OUR MACEDONIAN VISION

In Acts 16 we have the account of Paul's Macedonian vision at Troas. Troas was mentioned in ancient fables by Homer and Virgil as the place where Europe and Asia had met so many times in stern conflicts. Again it was to become the chosen place where Europe and Asia would meet and where Europe would gain a spoil, not by carnal conflict, but something more precious than Grecian poets had ever dreamed of—the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This event marked the beginning of the great westward movement of Christianity which finally touched the shores of the New World and made possible the building of a great nation founded upon Christian principles.

Voices are calling us at this critical hour of history, voices coming from the Eastern nations where the gospel was first preached. We must not allow self-concern and modern materialism to drown out these voices. At this halfway point in this great quadrennium our beloved Zion must consider the basic reasons for our world evangelism program.

First, Jesus has commanded us to evangelize the world. His Great Commission in Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," is binding upon our generation. We must increase our efforts to close the gap which exists as a result of the differential between the world's birthrate and the Church's conversion rate.

Secondly, we must realize that we ourselves are the product of a Christian culture. Our democracy is founded upon the Christian concept of the basic rights of the individual, and our prosperity testifies to the goodness of a gracious God. Our ability to help our world becomes both a privilege and an obligation as a result of these blessings.

Thirdly, we must Christianize the world in order to save our own culture. With transportation and communication having brought our world so close together, the two great ideologies of the twentieth century, Christianity and Communism, are brought into stern conflict for the minds of millions of people. Christianity is the only strong force which carries the capability of defeating Communism and of building a bulwark in our own American culture against its onslaught.

Fourthly, we hasten the coming of Jesus by evangelizing the world. Christ states in Matthew 24:14, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Every missionary preaches with this conscious fact as a strong motivation, and every dollar we give for world evangelism helps him to keep preaching this message.

We will be reminded shortly of another opportunity to exercise our stewardship in our traditional Thanksgiving Offering. Again we will lay upon the altars of the church a great offering. Our response to these voices calling us must be comparable to Paul's, for it says in Acts 16:10, "After he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia."
In a recent address Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen said, "One of the most distressing signs of contemporary times is the denial of guilt."

Bishop Sheen observed that modern psychology is now telling people that they are no longer penitents but patients; and sociology says that the environment, not the person, is responsible for behavior.

Certainly we are all patient with the fretfulness of a sick child and are aware that sometimes the cure for petulance is a pill rather than a punishment. We certainly would not quarrel with the doctor or psychologist who can cure abnormal behavior by scientific methods. But too often the tendency is to push these methods far beyond their range and try to locate all moral turpitude in areas of the physical and social.

Undoubtedly we need a rebirth of the idea that men are personally and individually responsible before God for their sin.

Too often in our efforts to define sin we go to the idea of "missing the mark" as suggested by the Greek word hamartano used in the New Testament. The sinner is more than a poor marksman who because of human failure aims at a target and misses it. He is a perverse marksman who deliberately chooses the wrong target and hits it consistently.

Sin is not only a deviation from God but it is a deliberate moving away from God in a completely opposite direction.

When a student makes a mistake in trying to solve a mathematical problem, we do not say that he is guilty; careless, slipshod, indifferent—but not guilty. But if this same student deliberately disobeys a known regulation of the school, then it becomes guilt for transgression.

Bishop Sheen related an instance of a union-management dispute over a cashier caught taking money from the cash register. For three months the union fought the dismissal of the cashier on the grounds that the management did not tell her that it was wrong to steal! To avert a strike, management agreed to reinstate the cashier and pay three months back pay.

Oscar Wilde wrote from Reading Jail: "The highest moment in a man's career may be the moment when he kneels in the dust and beats upon his breast and tells all the sins of his life."

There is a remedy for guilt. Confession and repentance will lead to forgiveness and restoration.

We may try to forget our sins but we cannot forgive ourselves. We must set our sins in the light of God's countenance and allow His forgiving love to cascade upon us. Thus can our guilt be absolved and our sins forgiven.
LET LOVE LAST

Our love,
your love,
all love
begins with God.
He who loves
lives in God
and God in him.

Thus love begins,
and when it comes
at first to us,
is good,
and pure,
and clean,
and whole.
But only God
can keep love so.
Without Him
soon it spoils
and dies.

When lovers
love only themselves,
they
do not do it long
but oft
they grow apart.

To you, dear hearts,
to you who join
yourselves today
in wedded love,
His word is simple
but profound:

If you would keep
your gift
for all of life,
live in love,
live in God.

By Sergio Franco, Kansas City.
To his son and daughter-in-law
on their wedding day.
My morning had been a wearing one, and there was much more to do before the day was over. As I dropped into a chair for a moment of relaxation, my eyes fell upon an open magazine. As I listlessly picked it up, a picture gripped my attention.

It was the picture of a large, beautiful rock. These words “Do you own a slice of this rock?” in dark, large print were very prominent under the picture.

Reading the smaller print, I learned that this was an advertisement for a well-known national insurance company.

Weary though I had been, this advertisement touched something within my tired mind that caused me to forget my weariness. I heard my own voice saying aloud, “Thank God, I don’t own a slice of the rock this ad is talking about, but I do own an interest in a Rock far more precious than this!”

The rock pictured in this ad promises security only in this life. To get these benefits, a premium must be paid at regular, stated times. My part as a beneficiary in that Rock was purchased at a great price by my blessed Saviour and given to me without charge. He shed His precious blood that I might become His child here on this earth and have an eternal home with Him in heaven.

Oh, there’s honey in the Rock, my brother; There’s honey in the Rock for you. Leave your sins for the Blood to cover. There’s honey in the Rock for you.

The Psalmist said, “The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower” (Psalm 18:2).

And Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 10:4, “And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.”

When I think of the purchase price paid for my soul that I might be a participant in this Rock, all weariness is gone. He has given me His Word that all my needs for eternity will be supplied by this Rock, and the only premium that I must give to Him is my life to be lived as He guides and directs me.

Praise God for the Rock, Christ Jesus! □

O Lord, give me a backbone as big as a sawlog, and ribs like the sleepers under the church floor. Put iron shoes on me and galvanized breeches, and give me rhinoceros hide for a skin; and hang a wagon-load of determination up in the gable end of my soul. And help me to sign a contract to fight the devil as long as I’ve got a fist, and bite him as long as I’ve got a tooth, and then gum him till I die. All this I ask for Christ’s sake. Amen.
By Captain Glenn Scott*  
Mather AFB, Calif.

Sam! Sam! Six o-clock, high!” was the first call. It was that call which ended seven hours of worry en route to the target.

We knew there was no time now to worry. With 18 minutes to bombs away we had an almost impossible task ahead—survival. The enemy’s defenses were the strongest in the history of aerial warfare: several hundred surface-to-air missiles (Sams—called flying telephone poles because of the relative size), intense antiaircraft artillery (AAA), and Migs (supersonic jet fighters).

The first Sam call was followed immediately by others from all sides. The crew was working like a well-oiled machine, each doing his respective job with the highest degree of professionalism, but the attack continued and never let up.

At one point in the run we had 12 Sams coming at us all at once. The gunner riding in the tail of our B-52 saw that two had a dead track on us. “Pilot, break left now!” Both missiles missed us by only 30 feet, one on either side of the fuselage.

Six others were coming from the side—three from the left, and three from the right. The copilot spotted one heading straight for us. Somewhat calmly he told the pilot to start a turn to the left. Seconds later he was screaming, “Break this hog left, fast!” As the missile shot past we could feel the turbulence created by its wake.

The copilot opened his eyes in utter disbelief. We were still alive and flying!

Just then a B-52 directly in front of us in the formation went up in a fireball that lit the whole sky over Hanoi. Tears came to my eyes and I had difficulty reading the checklist for the lump in my throat. The Sam that had so narrowly missed us had gotten them.

We were still three minutes to bomb release when the gunner called a Mig fighter six o’clock low seven miles. He no sooner finished saying those words than it was three miles directly behind us and rapidly closing.

The Mig was well within lethal kill range when the gunner locked on and was ready to fire. For some reason the Mig immediately broke off without firing any missiles at us.

Immediately afterwards the electronics warfare officer called another Sam launch eleven and one o’clock. Both pilots saw the missiles pop through the clouds, three on either side. The Sams had shot over us, missing by a

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quarter of a mile!

It was time to drop the bombs, which we did on target, and immediately started our turn away from the area. Several more missiles were launched at us along our exit route, bringing the total to more than 30. When I called, “We are out of the threat area,” a cheer went up throughout the aircraft.

After a moment, the gunner spoke. “You know, guys, I really didn’t think we were going to make it. Those two off the tail had our name on them. There’s no reason why they missed us. I prayed for the first time in over 10 years!”

His words hit me between the eyes. All my life I’ve been a Christian and yet I relied on my training and experience to get me through. Except for a little prayer back down the line, I had never really turned the situation over to the Lord. In contrast, a man who does not profess to be a Christian had found himself in a situation where all the training and experience was not enough. In a state of utter helplessness he had turned to the Lord for help, while I had worried myself to the point I could hardly do my job, all for no reason.

My mind went back to college days. Again I heard Rev. Earl Lee giving his “Fret not” sermon. How could I have forgotten that lesson from Psalm 37? “Fret not,” “Trust in the Lord,” “Delight thyself also in the Lord,” “Commit thy way unto the Lord,” “Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself.”

How often I have committed something to God in prayer, only to worry and try to work it out my own way! We trust Him with spiritual things like our souls, heaven, and prayer; but when it comes to everyday things, we try to take care of the matters ourselves.

On the way back to base I felt a new and real experience. I must have sung every chorus and hymn I could remember at least twice. Never before have the words of the song “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” meant so much to me. What a beautiful thing it is that in this busy world He could take time out to watch over me even through this “impossible mission”!

That evening after we landed, the crew was discussing how we got through without a hit. The gunner’s prayer was brought up and I had a beautiful opportunity to tell the men of the power of prayer. The copilot said to me, “The Lord must have something in mind for your life, because there is no other reason we are back here alive!”

My immediate reply was, “That may be true, but maybe it is your life that He has plans for. Did you ever think of that?”

After that night our crew had several serious discussions about Christianity and salvation, whereas before they turned me off immediately whenever I mentioned anything about Christ or the Church.

The next two nights’ missions were even worse than the first, but I had given my complete life to Christ and He was there with me all the way.

I praise the Lord for being with me through these years, but even more for using this opportunity to awaken my spiritual life, so I could effectively influence and witness to others that He does care and will be with us in our times of deepest need. Truly I can say, “God is my Co-pilot”!

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**PEN POINTS**

**“A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM”**

She’s only six months old, so I never supposed she had anything to teach me about worship.

Each morning after her bath, she sits on my lap by the window and we read three little books. She doesn’t care much for fancy writings or beautiful, leather-bound covers.

