Cradle Roll: All You Add Is Love
(See page 13.)
The demands of Christian discipleship are clear and concise.

“Follow me” was the simple, yet all-inclusive challenge Jesus gave to His first disciples. In every age this is the supreme challenge confronting the human soul.

But following Jesus means much more than the mechanical acceptance of a creed or even the discharge of “religious” duties. Creed is vital. Conduct is important. But Jesus injected a new element into religion which makes true Christianity unique and exciting.

He summed up the whole law of religion in terms of love. “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.” Following Jesus involves obedience to this law.

Jesus lived by this law himself. There was in Him a passionate and persistent desire to have fellowship with His Heavenly Father. This desire was so deep and so genuine that He constantly sacrificed His own comfort and rest in order to keep open the channels of communion with God. His love for God drew Him away from the multitudes to the solitude of the mountain for prayer and meditation.

But love for God had a practical side to it. For Jesus it meant a prodigal spending of himself to save, to heal, to comfort, and to strengthen others. His own personal comforts were set aside to serve others. His own preferences were made secondary so that He might meet the needs of others.

For many, religion is just a cold, rational acceptance of a creed. Some would make it a mere sentimental attitude toward God. But Jesus taught that it must be a living, leaping flame of love which draws us into harmony with His divine will. And its practical result is that it drives us into pathways of service for Jesus.

Following the Resurrection, a memorable experience took place on the shores of Galilee. Three times Jesus asked Peter, “Lovest thou me?” Three times Peter gave His Lord assurance that He did love Him. Three times Jesus gave the command, “Feed my sheep.” But at the close of this conversation Jesus gave Peter the very same command He had given when they first met, “Follow me.”

Love changed Peter’s trembling faith into confident following. Love made his creed a living conviction. Love changed Peter’s vacillation into rocklike stability.

Peter’s answer should be ours. “Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee.”
FOR TOO MANY Christians, as the Moslems pictured above on Holy Day, the service is confined to a religious ritual. Dr. Grider in the ensuing article suggests that service to Christ should begin when the meeting is over.

"WHEN DOES the service begin?" whispered a visitor to the person beside him when the Spirit did not seem to move anyone to break the silence of a Quaker meeting. Came the hushed answer, "The service begins when the meeting is over."

And so it is—or should be. The service to the least and the lost of this world begins after the worshipper, with the sinews of his soul flexed by church attendance, leaves the church and walks in the busy ways of men. The church is therefore a place for refueling—or even for an overhauling. Attendance there is not simply an end in itself, but a means to the end of witnessing to the world outside the church. One goes along to church with happy heart, or even with heavy heart, to receive the kind of help he needs for his full-time service through all the days of the week.

AS ONE ENTERS a certain chapel in Indiana he sees the words,
"Jesus is Lord." As one leaves, he is faced at the back of the chapel with the command, "Go make disciples of all men." Because Christ is Lord—our Lord—He has sovereign charge of the Christian's life. At church, the Christian comprehends afresh Christ's lordship. Outside the church, the Christian makes disciples of all men.

The Lord wants "salty Christians who will carry the tang of Christ to the unsavory world," Dr. Donald Starr said recently in the Nazarene Theological Seminary chapel.

One translation of Acts 8:4 has it that the early Christians went everywhere "gossiping the Gospel"—making Christ the talk of every town. Why not? He lives—and is the most captivating and compelling of any subject on which the minds of mortals may dwell.

St. Paul likes to call the Church the body of Christ. This means that it is the kind of embodiment the ascended Christ now has in the world. On Sundays (and midweek) the church comes together. On Mondays, at about seven o'clock to eight in the morning, it is having breakfast in homes. At midmorning it is having coffee breaks in factories and offices and schools.

TRUE, THE church is the building on the corner of "Wayward Road" and "New Haven Drive." But, more important, it is individual Christians on weekdays, out there in the big and bursting world, rubbing thoughts with two or three or four persons who are trying to find their way from the "city of nowhere" to the "city of somewhere.

Many Christians have enough religion to make them decent, but not enough to make them dynamic. It is said that all organizations pass through three stages: (1) when those connected with it work for a dream; (2) when they work for the organization itself; and (3) when they work to preserve their place in the organization. Even churches tend to go through these stages. Frequent renewal of the church is necessary if the dream stage is to be maintained. And the dream stage obtains when the church members see that the church exists primarily for those not yet in it.

