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The Lord Is My Shepherd

Psalms 23:1



General Superintendent Stowe

Do You Know Where Your Children Are?

THIS question has been flashed on television screens periodically during late evening hours. It's a good question. More parents should be able to provide a good answer.

Our church through its Department of Youth and district and local NYPS organizations is rendering invaluable assistance in "locating" our young people. This is not just a sanctified baby-sitting service. It is a proper mix of both the spiritual and the social.

Exhibit A—International Institute. Sixteen hundred parents knew just where their "top teen-agers" were that week in July. They were having the time of their young lives in the high country of Colorado. They kept the YMCA Conference grounds literally jumping—there's lots of it when the top Bible Quiz teams are competing in the national finals. And these were just a few of the hundreds who are regularly involved in studying the Scriptures and engaging in quizzing. Then there were classes, chapels, athletic activities, hiking in breathtaking mountain scenery—plus plenty of opportunities for informal fun and fellowship.

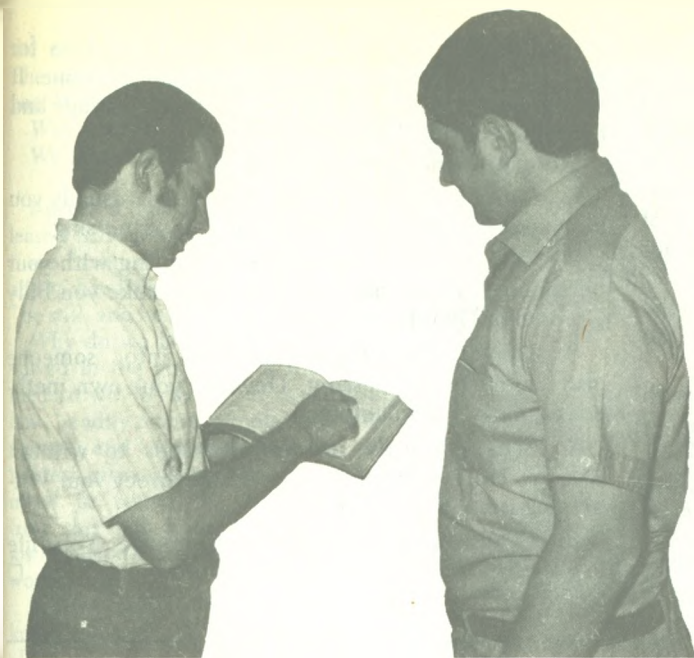
Exhibit B—District Youth Camps. More than 10,000 junior and senior high boys and girls in addition to twice that number of pre-teens were involved in Nazarene camping programs during the summer months. Their parents not only knew where they were physically. Thousands came home to testify that they had been to Calvary! These camps have become one of our most fruitful

evangelistic enterprises. Wide-awake pastors will get these new converts into membership classes right away and will welcome them into the full fellowship of the church.

Exhibit C—IMPACT Teams and Choirs. Immediate Personal Action For Christ—that's what more and more of our young people are demanding. And they're getting it in district and local church teams which sing, witness, and get personally involved in soul winning. Their music is different—guitars, drums, and a "beat." But before we criticize let's be sure that we are winning as many youth for Christ with our more staid, traditional methods and music! And remember that the Wesley hymns were called "barroom ballads" by eighteenth-century church musicians.

*Exhibit D—Nazarene Colleges—*Christian parents are understandably disturbed about sending their young people to universities where coeducational dormitories, admittedly Communist professors, and open anarchy are the order of the day. Thank God for nine liberal arts colleges, a graduate seminary, and a Bible college where nearly 10,000 of our youth will receive a genuinely Christian education this year. Academic excellence is implemented by wholesome social life and a proper emphasis on spiritual values.

In these and many other ways your church is making an honest effort to help parents know not only *where* but *what* their children are. □



WITNESSING IS NOT EASY!

Silence is golden until it comes to witnessing; then it's yellow!

don't know how to talk about religion to others." It just so happens that the disciples were very ordinary men. They possessed little formal education. They were not learned men. Yet they felt an inner compulsion to share Christ with others.

We can talk about everything from socks to sex with other people. Why can't we talk to them about Jesus Christ?

Another excuse: "People are so sinful; they're not interested in God!" In Jesus' day the priests were corrupt, oppressors and money changers cheating people in the Temple itself. Idolatry was in the saddle! Rome was in control and any god was all right. At Corinth, when Paul arrived, there was a temple to Aphrodite where 1,000 sacred prostitutes were employed. Oh, yes, and don't forget that Herod let his wife's daughter strip and dance to please his guests! The sinfulness of the day is precisely the reason why we should be witnessing!

"But," someone still protests, "it was different in Bible times!" Yes, it really was different then. It was so different that some Christians were skinned alive. Others were pulled apart, limb by limb, in Nero's catapult. Some became burning torches at the stake. Torture such as burning in oil or having holes burned in the tongue was the price some had to pay. Stoned, beheaded, and crucified upside down—yes, it was different.

Men can respond to God—if we'll tell them. No matter how sinful a man is, he can turn to God. God's grace has freed the will so it is possible for a sinner to be saved. The last word is not sin, but salvation. Our gospel is one of deliverance for the captive.

So many are hungry for God. Yes, there are those who say they want nothing to do with God. But many times that is but a thin veneer of bravado. Crack that shell with friendship and love and lead a soul to

AN ARMY invaded the earth today. That army is composed of 324,000 babies born today. Ten thousand people starved or died from malnutrition. Another 123,000 died from other causes.

That leaves a net gain of 190,000 in the population count. Each one of them needs to come to know Christ as a personal Savior.

A truth that must be faced is that the Christian faith is always only one generation away from extinction. Each person must find God for himself.

Conversion is an extremely personal experience. God has many children, but He has no grandchildren. "But how shall they ask Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?" (Romans 10:14, *Living Letters*) That's where witnessing comes in.

"Witness! Who, me? Oh, no, you can't get me with that one! That happens to be the preacher's job. He's paid to do it, and besides, everyone expects him to witness. Anyway, he knows how and can do a better job."

But the preacher protests, "Laymen can talk to people a preacher can never touch!"

Folks expect a minister to be concerned about the souls of men. It catches them by surprise when a layman does the witnessing.

We fear failure and so experience it. Sinners know that it's everyone's job and that precious few are really getting the job done.

The oft repeated excuse is, "I'm not educated and

Christ. Much of the unrest prevalent today is but an expression of deep hunger for God.

We have the answer to the world's dilemma. Sad to say, most people don't know we have the answer. We've made it top-secret for too long.

"Oh," you say, "I just want my life to be an example." That's fine, but it doesn't take the place of the spoken witness. Silence is golden until it comes to witnessing; then it's yellow!

Do we really believe Christ and salvation are the greatest in the world? Do we believe Christ is the Answer to every crisis?

Suppose a mother is watching her son die with leukemia. And just suppose you have the answer—a cure for the disease. But you remain silent. Why? Too personal, might offend! It doesn't sound logical, does it? No, and neither does it when we apply such illogic to witnessing.

Christ's commission to witness still stands for every

Christian. All of us have untold opportunities for sharing Christ. It is not easy, but it can be done. It has never been easy in any day! It takes courage and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Here are some suggestions which might help:

1. Don't expect witnessing to be easy; usually you must make your own opportunities for witnessing.

2. Witness in ways that are in keeping with your personality. Being sanctified does not make you Billy Graham or Dwight L. Moody!

3. Don't get straightjacketed into someone else's mold for witnessing. Develop your own methods and ask God to help you.

4. Seek earnestly for opportunities to witness. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you and direct you. Witnessing is not a one-man job!

5. Live a Spirit-filled life continuously. Your life must witness along with spoken word. □

God Used a Rose



■ By Katherine Bevis

Houston

THE day had been tense.