She prefers a simple plastic book that she can wad up in her chubby hand and put in her mouth. The words of her small books are simple, without much eloquence. Like “Thank You, God, for clouds and butterflies and turtles.”

It’s hard to remember the last time I thanked God for clouds or even took the time to look up at them and notice their fluffy beauty or imagine a funny animal in them.

And butterflies and turtles—I don’t suppose God had to make them for us to enjoy. I wonder why He did.

Maybe the answer’s in the song I sing to her each day: “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.” How many times did I sing that song and never really listen to its beautiful words?

Thank you, Traci. Mommy’s day will be better because you brought me back to the simple way of worshipping an old Friend.

By Paula Sodowsky Thompson

Yukon, Okla.

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Many of Canada's daily newspapers recently carried an interesting news item. Well over $1 million lies unclaimed in the National Bank of Canada.

This money includes balances of deposit accounts, bank drafts, traveler’s checks, and other forms of negotiable papers. The amounts vary from less than $10.00 to over $47,000. The bank stands ready at any time to restore this money, when claimed, to the rightful owners.

This is an illustration of the many valid promises in the sacred Scriptures. Some of them, to be sure, are specific promises to particular people. Many of them, however, are general promises awaiting fulfillment to those who can qualify and who will claim them.

One such promise is James 5:14-15: “Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up.”

The Greek word for the phrase “shall save” is sosei, from the verb sozo, which signifies “to save from evil, from danger, or from eternal death.” But it also means, according to an authoritative Greek lexicon, “to save from sickness or affliction.” It is used with the latter meaning in the following passages: “The woman was made whole [cured, healed] from that hour” (Matthew 9:22); “As many as touched [Him] were made perfectly whole” (Matthew 14:36); Paul perceived “that he [the impotent man] had faith to be healed. . . . And he leaped and walked” (Acts 14:9-10).

If there should be any remaining doubt regarding the meaning of the words “shall save” in James 5:14-15, the context makes it unmistakably clear that the reference is to the healing of the body. “Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church . . . and the Lord shall raise him up.” Then James continues: “And if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him,” the logical implication being “in addition to the healing of the body.”

It is no doubt true that the doctrine of divine healing for the body can be carried to extremes. But is it not equally true that this truth is too frequently overlooked?

One of the many expressions of God’s Word is: “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth” (3 John 2). In view of the prevalence of illness, therefore, should not this doctrine be preached from the pulpit and proclaimed in the pew, the home, the shop, the office, the school—everywhere, for the glory of God—that “the prayer of faith” does “heal the sick”?

It is readily conceded that salvation of the soul is ever and always man’s first and greatest
need. Nevertheless, God places high premium on these human bodies. “Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God?” (1 Corinthians 6:19). Surely, then, it is proper to seek for divine healing in time of need.

The question often arises, “Does God heal everybody?” The answer is unequivocally “No.” Otherwise no one need ever die.

Again, the query, “Does God still perform miracles in healing the sick?” The reply is a resounding “Yes.” A cloud of witnesses today can furnish indisputable proof of this. Furthermore, many dedicated physicians and surgeons also recognize this truth.

Concerning the loved ones who are taken from our side, despite our fervent prayers, we shall have to bow in humble resignation to God’s infallible wisdom. “What I do,” said Jesus on one occasion, “thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter” (John 13:7). Some glad day when the curtains are lifted and the mists are rolled away, we shall see our dear Saviour face-to-face. Then we shall understand what at present may be mystery.

Meanwhile, the challenge of James 5:14-15 still stands, backed by God’s infinite compassionate and omnipotent power. Let us therefore declare, both in public and in private, His gracious promise, “The prayer of faith shall heal the sick.” Let us remember, too, that whatever God does, He does for His own glory. Thus, in seeking His aid, it is always the part of wisdom to ask according to His sovereign will.

A WORD TO WORRYWARTS

Thomas Carlyle had a neighbor whose rooster invariably awakened him by loud crowing. Carlyle protested to his neighbor about the annoyance. The man reminded him that the rooster crowed only three or four times a night.

“That may be true,” replied Carlyle, “but if you could only know what I go through while waiting for him to crow!”

Some people compound present problems by anticipating future ones. In fact, some persons have three kinds of trouble at once—all they have now, all they have had, and all they ever expect to have.

There is a rather impressive psychiatric term which describes the behavior of persons with this problem. It is called psychasthenia. In common usage this kind of person is called, indelicately, a “worrywart.”

Jesus had this to say to worrywarts: “Take therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof” (Matthew 6:34). Said as simply as possible, He meant that each day has enough trouble of its own without worrying about tomorrow’s troubles.

The human organism has been designed by Deity to handle a reasonable amount of stress and tension. But chronic worry “overloads the circuits” and one’s psychic energy is used up too readily. This abuse of psychic energy leaves one without the needed reserves for creative, wholesome living.

Much physical suffering can be attributed to excessive worry. When one’s inner resources are depleted, the organism then becomes an easy prey to a variety of debilitating physical ills. Our Lord knew this full well and that is why He warned us about the dangers of worry. Would not the Lord, who created us, know the limits of the human organism?

Perhaps we should let the following prayer by Peter Marshall become ours: “Help us to do our best this day and be content with today’s troubles, so that we shall not borrow the troubles of tomorrow. Save us from the sin of worrying, lest stomach ulcers be the badge of our lack of faith. Amen.”

Amen!
The rain had stopped falling and the clouds began to break as I left the main gate of the Henderson Plant, Laurens Glass Co. The time was 4 a.m. I should have left long before, but the marker lights were inoperative and the mechanic had worked on them over an hour.

My destination was Roanoke, Va., and my truck was loaded with soft-drink bottles. The old diesel was up to operating temperature and responded well to the fuel. Before I was in tenth gear, I started to pray as I always did when starting a run. I prayed that God would give me a safe trip, not let me get hurt, or hurt anyone. I prayed for my family and for the other drivers and their families, some of whom never knew that I prayed for them.

In less than an hour, I was winding my way through the farmland of North Carolina and on into Virginia. About five o'clock, I turned onto U.S. 58, just a few miles out of Danville. The hills are fast rolling between South Boston and Danville, and I was making good time. It was dark inside the cab, except for the soft green lights of the instrument panel. The 250-horsepower Cummings was moaning and groaning under the load, and the five-inch stack just outside the right window bellowed a defiant roar and drove a six-inch sword of fire into the darkness.

I grinned to myself, and thought, Bill, you are letting her stroll. I loved this life, and thought I'd never swap it for anything on this earth. I loved the change of scenery every day, the smell of fresh coffee in the truck stops, the chance to make decisions for myself, and the money was the best. No, I'd never quit driving a truck as long as I was able to climb into the cab.

I slowed for the long hill and slow curve going into Danville, and with a nudge of the right foot and a flick of the wrist brought the old Roadranger transmission into a lower cog. It was time for the first break and a cup of hot coffee at the little diner, and I wanted to check that left, outside, rear tire on the trailer.

When I stepped back into the light of day, I realized traffic would be moving between Danville and Martinsville. I kicked 16 tires, and climbed back into the old Mack cab.

Just a few miles out of Danville, I started to hit slippery roads caused by recent snow and the salt put there by the highway department. Considering all conditions, I decided to take a short nap and let the traffic thin. When I awoke it was just past eight, and most of the traffic had cleared. I pulled out and started on toward Martinsville. The hills were really getting steep now and I was kept busy changing gears and watching the tachometer, as well as the speedometer.

Driving comes naturally after a while, and there is time to think about other things. I had spent nine years in the air force, and was married eight of those years. During that time my wife and I had gone to church about three times. We had lived next door to a Church of the Nazarene, and although the pastor had visited on many occasions, we had never gone.

I had been raised in a good Christian home, but had come to Henderson just two years out
of service and completely backslid. Another truck driver, Leonard LaCock, and his family had talked us into going to a home mission Church of the Nazarene there in Henderson. Just a few months later, I was saved.

Now almost two years later, I was living for God, but my wife was still unconverted and seemed to resist every effort of mine. I had spent some time with her on the side of the bed just before I left on this trip, and told her that I felt like I was supposed to be doing something that I wasn’t doing.

Then my mind started to think of current events. Young people were rioting and tearing down the so-called establishment. I thought if there were only some way that we could direct the energies of the young for God, we could have great revivals. I prayed, “Lord, if there is something I can do, show me. Show me! Show me!!”

Then it happened! I topped a hill and just over the hill was a school bus loading children. There were cars parked behind the bus. There was no place for me to go. I stood on the brakes and let 120 pounds of air go against 10 diaphragms to lock the 16 wheels, and yanked the wheel to the left. The left front tire caught the shoulder and snatched the steering wheel from my hands. I was thrown from the seat against the console and then into the other seat. The truck was rolling over and I was being thrown around like a rubber ball. The noise was deafening. The truck was coming apart. The air valve was torn off and the escaping air was screaming like a banshee.

It seemed like an eternity, and I thought I might see God that next moment. I started to pray. You may ask why, but if you thought that you were about to meet Almighty God, you would find yourself praying as I did. After a time, the truck stopped against a tree and I was thrown through the windshield, and landed in a ditch about 100 feet from the truck. Still praying, I tried to walk and found that to be impossible.

In a few minutes, people started to gather. They put me on a blanket and covered me. Someone shut the engine off in the truck, which was now a total wreck, and called an ambulance. One old black man came over, knelt down on his knees, asked how I felt, and stayed there until they put me in the ambulance.

X rays showed that my pelvis was broken in two places. They later found a third fracture, but no further damage. They carried me the 150 miles back to Henderson, where I was bedfast for 10 weeks.

During that time I had time to pray and meditate on the reasons for my feelings and the definite answer to my prayer just before the accident.

About three o’clock one morning in March, 1970, God awoke me and I knew for a fact that He wanted me to preach. I said, “Lord, if that is what You want, I’ll do it.” I was almost 33 years old and had just a high school education. I had the desire to go to Bible college, but those weren’t God’s plans. I started on the home study course. In April, my wife was saved, and we both joined the Henderson Church of the Nazarene.

Now, three years later, I have been a pastor for 18 months. We have a full-time church and a congregation that loves the Lord and their pastor. The Lord has blessed us more than I could ever tell.

Do you ever get the truck-driving fever out of your blood? Sometimes in the night when I hear the old diesels pulling the grade, and when I see my old truck-driving buddies, and hear their experiences, I begin to smell diesel smoke, and feel a gear stick in my hand. But I have heard a higher calling. I have put my hand to the plow and I can’t turn back.

When the duties of the pastorate get heavy and the calls seem fruitless, I look at the picture in my study that reminds me of how God brought me through storms on the road. I know He will not fail me now.

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SUNDAY IS ONCE A WEEK

Sunday will come but once this week, with its rest, its renewal, its reward.

