 3 daughters, Mrs. George (Yvonne) Price, Mrs. Travis (Betty) Turner, and Mrs. Jim (Pat) Hildebrand; 1 son, Winfred L.; 11 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

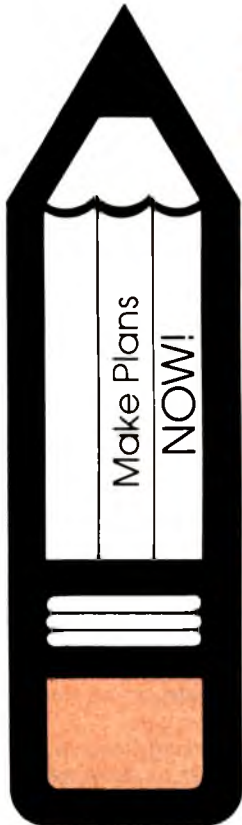
REV. GEORGE BRINKMAN, 83, died Nov. 22 in Lakeland, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent J. V. Morsch and Rev. Nathan Price and Paul Bickes. Rev. Brinkman pastored in Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Massachusetts, and Florida. He is survived by his wife, Rev. Flora Brinkman; three sons, Earl, Roy, and Willard; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson.

REV. ODELL A. BROWN, 73, died Dec. 5 in Whitney, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, general superintendent, and Revs. Dennis Knight, Lyle Eckley, Buddy Little, and Austin Moore. Rev. Brown had pastored in Houston, San Antonio, Abilene, and Kansas City. He is survived by his wife, Opal; and two sisters.

LLOYD B. HUSTON, 82, died Nov. 29 in Grants Pass, Ore. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ralph J. Huit. He is survived by 1 son, Carl L.; 1 daughter, Bernice Murphy; 6 step-children; 12 grandchildren; 21 step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

JOHN MELVIN LEACH, 67, died Dec. 7 in Austin, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harry Evans and Rev. Billy Jordan. He is survived by his wife, Dolie; one son, James; and two children under his guardianship, James Sapp and Shannon Sapp.

THOMAS E. MOORE, 58, formerly of Waco, died Oct. 9, in Houston, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Villard Hunter. He is survived by his wife, Mozelle; one son, Timothy; three daughters, Mrs. Tom (Barbara) Johns, Mrs. Dan (Alice Ann) Wilson, Sara Jane Moore, four grandchildren; his mother and one sister.



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NEWS OF RELIGION

MISS ERMA LENA MYERS, 78, died Nov. 21 in Olathe, Kans. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Gordon Wetmore and Dr. Roy Swim. Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Grace Yoessel and Mrs. Elsie Benson.

MRS. GARNET M. PIERCE, 75, died Nov. 26 in Muncie, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bill Evans. She is survived by her husband, Talmage; 3 daughters, Loretta Beatty, Daisy Goss, and Mildred Gray; 1 son, Don Fournight; and 13 grandchildren.

FAUSTINA RAMICK, 86, died Aug. 10 in San Diego, Calif. Funeral services were conducted at Pine Bluff, Ark., by Rev. Mark Limer. She is survived by two daughters, Elaine Taylor and Nelda Sanders; two sons, Gerald and Conrad; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

ARTHUR C. SHEARER, 84, died Nov. 18 in Palmdale, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Rodney Allee and Rev. Garth Hyde. Interment was in Whittier, Calif. He is survived by his wife; step-children; grandchildren; step-grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers.

GLENN J. TAYLOR, 77, died Nov. 14 in Bluffton, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Walter Graefflin. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; three sons, Gerald, Laurel, and Leonard; one daughter, Marilyn Burke; one step-daughter, Mary Kizer; and several grandchildren.

MRS. HAZEL IRENE TERRY, 62, died Nov. 2 in Huntsville, Ala. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent Charles Oliver, and Rev. Carl Powers. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Henry M. Terry; a daughter, Mrs. Sherry Conaway; three sons, Jarrel, John, and Julian; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two sisters.

ALBERT JAMES WELLS, 86, died Nov. 6 in Langley, British Columbia. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. Roy G. Hall. He is survived by one son, Dennis Lawson; and three sisters, Alice, Emily, and Annie.

STANFORD MARC WILCOXON, 22, died May 11 in Bartonville, Ill., following a car accident in Havana, Ill. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jerry Thweatt. He is survived by his father, Virgil; one brother, Randy; two sisters, Robyn Hazelwood and Carol Joy Wilcoxon.