Needed, then, is the insight that "the service begins when the meeting is over."
Getting Home

I RODE THE mountain lead horse, while my sister rode the pack mule, and our husbands walked. We arrived at our destination, the Calf Slide, in the Davis Mountains, and started home. I was gripping the rein, guiding the horse on a dimly marked path, when we came to a small stream. There the horse stopped.

No coaching I could do would influence him to move. I slapped and hit him with the rein; I kicked and yelled; yet he stood still. We were desperate.

One of the men said, "Drop the rein and let him go as he will."

WHEN I DID, the horse turned around and started back.

"Now what?" I asked in my bewilderment.

They insisted I let the horse get us home, and calmly he did just that.

I have often wondered where we would have gone had we not allowed the one that knew the way to lead us—even though he was a horse.

In spite of confusion, it is wonderful to know our Heavenly Father knows the way we take. If we will acknowledge Him, He will direct our paths.

HE LED Israel by the hand of Moses; with His glorious arm divided the water for them. He led them through the deep as an horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble. The Lord went before them, by day in a pillar of a cloud to lead them the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light.

He is still the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

• By PEARL KEETON
Saints in Sycamores
MICHELANGELO, the great sculptor, was preparing one day to go to work on a huge block of marble. A passing observer stopped and questioned half-jokingly, "What's in that block of stone?"

"An angel's in there," the craftsman answered, "and I've got to set him free!"

He set to chiseling and in time fashioned a lovely statue of an angel. He had envisioned the end product of beauty inside the shapeless mass of stone.

In Zacchaeus, the despised revenue collector of Jericho, Jesus saw a sinner who could be shaped into a saint. Ignoring the sullen sarcasm of the Pharisees, He beckoned the surprised spectator down from his limb perch and went to be his supper Guest. The Savior saw a saint in the sycamore, and wanted to set him free. What Jesus saw in Zacchaeus symbolized His evaluation of every unconverted person.

Jesus saw in Zacchaeus a prospective convert in the person of a curious politician. Jesus was continually looking for converts, even in the most unlikely places. Imagine spying a potential Christian up a tree—and a slick politician at that! Jesus offered to eat with this shady sinner. It was all too much for the critical bystanders, and they charged Jesus with making a personal friend of a pernicious moral weakling. He was suffering from a big head and a little heart. All this was marvelously and miraculously changed by the grace of God, abundantly able to make a strong saint out of a sorry sinner.

An artist looked out his studio window and noticed a haggard bum sitting on the curbstone across the street. Moving his easel to the window, he sketched a hurried picture and then called the bum inside. He showed the tramp the portrait. Instead of a beggarly bum, however, the canvas bore the profile of a nattily dressed, clean-cut businessman. At first the bum was puzzled. Slowly, however, the light of recognition dawned in his eyes. "It's me," he cried, "but why the nice suit and all?"

The artist replied, "That's the man I see in you. I drew the man you can be, not what you are now."

Straightening himself and pushing back his shoulders, the tattered beggar announced with resolute determination: "Then, by the grace of God, I'll be the man you drew!" From that point he began a life that led him to a place of social respectability.

The gospel message proclaims to all that God sees what you can be. Through Christ, grace can make beautiful what sin has marred.

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IMMEDIATELY one feels a sense of awe and timidity in exploring any prayer. And who can understand God’s own Son at prayer? There is one thing sure: if the Master sensed the joy and necessity of entering the fellowship of prayer, how much more should we? The seventeenth chapter of John provides us with one of the most sacred chapters in the Scripture, and only with our minds sensitive to His Spirit dare we to enter at all.

Perhaps the very first thing we notice is that the Master never prayed at the people nor did He provide His Heavenly Father with information He already possessed. This was truly a fellowship with God on behalf of His friends.

As we explore two of His requests, we discover in the thirteenth verse He prays that their lives might be blessed with joy: “And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.” His was the joy of the highest fellowship as we see in verse twenty-one: “That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”

Many today find themselves with so much to live with but so little to live for. While Jesus appeared to have so little to live with—“The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head” (Matthew 8:20)—He was possessed with the magnificent obsession of doing His Father’s will. This enduring joy was also the joy of the highest victory—the victory of being the kind of person He had to be in spite of all that evil forces could do.