But there will be six days of testing, of trial, of temptation.

Help me, Father, to use Your Sabbath to gather resources for living, to equip my life for discipleship, to fortify my faith with truth and knowledge.

Send me to my week with my hopes lifted, with a witness to share, with joy throbbing in my heart.

Amen.

C. Neil Strait
Uniontown, Ohio.
Lottery, noun: a scheme for the distribution of prizes by lot or chance, especially a scheme by which prizes are distributed to the winners among those persons who have paid for a chance to win them, usually as determined by the number on tickets as drawn at random.

In 1612 the Virginia Company of London tried to save troubled Jamestown settlement with a lottery. To sell the scheme, the Virginia Company composed a 26 (!)-stanza ballad that proclaimed the noble Christian purpose of the lottery. One stanza read:

*It is to plant a Kingdom sure,*  
*where savage people dwell,*  
*God will favour Christians still,*  
*and like the purpose well.*  
*Take courage then with willingness,*  
*let hands and hearts agree:*  
*A braver enterprise than this,*  
*I think can never be.*

This appeal of the lottery promoters to Christian motives must have worked: two of the three winning tickets were won by Anglican churches!

Lotteries have been a part of America ever since those earliest colonial days. Today lotteries in America are not promoted by bal-
of genuine joy and happiness that the gospel can provide.

I

The promoters of state lotteries present forceful arguments. Basically, they boil down to four claims:

1. **Lotteries produce revenue which is needed by states to provide better services to people.** Given the desperate financial plight of local and state governments, the lottery lobby argues that this form of gambling is a “painless” and effective method for bringing in money. The current taxpayers’ revolt makes this argument quite attractive to many administrators of government programs and to many taxpayers.

2. **Lotteries offer people an opportunity to get rich quick and thus to escape a dull life routine.** Promoters of lotteries have discovered that appealing to the desire to get rich quick sells many more tickets than appealing to the desire to help education or promote governmental services. Many of those whose lives are drab respond to the promise of an escape.

3. **Lotteries should be legal because no one has a right to interfere with the private pleasure of individuals.** Appealing to the desire for freedom, some argue that people have the right to gamble without having their privacy invaded by “old-fashioned and puritanical” moralists who tell them that gambling is wrong.

4. **Lotteries should be legal because people are going to gamble anyway, and the state should take the action away from the criminals.** Citing the readily available evidence that many millions gamble, and often do so illegally, some proponents contend that the state should operate lotteries that can be controlled properly. The urge to gamble is almost innate, the argument goes. Therefore states should channel this impulse into activities that will produce revenue.

II

The arguments for legal lotteries have convinced millions in our country and throughout the world to support this form of gambling. But there are strong arguments to be offered on the other side. Here are some of them:

1. **Lotteries should be opposed because they do not really produce the large amount of revenue often claimed by their supporters.**

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the possibility of a national lottery. Their conclusion: Such a lottery “would barely pay its way,” because 80 percent of the lottery receipts would be used up in prize money and administrative costs.

The evidence so far available indicates that lotteries will not provide a financial bonanza that will bring great relief to taxpayers and get resources to governments. Indeed, Dr. Dick Netzer of New York University estimates that “lottery income amounts to about the same as a penny or so rise in a cigarette tax.”

2. Lotteries should be opposed because they may become legal devices to whet people’s appetites for other illegal forms of gambling.

It stands to reason that people who are caught up in the infectious excitement of lotteries may turn to other types of gambling to find the satisfaction and success that the lotteries fail to provide. The more outlets for gambling available, the more people will use these outlets. Lotteries breed gambling fever.

3. Lotteries should be opposed because they are difficult to control and to keep free of corruption.

Modern lotteries in this country are operated with many checks and balances in an effort to keep them free from scandal. But, as Methodist Bishop James Matthews has warned, lotteries and abuse have gone together hand in hand since colonial days: “Lotteries have been difficult to control . . . and their chief fruits have been social evils and resulting frauds.”

4. Lotteries should be opposed because they place a heavy burden on the poor who are least able to pay for the tickets.

The promise of an opportunity to get rich quick lures those persons trapped in poverty to spend on lottery tickets the money they need for the bare essentials. Odds are so heavily against ticket buyers that their chances for great wealth are slim indeed.

The influential United States Congressman Wright Patman has opposed legal lotteries: “Legalized gambling is the greatest form of regressive taxation that can be imposed on the people. It socks the poor and lets the rich . . . off the hook.” He continues, “Instead of taxing the banks, the corporations, the foundations and other holders of great wealth, local governments are turning to gambling devices in an attempt to extract money by trickery from those who can least afford to pay.” The lottery is just one more device used by society to oppress the poor.

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What about the future of lotteries in this country? Some predict that nearly all states someday will hold legal lotteries. There are certainly many forces at work that could make this prediction a reality.

One of these forces that will increase the likelihood of gambling in the future is television. Gambling often is portrayed as a normal, even desirable, activity for people to pursue. One program, for example, was based on a wager for 20,000 pounds that was made between two men concerning the possibility of going around the world in a balloon in 80 days. Taken by itself, this program is enjoyable and entertaining, but a steady diet of this subtle (and sometimes not so subtle) television endorsement of wagering is bound to have an impact on the behavior of children as they grow into adulthood.

Given the impact of television in shaping our ideas and behavior, and the influence of other forces such as the need for more tax revenues and the jadedness of many in our society, it seems likely that lotteries will soon be considered by most state legislatures and adopted by many of them.

How can Christians respond to the lottery phenomenon?

1. Study the issue carefully and thoroughly. Read newspapers, books, and magazines about the economic, political, social, and spiritual aspects of gambling—lotteries in particular.

2. Educate other persons through families, schools, churches, labor unions, businesses, and civic organizations of the facts about lotteries.

3. Work to prevent lotteries from becoming legal in your state. Contact your legislator to express your opposition. Join with other groups seeking to prevent lotteries. Encourage government officials to eliminate illegal gambling of all varieties.

4. Support programs of rehabilitation for compulsive gamblers. Join efforts to provide counseling and care for those who are addicted to gambling. Encourage the efforts of such groups as Gamblers Anonymous and minister personally to friends who are hooked on gambling.

5. Communicate the good news that there is full life in Jesus Christ. Offer the gospel as
the satisfying alternative to a life based on chance.

Shirley Jackson's famous short story "The Lottery" describes a village lottery in which the "winner" is stoned to death by the townspeople. Although the origin and purpose of the lottery had long been forgotten, each year the people dutifully drew lots and killed the person who held the fatal lot. As the victim fell to her death screaming, "It isn't fair; it isn't right!" the foolishness of the lottery in the story becomes quite evident.

Author Shirley Jackson was condemning the blind acceptance of tradition, not lotteries, in this story. Nevertheless, it is also true that contemporary schemes to transform life through lotteries must be condemned. The gospel of Christ, which changes lives and gives joy and the power to practice faithful stewardship, must be offered to counteract the risks of gambling. In this way it is possible that we can persuade America not to take a chance on the lottery.

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The Life of Fullness

By Paul Martin, Berkeley, Calif.

"To know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." Ephesians 3:19

How do you describe the life of a Christian? What adjectives do you use? What words tell of it?

There is one little word that says a lot... FULL. The "Life of Fullness"... fullness in the Spirit.

To an empty world, filled with empty people, I point with joy to these words: "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Ephesians 3:17-19).

How strongly God's Word speaks to us! And it speaks, not of weakness, not of emptiness, not of lazy-day spiritual indifference... but of fullness and strength.

St. Paul told the Romans that he was sure that he would come to them "in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ" (Romans 15:29). Later in this same Book of Ephesians, he urges, "And be not drunk with wine... but be filled with the Spirit."

It was two confident, happy-hearted, Spirit-filled men who approached the Temple where the lame man sat begging, and though they didn't have money to share, they did share what they had... confidence and power in the Spirit (Acts 3:1-8).

This fullness, this adequacy, this confidence are the work of the Spirit... not of time, not of our own strength, nor of training or culture. It is the work of God in our hearts, by the Spirit, through the love of Christ. It is His love cleansing, strengthening, overwhelming, abiding... His great love.

There are four dimensions to the life of fullness:

**Breadth**... this experience is for all. It is grand, very broad... for work, for play... at home, at work, at school... everywhere.

**Length**... for now and then, for life. It is a way of life. It began in the prayer of Jesus... and for all of those who love His appearing.

**Depth**... yes, fullness for you, inside... away down deep. It is a surrender to the very center of life, the you, where you are really you. It is a lasting, serious commitment.

**Height**... the experience of fullness lifts. It lifts above the petty, the frivolous, the passing. Lifts men above themselves to a kindness that speaks of Jesus, to a patience that tells of His love, to joy from clear-cut surrender, to heaven.

Many hunger for this fullness. Do you? Inadequate, bored, unable to meet life. Many seem unable to bear the tests, the trials of life, withering, dying, coasting, empty.

If this is your feeling... look at that next verse, Ephesians 3:20—He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

Seek His Spirit... the Spirit of Jesus. Seek Him now. Seek Him gladly. Die to self; surrender your whole self to Him. Do it today.

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helps to holy living
With summer vacation months now past, our family is looking forward to another camping trip next year. Besides the benefits of economy and closeness to nature that camping provides, I think one of the most enjoyable aspects of it is the feeling of comradeship fellow campers share.

There is always someone around to help you set up camp if you need assistance, to make recommendations on campgrounds "up the road," to share a campfire, or to engage in friendly conversation.

Many times during our first few trips, we were grateful for help and advice from more seasoned campers. And as we became more oriented to the outdoor life, we were eager to share our acquired knowledge by offering help where we could.

I recall one particular trip out West. We were camping in one of our most beautiful national forests, Glacier National Park in Montana.

There are several campgrounds in the park, and we were fortunate to find a place at the base of a high cliff, amidst huge, towering trees. The cliff provided protection from the strong winds, making our site calm and peaceful, without so much as a rustle of leaves in the trees overhead. Neighboring campers just yards away were battling the wind to keep their gear on the ground.

Having set up camp, we decided to take a drive through the park. As we started to leave the campground, we spotted a camper in trouble. On a campsite not far from ours, but away from the shelter of the cliff, he and his wife were struggling in vain to pitch their tent, working against whipping mountain winds. Just as they would get the tent halfway set up, it would be knocked flat by a gust of wind.

As we approached, we saw the frustrated camper throw his ax to the ground, as once more their tent collapsed. Stopping to offer help, we were told that they had been struggling for some time and were about ready to give up. Buoyed up by the prospect of helping hands, they decided to try again. But in spite of our help, the tent would not stay up.

Then my husband suggested that they pack up and move over behind our site and share the shelter we had found at the base of the cliff, beneath the huge trees.