BIRTHS

TO RICHARD "RICHY" AND JULIE (SHAUNFIELD) BENNETT, Richardson, Tex., a boy, Jesse Adam, July 6

to RON AND DEBBIE (FINCH) BRYAN, Overland Park, Kans., a boy, Aaron Mikal, June 17

to REV. MARVIN AND SHIRLEY (CURRY) DENTON, Pascagoula, Miss., a girl, Charlotte Denise, Nov. 5

to RANDY AND NANCY (BARNARD) DIVELEY, Independence, Kans., a boy, Logan Enoch, Oct. 29

to REV. CHARLES AND CAROL (HOLMES) FRANKLIN, Vermontville, N.Y., a girl, Shavon Ann, Oct. 5

SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF CHRISTIAN STUDENTS.

State-run universities cannot ban student groups from using campus facilities for religious worship and study, the Supreme Court ruled December 8. By an 8-1 vote, the justices struck down a University of Missouri at Kansas City policy barring the use of a student for such religious meeting.

University officials had argued that allowing such meetings by a religious student organization called Cornerstone would violate the First Amendment's mandate of separation of church and state. But the students argued that the school's ban infringed on another portion of the First Amendment: that which guaranteed freedom of religious expression.

In writing for the court, Justice Lewis F. Powell said the students' rights must win out. "Having created a forum generally open to student groups, the university seeks to enforce a content-based exclusion of religious speech," Powell said. "Its exclusionary policy violates the fundamental principle that a state regulation of speech should be content-neutral, and the university is unable to justify this violation. An open forum in a public university does not confer any imprimatur of state approval on religious sects or practice."

The December 8 decision upheld a ruling by the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The school originally had won its case before a federal trial judge in Kansas City. □

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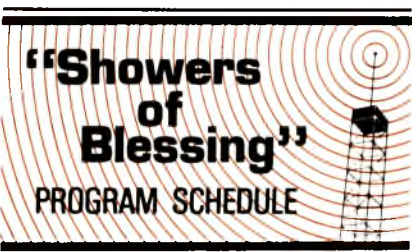
A young Greek man who had spent eight years in an Australian prison for armed robbery walked into the Bible Society of Greece Bible House in downtown Athens recently and offered the executive secretary 5,000 drachmas (\$100) for the Bible cause.

Asked why he had brought the Greek Bible Society this gift, the man said that while serving his sentence had been given a Greek Bible and through reading it had committed his life to Jesus Christ.

"I was going to the prison church," he explained "when I was offered a free Greek Bible. By searching the Scriptures I realized that the reason I had gotten into this bad situation was due to my being away from God. I got converted and accepted Christ as my own personal Savior and Lord."

The man said this occurred in the third year of his eight-year sentence. Upon release he was expelled from the country as an undesirable alien and returned to his native Greece.

"Now that I am in Greece, I came directly to the address my Greek Bible bears to offer this 5,000 drachmas in order to show my gratitude to you who have published this book, which really saved my life." □



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to BILL AND BARB (HILL) SHIDLER, Markham, Ill., a girl, Bethany Ann, Nov. 19

to REV. LARRY AND JANET STOVER, Silvis, Ill., a boy, Joshua Paul, Oct. 28

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ANNIVERSARIES

LLOYD B. AND HELEN M. BYRON, SR., were recently honored on their 60th wedding anniversary on three different occasions: first, at the Pastors' Conclave of the Northern California District in a time of fellowship when gifts were received; an afternoon at the Novato, Calif., church when friends from the mobile park where the Byrons reside, members of the different churches in the area, and the couple's son and daughter-in-law gathered to greet them; and a third observance of a dinner for the

family, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Byron, Jr., with Stephen, a son; Leslie, a daughter, and Daniel, her husband.

MR. AND MRS. GLENN WILKINS of Claude, Tex., recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Laurie, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Wilkins, and Bret and Melissa Wilkins.

The Wilkinses are members of Amarillo, Tex., First Church, where Mrs. Wilkins has been organist and Mr. Wilkins has been song director for 34 years. Mrs. Wilkins is the daughter of the late Rev. Julia Standridge, who was a pioneer pastor and evangelist of the church in Southeast Oklahoma. Mr. Wilkins is the son of the late Rev. B. J. Wilkins, who was a Nazarene pastor and song evangelist.

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THE ANSWER

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In our Sunday School class we had a discussion on Revelation 22:1-2, about the tree of life and its fruit. Also on the tree of life in the Garden of Eden. Could you give us some idea of what the fruit represents?