The demands life made upon me seemed to have accelerated alarmingly. Slipping into some old clothes, I went out to the garden to transplant some flowers, but emotionally I felt on the very lowest step of my being. Slowly I walked alongside a hedge toward the place in the garden where I wanted to do the transplanting.

Unexpectedly, in the midst of my dark thinking, there reached out to me on a bush growing half-hidden there a perfect, velvety, fully bloomed, red rose. How beautiful it was as it leaned toward me from the greenery! Yet far more beautiful was its loveliness to my

spirit, for somehow I felt as if God through the rose was holding out His hand to me, saying, "My child, do not be depressed. I am still here. I will strengthen your spirit. I will be with you in whatever comes."

Straightening my shoulders, I felt my burden was somehow already lifted. Stooping down, I started turning the damp, loose soil, tenderly lifting the crowded plants, transferring them to spaces in the perennial border, and the tension flowed from me as I began to feel that sweet exhilaration that comes from contact with Mother Earth when she is in her most yielding mood.

As I worked I thought how like the garden of life is a flower garden. How often the Great Gardener reaches down with His spade to lift us from unhealthy conditions, from crowded beds or sterile ground!

Peace and rest replaced the hurry and the worry. God seemed so near in

the riot of growing things about me. The words of a poem by the English poet W. H. Davies came to me:

*What is life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and
stare?*

I realized that, for the time being at least, I had forgotten what life CAN be if we "take time to stand and stare" and to heed the words of the Psalmist, "Be still, and know . . ." (56:10).

Why do we let ourselves get so involved in the activities of this hectic, modern way of living? It is surprising how readily most people lose their mental and spiritual balance. The lightest provocation induces a chaotic mood in which the mastery passes from the man himself to the stupid, jostling circumstances of a blundering world.

Inward poise! Most of us do not know its meaning! "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," Jesus tells us—and on this morning He had given me the quietness which the Bible tells us about, "When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?" (Job 34:29)

And as God spoke to me that afternoon, I thought of the velvety, fully bloomed rose that had reached out to me from the greenery, speaking of God's nearness. The words of Elizabeth Barrett Browning came back to me: "Earth's crammed with Heaven, and every bush afire with God, but only he who sees takes off his shoes; and the rest sit round it and pluck blackberries."

And the amazing genius of Augustine perceived this back in the fifth century when he wrote: "The power of God shines forth most clearly in the smallest things."

The works of God are ever inviting us to a better understanding of their greatness, their wisdom, their glory. Scarcely do we begin to follow this way of understanding until we are singing with David, "Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done" (Psalms 40:5). □



GETTING THE BEST OF FEAR

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IT IS SAID that babies are born with only two fears—fear of falling and fear of loud noises. But man seems to have the capacity to learn new fears at an amazing rate.

We live in a neurotic age. People are full of all kinds of fears. Christ characterized the time before His coming again as a day when "men's hearts [would be] failing them for fear" (Luke 21:26).

The strongest Christians are pierced with the devil's darts of dread, doubt, and fear. One of the worst enemies within us is fear. Mostly, we are afraid of our own fears. It is often true that "we have nothing to fear but fear itself."

We should have only one kind of fear, and that is humble reverence and awe for the holiness, majesty, and

power of God. This fear, the Bible says, "is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalms 111:10).

Yet we are afraid in many ways.

Fear is the most devastating of all human emotions! It is "private enemy number one"! The Christian must learn to get the best of fear, or else fear will get the best of him.

What is fear? A theoretical definition tells us that fear is a painful emotion characterized by disquiet, anxious concern, alarm, and dread. A popular definition extremely paradoxical in its statement reminds us that fear is, in reality, faith in the thing that we do not want to happen.

The earliest fear recorded in Holy Scripture is that which gripped our first parents after they had lost their



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estate of holiness and bliss through their disobedience. Once they had sinned, Adam and Eve knew what it meant to be afraid, to fear punishment, to feel pangs of conscience and the gnawings of remorse. Thus fear came into the world through sin, through the estrangement of God and man. And sin has caused man to fear ever since (Genesis 3; Hebrews 2:14-15).

The conquest of harmful fears is achieved by a living faith in the Lord. We have the right to be free from care when we yield our lives to Christ, because this automatically puts us into God's family. Then one can confidently follow the Apostle Peter's advice: "Cast all your cares on him [the Lord], for you are his charge" (I Peter 5:7, NEB). The Bible says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge" (Psalms 46:1-2, 11).

One night when a great ocean vessel was sailing between Liverpool and New York, a storm arose and the huge boat gave a sudden lurch. Instantly everyone was awake and afraid. That is, everyone but the eight-year-old daughter of the captain.

The little girl, who was thrown out of bed, stood up rubbing her eyes and asked, "What's the matter?"

Her mother told her about the storm and danger.

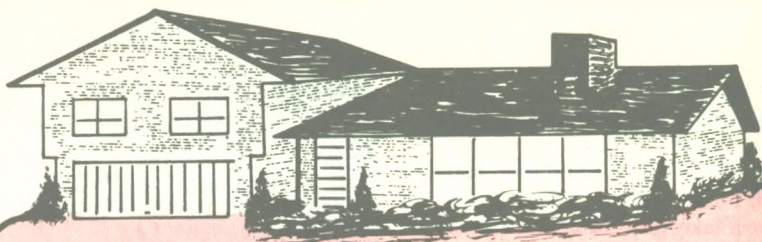
"But isn't Daddy on deck?" asked the child.

"Surely," replied her mother.

"Then I'm going back to bed," said the girl, and she was soon asleep again. She had complete confidence in her father.

This old world of ours is rocking and lurching from side to side. Doomsday seems imminent. But the Christian is able to live above the anxiety that is all around him. He has found the secret of conquering fear. The Bible says, "We have a strong city; He [the Lord] sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks. Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is the Rock of Ages" (Isaiah 26:1, 3-4, Berkeley).

The question you face, friend, is, Will you enter this walled city of the Lord? The conquest of fear can be achieved only by putting your trust in God. Do it right now and experience "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding." □



Faith at Home

"AND THERE WAS LIGHT"

SHE'S so beautiful, I hardly know how to describe her," I reported to my primary Sunday school class. "Not as the world judges..."

I groped for words and found them. "When you look at her, it's as though you are actually seeing the Holy Spirit within, thinly veiled."

I was referring to a missionary who recently spoke of her years spent as a Japanese prisoner during World War II.

In repeating her story, I seemed to see her face again; hear the voice that at times nearly broke with emotion.

While listening, the tears that ran down my cheeks mingled with laughter. Amazing how this woman was able to find and share so many humorous incidents from that frustrating period!

She impressed us, too, with how much there is for stay-at-homes to accomplish. How little time may be left for doing it.

Could any of us who heard her come away unchanged? Unchallenged?

We were informed about how our missionary society can come alive—in hundreds of ways, limited only by the scope of our imaginations. Skits. Pictures. Songs. More purposeful fasting. More in-depth praying. Especially more giving!

I've long felt this great, thrilling work needn't be confined within the boundaries of special-interest meetings.

Certainly organized groups focus the energy, channel it effectively. However, shouldn't this lifeblood of Christ's cause pulsate through every program the church offers?

Besides, our missionary speaker's zeal was so contagious, I couldn't help carrying my renewed concern over the threshold into our Sunday school classroom.

So, after finishing her story, I added, "Children, one Spanish radio broadcast of 15 minutes reaches more people in that short time than a missionary can in one year. It costs only \$3.00. How many want to begin having regular collections to help?" (Our own campaign for the Easter Offering had proved very successful.)

Every hand went up.

The pennies, nickels, and dimes were gathered. All was still, as we waited breathlessly for the result.

"Three dollars exactly!"

I searched each of the dozen shining faces and marveled at these 12 lights brightly burning for Jesus.

How many other fires will be kindled for Christ from the sparks of their love?



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TAKING the tests for a driver's license in a new state can be exciting. Each state is a bit different in its emphasis and requirements.