Grateful for the offer, they packed their gear and made the move. Within 15 minutes we had the tent pitched and secured, and they were set for a peaceful night, relaxed and secure in the complete stillness of the sheltered area. Yet their previous wind-whipped campsite could still be easily seen from our location.

As I think of this incident in the mountains of Montana, I am made to realize how like life this really is. How many of us attempt to "pitch our tent" on the outskirts of the Christian life, wanting desperately to be a part of God's kingdom, but not willing to come into the center of His will, under the shelter of His protecting hand! How many times we struggle with the problems of life, trying to solve them ourselves, depending upon our own strength and that of other people, rather than seeking shelter near the Rock, where all is peaceful and secure!

The winds will still blow; the problems of life will still be there. But the Christian who moves in closer to Christ will be less affected as he finds shelter under God's protecting hand. "I will put thee in the clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand," saith the Lord (Exodus 33:22).

By Gail Powell
Lansing, Ill.
SINGLED OUT

If you're one of the growing number of "singles" in our society, you will share Sarah Jepson's chagrin with "the question." "The question" is often cloaked in polite beating-around-the-bush-type phrases; but basically it's, How does it happen that a nice person like you isn't married?

Sarah Jepson, in her book For the Love of Singles (Creation House, 1970), goes on to say that often "the question" is followed consolingly with the "story of a favorite maiden aunt who once was parceled out like an awkward heirloom, and then, well past fifty, found companionship and union with a retired postal employee. The story always implies that there may be hope for you, too."

Miss Jepson is a busy executive vice-president with a Seattle-based office-interior-decorating firm, and is closely affiliated with various Christian service organizations. She is in constant demand as a speaker and lecturer.

In For the Love of Singles, Sarah Jepson makes a point which is basic to the happiness of us all. "Happiness," she writes, "is not dependent upon being married or single. It comes from knowing God through Christ and from inner sources, not from outward circumstances."

In our pursuit for happiness, somewhere along the line we get the idea that marriage will "fulfill us" or dispel the loneliness that dominates our lives. This simply is not so.

It is true that many women have found marriage to be a deeply fulfilling experience, filling their lonely hours with meaning. But marriage in and of itself is not the panacea for the woes of the single person's life.

A few days ago, a thirtyish, young mother sat at my table, drinking coffee, telling me about how disappointed she was with her life and marriage. She said, "When I married Jack, I was so anxious just to get married that I didn't consider the really important things. I think I was more in love with marriage than I was with Jack. And now, I'm sure I'm unhappier and lonelier than I would have been if I had never married."

Singles need to be cognizant of the fact that marriage isn't going to solve many of their problems and, in fact, marriage may very well only complicate those problems more.

To be "single" not only means that you never married, but in some cases it means that you were "formerly married." You may be widowed, divorced, or deserted. This is a special sort of "singleness" because there are so many hurts and emotional problems involved.

Sarah Jepson devotes a chapter to this area of the "singled out" group. She gives lots of practical advice, but always comes back to the recurring Hope of her book, Jesus Christ.

"The surpassing grace of God may be seen clearly by those who are willing to commit the past and the future to Him. The lives and trials of some of God's 'singled out' people would fill us with holy astonishment if we knew the whole story. In strange and marvelous ways He has redirected them and established their ways."

Miss Jepson also deals with the problems of singles and the Church. In a survey of 200 churches, the question "Where do singles fit into your total church program?" was overwhelmingly answered, "They don't!"

Sarah Jepson feels that the church must re-evaluate its attitude toward as well as its program for the single adults. Churches should recognize the fantastic potential for service in the singles group.

"Box socials and watermelon feeds no longer interest the modern single," she writes. "Progressive dinners have graduated from house to house to restaurant to restaurant, but these activities do not meet the real needs of single Christian servants. Their cry for service is more desperate than their need for socials."

Finally, Sarah Jepson encourages singles to trust God. As long as He has seen fit to maintain their single status, He has also singled out a realm of service only they can perform which will perfectly complete their lives.

"I have never been more convinced that happiness is NOT equated in singles or doubles," Miss Jepson declares, "but the ultimate for us all is to KNOW and DO the will of God. "...Christ died and lives for the love of singles—every single person, whether he is married or not."
The Spirit of Christ

Most of us rejoice in recent emphasis on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. After centuries of neglect, the place of the Spirit in Scripture and Christian life is finding a proper recognition.

But there is one point of peril in this emphasis. It is the danger of missing the close relationship between Christ and the Holy Spirit. One enthusiastic young charismatic clearly illustrated the danger when he said, “I’ve found something better than Jesus! I’ve found the Holy Spirit!”

Thoughtless, no doubt; but this comes very close to blasphemy. All of the New Testament shouts that there is nothing better than Christ. To put Christ and the Holy Spirit into such a relationship as to compare one as “better” than the other is heresy of the worst sort.

Nor is the popular “folk theology” correct that identifies Christ exclusively with conversion and the Holy Spirit with a second crisis in “the fullness of the blessing” and entire sanctification. Christ Jesus “is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (1 Corinthians 1:30). And the Holy Spirit is the Source of the new life that comes to us at conversion—for justification and the “birth of the Spirit” are one and the same in point of time.

It is for this reason that the Apostle Paul says, “The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus” sets us free from the power of sin (Romans 8:2), and writes, “Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his” (Romans 8:9).

God bears witness to the new birth by sending “the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father” (Galatians 4:6), and sustains us through prayer and “the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:19).

Peter, also, identifies the inspiration of the Old Testament as the work of “the Spirit of Christ” (1 Peter 1:11) or “the Holy Spirit” (cf. 2 Peter 1:21).

But this is more than abstract theology. We answer the question “What is God like?” with the words “He is like Jesus.” We also answer the question “What is the Holy Spirit like?” with the words “He also is like Jesus.”

When the Master gathered men around Him at the Last Supper, He promised them the abiding presence of One whom He called “another Comforter.”

We have often emphasized the meaning of “Comforter”—Counsellor, Leader, Advocate, Guide, Source of strength. But there is unsuspected depth of meaning in the term “another.”

We need to remember that the Greek New Testament has two words translated “another.” One (heteros) means “another of a different sort, strange, or foreign in nature.” The word Jesus used was not heteros. It was alios. This means “another of the same kind.” When Jesus said, “I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter” (John 14:16), He spoke of Another like himself.

This brings us to two facts.

First, the “fruit of the Spirit” describes the very essence of Christ’s character—love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, kindness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Schleiermacher said many years ago, “The fruits of the Spirit are the virtues of Christ.”

Second, everything the Bible says about the attitudes and disposition of Jesus is true not only of the Father but also of the Spirit.

The term spirit also has two very clear meanings in the Bible. It means a center of personal life considered apart from anything material. Examples are “Holy Spirit,” “spirit of man,” “Spirit of God,” the human spirit.

But “spirit” also means the whole attitude and disposition of a person. Thus we speak of “a right spirit” or say, “He has a Christlike spirit.”

“The Spirit of Christ” properly means both. The phrase describes the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the adorable Trinity. It also means the disposition and character that can only be called “Christlike.”

The late E. Stanley Jones wrote: “If God is a Christlike God, then it follows that the Spirit is a Christlike Spirit. The same content of character
One who professes to be filled with the Spirit while harsh, morose, anxious, impatient, rough, unkind, undependable, unstable, and lacking in self-control, is only fooling himself. It is still true, as it was 1,900 years ago, that "by their fruits ye shall know them." "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9).

will be in both. Then if the Spirit lives within us, He will not make us other than Christlike. ... If we are made other than Christlike, it is some other spirit that possesses us—the spirit of weakness, of folly, of clannishness, not the Holy Spirit. For the Spirit will not make us other than Christlike."

In very down-to-earth terms, this means that when we pray to be more like the Master, or have more of His Spirit, we are asking to be more loving, more joyful, more serene, more long-suffering, more gentle, more kind, more faithful, more resilient in strength, and more self-controlled.

It also means that one who professes to be filled with the Spirit while harsh, morose, anxious, impatient, rough, unkind, undependable, unstable, and lacking in self-control, is only fooling himself.

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This does not mean that "the fruit of the Spirit" instantly appears full-grown in the character of the Spirit-filled Christian.

Paul contrasts "the works of the flesh" and "the fruit of the Spirit" in Galatians 5:17-24. One difference between "works" and "fruit" is that "works" are complete the moment they are done. "Fruit," on the other hand, grows and matures.

The important thing is to be sure that the fruit is growing and maturing. To be as unstable and immature after a year, or 10 years, or 40 years as when a new Christian is a spiritual tragedy of the first order.

John Seamands put it well: "What the Holy Spirit fills, He expands. He is the divine 'wind,' the 'breath of God,' filling us, and thus expanding us. We maintain the fullness by never settling down to a static level of holiness, but by continuously receiving His infilling."

And long before, John Wesley wrote that those who have come into the grace of heart holiness "cannot possibly stand still. Unless they continue to watch and pray and aspire after higher degrees of holiness, I cannot conceive not only how they can go forward but how they can keep what they have already received."

One of the great absolutes of the New Testament is the Apostle Paul's statement that "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9). This means not only the birth of and baptism with the Spirit. It means also the attitudes and disposition of Jesus—literally, "the mind of Christ."

This takes off all limits to the ideals toward which we set our faces. "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is [or, where the Spirit is Lord], there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:17-18). □

How to Get Rid of a Preacher

In a tongue-in-cheek reply, Bishop Gerald Kennedy answered a request for information on "a convenient and painless way to get rid of a pastor."

He made four suggestions:

1. Look him straight in the eye while he is preaching, and say, "Amen," once in a while. He'll be preaching himself to death in a few months.

2. Pat him on the back and brag on his good points. He'll soon work himself to death.

3. Rededicate your own life to Christ and ask the preacher to give you a job (preferably winning some lost soul to Christ). He will die of heart failure.

4. Get the church to unite in prayer for the preacher and he'll soon become so effective some larger church will take him off your hands.

It's only fair to observe that this may not always work. What may happen is that pastor and people become so much a team that the growth of the church becomes irresistible.

A church united in prayer and committed to personal soul winning will make almost any pastor great. Why not try it and see? □
The World Missions-sponsored Student Mission Corps is completing its seventh year of operation on overseas districts. This summer 79 college and graduate students served in 19 countries overseas.

One week of training was held in Laredo, Tex. The schedule called for 14 hours of structured learning each day in missions, evangelism, communication, and music. Several additional hours per day were required for practice.

Six of the teams were geared for musical presentation. These were trained by Professor James Van Hook, music minister of Bethany (Okla.) First Church. Other teams prepared for specialized ministries—nursing, vacation Bible school, construction.

This year SMC expanded to the Orient. A team went to the Philippines to work with a Philippine youth team in music and evangelism on several of the islands.

In Ecuador, the team assisted in the formation of several new churches.