The imagery of the tree of life with its health-giving fruit and leaves has two sources, Genesis 2:9 and Ezekiel 47:12. Immortality is associated with the tree, and it no doubt functions here as a symbol of the perfect, endless life of heaven we shall enjoy as the gift of God's grace.

The fruit is not described or identified, and we only acquiesce in this omission. Uncle Henry Gullede used to testify with joy about the time coming when he would pull bananas from the tree of life and eat to his content. His words seemed quaint and naive, but the idea behind them was sound—God will provide for His people abundant and satisfying life. □

I heard a sermon on Job which I find difficult to understand. Job's sin, according to the sermon, was his faithlessness, because he prayed and offered burnt offerings continually for his children (Job 1:5).

Job repented of this faithlessness (42:6).

Could you comment on this? I find Job 1:22 hard to understand in the light of the sermon.

Poor Job has suffered more at the hands (and mouths) of his friends than at the hands of his enemies.

The entire prologue is designed to affirm Job's integrity and uprightness, and 1:5 does not mark him as faithless. However this difficult verse is interpreted, we may assume that Job knew his children better than we do, and that God's witness to his character is better informed than our's is (1:8, 22).

Job's reaction to God's presence, in 42:6, is precisely what any sensible man's would be in the situation, but faithlessness with respect to his children is not so much as hinted at in the record of his "repentance" and restoration. □

Since heaven is to be the place of eternal and infinite bliss and happiness, where there will be no tears, no heartaches, no disappointments, and no sorrows, what will be the purpose or functions of the rewards that are meted out at the believer's judgment (2 Corinthians 5:10)? How can the rewards add to, or the lack of them detract from, the ultimate happiness?

Well, I've bumped into your question several times during my pilgrimage, but never into an answer.

Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 5:10, and elsewhere, make it clear "that the Christian is fully answerable to God for the quality of his present life" (Frank Carver). Each Christian's character and service will be revealed for what they were, and rewards and/or losses will result.

The precise nature of these rewards and losses are not detailed. Dr. Carver says, "There is a real sense in which a holy character will ever be its own reward in the presence of a holy God. In fact, what more could God give than a life like His?" I like that.

But how, or to what degree, will rewards augment, or losses diminish, the bliss of heaven? I don't know. In a sense the question must always remain academic for the sincere Christian. For if we desire to please Christ, and if we are aware of His coming judgment, then, like Paul, we will be constrained by Christ's love to give Him our best possible service. This we will do, whatever the exact nature and effect of those "service awards" or lack thereof.

Took me a long time to say "I don't know," didn't it? □

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

Murray, Ky.: The church had a revival with *Evangelist Lattie Henderson* and *Song Evangelists Roger and Euleta Sweeney*. The evidence of a real revival was revealed from the very first service as spirit-filled singing and straightforward, old-fashioned preaching resulted in salvation and victory. These eight days were only the beginning as revived spirits, new attitudes, and plans for growth with God's help, are producing great expectation for for the church. □

—Elmer V. Hughes, *pastor*

Austin, Tex.: **First Church and South Church** had a revival with *Evangelist Jimmy Dell*. It was a union revival of the two churches with complete cooperation between the pastors and people of both congregations. The services alternated each night between churches and the closing-out service Sunday night packed the South Church. The altar was lined with seekers every night it was open.

The people were responsive to the excellent way that *Evangelist Dell* related to them. The spirit was wonderful and God's presence was real. The cost was shared evenly between the churches, and the people supported with both their attendance and money. The revival is showing lasting results. □

—Roger Wilson & Randal Wyles, *pastors*

Huntington, W.Va.: **First Church** recently closed a revival with *Rev. George Stevenson* and singers *Wayne and June Haas*. *Rev. Stevenson* brought practical and Spirit-filled messages and *Wayne and June Haas* sang under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. There were over 30 seekers at the altar. □

—J. D. Bailey, *pastor*

Natchez, Miss.: **First Church** recently had a revival with the "*Beaty Trio and Randy*" along with their father and mother, *Rev. and Mrs. Bryan Beaty*. God's presence was real in every service. The Holy Spirit came in the singing on three different occasions with the altar filling without any preaching. Many victories and de-

cisions were made for Christ during that week of spiritual uplift. □

—Paul M. Smith, *pastor*

Cincinnati, Ohio: **Clifton Avenue Church** recently had a wonderful revival with *Evangelist W. Dale Martin*. There were seekers in six of the seven services, and each service was crowned with praising and rejoicing among God's people. Many new people were reached for God and the church during this revival. □