The fulfilling of the ultimate purpose of God He mentions in the twenty-sixth verse: “And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.” It was not possible, even through prayer, for God’s Son to avoid the pain of Calvary, but it was possible for Him to remain the Person He had come to be. In spite of all their hatred and His agony, He still prays: “Father, forgive them.” This is the joy of a heart completely free from all pockets of poison caused by the infection of bitterness, unforgiveness, and hate.

In a chapter so rich, it is difficult to find a key verse, but as one looks at the seventeenth verse it shines as the purest diamond: “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” When the Psalmist cried out in the fifty-first psalm: “Create in me a clean heart, O God,” was he not voicing one of life’s strongest urges? Man created in the image of God was made for a heart of perfect love as witnessed in the life of Jesus. To be so created without the possibility of satisfaction would be the most cruel hoax ever played on man.

Every born-again Christian longs and prays for the assurance of the cleansing Presence. There is no rebellion in the heart of any of God’s children, but in so many there is a deep sense of inability, a defeat coupled with the deepest longing: “As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God” (Psalms 42:1).

Is there a total answer? Can human nature really be changed? Can our hearts be cleansed and filled with the love of His presence? Many deny it, even more doubt it. Some argue that God can
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do nothing for sinful human nature but forgive it, that the inner guerilla warfare must continue until death. At times we gain ground and then again suffer severe loss. It is a longtime battle, they say, and so intwined is human nature with sin that it can be purged only in the hour of death. But listen carefully as the Master prays: “Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth” (RSV).

WHAT A PICTURE this is! All other religions picture their god or gods as an object to be found only as man reaches up through long procedures of discipline. In the sharpest contrast, the Christian religion dares to picture God in the person of the Son on His knees interceding for man. All the way through the Bible it is God reaching down, yes, even from a cross, to man in the hour of his deepest peril. The sense of His cleansing presence is not an achievement but rather an acceptance. The writer of Hebrews proclaims, “Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate” (Hebrews 13:12).

Yes, there are many problems and deeper hungers, but the picture of Christ, my Lord, on His knees praying for my sanctification compels me to pause and listen, then to enter into the secret place of prayer until I make the answer possible. We linger until His presence comes with His joy and His cleansing love. Then we arise and go out into a love-starved world to let His love and His joy flow through our lives to others.

IN THE POWER of His fellowship we love, not because of what others may do for us in return; but in spite of all which seems rejection, we live for what we can do for them in Jesus’ name.

Man finds himself driven by his own desires, and how thoroughly exhausted he has become! Tired, bored, and empty, he searches from earth to space to find an answer to his quest—the quest of being. The key lies not in the abundance of things, nor explorations in space, but within our own selves. God placed it there when He created us in His own image. It is the quest for His presence . . . Christlikeness— the heart of perfect love.

Jesus prayed for this fulfillment, then went on to die to make it possible. “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in . . .” (Revelation 3:20). Open the door to life’s highest fulfillment.

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uring recent months frequent inquiries have come to us concerning the advisability of our church engaging in secular business either with a worthy social service goal in mind or with a desire to make profit to be used as a supplement to the regular tithes and offerings. It is our united judgment that such ventures are ill-advised and unwise and could bring delays if not derailment to our Kingdom enterprise, even when our church involvement is indirect or when another legal vehicle is created to avoid financial liability. It is our view that the church’s name or offices should not be used either in whole or in part in the above ventures and the like.

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What to Do About Infirmities

One of the items we sometimes sweep under the rug is this matter of infirmities. By this somewhat unwelcome word we mean those weaknesses and failures which arise from the imperfections of our humanity.

We may settle it, first, that all of us have them. Call them what we will, they are still part of our mortality, part of the humiliation of our bodies from which we shall not be freed until we enter "the more excellent glory."

The purest heart on earth does not guarantee a perfect head. The best of intentions may be marred by defects of judgment. Grace abounding will not deliver us from the need for increasing light.

We may settle it, second, that infirmities are not necessarily sins. They may become sins. The borderline may not be easy to locate.