Before attempting such an exercise one does well to avail himself of a copy of the "Rules of the Road" as the secretary of this state calls them. Some good restudy and "cramming" for such an examination proves helpful too.

Now laws are interesting things. In the field of science they are descriptions of how nature behaves and what one may uniformly expect from her. In traffic they are descriptions of how the good driver behaves under various conditions in order to promote the successful movement of traffic.

British Philosopher A. E. Taylor has declared: "General rules speedily make themselves felt in the increased power and importance enjoyed by the section of society which is in possession of them." One who knows the "Rules of the Road" has a freedom and relaxed confidence as he plies his way along the densely crowded traffic lanes.

Rules then become extremely practical. By means of them one can postulate the practice that will be forthcoming from another driver, and he can do the same for you, and so the snarls are fewer and less serious. Therefore rules, from the standpoint of metaphysics, are basically *postulates*. By the laws of nature we can postulate (predict) her behavior too.

It is something like this when the

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Bible gives us its rules descriptive of the people of God, as it tells us how genuine Christians "behave the Gospel" they embrace. "He that saith I know him [Christ] . . . ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked" (I John 2:4-6).

It is like this also when our denomination gives us a set of "General Rules" descriptive of what may be expected in the behavior of a member thereof. Too often we look upon them as "straightjackets" binding an unwilling and nonconformist organism. But such is not the case at all. One who voluntarily associates himself with the people called Nazarenes has chosen to adopt also the described manner of behavior for Nazarenes.

Thus the rules become most practical things. They set guidelines for the easy progress of our interpersonal relations as we seek to practice our faith. Societal standards such as they are should not be thought of as "cramps" on our freedom, but as expressions of our ideals. And they are in a very real sense indispensable to the success of the society of believers which calls itself the Church of the Nazarene. Just as success in heavy traffic calls for observance of the rules, so success in the ideal of Christian holiness calls for observance of the rules.

We had flown in a small airplane

with two others out from Fairbanks, Alaska, on a sunny winter day to get some coveted photographs of Mt. McKinley. The sun had risen about 9:45 a.m. and would set again about 2 p.m. Our time was limited.

On our return trip the pilot had become lost and was unable to chart his way back to the airstrip from which we had taken off. In desperation he radioed Fairbanks control center for directions. The sun had now set and the northern night was fast closing in over us.

How reassuring was the voice from the control center which asked, "Can you see the moon?"

"Yes, we can," was our pilot's reply.

Then came the definite counsel: "Set the moon just off your right wing tip and hold your plane in that relationship to it! You'll eventually make it back to where you can see the lights of Fairbanks and find your landing-strip lights."

Rules are important in all areas of life. So, Christian, why not set your life in a right attitude toward the Sermon on the Mount and the example of Jesus? Then you will not miss your way as a Christian.

And if you are a Nazarene you should thank God for the "General Rules." If you will live by them you will be able to respect yourself as a Nazarene, and, what's more, you will be a worthy example for those in our society of believers. Thank God for the rules; they are practical guidelines for sincere behavior and safe arrival at worthy goals. □

Editorially Speaking

By W. T. PURKISER

Living Without Sin

Most people who claim that no Christian can live in this world without sin tend to identify sin, in one way or another, either with the physical body or with human nature itself.

It is quite true that the physical body is the source of impulses and desires that may lead to sinful acts. But neither the body itself nor its normal needs and instincts are sinful.

St. Paul speaks of the consecrated Christian's body as "holy, acceptable unto God" (Romans 12:1). Jesus, who was "holy, harmless, and undefiled," had a body that was fully human in every respect.

Human nature, also, may be the source of weaknesses and limitations that may result in unrighteous acts and attitudes. But the basic Christian conviction about Christ is that He was both sinless and yet perfectly human in all that humanity is meant to be. Years after His return to the Father, Paul could speak of Him as "the man Christ Jesus" who is our Mediator with God (I Timothy 2:5).

All this might seem to be just an academic quibble until we stop to realize that it really goes to the heart of what the Bible teaches about the triumph of grace over sin. The person who expects no more from Christ than continual forgiveness for continual sinning is not apt to live higher than his expectation.

What we haven't always seen is the opposite side of this situation. To identify sin with the physical or the purely human leads to the kind of false self-denial so severely condemned in the New Testament.

No one has said this better than the Scottish psychiatrist, Dr. J. G. McKenzie. Dr. McKenzie points out that as long as sin is defined in biological terms and associated with the body, bodily appetites will be repressed. As a result they remain egocentric in the unconscious and exercise a compulsive influence upon thought and feeling. Impure thoughts become obsessive, and depression results.

"The 'holiness' with which this false view of human nature allies itself, will be an unhappy holiness," McKenzie comments.

"On the other hand," the doctor continues, "if we root sin in ego-centricity, in what we have called the 'empirical ego' as distinguished from the soul or

Subject, then there seems no reason why we should not, like Paul, press on towards 'the mark of our high calling' . . . There is nothing in psychology that would give us grounds for saying that the 'ideal for the present life' is unattainable."

If sin is a matter of the physical, then its remedy is a hair shirt and a bed of spikes. If sin is a matter of human nature, then the cure is repression with all the neurotic and health-damaging results that follow.

ON THE OTHER HAND, if sin is as the Bible teaches that it is, an intrusion in human life and no proper part of either the physical or normal human nature, then the remedy also is as the Bible says it is, the power of conquering grace that casts out the intruder and rules the life within (Romans 6:1-15).

"To err is human," to be sure. But to make mistakes and fail in the sincere effort at high accomplishment is not sin in the scriptural meaning of the term.

There is all the difference in the world between an honest mistake or an unconscious failure to do the right thing at the right time, and the deliberate and knowing transgression of God's law, which the Bible describes as sin.

The feeling-tone that accompanies human failure is one of regret. We should do better than we do in a great many areas. Mistakes should be confessed, and forgiveness asked even for unintentional offenses against another.

But the feeling-tone that accompanies sin is one of guilt. One who sins stands condemned at the bar of his own conscience and in the sight of the God whose holy law he has broken.

We may in complete honesty and humility acknowledge our imperfections and faults. God does not make us paragons of perfection as human beings.

What He does is to forgive our transgressions and cleanse us from the corruption of inner sinfulness in order that we may "serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life" (Luke 1:74-75).

To settle for anything less is to "fail of the grace of God," rob ourselves of the spiritual victory rightfully ours, and deprive a dying world of the living witness that comes from the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. □

Organism or Machine?

A church, large or small, may be either a machine or an organism. The difference is vast and vitally important.

A machine is a collection of parts working together. To the degree that the parts fit together and are well-lubricated, the machine is able to function well and possibly long.

But the parts wear out because they contribute without receiving. There is nothing about a machine that is self-repairing. It can go but it cannot grow.

A living body is also made up of parts or organs working together. But there is a difference. A living body not only receives from its organs or "members"; it contributes to and sustains them as well.

A body is self-repairing. It can both go and grow. And as the processes of metabolism go on within it, it lives and functions smoothly and well.

Some churches are like machines. They are organizations of parts that work with more or less friction. Like machines, they consume a great deal of energy on themselves. They receive more from the members than they contribute to the members who belong to them.

It was Wayne Oates who made the interesting suggestion that "the Holy Spirit . . . can and does transform an organization that would otherwise be felt as a machine into an organism that contributes to and sustains the personal growth of the men and women in it."

What the life principle is to the body, the Holy Spirit is to the body of Christ. A church without the Spirit is more akin to machine than it is to organism.

When the Spirit of God infuses the life of a church organization, it is transformed into an organism in which each member both gives and gains. The members contribute to the life of the whole, and are in turn sustained by the life of the whole.

Paul's unforgettable comparison of the Church to the body of Christ is made squarely within his discussion of the gifts of the Spirit (I Corinthians 12). Each receives according to the will of God, and each contributes according to his ability for the advancement of the life of the whole.