—Virgil P. Applegate, *pastor*

Aroma Park, Ill.: The church recently experienced a revival under the inspired preaching and inspirational singing of *Rev. Larry Leckrone*. The services were well attended and the revival is still showing good results. □

—Michael Travis, *pastor*

Dover, Tenn.: The church had a revival with *Evangelist Lattie Henderson*. The scheduled one-week service went into the second week with the altar lined every night. People were saved, sanctified, and reclaimed; and the church as a whole moved closer to God. □

—John Tharp, *pastor*

Eldersburg, Md.: **South Carroll Church** had revival services combined with a morning children's crusade with *Evangelist S. Oren Woodward*. The Spirit-anointed preaching of Brother Woodward, combined with the prayer preparation of the congregation, yielded tremendous response. The altar was lined at each service. Attendance was unusually high in all services with record attendance in both the Sunday morning and evening services. □

—Ronald R. Bennett, *pastor*

Rawlins, Wyo.: The church recently had an effective revival with *Rev. Luther Collins* of Pasadena, Calif. There were seekers at the altar services, with a number receiving spiritual help. Seven people testified to being saved, and nine testified to the sanctifying power of God. □

—Victor J. Berg, *pastor*

Florence, S.C.: **First Church** recently had a revival, conducted by *Evangelist John Cayton* of Boston. A camp meeting spirit prevailed. Every service was well attended and seekers were at the altars every service. Forty-five or more people testified to receiving special help, including many being saved and sanctified. Brother Clayton preached scriptural holiness and the Holy Spirit anointed every service. □

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THE CHURCH SCENE



The **Cuba, Ill., church** celebrated their 40th anniversary, November 6-8. The weekend of activities began with a Friday night singspiration.

Saturday afternoon, there was a service where former pastors presented historical material. Those participating were: Rev. W. C. Raker, the founder of the church; Rev. Shermon Hunter of Roseville, Ill., first pastor; Rev. J. H. Livingston of Potomac, Ill.; Rev. Ray Hoskins of Lexington, Ky., who led the building of the church and parsonage; and a taped message from Rev. Tim Mercer, now missionary to Korea. A memorial service was held for the 30 deceased church members of the four decades.

Saturday evening, former pastor Rev. Ray Hoskins spoke. Special music for the weekend was brought by Larry and Mary Holder of Kankakee, Ill., and Ben and Mary Strode of Carlinville, Ill.

Sunday morning worship service featured the adult choir under the direction of Roger Howerter, and a mes-

sage by special guest Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent. Three remaining charter members were recognized: Alvin Stevenson, Verna McAdams, and Kathryn Shaffer. District Superintendent Floyd Pounds dedicated the newborn son of Pastor and Mrs. Ryan.

The highlight of the celebration weekend was a mortgage burning service, leaving the church debt-free. Church board members, District Superintendent Pounds, and Pastor Ryan participated. The new parsonage, built in 1965, and the new church, in 1969, had an indebtedness of \$23,000. □



Leesburg, Va., First Church dedicated its new facilities with Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, on November 8. The church is located on 20 acres. It contains 22,000 sq. ft., with a seating capacity of 600, 16 classrooms, 4 offices, fellowship hall, music room, sound room, conference room, an assembly room seating 150, and a chapel area. The building costs included: building, \$442,000; furnishing, \$37,000; land and site preparation, \$108,000; permits and fees, \$15,000. The appraised value is \$950,000 with an indebtedness of \$327,000. Thomas E. Rawlings is the pastor.



Under the leadership of Pastor Jay Baynum, the **Denver Lakewood Church** has received 127 new members—57 by profession of faith—within a nine-month period. Pictured is part of a recent membership class of 51. Total membership of the church is 655.



Pictured is the newly constructed sanctuary of the **South Portland, Me., church**. The 18,000 sq. ft. addition has an air conditioned 1,000-seat sanctuary with five staff offices, and a lower level with choir room, classrooms, and an assembly area. Added to the existing facility built in 1972, the church is designed for 750 in Sunday School. The total value is \$1,200,000 with a debt of \$115,000. The present pastor is Rev. Robert D. Gray, who came in 1978 and served as general contractor for the building. The church is now celebrating its 80th anniversary since incorporation.

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BRANNON ACCEPTS PASTORAL MINISTRIES POST



Rev. Wilbur Brannon, pastor of the Sacramento, Calif., Liberty Towers Church, has accepted the assignment as director of Pastoral Ministries, according to Rev.