Herein is one reason the Bible so often and so clearly forbids judging. We just cannot tell the source of the actions or reactions in others which we may so quickly question.

No one has given clearer testimony to the fullness of redemption than the Apostle Paul. "Ye are witnesses, and God also," he wrote, "how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe" (I Thessalonians 2:10). "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death," he testified in Romans 8:2. "I am crucified with Christ" was his witness: "nevertheless I live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

Yet no one was more keenly aware of the presence of infirmities than this same apostle. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities," he said (Romans 8:26). "While others gloried in their strength, Paul gloried in the grace that steadied him in the midst of his infirmities (II Corinthians 12:7-10).

ONE OF THE GIANTS of the early holiness movement grouped infirmities into four classes: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual infirmities.

Under physical infirmities he listed hunger, bad dreams, sicknesses, nervousness, excitement, and physical exhaustion. Mental infirmities include forgetfulness, lack of knowledge, thoughts of evil, wandering thoughts in prayer, and difficulty in making decisions.

Emotional infirmities are such states as fear of danger, excessive grief and sorrow, excessive sensitivity, annoyance at the foibles of others, and unresponsiveness. Spiritual infirmities include failure to reflect one's inward feelings, righteous indignation, lack of desired vitality, inferiority complex, and inability to accomplish desired aims or reach desired goals.

To this list might be added mistakes of all kinds, errors of judgment, extremes in any direction, and all the varied imperfections of which we may or may not be aware. There is good reason to suspect that our worst infirmities are the ones very apparent to others but hid to our own eyes.

We may draw one of two wrong conclusions from the fact of infirmities. One is to allow them to become a source of condemnation. Since infirmities represent what we recognize should not be, it is easy to conclude that they are therefore sins and bring with them the wrath of God.

It should be remembered that Satan is described as "the accuser of our brethren." It is his business to accuse and confuse—as Thomas Cook put it, "by throwing mud on the windows and accusing us of being poor housekeepers."

In such moments we must be completely open to the Holy Spirit. As Roy S. Nicholson has written: "There is no reason to feel that an honest soul who seeks the truth will be denied the needed light to keep adjusted with God. But it will assist that soul to study carefully the true nature of sin and holiness. Ask if the thing brought guilt or humiliation, if it was voluntary or involuntary, if it was avoidable or unavoidable. Be honest with God! Study the Word of God. Examine your own motives. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth to your heart as God knows it to be. Then, 'whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.' "

AN EQUALLY WRONG ALTERNATIVE is to surrender to our infirmities, to accept them as necessary and inevitable. We are promised the Holy Spirit's help. This does not mean He will conquer our infirmities for us. It does mean that...
A Hand of Love
By FRANCES B. ERICKSON

I knelt before God’s altar,
But somehow felt alone,
Though I was sure His listening ear
Bent down from heaven’s throne.

But suddenly a hand of love—
It felt like God’s dear touch,
And with it sweet assurance
That Christ still cares so much!

The load that I had carried
So infinitely long
Was lifted by an angel,
Who gave me back my song.

A hand of love! Dear Jesus,
May my own hand ever be
A hand that brings the blessing
That Your hand brought to me.

He will give us His assistance in meeting and
overcoming or counteracting them.

Most of us are altogether too passive in the
face of our infirmities. We surrender to them too
easily. We cover them up with excuses, when we
should confess them honestly and with penitence.

Another old-time holiness writer, Daniel Steele,
wrote: “Though a well-meant mistake does not
defile the conscience and bring into condemna­
tion, nevertheless, when discovered it demands a
penitent confession and a presentation of the
great sin offering unto the God of absolute holi­
ness. The refusal to do this after the sin offering
has been provided involves positive guilt. . . .
Hence Charles Wesley sings:

Every moment, Lord, I want
The merit of Thy death.

In view of this truth it is eminently appropriate
for the holiest soul on earth to say daily, ‘Forgive
us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.’ ”

And Roy Nicholson, again, quotes George W.
Wilson: “But what about that which we have
done that humiliates and embarrasses us? The
spirit of holiness demands that ‘we confess our
faults.’ An infirmity becomes sin ‘when we de­
tect our error and choose to continue in it.’ ”

Our great encouragement in it all lies in the
fact that we have to do with One who under­
stands us altogether. “We have not an high priest
which cannot be touched with the feeling of our
infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as
we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15).