The Barbados team spent time on the neighboring island of St. Lucia. They participated in services, house-to-house visitation, and pioneering VBS work in an effort to start the church on that island.

In Bolivia: construction.

In Nicaragua: clinic work and tutoring missionaries’ children.

In Guatemala: while an evangelism music quartet traveled with District Superintendent Alfonso Barrientos, two SMC nurses worked in the Coban hospital, and two girls worked with a Guatemalan lady.

In Uruguay: a music team of six worked with the Bible School students in evangelism.

In the Virgin Islands: Missionary Louie Bustle had eight SMCers working at breakneck pace in his usual Bustle style.

Ministries were extended to 19 countries.

The 43 students serving in Spanish-speaking countries spent an additional week in total-immersion Spanish training south of Mexico City. The week of learning culminated in a sharing experience on Sunday through 10 Nazarene churches in Mexico City. This great city of nearly 10 million population, with its bustle, noise, and skyscrapers, helped change many pre-conceptions of Latin America. A youth rally, sponsored by the zone NYPS and featuring SMCers, was conducted at Mexico City Fourth Church Sunday afternoon.

The SMC program is developing greater relationships to the national churches of many countries. In several countries (Guatemala, Philippines, Peru, Barbados, Guyana, Puerto Rico) the teams are traveling with or working under the supervision of the national district superintendent.

In many countries, the teams are working directly with teams of youth from that country, with no distinction in assignment or results. And that is as it should be. SMCers have had dual experience on the field. Their concepts, motives, and values all change through this experience. They formulate a broader and more appreciative view of the church international, a deepening spiritual commitment, and renewed vigor for evangelism everywhere.

Franklin Cook, director of SMC for the Department of World Missions

The following students served in the 1973 Student Mission Corps:

**Argentina**
- Steven Baker, ONC; Don Verno, PLC; Mrs. Anne Verno, PLC; Randy Vorce, NNC

**Barbados**
- Tom Haverly, ONC; Joe Knight, MANC; Deloris Schraegle, ONC; Rebecca Snider, Tarkio College

**Bolivia**
- Robert Mahaffey, MVNC; Joe McCoy, PLC

**Brazil**
- Paul Adams, ENC; Dana Jane Hauserman, Kansas U.; Duane Mariage, ENC; Glenda Wright, TNC

**British Honduras**
- Gail Smith, BNC; William Gunn, TNC; Joel Miller, ENC; Esther Oates, ENC

**Costa Rica**
- Lois Cole, PLC; Vickie Wessels, BNC; David Long, NNC

**Ecuador**
- Sherrill Briggs, BNC; Gail Ford, NNC; Barbara Martinez, MVNC; John Radcliffe, ENC; Robert Wilson, Jr., NNC

**El Salvador**
- Carol Hellwelli, NNC; Donna Jewell, MVNC

**Guatemala**
- Herb Agee, TNC; Janet Boddy, ENC; Kathryn Granger, MVNC; Susan Hays, Seattle-Pacific Col.; Cheryl Hervay, ENC; Edie Sauer, graduate of MANC; Ruth Schlinger, BNC; William Skinner, PLC

**Guyana**
- Brad Dunham, ENC; Joan Lundstrom, MANC; Nancy Lyle, MANC; Bill Wilson, BNC

**Jamaica**
- Deborah Robart, PLC; Tom Nortz, ENC; Deena Sayes, ONC; Merritt Strunk, MANC

**Nicaragua**
- Carolanne Burger, ENC; Jacque Gipe, PLC; Darrell Ranum, MANC

**Panama**
- Brad Arnesen, NNC; C. Michael Wright, ENC

**Peru**
- Jayne Koffel, Montgomery Co. Jr. College; Steve Digby, TNC; Bruce Granger, ENC; Deborah Nelson, PLC

**Philippines**
- Tom Michaelson, PLC; Mrs. Becky Michælas, PLC; Becky Morsch, ENC; Jeanne Orjala, MANC

**Puerto Rico**
- Lynne Anderson, PLC; Terry Corrente, ENC; Bill Koch, MVNC; Sylvia Sanford, ONC

**Trinidad**
- Vickie Boone, TNC; Alfred Fleming, ONC; Mark Morrison, MVNC; Susan Roth, PLC

**Uruguay**
- Becky Beam, ONC; Elden Carnahan, ENC; Joanne Collins, U. of Tenn.; Arden Carr, ONC; Becky Rains, NW State Col.; Janet Smith, ENC

**Virgin Islands**
- Nancianne Burger, ENC; Duane Burris, ENC; Linda Cobb, ONC; David Foltz, TNC; Kathleen Masters, PLC; Mary Reed, graduate of ONC; Judy Russell, MANC; Melinda Whitcomb, PLC

**ABBREVIATIONS:**
- BNC Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla.
- CNC Canadian Nazarene College, Winnipeg, Manitoba
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DR. AND MRS.

HUGH C. BENNER

HOW WE WISH WE COULD COMMUNICATE INDIVIDUALLY WITH ALL WHO CONSPIRED TO MAKE OUR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SUCH A JOYOUS, HEARTWARMING, AND MEMORABLE OCCASION IN OUR LIFE TOGETHER! SINCE THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE WE WISH TO EXPRESS THROUGH THE HERALD OF HOLINESS OUR DEEP GRATITUDE AND THAT OF OUR FAMILY, TO THE MANY HUNDREDS OF NAZARENES AND OTHERS WHO CONVEYED THEIR GREETINGS BY LETTERS, CARDS, FLOWERS, TELEGRAMS, LONG-DISTANCE CALLS, AND FOREIGN CABLES, AND IN A VERY PERSONAL WAY BY ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION.

By the gracious courtesy of President William Greathouse the reception was held in the beautiful and spacious library of Nazarene Theological Seminary. Special music for our guests was provided by Eleanor Whitsett, organist, and Jeff Moore, tenor, including a vocal number composed for the anniversary by Janet Benner Niccum.

With 1973 marking the fiftieth anniversary of our ordination as well as of our marriage, we could not but give thanks to God for the wonderful people called Nazarenes, and the church which has offered most challenging opportunities for Christian service. The broad, warm, affectionate expressions from so many parts of the world were completely beyond any reasonable expectation.

So we say again thanks to all! God is good, His will is wonderful, His providences are perfect, and life in His service produces dividends far beyond any earthly values.

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CHURCH MAKES MEANINGFUL MEXICO TRIP

Fifty people from the Oklahoma City Western Oaks Church made a summer trip to Guadalajara, Mexico. They met the mayor and governor, were interviewed on Channel 6 television, sang at the University of Guadalajara and at First Church. They held a public service in the park. Talmadge Johnson, general NYPS president, is pastor of the Western Oaks Church. He accompanied the group. In the final service at First Church, young people from both churches formed one large choir.

(L. to r.) Rev. Jose Pacheco, Rev. Talmadge Johnson, and television interviewer of Channel 6 in Guadalajara, Mexico.
VETERAN MINISTER DEAD AT 81

Rev. S. W. Strickland of Nashville died August 15 at the age of 81. He had been an elder in the Church of the Nazarene since 1912. He was ordained by Rev. J. O. McClurkan, founder of the Pentecostal Mission and Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville. He was the oldest living Nazarene elder in Tennessee.

Rev. Strickland taught at Trevecca for 13 years. He was district superintendent of the Tennessee District (1928-32), and pastor of Nashville Grace Church for 19 years. He was a graduate of Trevecca (B.A.), Pasadena (B.D.), Peabody (M.A.), and had completed most of his work for the Ph.D. at Peabody. He authored two books.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. V. Morsch, Rev. L. B. Mathews, Dr. Charles Childers, and Dr. H. Harvey Hendershot at Nashville First Church on Saturday, August 18.

Rev. Strickland is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruby Hughes Strickland; two sons—S. W., Jr., Milwau­kee, Ore.; and William J., chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville; and two daughters—Mrs. C. P. Trowbridge, Nash­ville; and Mrs. Charles F. Bates, Gulf Breeze, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

NAZARENE WRITERS’ CONFERENCE HELD AT MANC

The third biennial Nazarene Writers’ Conference was held on the campus of Mid-America Nazarene College, Olathe, Kans., August 13-15. Sponsored by Nazarene Publishing House, the conference was designed to offer maximum assistance to writers and prospective writers.

The three-day conference schedule included major addresses by resource personnel, seminars, small-group workshops, opportunities for meeting the editors, and a tour of Kansas City and the Nazarene Publishing House.

Joseph Bayly, vice-president for product for David C. Cook Publishing Company, consulting editor of Eternity and His magazines, and past president of the Evangelical Press Association, was one of the featured speakers. Eugene Chamberlain, coordinating editor, children’s section, Sunday School Department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the second resource person featured at the conference.

The conference was directed by W. T. Purkiser. Alpin P. Bowes acted as conference coordinator, and J. Fred Parker served as conference secretary.

Registrants numbered 176, a gain of 35 over the 1971 conference. Writers came from 20 different states and two Canadian provinces.

General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland spoke at the Wednesday evening banquet, which was held jointly with the Nazarene Directors of Christian Education Fellowship group.
DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEET

The eighth biennial conference of the Nazarene Directors of Christian Education Fellowship (NDCEF) met on the beautiful, rolling campus of Mid-America Nazarene College, August 15-17. The conference keynote address was brought by General Superintendent Dr. Charles Strickland. He spoke to a joint banquet assembly of Christian writers and the directors on the subject “Dynamics of Spiritual Leadership.”

Dr. Elmer Towns, educator, author, editor, and Sunday school research specialist, was featured throughout the program. Dr. Towns shared his insights on “Why Some Churches Do Not Grow,” “Saturation Evangelism,” “Public Relations for the Church,” “The New Testament Church Today.”

Workshops such as: “Trends in Youth Work,” “Factors in Healthy Staff Relationships,” “Bus Ministry,” and “Ministries to Single Young Adults” were well attended.

In all, 170 registered for the conference, a new record high. Pastors Ron Pelton and Paul Cunningham shared the thrilling story of their churches’ growth. Robert Miller of Nampa, Ida., is the president of the NDCEF; and Mr. David Benson of Wichita, Kans., is the Fellowship secretary-treasurer. The NDCEF, sponsored by the Department of Church Schools, publishes a quarterly, the Director’s Digest.