A part may be detached from a machine and not be changed. But a member cut off from a body dies. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular" (I Corinthians 12:27). Different one from another though we may be, we belong together and live only as we stay together.

The health and vitality of the body depend on the life-giving spirit that infuses every part. So the life

I am convinced that the lukewarm, carnal Christian can be changed into a vital, dynamic, witnessing Christian if he will surrender his will to Christ and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

—WILLIAM BRIGHT.

of the body of Christ, which is His Church, depends on the Spirit of life that pervades the whole. Each of us may and must be part of an organization that is transformed from machine to organism by the Spirit of the Lord. □

No Lifting Power in Unbelief

Samuel Chadwick of Leeds, England, engaged in a long and apparently fruitless discussion one night with a group of self-professed unbelievers, headed by a keen and aggressive young attorney.

Finally Dr. Chadwick said, "Suppose we grant your philosophy to be sufficient for the man who has moral character, social position, economic sufficiency and domestic happiness; what will you do for the man who has none of these, whose life has been wrecked by the ravages of wrong living, and from whom all hope has departed?"

The lawyer-spokesman replied, "I would bring him to you, Dr. Chadwick; for you have his only hope."

Perhaps not entirely intended, this was an eloquent tribute to the lifting power of the gospel of Christ. Unbelief may serve in the sunshine and fair weather. It is no help when the clouds gather and the storms come.

Yet more and more men are coming to see that a voyage on calm seas under sunny skies is without much meaning if there is no port in sight.

The easy optimism of the early part of this century is pretty much a thing of the past among thoughtful people. Two world wars and the never ending "brush-fire" wars of the fifties and sixties have done much to destroy the cocky assurance that human wisdom is quite sufficient for unending happiness and well-being.

Even when men "would do good, evil is present with" them. Thousands of Vietnamese died in the Communist take-over of North Vietnam. Yet the attempt to preserve the freedom of South Vietnam as of Memorial Day this year had already cost 42,265 American lives, 107,579 South Vietnamese lives, and 643,209 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese lives according to official government figures. The figures have been growing every day since.

There is no political cure for the ills of mankind. Psychology, education, sociology, and medicine offer but limited help. The demonic bent to evil in human nature is too deep to be eradicated by anything short of the power of God in Christ Jesus.

While the Church certainly has its shortcomings, to blame the ills of society upon it—as some critics do—is shortsighted and unthinking. The world is in the mess it is in, not because it has followed the preachments of Christianity, but precisely because it has not.

For modern man, as for people in all the Christian centuries, Christ has the only hope. □



**FILL
MY
HOUSE**

LUKE 14:23

Districts and World Areas Competing from 1969 Attendance

(Winners to be listed in December 16 "Herald")

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Kentucky
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I WILL GO

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I SAW GOD RAISE A MAN FROM THE DEAD!



Rev. Dirkse and "Doc"

■ By Neal Dirkse
Glendale, Calif.

WE PRAYED for him for years. Then, one day, he dropped dead!

"Doc" was one of those who would never offend anybody—his Catholic background and training had impressed this upon him. But he just wasn't too much interested in old-time religion!

You could always count on him when there was some building or repair work to be done around the church; you could be sure that if some little old lady needed help, "Doc" was around to give it!

He would never let anyone criticize the preacher, but then he didn't come to hear him preach, either! He was one of those "nice kind of people" . . . always ready to help when help was needed; but the praying business . . . he left that to the "good church folk!"

Not that he never prayed. He did, every time he ran into trouble!

Except for his constant smoking and the occasional use of an oath when under pressure, his life was rather clean. But church?—well, he *was* quite busy on Sunday; and after all, his wife was doing a good job of carrying the family's share of the church load! She was a devoted Sunday school teacher and a faithful attendant, and he wouldn't interfere with that . . . no,

sir! not for one minute, he wouldn't! He would show up for one of the services on special occasions and on Easter and Christmas . . . but that was about all he had time for.

He was an engineer at a hospital in town . . . and a good one! He did the kind of work that staff members were glad to have him around to do. He never refused a request for help, whether in behalf of some indigent patient or one of the members of the medical staff. That's why he was home so seldom in the evening or on week-ends.

The church prayed for him constantly, that he might come into a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Though he never said as much, you had the feeling he thought those prayers were wasted . . . *everybody* knew what a "great guy" he was! He never bragged about his "good works," but you had the feeling he was not unaware of them!

And then it happened!

He was at work at the hospital one day when he felt an irresistible urge to report to the emergency room. Just as he arrived, he collapsed—heart arrest! In plain language, "he dropped dead!" His heart had stopped beating!

There were those about who recognized the symptoms and immediately began to do the things they had been trained to do. The call for the heart specialist went out over the intercom, and providentially, he was in the hospital and on his way to the emergency room.

In a few moments he began massaging "Doc's" tired heart. Soon there was a faint flicker and then an unsteady beat—but only for a moment. It stopped.

A second time the doctor's fingers coaxed the heart to beat, and a second time it stopped. A third time—usually the last time that a heart is started beating, for fear brain damage might be too severe—the same thing happened.

The doctor later related that he did not know why he kept trying, but he did—a fourth time. The muscle responded and beat a few moments longer.

Finally, a fifth time it was begun, and this time it continued to beat—erratically, unsteadily, but it continued.

Quickly "Doc" was rushed to the intensive-care unit, where equipment was available to enable close watching and response. For minutes, then hours, his life hung by a slender thread.

The hours became a full day, then

Pen Points

The Closed Circle

AFTER church Alan, the new boy—he'd been out to church with his parents three weeks now—stood with his parents. Every few minutes he looked over at the group of boys and girls talking together, seemingly making plans for something.

I'd noticed him those other Sundays too. Some of the boys and girls had paused each week to say, "Hello." Then they'd gone on to join their own circle of friends. No one had made any more advances towards friendliness.

"Let's go home, Mom," I heard him say now. "I'm hungry, and I want to finish reading my book."

I watched them turn and walk away from the church.

Then suddenly I realized that I had been as casually careless about making friends with the parents as the younger generation had been about making friends with Alan. I'd smiled and spoken briefly, but hadn't made any real efforts to show that they mattered to me.

I hurried after the family and made plans with them to have them in for a meal that same day.

Later, as I entertained the newcomers, I knew that somehow I would have to encourage my younger friends to open up their circle to include Alan, and make him feel he belonged.

God says, "Do not neglect to show kindness to strangers" (Hebrews 13:2, Weymouth).—OLIVE W. MUMERT, *Youngstown, Alberta, Canada.*

"Doc" back on the job



the second and third day, and "Doc" continued to live. At the end of three weeks, he was moved into a room without the specialized equipment, and then some weeks later discharged!

During those weeks of convalescence, "Doc" gave his heart to the Lord in that total surrender that allows for no exceptions. When the members of the medical staff came into his room—for the story of the miracle of what had happened had reached the entire hospital—he told them of "how good God is!" His testimony was clear and definite, and every doctor who attended him acknowledged that he was alive through no abilities of their own.

He became a special "guinea pig" to all these who had heard but could not believe . . . a dead man had been brought back five times and continued to live! And he is very much alive today, some nine months later!

No brain damage has appeared; his cigarettes are a thing of the past. "What did I ever see in those dirty, stinking things?" was his comment to his pastor. His language is as clean as any Christian's ought to be. He seldom misses a church service anymore.

The first Sunday he returned to church, about three months after his seizure, he was called up to the pulpit, where for 15 minutes he told of God's grace and mercy to "a sinner like me!" There were few eyes that were not wet with tears when he concluded, and at the end of the service a number responded to the invitation.

Last Wednesday evening he was asked to dismiss the prayer meeting crowd. You would have thought a bishop was praying! He prayed so simply, so beautifully, so expressively—and God drew very near!

You just wouldn't believe, unless you saw it—but I saw it, I was there, I am his pastor!