Bill Sullivan, executive director of the Division of Church Growth. Brannon is the first director to be named to the newly created Pastoral Ministries office.

Prior to Sacramento, Brannon pastored churches in Point Loma, Calif., Community; Lansing, Mich.; Orlando, Fla., Central; Hot Springs, Ark., First; and Seminole, Okla. Before his 21 years of pastoring, he served as an evangelist for 14 years.

Brannon has served on the boards of Nazarene Bible College and Nazarene Theological Seminary, and also on a variety of district boards.

Brannon received his Th.B. degree from Bethany Nazarene College, his B.A. from Goshen Mennonite College and Biblical Seminary, and his M.A. from Ouachita Baptist University.

He is married to the former Betty Thomas, daughter of evangelist, Fred Thomas. They have one son, Paul, of Nashville. The Brannons will move to Kansas City in Late January. □

—NCN

MUXWORTHY APPOINTED TO CANADA PACIFIC DISTRICT


Rev. Charles Muxworthy, pastor of Toronto, Ontario, Emmanuel Church, has accepted an appointment as superintendent of the Canada Pacific District. He succeeds Rev. Daniel J. Derksen, superintendent since 1974, who has resigned to accept the pastorate of Calgary, Alberta, North Hill Church.

Muxworthy has pastored the Toronto Emmanuel Church for six and a half years. He has also served at Pasadena, Calif., Central; Ventura, Calif., First; Calgary, Alberta, First; Red Deer, Alberta, First; Woodstock, Ontario; and Peterborough, Ontario.

Rev. Muxworthy is a member of the General Board and serves on the Christian Life and Sunday School Committee. He is also chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of

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Jerald D. Johnson, Secretary
Board of General Superintendents

Governors, Canadian Nazarene College.

Rev. Muxworthy is a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Dorothea Lemon. They have four children: Paula (Mrs. Nelson) Lang, of Medford, Ore.; Patti (Mrs. Dennis) Hines, of Toronto, Ontario; and Peter and Perry, both residing at home. The Muxworthys will move to the district parsonage in Burnaby, British Columbia, in early February. □

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With the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents, and in consultation with the District Advisory Board of the Canada Pacific District, I have appointed Rev. Charles Muxworthy (now pastor of the Toronto Emmanuel Church on the Canada Central District) as superintendent of the Canada Pacific District, effective February 1, 1982.

—William M. Greathouse
General Superintendent

LOVETTS TO FRANCE

Dr. L. Guy Nees, director of the Division of World Mission, reports that Rev. and Mrs. Russell Lovett, missionaries to Italy, have been asked to transfer to France to take the position of mission director which has been vacated by Rev. Walter Crow's move to the European Bible College as rector.

The Lovetts will go to France at the end of their present furlough year.

The work in France began with the move of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Crow and Rev. and Mrs. David Fraley to France, January 1, 1979.

In October, 1981, France reported 3 churches, 80 members, and 175 enrolled in Sunday School. □

DR. PAUL BASSETT DIRECTS NTS M.DIV. PROGRAM



President T. C. Sanders, Jr., has announced the appointment of Paul M. Bassett as director of the M.Div. program of Nazarene Theological Seminary. The M.Div.

program is the primary degree program for preparation for preaching and pastoral ministry. It is one of four graduate degree programs offered by NTS. As director of this program, Dr. Bassett will be working directly with the academic dean.

Dr. Bassett has been a member of the NTS faculty since 1969, serving presently as professor of the History of Christianity. While assuming significant assignments as director, Dr. Bassett will continue most of his former classroom responsibilities.

Holding degrees from Olivet Nazarene College (A.B.) and Duke University (B.D. and Ph.D.), Professor Bassett has had extensive graduate study at Ohio State University and post-doctoral study at the University of Kansas. He has held faculty posts at Trevecca Nazarene College, and West Virginia University, as well as having taught as a teaching fellow at Duke Divinity School.

Dr. Bassett has held pastorates in North Carolina and Ohio and preached widely in Europe and throughout North and Central America. He has written a book, *Keep the Wonder*; shared in writing in *Exploring Christian Holiness, Exploring our Christian Holiness*; and is currently editing a collection of papers by scholars on church growth. His first volume of a long-term scholarly research on *The History of Iberian Christianity* is due off the press soon.

Dr. Bassett and his wife, Pearl (Hauseholter), have three children: Emilie, a junior at ONC; Stephan, a high school senior; and Anita, a seventh grader. □

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