Workshop at NDCEF conference

Rev. Robert Miller, president of the NDCEF, poses casually with Elmer Towns (right), featured conference speaker from Savannah, Ga.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

S. S. WHITE LECTURES ON THEOLOGY November 8-9, 1973
Lecturer: Dr. Albert Outler, Professor of Historical Theology; Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University

CONFERENCE ON MUSIC MINISTRIES November 9-10, 1973
“Exploring Music Opportunities for Children and Youth”
Resource Person: Rev. Richard Ham, Children’s Music Consultant, Church Music Department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

JANUARY SEMINARS: (Interterm) January 7-11, 1974
“Ministering to Minorities”
Resource Person: Rev. Sergio Franco, Book Editor, Latin Division, Church of the Nazarene; Ph.D. Candidate, University of Missouri at Kansas City Credit: one hour

January 14-18, 1974
“Patterns of Millennial Thought in American Religious History”
Resource Person: Dr. Timothy Smith, Pastor, Wollaston Church of the Nazarene, Wollaston, Mass.; Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University
Credit: one hour

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COOK: Aroma Park, III., Oct. 2-7; Evansville, Ind.
CREWS: Dallas, Tex. (Bruton Terr.), Oct. 2-7; Biloxi, Miss.
CREATITE: Ravenna, Ohio, Oct. 2-7; Columbus, Ohio.
DARNELL: St. Louis, Mich., Oct. 4-14; Fairland, Ind.
DISHON: Mayfield, Ky., Oct. 1-7; Science Hill, Ky.
EMSLEY: Oakdale, Calif., Oct. 3-14; Norman, Okla.
EUDALEY: McPherson, Kans., Oct. 15-21; Scott City, Mo.
FOWLER: Akron, Ohio (Chr. Miss. All.), Oct. 5-14
GATES: Evansville, Ind. (Forest Hills Wes.), Oct. 8-14
GRINDLEYS: Jeddo, Mich. (N. Lakeport Wes.), Oct. 9-14; Oct. 29—Nov. 4
HENDERSON: Dunkirk, Ind. (Olive Br.), Oct. 1-7; Dunk-
HICK: Galena, Ill. (C. 9 Grove), Oct. 15-21
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HOECKLE: Orange, Tex., Oct. 1-7; Galena Park, Tex.,
HOLLOWAY: Dixfield, Me., Oct. 2-7; College Park, Md.,
HUNDLEY. EDWARD: Bucyrus, Ohio (1st), Oct. 1-7;
JONES, CLAUDE: Owego, N.Y., Oct. 2-7; Bloomsburg, Pa.
KOHR: Gettysburg, Pa., Oct. 2-7; Clearfield, Pa., Oct. 8-14
LAXSON: Oklahoma City, Okla. (Western Oaks), Oct. 2-7;
LINDER: Muncie, Ind. (Forest Park), Oct. 7-14; Mont-
LECKRONE: Granite City, Ill., Oct. 2-7; Arlington, Tex.
LESTER: Alameda, Calif. (1st), Oct. 2-7; Nampa, Ida.
LITZ: Eastaboga, Ala. (1st), Oct. 2-7; Phenix (Pollock),
HOLLAY-NOE: Charleston, W.Va. (North Side), Oct. 16-21;
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SPONSORS BUS MINISTRY

LOCAL CHURCH SPONSORS BUS MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Ashland First Church held its first bus ministry conference on September 3, 4, and 5. The conference dealt with such issues as: “How to Begin a Bus Ministry,” “Recreation of Workers,” and “Principles of Operation.” Featured speakers included Roy Hendley, of the Department of Church Schools; Rev. John Pelton, pastor of Portage, Ind., First Church; and Rev. Charles Kirby, pastor of Tide-water Central Church, of Virginia Beach, Va. Rev. James M. Bearden is the pastor of Ashland First Church.

HAPPY TIME CLUBS

Summer outreach at Nashville First Church of the Nazarene took a new direction. Twenty-two backyard Bible clubs had a total attendance of 2,094; of these children 562 were unchurched. The clubs were conducted by six summer missionaries: Donald York, Carla Maxwell, Jerry Sudduth, Ruth Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rohman. The missionaries were trained by the church and made 600 calls prior to the beginning of the clubs.

Three clubs met daily—morning, afternoon, and evening—for six days. The last day, Saturday, was an ice-cream party designed to meet the parents of the children. It worked. Two hundred and seventy mothers and fathers came.

Each Sunday, the unchurched were brought to Sunday school. Once there, 583 were enrolled. To date, 240 follow-up calls have been made by the church’s visitation and evangelism team. Adrian Jones is the minister of outreach; James L. Sankey is minister of education; and Rev. J. V. Morsch is pastor.
Dr. A. F. Harper, executive editor of church school materials, and Mrs. Harper recently visited the Cape Town Zone of the Coloured and Indian Field in South Africa. During their visit, Dr. Harper spoke to approximately 350 pastors, Sunday school teachers, and workers in a rally service with Sunday school emphasis. He conferred with national leaders concerning Sunday school work and visited local Sunday schools held in open-air settings.

Dr. Harper (center) is shown with the Southern District Church School Board. Seated is Rev. S. M. Fortoen, district church school board chairman, and Mrs. N. D. Zurcher, missionary advisor to church schools. The chart held by Dr. Harper shows the growth of the Sunday schools by the 13 churches and visited local Sunday schools held in open-air settings.

The outreach Sunday school program has strengthened the South African work. Sunday schools are able to use the current literature from Kansas City, since the people are bilingual. They speak both English and Afrikaans languages. Nearly half of the teachers use Teaching Resources.

COULTER VISITS AFRICA

General Superintendent George Coulter left Kansas City on September 24 to visit the seven districts of the Church of the Nazarene in Africa.

During his nine weeks' stay in Africa, he will meet with missionary councils, ordain elders, visit churches, hospitals, and schools which are under the direction of the church. He will also preside at the district assembly of the South African European District.

Mrs. Coulter has accompanied her husband. They will return to Kansas City on November 30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS

Rev. Roy T. McKinney is entering the field of evangelism after 39 years in the parsonate and serving on six districts. He is a commissioned evangelist on this district, and is available for revivals, camp meetings, lectures on Tabernacle, and prophetic conferences. Contact him at 2319 Wakulla Way, Orlando, Fla. 32809—Jonathan T. Gasset, North Florida District Superintendent.

Dr. Kenneth Babcock, P.O. Box 231, Wilmington, N.Y. 12997, is a commissioned evangelist on the Upstate New York District. I commend him to our people as a good preacher and evangelist. His wife, Mildred, is a commissioned song evangelist and an excellent singer. They will travel anywhere in their camp trailer.—Jonathan T. Gasset, District Superintendent.

Richard and Claudia Welch are entering the field of song evangelism. They are excellent singers and musicians and would add much to your revival spirit and overall condition of the church. Contact them—1421 Seminole Dr., Johnson City, Tenn. 37611—Glenn Jones, East Tennessee District Superintendent.

This is to recommend Lavoy and Joy Sims to our pastors and congregations across the church. They are talented musicians and vocalists working with choirs in providing music for revival campaigns. They are also available for special musical concerts, youth revivals, and conventions. They travel in their own motor home. Contact them, 1253 Vultee Blvd., Nashville, Tenn. 37217.—Harvey Hendershot, Tennessee District Superintendent.

Rev. Elbert Brown is a commissioned evangelist on our district. He has indicated his willingness to go anywhere he can serve the church in this capacity. Contact him at 802, Hillsboro, Tenn. 37342—Glenn Jones, East Tennessee District Superintendent.

SYRACUSE FIRST CHURCH will be celebrating its sixty-fifth anniversary on Sunday, October 14. Correspondence from former members and friends would be appreciated. Write: First Church of the Nazarene, 2929 Midland Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. 13205.—Wm. L. Poteli, Pastor.

Evangeliests' OPEN DATES

Rev. C. T. Corbett has had a good fall date cancelled—November 4 to 11. Contact him: 450 N. Forest, Bradley, Ill. 60915.

MOVING MINISTERS

L. KENNETH ADAMS from Fort Valley, Ga., to Donalsonville, Ga.
CALVIN ALEXANDER from Johnson, Va., to Deer Isle, Me.
RICHARD CALL from Albany, Ind., to Columbus City, Ind.
NORMAN A. CLAYTON from Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to Fessen­ den, N.D.
EUGENE M. CULBERTSON from Abbottsford, British Columbia, to Victoria (British Columbia, Canada) First.
ALLEN DACE from Wichita (Kans.) West Side to Colorado Springs Trinity.
LARRY DENNIS from associate, Jackson­ ville (Fla.) University Blvd., to associate of Trenton, Ohio.
GERALD C. EDY from Patchogue (N.Y.) First to Danbury, Conn.
NORMAN E. ELDER from Gosport, Ind., to Roachdale, Ind.
DICK R. FERGUSON from Langley, British Columbia, Canada, to Cle Eum, Wash.
BILL W. FOWLER from Arlington (Tex.) East Park to Lufkin (Tex.) First.
OMER D. HAMILTON from Clinton, Ind., to Terre Haute (Ind.) Northside.
DANIEL E. HESSELRODE from Lac du Flambeau, Wis., to Neenah, Calif.
JERRY L. HIGDON from Tehachapi, Calif., to minister of outreach, Modesto (Calif.) First.
SIDNEY E. JACKSON from Sacramento (Calif.) West to Seaside (Calif.) Monterey Peninsula.
BERNARD JOHNSON from Salem, Mo., to Estherville, la.
PHILLIP JONES from Oxford, Miss., to Merigold (Miss.) Sunflower.
RONALD E. LAMBERT from Dearborn (Mich.) First to Sidney (Ga.) First.
PAUL LANTZ from Valley City, N.D., to Bakersfield (Calif.) Brentwood.
JAMES L. LESTER from associate to Warrensburg, Mo.
TOMMY L. LOVING from McAlester, Okla., to Baytown (Tex.) First.
ROBERT E. MANER from Garland, Tex., to Gainesville (Ga.) First.
DON MAYNARD from Vincennes (Ind.) North Side to Gospport, Ind.
DANNY MINNIX from Scottsboro (Ala.) First to Mobile (Ala) Parkview.
GERALD L. MORGAN from Newcomers­ town, Ohio, to Lancaster (Ohio) First.
PAUL NEAL from Kansas City Summit View, to Ashland (Ky.) Plaza.
ARTHUR I. ODLE from Coalgate, Okla., to Brownfield, Tex.
JAMES E. PALMER from New Castle (Ind.) Broad Street to evangelism.
**MOVING MISSIONARIES**

- Miss Norma Armstrong, P.O. Box 912, Greenhill P.O., Rizal, Republic of the Philippines.
- Jean and Mrs. Merril Bennett, 18-3 Okamoto 2-Chome, Setagaya Ku, Tokyo 157, Japan.
- Dr. and Mrs. Carl Birchard, Box 23, Mount Vernon, W. Va. 25661.
- Mrs. Margaret Birchard (on furlough), c/o Mrs. Elizabeth Simons, 201 Mislissall Dr., Clinton, S.C. 29325.
- Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Blair (on furlough), 9821 92nd Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

- Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Bloswers, Nazarene Bible College, P.O. Box 376, Mount Hagen, Papua New Guinea.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown (on furlough), 52 Goodwood Road, Wolverton, England.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lary Luebbs, 73 Nance Ln., Nashville, Tenn. 37210.
- Rev. and Mrs. Charles Childress (on furlough), 3332 S. Knoxville, Tulsa, Okla. 74135.
- Miss Marilynn Coffman, Nazarene Mission Station, P.O. Box 70, Banz, W.H.D., Papua New Guinea.
- Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Crow, 1174 Arizona, West St. Gruen, Minn. 55118.
- Rev. and Mrs. Charles Downing, Box 2097, Balboa, Canal Zone.
- Rev. and Mrs. Roosevelt Emslie, 6 Shinglewood, 340 Florida Road, Durban, Republic of South Africa.
- Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Faul (on furlough), 405 E Grand Ave., Apt. C-8, Burbank, Calif. 91504.
- Rev. and Mrs. William Fowler, Box 537, Belize City, Belize.
- Rev. and Mrs. Hughlon Friberg, c/o Rev. Armand Doll, Caixa Postal 1399, Lecce Marques, Mozambique, South Africa.
- Miss Marilynn Goin (on furlough), 1856 Joan Pl., Columbus, Ohio 43211.
- Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gray (on furlough), 2228 63rd Ave., Sacramento, Calif. 95823.
- Mrs. and Mrs. John Hall, c/o Rev. Alfred Swan, Casilla 7034, Guayaquil, Ecuador.
- Rev. and Mrs. George Hayse, Box 70, Monteed, Johannesburg, South Africa. P.O. Box 140816.
- Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Heap, Box 53, Bethany, Okla. 73008.
- Rev. and Mrs. Frank Howie, Rua Joaquin Horta, 23, 13-4, Lourenco Marques 3, Mozambique.
- Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hudson (on furlough), La Harpe, Kans. 66751.

**RE V. AND MRS. CLEVE JAMES (on furlough), 9011 Goodman, Overland Park, Kans. 66212. Phone: (913) 341-5505.**

- Rev. and Mrs. Oliver Karker, P.O. Box 106, Florida, Transvaal, Republic of South Africa.
- Rev. and Mrs. William Kelvington, 951 Tawaraguchi ikoma, Nara Ken 630-02, Japan.
- Miss Judy Martin, 101 Kobue Cho, Chiba, Japan 281, Japan.
- Rev. and Mrs. Robert McCroskey (on furlough), Spanish Gardens Apartments, 3041 N. Rockwell, Apt. 131, Bethesda, Okla. 73106.
- Miss Kathleen Newlin, P.O. Box 2, Acornheath, Eastern Transvaal, Republic of South Africa.
- Rev. and Mrs. William Patch, c/o H. Patch, Rte. 1, Piasansin, Pa. 16341.
- Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins, 109 Brook Street, Brooklyn, Pretoria, Tvl., Republic of South Africa.
- Rev. and Mrs. Harold Ray (on furlough), 1177 N. Primrose, Alhambra, Calif. 91801.
- Rev. and Mrs. Richard Reynolds, P.O. Box 14, Manzini, Swaziland, Africa.
- Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Rogers (on furlough), 203 S. Avenue S, Post, Tex. 79356.
- Rev. and Mrs. William Skinner (on furlough), 2420 W. 107th, Los Angeles, Calif. 90042. Phone: (312) 361-4326.
- Miss Claudia Stevenson (on furlough), 444-46 Calle Mayor, Torrance, Calif. 90405.
- Rev. and Mrs. Dale Stotler, c/o Mr. & Mrs. Millard Gardner, Stotsyan, Pa. 16552.
- Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Thorpe, P.O. Box 31, Congella, Natal, Republic of South Africa.
- Miss Venus Ward, P.O. Box 14, Manzini, Swaziland, South Africa.
- Dr. Evelyn Withhoff (on furlough), c/o Mrs. E. A. Knuck, 3116 Central St., Evanston, Ill. 60206.
- Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Woods, P.O. Box 69, Ginowan City, Okinawa, Japan 910-122.

**VITAL STATISTICS**

- Allie Addudell, 86, died April 25 in Del City, Okla. She is survived by 3 daughters: Olive Pirong, Opal Whitaker, Charlotte Curry; 3 sons: Ray, Jack, and Arthur; 30 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jack D. Smith assisted by Rev. J. C. Andrew.
- Rev. Nettie Frances Cracken, 82, died August 13, while visiting in Torrance, Calif. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Frances (Shannon) Yarbrough, Mrs. Margaret West, and Mrs. Virginia Moody; one sister; seven grand-children, and five great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held at Lake View Church, Oklahoma City, with Rev. Dean Galloway, pastor of Ponca City First Church, in charge. Burial was at El Dorado, Kans., by the side of her husband, who preceded her.
- Mrs. Doris Cairns, 37, died July 19 in Lurgan, Northern Ireland. She is survived by her husband, Pastor Sydney Cairns, and three children, Stephen, Allison, and Hilary; also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. John Paton assisted by Rev. David Tarrant, Dr. George Frame, and Rev. Ernest Tade.
- Gilbert Carter, 75, died August 23, 1972, in New York City, New York. He is survived by his wife, Pearl; two daughters, Mrs. Edith Baker and Mrs. Roy Whittaker; and a son, Rev. Bill Carter. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. L. E. Tucker.
- Richard H. Grennell, 37, died May 4 in North Dakota. N.Y. He is survived by his wife, Helen; two sons, Stephen and David; a brother, Eldridge; and a sister, Mrs. Mabel McMahon. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Stephen Johnson.
- LaVern A. Hunt, 65, died June 7 in Tulsa, Okla. He is survived by his wife, Erma; two sons, Duane and Danny; two daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Bryant and Mrs. Jo Pena. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Geo. V. Harris, in Perry, Mich.
- Walter Jessup, 79, died April 29 in Warren, Ohio. He is survived by two daughters, Lois Davis and Mary Ann Lytle, and a son, Joseph. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. E. Tucker.
- Rev. Wayne C. Jones, 78, died July 25 in Torrance, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Hazel; two sons, Jim and David; four daughters, Mrs. Fred Breen, Mrs. Leona Steiner, Mrs. Douglas Gilpin, and Mrs. Kenneth Jilbert; and a sister, Mrs. Olivej Marshall. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. Walling Konyagi, assisted by Dr. E. H. Hale and Rev. Charles Ander.
- Donald Charles Linville, 54, died August 2 in Palisado, Colo. He is survived by his wife, Betty; 3 sons, Bill, Mike, and Todd; 4 daughters, Mrs. David Wood, Mrs. Deanne Kellery, Nancy, and Penny; 3 sisters, and 13 grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James Bailey assisted by Rev. Dave Severin.
- Willie F. Little, 73, died June 4 in Greenwille, Tex. He is survived by his wife, Sybil; 4 sons, Joe, Earl, Forbes, and Jim; 3 daughters, Mrs. Wanda Boyd, Mrs. Susan Shepley, 1 sister; 2 brothers; and 15 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Marvin McDaniel.
- Leonard Marks, 84, died July 1 at Boise, Ida. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; 3 daughters, Lydia Crider, Lillie James, and Jennie Hickerson; 1 son, Adrian Bruce; 2 brothers; 3 sisters; 13 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Donald Drake, Dr. Melba Brown, and Rev. R. W. Wiens.
- William Oscar Mayton, 70, died June 20 in Warren, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; a daughter, Mrs. Roy Lee; and a son, Albert Necro. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. E. Tucker.
- Mrs. Martha J. Sharitt, 71, died June 16 in Warrior, Ala. She is survived by her husband, Charles. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. H. Holder.
- Mrs. Effie E. Stott, 75, died July 31 at Shattuck, Okla. She is survived by three daughters, Dutch Rippstein, Ida Darnell, and Bonnie Butts; five sisters; 8 brothers; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. "Butch" Lipscomb.
- Wilma May Tolsen, 68, died April 22 at Purcellville, Va. She is survived by three daughters, Ruth A Christensen, Alice Bryson, Shirley Davis; one brother, Freddie; and one sister, Betty. She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Johnson and Mrs. Doreen Brown; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Donald Williams of Virginia, Va.

**BIRTHS**

- to Joseph N. and Brenda (Picksen) Bragg, Nashville, Tenn., a girl, Donna Marie, February 9.
EDITOR QUESTIONS MOTIVES OF NEWSMEN IN EXPOSING WATE RGATE. Newsmen who exposed the Watergate affair did so because “it was politically expedient” for them to see immorality in a government administration they opposed, says Francis.

But, Dale Francis added, those same newsman who “rightly condemn the Watergate break-in,” often overlook or condone the immorality of other actions such as leaks from grand juries and hearings. . . . Francis edits and publishes the National Catholic Register.

Dr. L. Nelson Bell Dies at 79. Dr. L. Nelson Bell, 79, noted evangelical missionary, physician, and immediate past moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., died August 2.

Billy Graham called him “not only my father-in-law, but also my pastor,” and said the executive editor of Christianity Today “lived several lifetimes.”

The former medical missionary to China, who gave up his practice after two coronary attacks in the mid-1950s, died of a heart attack several hours after delivering what was described as a “vigorous and forceful” talk at his denomination’s World Mission Conference in Montreal, N.C. His text was Revelation 3:20, “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock.”

NATION’S SERIOUS CRIME RATE DROPPED 2 PERCENT LAST YEAR. A 2 percent decline in the nation’s total of serious crimes occurred last year—the first actual decrease in 17 years—according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Uniform Crime Reports for 1972.

Serious crime is divided into two categories in the reports—violent (murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and property (burglary, larceny—$50.00 and over, and auto theft). Violent crimes went up 2 percent in 1972, but property crimes, which were more numerous, decreased 2 percent.

According to the reports, which were released in Washington, D.C., by FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley, 94 major cities reported decreases in serious crimes last year, compared with 54 in 1971 and 22 in 1970.


Total sales in two religion categories were $126 million in 1972, compared with $117 million the previous year, the new figures show.

Of the two categories, the larger dollar-volume increase was in the sale of Bibles, Testaments, hymnals, and prayer books. The jump was from $56 million in 1971 to $63 million last year.

“Other religions” increased $2 million, from $61 million to $63 million.

SCHOOL SYSTEM’S PARENTS AND TEACHERS TO SET POLICY ON RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS. Parents and teachers of students attending the 169 public schools in Fairfax (Va.) County, and in some cases the students themselves, will determine whether—and how—the schools will observe religious holidays.

This policy was adopted unanimously by the Fairfax County School Board, although one board member, Dr. Rufus Wright, said he expects the measure to elicit legal action against it.

The principal of each school in the 136,000-student system is directed to appoint a committee consisting of an administrator, a teacher, a parent, and a student (in the case of secondary schools) to “review and guide the school’s thinking, planning, and implementation of educational programs relative to religion and religious holidays.”