He still wants to do things around the church, but we try to keep him from overdoing. He is trying to keep his activities within the limits of his strength, but our faith is not as strong as his.

He started working again the first of this year for four hours a day; on May first he was permitted by the doctor to work a full eight-hour shift again!

His testimony goes to anyone who will stop long enough to hear it, for the first thing he wants to talk about is what Christ has come to mean to him, and what He can come to mean to them, if they will only ask Him! □

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ACTION REPORTS—A FOCUS ON ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES

EASTERN MICHIGAN

Ferndale, Mich., was the meeting place for the twenty-first annual assembly of the Eastern Michigan District, July 15-16.

Orville W. Jenkins, presiding general superintendent, ordained Merrill David Braymer and Jerry Wayne Wallace.

District Superintendent E. W. Martin, completing the first year of a four-year term, reported a membership gain of 126 and stated that 462 members were received on profession of faith. The churches raised a grand total of \$2,189,748 for all purposes. Dr. Martin urged the district to place the greatest value on the worth of a human soul.

One meeting was highlighted with a spontaneous altar service during the singing of the "Collegians."

Conventions elections included Mrs. H. Leslie MacKay elected president of the NWMS and Rev. M. V. Scutt elected president of the NYPS. Rev. Howard Richey was elected chairman of the church schools board.

Elected to the advisory board were (elders) Donald Freese and H. Leslie MacKay, (laymen) Harlan Heinmiller and Milton Mountain. □

EASTERN KENTUCKY

The nineteenth annual assembly of the Eastern Kentucky District was held July 7-9 at Newport, Ky.

District Superintendent D. S. Somerville, completing the first of a two-year term, reported gains in general and district giving, property value, and district membership. He stated plans to start regular services at the district center (Mount Hope Campground) as a first phase in a home mission church in Flemingsburg.

The ordination service was conducted by presiding General Superintendent Samuel Young. He ordained Charles E. Copley, Sr., Warren Toler, and John Toler.

Elections to the advisory board include the following: (elders) Lawrence B. Hicks and Jack Stone, (laymen) Lewis K. Edwards and Audra Abney.

Lewis K. Edwards was elected chairman of the church schools board.

Mrs. D. S. Somerville was elected NWMS president and Jack Stone was elected to head the NYPS. □

OREGON PACIFIC

The twenty-seventh annual assembly of the Oregon Pacific District was held in Salem (Ore.) First Church with Dr. V. H. Lewis as presiding general superintendent.

Dr. W. D. McGraw, resigning district superintendent, reported that during his 19 years as leader the statistics in all areas increased from 50 to 100 percent. The present district membership is 8,500. He referred to the new district center at Woodburn which is under construction and said it will be valued at more than \$2 million. A debt-reduction campaign for the project was announced. Total giving for the year reached \$1.8 million.

A special service honoring Dr. and Mrs. McGraw was held. They were presented with a book of memories which contained letters and pictures of pastors and their families and a cash gift of \$1,000. Dr. McGraw was also given a Bible and a plaque in honor of his years of service from the Board of General Superintendents.

Rev. Carl B. Clendenen, formerly serving as superintendent of the Northwestern Ohio District, was elected to succeed Dr. McGraw.

Dr. Lewis ordained Darwin Grimm, pastor at Grand Ronde, Ore.

Advisory board elections included (elders) Bill Burch and Bob Sutton, (laymen) Willard Friesen and Gordon Olsen.

Elected as president of the NWMS was Mrs. E. W. Shields, and to head the NYPS—Rev. James Martin. □

BRAZIL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

God came on the scene during the eleventh annual district assembly in Brazil in July. Following the message on the opening night the altars at Central Church in Campinas were lined with those determined to commit themselves to the whole will of God.

The hearts of delegates, visitors, national pastors, and missionaries were melted into a spirit of love and unity.

The morning Bible hour, with studies in First Peter, witnessed times of refreshing as shouts of victory were heard. Often following the studies a spontaneous altar service would begin.

On the second morning the Lord poured out a spirit of praise and adoration. Superintendent Roger Maze observed: "Never in my life have I seen anything like it in a district assembly."

Two of the newest churches on the Rio de Janeiro zone sent sufficient delegates to charter a special bus. The company furnished the latest model of its interstate fleet for the comfort and enjoyment of the Nazarenes. The driver was so impressed that he wanted to have the privilege of driving them back to Rio after the assembly.

We on the Brazilian field urge your intercessory prayers that revival fires ignited at the assembly might spread to all the churches on the field. Our task is overwhelming in lieu of over 90 million people who compose this vast, fertile mission field.—Carol Kratz, reporter. □

KENTUCKY

The sixty-second annual assembly of the Kentucky District was held July 21-22 at the Lexington (Ky.) Lafayette Church.

Presiding General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Henderson Goins, Dale D. Hatfield, James J. Kester, Edward F. Redmon, Aubrey Brent Cobb, and Dunn C. Cochran.

Dr. Dallas Baggett was reelected to a four-year term as district superintendent. He reported that the district membership is at an all-time high of 6,056. He said 400 were received by profession of faith. The total giving reached a high of \$1,100,954 and the giving for world missions totaled \$89,822. Dr. Baggett projected long-range district goals for the decade.

On Thursday morning, Kentucky teens who had been to International Institute at Estes Park, Colo., sang and testified at the NYPS convention. Fifteen people responded to an altar call at the end of their presentation. Among the group who found spiritual help was a soldier assigned to serve in Vietnam. A high spiritual tone prevailed through the assembly. Dr. Baggett attributed the spiritual victory to the fact that the Saturday preceding the assembly had been designated as a day of prayer and fasting by Kentucky Nazarenes.

Advisory board members elected for the new year are (elders) Oren Thrasher and Roy Wells, (laymen) E. J. Milby and Kenneth Rice.

Mrs. Dallas Baggett was reelected to head the NWMS and Rev. Dewey Williams was elected NYPS president. Rev. Lawrence Adams was elected chairman of the church schools board. □

PITTSBURGH

The sixty-third annual assembly of the Pittsburgh District was held July 23-24 at Mt. Chestnut district center. General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins presided over the business and ordained a class of two—Thomas Waltermire and C. Wayne Miller.

District Superintendent Robert I. Goslaw, completing one year of a four-year call, reported the largest number of new members received by profession of faith in four years—467. He reported record giving for all pur-

poses with a total of \$1,430,469 and a record giving for world evangelism totaling \$154,298. Pittsburgh is a 12 percent district. Projecting ahead, the district superintendent announced plans for expanded home mission effort and for an intensified evangelistic program of soul winning. He said the district will continue to develop its new center at Mt. Chestnut, which is located near Butler, Pa.

HIGHLIGHTING the assembly was the presentation of automobiles to outgoing missionaries, Thomas and Beth Waltermire and John and Naomi Lewis. Also, with 62 churches qualifying for the 10 percent stewardship certificates, it was announced to be the largest number on the district record.

Elections to the advisory board were (elders) Wayne Acton and Jack Christner, (laymen) Charles F. Smith and Willis Whiting.

Reelected to their posts of leadership were Mrs. Marjorie Goslaw, NWMS president, and Rev. Dallas Mucci, NYPS president.

Rev. John M. Gardner was elected chairman of the church schools board. □

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The sixty-fifth annual assembly of the Northern California District was held in the new church at Napa, Calif., July 22-23, with General Superintendent V. H. Lewis presiding.

Dr. E. E. Zachary, completing the second year of a four-year extended call, reported the following: 685 members received—396 on profession of faith; the membership stands at 5,821; a gain of 433 in Sunday school enrollment to total 13,130; a gain of

249 in average attendance sets the year's total at 6,490. He said the district raised a total of \$1,512,293 for all purposes. It gave \$140,511 to General Budget and missionary specials. Thirty churches were 10 percent, and 20 made the Evangelistic Honor Roll. Two new churches were organized.