“Like as a father pitieth his children, so the
Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth
our frame; he remembereth that we are dust”
(Psalms 103:13-14). Here are both our incentive
and the truth to put heart in us as we work to
overcome our infirmities.

Cradle Roll Outreach

There are certain times when the hearts of men
and women are more open to spiritual influences
than they usually are. Marriage is one of these
times. Bereavement is another. The birth of a
child is a third.

Each of these events affords special opportunity
for the church. While marriage is regulated by
civic law, as indeed it must be, it is essentially
an exercise of the lordship of Christ over the
whole of life. Whom “God hath joined together,
let not man put asunder.”

Bereavement, even when the death of a loved
one has been at the end of a long illness, comes
with a sense of shock. There is a finality about
death against which the human will rebels. Some­
thing of the sense of eternity always drifts back
through the veil that has been momentarily
parted.

Wise indeed is that church that closes ranks
around the newly married and the lately be­
reaved. These are critical moments in the lives
of both Christian and unconverted.

The coming of a new life into the home is yet a
third very important moment of which the church
may take advantage to the glory of God. The
anticipation, the anxiety, the long waiting is over.
For better or for worse, an immortal soul has
begun its journey into eternity.

It will be years before the baby becomes con­
ciously aware of the claim of God upon his life.
But interest and love begin to “get through” sur­
prisingly soon.

And the hearts of the mother and father are
open to friendliness and the sharing of joy from
the very first. Whether it be the first or the fifth,
the birth of a child becomes a red-letter day.

HERE IS THE VALUE of the Cradle Roll. En­
rollment of a baby may seem to the unsentimental
to be just a gesture. But it is a gesture that
“stakes out a claim” on a life now beginning but
never ending, a life that is filled with potential
for an almost infinite amount of good or ill.

The meaning of the Cradle Roll for those al­
ready in touch with the church is the forging of
another tie between the church and the home.
The meaning of the Cradle Roll for those out of
touch with the church is the building of a bridge
—though it be only a footbridge—into a home to
be reached for Christ and His kingdom.

The importance and potential of the Cradle
Roll will be emphasized elsewhere in this issue
of the Herald. It is an important aspect of the
outreach of the church. Let’s let it work for us
for all it’s worth.
A billowing cloud of dust puffed from under the wheels of the aging car as it rolled along a narrow country lane. Mrs. Howard Reid was “on the road” again, looking for Cradle Roll babies.

Winnie Reid, of Oxford, Nova Scotia, was not a great singer whose music could bless the hearts of her listeners. She was not a bubbling, talkative person who found it easy to speak in public. But she was a sincere, godly Cradle Roll supervisor with a friendly way of visiting people in their homes and a persuasive manner when inviting them to church.

Spring came early that year and with it came plans for a church-wide baby hunt. Mrs. Reid had every reason to be encouraged over the prospects of a baby hunt. She lived on a farm eight miles from town. She had children of her own to care for. Her Sunday school with an average attendance of 122 already had nearly fifty babies on the Cradle Roll. But was Winnie Reid discouraged? Not a bit of it! She was delighted.

Almost daily she bundled her children into the back of her old car and set out to search for babies. And she found them, too. All over that Canadian countryside. Stopping here and there along those dusty roads, she found mothers to talk to, and new babies to exclaim over. Occasionally she learned of a young mother-to-be and dropped a word of love and interest. Everywhere she went she left Cradle Roll materials and enrolled babies.

The Sunday school attendance started to climb from the very first week of the baby hunt as parents and relatives responded to Mrs. Reid’s invitation to come and see their babies honored. And nearly always these new folk returned the next week, encouraged by the warmhearted people of the Oxford church who made newcomers feel welcome and wanted.

Baby Day, at the conclusion of the baby hunt, was a big day, for parents and babies came by the carload to swell the Sunday school attendance to 195. The next Sunday, Easter, the attendance climbed to new heights as the attendance board registered 220. But the really good news was that the next month, with no special day or attendance drive, the average attendance jumped from 122 to 165 and held there.