Dr. Wright, who represents the Mount Vernon District on the board, told a reporter he isn’t sure that the board’s action is legal. “What I’m worried about,” he said, “is that some principals might see this as a sanction to celebrate Christmas even more strongly than before.”
There seems to be a contradiction between Matthew 3:14 and John 1:33. Matthew says John the Baptist knew Jesus before he baptized Him. John 1:33 says he did not know Christ until after he baptized Him and the Holy Spirit descended on Him.

I don’t think there is any real contradiction. I would interpret the words “And I knew him not” (John 1:33) in harmony with the following verse where John said, “And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.”

The descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus was the full and divine confirmation of what John had instinctively sensed when Jesus came requesting to be baptized. “I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?” John said. This shows John’s instinctive recognition that here was the Messiah. The recognition was confirmed when the Spirit descended as a dove and the voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).

John the Baptist then publicly introduced Jesus as “the Lamb of God”—the One who would indeed baptize His people with the Holy Spirit (John 1:33-36).

I heard a man claim that Christians who are alive when Jesus comes again must first die because Hebrews 9:27 says, “It is appointed unto men once to die.”

Your friend apparently overlooked 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 also says virtually the same: “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

The appointment that all die once is made with the implied exception of those Christians who are alive when Jesus comes again.

What does it mean to be “renewed in the spirit of your mind”?

Made totally new within. This is what theologians understand to be the New Testament meaning of sanctification. The phrase is used once by Paul in Ephesians 4:23 in connection with putting off the “old man” (v. 22) and putting on the “new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” (verse 24).

The terms spirit and mind refer to the most fundamental aspects of the human psyche. Putting them together heightens the expression of completeness in renewal.

I would be glad to have your comments on John’s reference to the “water and the blood” that came from Jesus’ side, as recorded in John 19:34-35, and in 1 John 5:6-8. This seems to have been of tremendous significance to John, but I cannot get the full import of it.

I’m not sure I can help you too much. The flow of blood and water from the pierced side of Jesus is usually understood to be evidence of the prior death of Jesus.

Dr. Howard Matzke, professor of anatomy at the University of Kansas, describes his understanding of the blood and water as follows:

“A soldier . . . plunged a spear into His side, thrusting it upward from under the ribs and apparently penetrating the heart. This would account for the blood. The heart is surrounded by a sac, the pericardium, which secretes a small amount of watery fluid serving as a lubricant for the heart. Under extreme stress there may be an excessive accumulation of this fluid, which could account for the water mentioned in John’s Gospel record.”

Reference to the water and the blood in 1 John 5:6-8 is usually thought to be symbolic of Christ’s baptism and initiation into His Messianic ministry, and to His crucifixion. To these, the Holy Spirit gives witness.
REV. AND MRS. DOWIE SWARTH ATTEND DEDICATION OF HOLLAND CHURCH

On September 9, 1973, Rev. and Mrs. Dowie Swarth of Altadena, Calif., were special guests at the dedication of the new church building erected at Haarlem, Holland, a suburb of Amsterdam.

Mr. Swarth, Holland-born, has long had great interest in evangelizing his native land. Although a pioneer district superintendent in Canada, Arizona, and among the North American Indians, he was never permitted to return to Holland.

In later years he has been able, however, to contribute substantially to the opening of Nazarene work in Holland, and was scheduled to be the dedication speaker for the opening of the new Haarlem church building.

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LAYMEN'S SUNDAY
Day of CELEBRATION
October 14, 1973

The summer of Key 73 has been a summer of outreach. Laymen's Sunday is a time to give recognition to those who have already given of themselves in reaching out to others through personal soul winning, home Bible studies, shade-tree evangelism, and other lay home missionary services.

As shouts of victory proclaim our Day of Celebration, let us launch into new ventures in outreach for the glory of God and the salvation of men.

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PASTOR AND WIFE INVOLVED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Rev. and Mrs. John Vaughn, pastors at Eagle River, Alaska, were involved in an automobile accident in Grand Forks, N.D., on Sunday afternoon, August 5. Rev. Vaughn suffered broken ribs and possible internal injuries. He was hospitalized in St. Michael's Hospital in Grand Forks.

The Vaughns, who have been on furlough, were returning to Eagle River in their new car when another car smashed into their left, front door. It was not known how long Rev. Vaughn would be hospitalized. Mrs. Vaughn escaped serious injury. She was not hospitalized.
Why celebrate?

A celebration is a "sacred ceremony," according to the dictionary, and the term layman comes from a Greek word laos, which means "people."

On Laymen's Sunday we take sacred notice that our people are taking the gospel to those who have not heard it. We are all on the front lines of evangelism.

In the secular world the term layman has a sort of second-class connotation. It is used to mean anyone NOT trained or skilled in a certain discipline. But it originally meant all of us. There are NO SECOND-CLASS CHRISTIANS. We are all in this together, bonded by love. Our people are God's people—sinners saved by grace. So why not celebrate? A popular Christian song proclaims that "The King Is Coming"; but for those who claim Him, the King is already here. We are His people—His laos.

So why not celebrate?

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Two laymen and I, visiting recently in one of our urban areas, were sharing the gospel with the lady of the house when she interrupted. "But, sir," she said, "there is no use talking to me about God’s love. You see, I have cursed God, blamed Him for all my troubles, and He has rejected me."

Patient listening brought out the story. Her husband, an alcoholic, when drunk often beat her and their children. He was also insanely jealous of any interference and refused to let them attend church or have much of any social contact.

In her increasing despair she cried out one day as he beat her, cursing God and blaming Him for letting this happen.

It was then her husband taunted her. "You have committed the unpardonable sin," he said. "God will never accept you now." Her despair was almost complete.

In the earlier part of our visit I had heard her say she was brought up in another faith. As she finished her story I asked, calling her by name, "Do you believe St. Peter is in heaven right now?"

"Oh, yes," she replied, "there is no doubt about that at all!"

Asking her permission, I opened my Bible to Luke 22 and read the story of the denial of Peter. As she listened to how Peter had cursed and denied Christ three times, saying he never knew Him, she turned toward me with excitement.

It was then I read Luke 22:61-62, "And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly."

As she heard this, something beautiful happened. A light began to dawn, first in her eyes, and then on her entire face.

"You mean," she whispered, "Peter cursed God, too?"

"Yes," I replied, "and Jesus loved him in spite of it. Did you notice," I continued, "how Luke tells that Jesus made a special effort to look at Peter? That look told Peter that Jesus still loved him even in the midst of his most awful failure."

Realizing what this truth meant to her, joy broke out all over her countenance. She cried and laughed all together in true wonder at the scope of God’s love.

Seeing the readiness of faith in her eyes, I telescoped the rest of the gospel story into one question. "The question God is asking you right now," I said, "is simply this, ‘Do you want to receive Jesus Christ and His gift of eternal life? This gift that the Son of God left His throne and went to hell on the Cross to purchase for you, would you like to receive it now?’"

"Oh, yes," she said. "I do! I do!"

It was at that moment, while we all rejoiced together, I felt I knew a little of the joy in the heart of the Apostle Paul when he cried out, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power [dunamis—dynamite] of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16).

Jesus loves me when I’m good,
And I do the things I should.
But Jesus loves me when I’m bad,
Though it makes Him very sad.

I love Jesus; does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus wants to hear me say
That I love Him every day.

Yes, Jesus loves me;
The Bible tells me so!

By David K. Kline
Boxboro, Mass.
District. He was converted in 1935 to 1945 as a combat pilot in a B-25 bomber. He served as a captain.

Career for Jack Morris has been in aeronautical engineering. He is employed by General Dynamics Corp., Pomona Division. Presently he has two job titles—Head of Testing, Planning, and Requirements Engineering; and Chief Pilot for the Pomona Division.

Mr. Morris is married and he and his wife, Jewell, have twin sons—Jerry L. and Joel L. (age 25).

FORMER DS SUCCUMBS TO HEART ATTACK

Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, 69, former district superintendent of Central Ohio District, succumbed to a heart attack August 27, in Sioux Lookout, Canada.

Dr. Galloway had been district superintendent of the Central Ohio District from 1943 until his retirement in July, 1972. He was elected to the General Board at the General Assembly, June, 1948, and served on that Board until June, 1968. He was re-elected by ballot vote in 1970 to serve until his retirement in 1972.

Dr. Galloway has served on many commissions and committees of the church. He also served on the General Court of Appeals and as a member of the board of trustees at Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City.

The funeral service was conducted Saturday, September 1, in the Mt. Vernon (Ohio) First Church. Dr. Donald Gibson, superintendent of the Central Ohio District, officiated. Assisting in the service were General Superintendent George Coulter, Dr. Mary Scott, Dr. M. E. Clay, Dr. John Knight, Rev. Jim Cummins, and Rev. Edward K. Richley. A choir of over 100 Nazarene ministers directed by Rev. Danny Steele sang.

Survivors include his wife, Clara; two sons: Harvey S., Jr., and Dale; one brother, Rev. Geo. M. Galloway; and one sister, Mrs. Lois Wheelis. His father and mother were charter members of the first Holiness Church of Christ organized in the state of Arkansas, which became a part of the Church of the Nazarene in 1908.

TWO GS EMERITI UNDERGO SURGERY

Dr. D. I. Vanderpool underwent cataract surgery on his left eye early in August. He returned home (Pleasanton, Calif.) within a week. He continues to make progress toward completely successful results.

DR. HUGH C. BENNER is reported steadily gaining from surgery recently performed at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Kansas City. He is now at his home in Leawood, Kans.

TNC PRESIDENT EMERITUS DIES

Dr. A. B. Mackey, 76, president emeritus of Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, died September 3 at the Nashville Baptist Hospital following a 10-day illness.

He retired from the presidency of TNC in 1963 after 27 years of service.

He was associated with the college over a span of 42 years and served as a principal of the high school, dean of the college, and as college president.

The funeral service was held Thursday, September 6, in Nashville First Church.

Mrs. Lyla Mackey resides at 700 Harding Pl., Nashville, 37210.

IRWIN TO HEAD NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

With the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents and after consultation with the district advisory board, I have appointed Rev. Donald Irwin, presently pastoring College Church, Kankakee, Ill., district superintendent of the New England District. This appointment is made effective immediately.

—EDWARD LAWLOR
General Superintendent

Rev. Donald Irwin, 52, has accepted the appointment as district superintendent of the New England District. He will succeed Dr. Kenneth H. Pettis, who vacated the position mid-August to assume responsibilities as president of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho.

Rev. Irwin has served with distinction in pastoral ministries at Orlando (Fla.) Central, Miami (Fla.) First, Pasadena (Calif.) Central, Nashville Grace, and Kankaee (Ill.) College Church. He has served the present pastorate since 1968. Irwin was ordained in 1947.
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