Goals announced for the coming year included development of Beulah Park, the organization of two new churches, and special plans to raise money to purchase property for Negro churches, of which the district now has three, along with one Chinese and one Spanish church.

Dr. Lewis ordained John Liu and Allan C. Pennill.

The following were reelected to the district advisory board: (elders) James S. Shaw and Harold L. Stickney, (laymen) Paul Price and David Sutherland.

Mrs. James S. Shaw was reelected NWMS president. Rev. Frank W. Watkin continues to lead the district church schools program. Hal Weber is the newly elected NYPS president. □

NEWS OF REVIVAL

OKMULGEE (OKLA.) FIRST CHURCH LEARNED NEW TECHNIQUES in personal soul winning in a recent meeting. The church was motivated by Rev. Jimmie Allen of Chandler, Okla.

Over 30 seekers bowed at the altar. Three times during the final Sunday morning, people went to the altar as conviction settled over the service.

Pastor Dal Newberry stated that, under the direction of the evangelist, the church has established an organized calling system. He believes

the church is mobilized to seek and win the lost of its community. □

NEARLY 100 PERCENT participation from the congregation of the Kingfisher, Okla., church on the last night of a recent revival climaxed the closing. Evangelist Jimmie Allen, successful Sunday school worker, held the meeting. He presented organizational plans for outreach and directed the church in visitation evangelism.

The final service appeal was directed toward recruitment of personal workers. The people moved forward in mass for a consecration service at the church altars. Forrest Woodward is pastor of the Kingfisher church. □

CROWDS THAT TAXED THE CAMP FACILITIES were reported at the Central Ohio District camp meeting. Multiplied scores found spiritual victories at the camp altar services.

Special workers for the camp meeting were Dr. G. B. Williamson, Rev. Paul Martin, and Dr. Stephen Nease. The music was led by James V. Cook. Hundreds of youth present heard Evangelist Dick Strickland, who directed a special youth program each evening.


A musical highlight on the last Saturday night was the rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah* performed by the camp choir of 130 voices. □

God desires nothing of us save that we allow Him to bestow life upon us, not merely this life that ends with death, but His life that knows no death.—*Emil Brunner.*

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VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

REV. W. T. WHITE, 69, died July 26 at Norman, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Sam Stearman, Robert L. Sumner, and Charles Powers. He is survived by his wife, Josie; one son, W. O.; two daughters, Louvenia Jellerson and Billie Stearman; seven grandchildren; two brothers; and one sister.

MRS. SADIE HESTER, 87, died June 5 in Live Oak, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. N. T. Park. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Faith Protsman, and one granddaughter.

REV. ARTHUR BRUCE SCUDDAY, 68, died Aug. 6 in El Paso, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harold W. Morris and Rev. Jerry W. White. He is survived by his wife, Willie; two sons, Warren and Wendell; five grandchildren; and one brother.

MRS. CORA E. ARNOLD, 81, died Dec. 31 in St. Petersburg, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Max L. Karns. She was survived by her husband, Clarence P.; one son, Rev. C. L.; a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Barnett; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and one brother.

MR. CLARENCE P. ARNOLD, 83, died Jan. 28 in Hagerstown, Md. Funeral services were conducted in St. Petersburg, Fla., by Rev. Max L. Karns. He is survived by one son, Rev. C. L.; a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Barnett; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

BIRTHS

—to Gordon and Geneva (Stacey) Blackburn, Portland, Ore., a girl, Cindy Kay, Aug. 2

—to Robert and Mary (Williams) Cardin, Granite City, Ill., a girl, Dawn Renee, July 18.

—to K. Ronald and Barbara Richwine, Vancouver, Wash., a girl, Christal Dawn, July 22.

MARRIAGES

Joyce Dawson and Rex Davidson, Amarillo, Tex., May 23.

Margie Guthredge, Vancouver, Wash., and Orin Pearson, Trout Lake, Wash., at Trout Lake, Wash., July 25.

Sharon Clark, Vancouver, Wash., and Ron Johnson, Lewiston, Idaho, at Hood River, Ore., June 6.

Miss Jeanene Maureen Edwards, Scott City, Kans., and Paul Wesley Overholt, Riverdale, Md., at Overland Park, Kans., Aug. 1.

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I'M embarrassed when pagans walk by our empty churches, look in on our feeble ceremonies, see us swapping members from church to church, moving corpses from one mortician to another, preaching a dynamite gospel and living fire-cracker lives.—**Vance Havner.**

NEWS OF RELIGION

You Should Know About . . .

LIKE A MIGHTY ARMY. A church that grows from 10 to 2,000 members in nine years is news. Such is the story of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. A color, sound film entitled "Like a Mighty Army" depicting highlights of the work done by Dr. James Kennedy and his trained aids at the church was a feature at the quadrennial Nazarene Laymen's Conference at Hotel Diplomat, Hollywood, Fla. August 18-23.

Dr. Kennedy has stated that 95 percent of all Christians have gone AWOL from their job of being soul winners. By his reckoning, if everyone who claimed to be a Christian would win a person to Christ today and "then everyone would win one tomorrow, we would have to quit before noon."

More than 1,600 laymen attended the conference representing all church districts in the United States, Canada, the British Isles, Australia, New Zealand, and other nations abroad. Keynote address was given by Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, speaker on the "Lutheran Hour" broadcast. □

MEET ALLOWISHUS, MESSENGER OF LOVE. An automobile accident, three weeks in a hospital, a promise, the influence of "Peanuts" Cartoonist Charles Schulz, and spiritual perspective—one book.

Such is the story of Barbara Carpenter, whose 21 days in a hospital bed, subsequent recovery, attendance at a Bible class taught by the "Peanuts" cartoonist, and a resolution that if she survived she would write something to relate faith and love and God's care, have resulted in the first of a series of seven "Allowishus" books receiving acclaim.

"Allowishus" is a dinosaur chosen because of his "never-never quality." The book has been translated into 15 languages. It is one woman's attempt to spread faith. □

FORWARD STRIDES BY IFCA. The highest income in history of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America totaling \$29,625,973 has been announced. Total membership of all 900 churches in the constituency is 122,388. □

COMMENDATION MEDAL AWARDED GARY W. BANZ. Gary W. Banz, Bethany, Okla., has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal. This medal, the second highest noncombat medal, was awarded for meritorious service in the Republic of Korea during the period December, 1968 through January, 1970.

The citation accompanying the medal reads: "The Army Commendation Medal is awarded to Specialist Five Gary W. Banz for meritorious service in the performance of his duties as Administrative Assistant to the Chaplain, 38th Artillery Brigade (Air Defense), Eighth United States Army, from December 1968 to January 1970.

"In addition to his regular duties, Specialist Banz served as Fund Custodian to the Got Dong San Orphanage Fund and as brigade representative to the Chin Mok Orphanage Association. He also worked with the Protestant Men of the Chapel and, in the final six months of his tour, acted as their secretary.

"His devotion to duty and initiative earned him the respect and admiration of all those associated with him, Korean and American alike. Specialist Five Banz's meritorious performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself, his command and the United States Army."

Banz returned and was discharged from the army on January 22, 1970. He is a 1967 graduate of Bethany Nazarene College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Banz of Sylvania, Kans.—Department of the Army. □

"GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN" IMPRISONED. A memorial gift in honor of the late Judge Edward J. Griffiths was presented by the Pennsylvania Bible Society to prisoners in the Philadelphia Correctional System. The gift of 500 copies of *Good News for Modern Man*, will make known to many the love of God in Jesus Christ. □

The Book Corner

WHAT ABOUT HOROSCOPES?

By Joseph Bayly. Elgin, Ill.: David C. Cook Publishing Co., 1970. 96 pages, paper, 95c.

The tremendous modern interest in astrology and the occult justifies this little paperback by a leading contemporary evangelical author.

Joseph Bayly is the author of a number of books and a careful and perceptive writer.

Mr. Bayly deals with modern spiritualism, astrology, Satanism, witchcraft, demon possession, voodoo, and other vagaries of contemporary American life.

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For those mystified by the popularity of astrology and the predictions of Jeane Dixon in an age that boasts of its scientific scepticism, this little book is an eye-opener.—W. T. PURKISER. □

This book may be ordered from the Nazarene Publishing House, Box 527, Kansas City, Mo. 64141. Reviews of books from other publishers do not necessarily constitute unqualified endorsement.

MOVING MINISTERS

Paul Lantz from Nazarene Bible College to Valley City, N.D.

Leroy Lord from La Marque, Tex., to Abilene (Tex.) Trinity.

Clifton B. Nixon from Miami (Fla.) Central to Ocala (Fla.) Silver Springs.

Eva Peet from Fort Clark, N.D., to retirement at Sawyer, N.D.

Marshall Pryor from Albuquerque (N.M.) Los Altos to North Highlands, Calif.

William Rigel from Nazarene Bible College to Yankton S.D.

Richard S. Schumann from Bradenton (Fla.) First to Houston Broadway.

Dale Sidle from Charlestown (Ind.) First to Terre Haute (Ind.) South Side.

Robert H. Spear, Jr., from Ocala (Fla.) Silver Springs to Bradenton (Fla.) First.

Lee W. Steele from Kansas City Southwood to Fort Worth First.

Richard J. Unger from Nazarene Bible College to Macungie, Pa.

Thomas Whitten from Nazarene Bible College to Hillsboro, N.D.

Quincy Angier from Oceanlake, Ore., to McMinnville, Ore.

Noble E. Berryhill from Salem (Ore.) South to Oceanlake, Ore.

Jim Cummins from Osawatomi, Kans., to Logan, Ohio.

Kenneth Hendrick from Topeka (Kans.) Oakland to Kansas City Southwood.

The Answer Corner

Conducted by W. T. Purkiser, Editor

My husband was once called to preach, but has backslidden and is unsaved. He even refuses to let me take our little girl to church. What should I do?

I would have to know a great deal more about the personalities involved in the home problem and the general health of your marriage apart from the spiritual issue, to make any really helpful suggestions.

However, I would like to recommend a book to you. It is by C. S. Lovett, entitled *Unequally Yoked*

Wives (160 pp., cloth, \$3.95).

While you may not be able to use all the suggestions Dr. Lovett makes, there is a great deal of good, practical wisdom gathered particularly for wives with unconverted husbands.

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Recently, I was in a service where a young Christian testified that the Lord had promised him "beyond the shadow of a doubt" that a certain event was going to take place. The event didn't happen. I have heard similar statements too many times to think it was an isolated incident. How can a Christian "know beyond the shadow of a doubt" that the Lord has made him a promise and then be wrong? Is there a difference between "faith" and "sincere belief"?

I wouldn't know how to distinguish between "faith" and "sincere belief." The distinction you seek is between "faith and sincere belief" and "presumption," "wishful thinking," or "misunderstanding of God's methods."

God does give the assurance of answered prayer. But we go out on a very thin limb when we tell others just exactly *how* God is going to answer the prayer.

Many times we mistake the assurance of *that* for information about *how*. We forget that God's resources in answering prayer are not limited by our finite and feeble understanding of the way in which it should be brought about.

One of the classic illustrations of this is found in the *Confessions* of St. Augustine where he tells how his Christian mother Monica prayed all night one night that God would keep her at that-time unsaved and rather wild son from leaving north Africa and going to Rome. She was sure that if Augustine ever got to Rome, he would be gone for good and there would be

no hope of his being brought to the Lord.

Although Monica didn't know it when she prayed, Augustine was already on the ship and the ship had already sailed for Italy.

Did God answer that prayer? Not the form of it, certainly—for Augustine went to Rome. But while in Rome, he heard of a very famous Christian orator by the name of Ambrose in Milan. Augustine went to hear Ambrose to study his oratory, and God got the "hook in his jaw" that landed the young man in the Kingdom.

The form of Monica's prayer was denied. The substance of it was granted.

Whether something of this kind may have happened in the incident you describe, I do not know. But I can well imagine that Monica might have said after her all-night of prayer, "God has assured me He will keep Augustine from going to Rome."

What she should have said would have been, "God has assured me that He will bring Augustine to himself."

Is it right to go to the store and buy groceries or clothing on Sunday?

Not under any ordinary circumstances.

Jesus did say that, if an ox fall into the ditch on the Sabbath, it was legitimate to pull it out. This He ex-

tended to works of mercy.

The only thing is, if the same ox falls into the same ditch every Sunday, it would be the part of wisdom to sell the ox or fill the ditch.

CAMPUS COMMENTARIES



Smith

Barth Smith will assume responsibility as a full-time member of the faculty of Nazarene Bible College in September, 1970. He will serve as professor in the Department of Christian Education. His qualifications for the assignment are outstanding. He will come with five earned degrees—Th.B., A.B., and M.A., Bethany Nazarene College; M.R.E. and Ed.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

His background is thoroughly Nazarene, he being the son of President and Mrs. Curtis Smith of Mid-America Nazarene College. He is an elder in the church and has spent three years as a pastor.—Charles H. Strickland. □

Dr. C. Harold Ripper, academic vice-president at Bethany Nazarene College, has announced eight additions to the faculty at BNC for the fall semester.

Dr. Paul Gray will be a professor of religion. A 1939 graduate of BNC, he earned his doctorate at Vanderbilt University. He is a former head of the religion department at Pasadena College, where he taught from 1959 to 1967.

Dr. Paul Reinbold, an Olivet graduate who has completed his doctorate at Texas A. & M., will teach chemistry.

Eleanor (Pat) Westmoreland will be the new head librarian and associate professor of library science. She is a former assistant librarian in the Oklahoma County Library System, and was the first librarian at Nazarene Theological Seminary (1947-57).

Dr. John Vogt will be an associate professor of education. A graduate of Tabor College, he received his doctorate at the University of Oklahoma, and has taught in Oklahoma and Kansas schools.

Elton Stetson, a BNC graduate will be an assistant professor of education. He has been teaching in Framingham, Mass., public schools, and taken graduate study at Boston University and Framingham, State College.

Helen Harkins will teach home economics. She holds a master's degree from Texas Technological College and has been teaching at Amarillo Junior College.

Melvin O'Bannon will teach physical education. He holds a master's degree from Washington University, and has been teaching in public schools of St. Louis.

Dr. Judith Payne is returning to BNC after three years of teaching at Trevecca. She earned the Ph. D. degree at Louisiana State University, and taught at BNC from 1963 to 1967. Dr. Payne and Prof. Robert

Stafford of the BNC business department are both certified public accountants.

A new air-conditioned dormitory for women was completed in August for the fall semester. Two older dormitories, Bud Robinson and Jernigan halls will be used for women with only one to a room, since these rooms are much smaller than the four newest dormitories on the campus.—Gordon Wickersham, News Director. □

Dr. Harold W. Reed, president of Olivet Nazarene College, announced the appointment of Rev. Clemens G. Kruse as Director of Financial Aids and Student Employment. Mr. Kruse is a 1949 alumnus of Olivet. He holds the Th.B. degree from Olivet.

Mr. Kruse is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene. He has 18 years' experience in the ministry, pastoring churches in Illinois and Iowa. He has served as dean of men and campus developer for five years at Vennard College, University Park, Ia. He previously served Olivet as general foreman in maintenance until appointed to his present position.—News Service Bureau. □

Rev. W. T. Dougharty of Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, has accepted the pastorate of Pompano Beach (Fla.) First Church. Mr. Dougharty's duties were assumed during the summer.

For the past four years Mr. Dougharty has served in the administration of TNC in the area of church relations. Since September, 1968, he has assumed the responsibility of director of public relations and development.

Prior to his work at Trevecca, Mr. Dougharty pastored churches in Texas, Florida, and Illinois.—James Van Hook News Bureau. □

ARMY CHAPLAIN MARTIN HONORED

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William A. Martin, serving with the U.S. Army, received two awards for meritorious achievement. The Legion of Merit award was given for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the perform-



Chaplain Martin (left) receives awards



THE Stockton, Ill., church commemorated its sixty-fifth year on June 21. It completely refurbished building was rededicated. Glenn Griffiths is pastor.

ance of outstanding service during the period April, 1969, to April, 1970, while serving as assistant staff chaplain, headquarters, U.S. Army in Vietnam.

He was given the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam for the period of October 6, 1969, to February 8, 1970. The text accompanying the award stated—"Lieutenant Colonel Martin's commendable achievements are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the chaplaincy and the United States Army." □

SON OF MISSIONARY RECIPIENT OF AWARDS

Grenvil Dunn, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dunn, of Limbe, Malawi, South Africa, has been awarded first place in plant-designing competition. Dunn, who is a fourth-year student in chemical engineering at the University of Cape Town, entered competition in plant design open to all universities in South Africa.

He designed a nickel and platinum refining plant. The managing director of an engineering company in Johannesburg presented a trophy and prize to Mr. Dunn on August 10 in Cape Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are members of the Church of the Nazarene in Limbe. Grenvil was sanctified there in 1967. Since then he has been active in the Student Christian Association on campus and has preached often in the colored and Indian Churches of the Nazarene as well as the European church in Woodstock, Cape Town.—Missionary Jack M. Barnell. □



Grenvil Dunn

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IMMEDIATE PERSONAL ACTION FOR CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENT

With the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents, Rev. Darrell Teare, pastor at Longview, Wash., has been appointed district superintendent of the New Zealand District to succeed Rev. H. S. Palmquist.

Mr. and Mrs. Teare and their two children will arrive in Auckland, New Zealand, to assume their duties on December 15, 1970. Shortly after this date it is expected that the Palmquists will be returning to the United States after 10 years of faithful service in New Zealand.

Your prayers for the Teares as they go and for the Palmquists as they return will be greatly appreciated.

—GEORGE COULTER
For Board of General
Superintendents

SUTHERLAND SUCCEUMBS TO LINGERING ILLNESS

F. C. Sutherland, 83, died Aug. 19 in Nampa, Idaho. His professional career as a minister, missionary, and college professor led him into years of useful service.



Sutherland

After years of missionary service from 1920 to 1941, Rev. F. C. Sutherland returned from China because of war conditions. Years following, he taught at Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho,

where he was head of the department of history until his retirement in 1968. He remained with the college in a part-time relationship as an archivist.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, to whom he was married on September 16, 1918. Also surviving are the couple's children—John C., who served as a missionary in the Republic of South Africa for 13 years; Paul W., a missionary in Swaziland for the past seven years; David H., Robert B., Edith M., Francis C., and Ellen A.

Mr. Sutherland was a graduate of McGill University, where he had received the M.A. and LL.D. degrees. □

BNC STARTS YEAR WITH SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGH

The Holy Spirit stirred the hearts of hundreds of students and church

members at Bethany (Okla.) First Church of the Nazarene in the opening convention of Bethany Nazarene College, August 26-30.

The preaching ministry of Rev. Jerry White of El Paso, Tex., and the musical ministry of Rev. Tharon Daniels of Gainesville, Fla., were used by the Lord. Scores of students and youth sought spiritual help, completely filling the 200-foot circular altar.

The Saturday night service was a highlight with seekers coming to pray during the musical special by the youth choir and soloist.

Over 2,000 were present in several services in an outstanding revival tide.

President Roy H. Cantrell, beginning his twenty-fourth year at the leadership of BNC, reports a substantial gain in student enrollment for the fall semester as classes began August 27. A gain of 7 percent or more is expected, with registration continuing two more weeks. The seven campus dormitories are nearly filled to capacity.—BETHANY NEWS BUREAU. □

ANNOUNCEMENT

With the unanimous endorsement of the Board of General Superintendents and the unanimous approval of the district advisory board, I hereby appoint E. L. Cornelison (now superintendent of Colorado) superintendent of the Dallas District, effective October 1, 1970.

—SAMUEL YOUNG
General Superintendent

CORNELISON ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT

E. L. Cornelison, who has served the Colorado District as superintendent since 1961, has resigned to accept the appointment as superintendent of the Dallas District.

Rev. E. L. Cornelison has served in a variety of ministries since 1945. Besides his work as district superintendent, he has ministered in the field of evangelism and in a number of pastorates. Upon transferring from the Rocky Mountain District, he held Colorado pastorates at Florence, La Junta, Boulder, Canon City, and Denver First.

He will succeed Dr. Paul H. Garrett in heading the Dallas District. Dr.



Cornelison

Garrett, who has served as superintendent since 1950, did not stand for reelection. □

CORONARY CLAIMS LIFE OF GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

Dr. L. D. Mitchell suffered a massive coronary which claimed his life on September 3. The attack occurred while he was attending one of his patients in the Three Rivers, Mich., clinic.

Funeral services were conducted at Three Rivers on September 6, with Rev. Ray Tucker officiating.

Dr. Mitchell is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Mackey); three sons: Jerry and Roger of Three Rivers and Bob of Detroit; two stepchildren: Mrs. Debra Carter and Dan Mackey.

Since 1960, Dr. Mitchell had been a member of the General Board and served on the Departments of Evangelism and Education. □

OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

MR. E. FRED CHALFANT, 1940 A.B. graduate of Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., organized and led the recent Alumni Fund Drive. The alumni gave \$100,000 through their churches and by a direct-mailing campaign.

Pledges will be paid over a three-year period and will be used for continued expansion of Olivet's campus.

Mr. Chalfant, in addition to his degree from Olivet, has taken graduate work at George Washington and Wayne State Universities. He served two years with the Veterans Administration in Washington,



Chalfant

D.C. For 15 years he was Detroit zone manager for the Ford Motor Co. In 1962 he accepted an executive position with Wilding, Inc., in Detroit. Presently he is an executive with the Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co., Farmington, Mich. □

SPECIAL NOTICE

Tapes on most of the services held in the auditorium of the Diplomat during the Laymen's Conference on Evangelism were recorded by the sound engineer. Look for a forthcoming announcement on their availability at minimum cost.

M. A. (Bud) Lunn
Publicity Chairman

We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure as we have received it.

—PHINEAS F. BRESEE

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UPDATING

WHAT in the world is “updating”? The astronauts use it to mean making those minute in-course corrections so that the mission will be accomplished. The corrections may be small but they are vital.

The term can be used in a spiritual sense too. Let me explain.

In witnessing through correspondence to a beloved aunt, I discovered that she had made a decision for Christ 55 years ago. Though it meant something at the time, she lacked any assurance of its validity now.

The Spirit led us to suggest a prayer to bring her relationship with God up to the moment. The next letter was filled with joy. An assurance with God was renewed. My aunt had “updated” her experience with God.

There have been other times since then when we had similar conversations and similar responses. The concept is useful in hospital calling and especially with friends of another denomination. So many have once known Him. So many know everything isn't

right but don't know what to do about it.

One of the most gratifying “updating” experiences came while calling in the Harrisburg Hospital.

Mrs. Ross knew some Nazarenes, so they asked me to visit her when her heart condition sent her back to the hospital.

One day I knew I must talk about “updating.” I talked of knowing God personally in my own life. I gently asked if she had ever had an experience like this. She told me she had accepted the Lord as a teen-ager.

I asked if she was sure this experience was up-to-date. She had some questions. We prayed the questions away. The next day, before I was able to see her again, I got the call. “Rev. Wenger, Mother passed away this morning. Thank you so much for coming and praying with her yesterday.”

Thank God for “updating.”

—FRED WENGER
Harrisburg, Pa.

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1 Cor. 9:22

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