Thirty-nine babies were enrolled on the Cradle Roll during the baby hunt. Thirty-nine new families were added to the Sunday school prospect lists. Thirty-nine new opportunities to witness and win had been found.

God had used Winnie Reid, a quiet little farmer’s wife, with a winning way and a heart full of love, to build a church through the Cradle Roll.

May 1-22 is an opportunity for every church to repeat the miracles wrought in Oxford, Nova Scotia. Cradle Roll—“MIRACLES IN MAY” is a Cradle Roll enrollment campaign designed to help local churches see miracles of grace take place in the lives of men and women and miracles of growth in the enrollment of Sunday schools. In the March Church School Builder you will find all the necessary “how to” for a successful campaign in your church.
HOME ON THE ROCKS

As an apprentice Carpenter, Jesus knew what He was talking about when He told the story about two houses—a story with which He closed the Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus implied that the two houses were alike except for their foundations. One was built on the rock and the other on sand. Jesus spelled out facts these Palestinians knew well. The rains fell with their springtime fury. Rivulets beginning in the highlands were torrents by the time they reached the plains. Creek beds, usually dry, suddenly overflowed. The Jordan River, hardly challenging most of the year, became a raging flood which pounded against every house in its way. Some houses stood and others fell.

Jesus not only knew about houses; He also knew about homes and the dynamics of living together. Therefore the lessons of this parable are found in their application to our homes and families.

1) First, Jesus knew that every family has its share of storms. The difference was not in the fury of the storm against the Palestinian houses but in the strength of their foundations. The home in which no one lifts his voice to express shock or resistance, or drops his countenance to register disappointment, or flashes fear through his eyes, or withdraws to deal with his own problems of petty jealousy is not only abnormal, but unrealistic. Frayed nerves may trigger a crying spell. Fatigue lowers the level of patience and reduces the capacity to rise above turmoil. Persistent confusion dilutes inner strength. No one knows this better than a tired mother who strives valiantly to fill her role as cook, taxi driver, tutor, cleaning woman, purchasing agent, laundress, and family psychologist, while she tries to be an understanding wife to her husband and an effective worker in the church.

The storms which blow against your house are related to your age and maturity, as well as that of your children. But be assured that every family in your church and among your friends has storms of some kind.

2) Jesus was saying that the most threatening storms in life beat against the foundations of the home. Problems, which brew in the outside world of work, school, and even at church, can be handled adequately if the bulwark of love and security at home is firm. School psychologists know that children will bring the unsolved home problems into the classroom. Normally, the problems of school are not a threat to the child who feels secure at home.

3) Jesus was also saying that He is the Foundation of every home which stands against the storms of life. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus has a good bit to say about things in the home. He mentions such practical articles as salt, candles, and lampstands. But He also gives major space to discussing love, adultery, and divorce. Salt in the food, candles on the table, and lampstands to decorate the rooms do not make the house a home. The house is not really a home until Christ becomes its Foundation. His presence assures attitudes of love and understanding among family members. His presence insures against the deterioration and breakdown of the home by such threats as adultery and divorce. “And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.”
Deaths

MARY A. PRIVETT, eighty-nine, died December 18, 1965, at Ardmore, Oklahoma. Funeral services were conducted in Springfield with committal services conducted at Post Cemetery. She was a Nazarene for seventeen years and lived in the Mt. Sojon, Virginia, area all her life.

SAMUEL YOUNG: Mary A. Privett, eighty-nine, died December 18, 1965, at Ardmore, Oklahoma. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Billy Duncan, at district assemblies. Dr. Price is survived by her husband, Jesse; one son, Wesley; six daughters, Mrs. Bonnie Wheterington, Mrs. Catherine Studt, Mrs. Audrey Nelson, Mrs. Carol Kanicoff, Mrs. Ruth Johnson, and Miss Linda Fromt; two brothers, and seven grandchildren.

Announcements

EVANGELISTS' OPEN DATES

Leverett Brothers, Route 4, Lamar, Missouri: May 13 to 14.

R. W. (Bob) Carpenter, 800 S. Sixth, Lamar, Colorado 81050: June 13 to 19 and June 27 to July 9, 1966.

— to Harold and Joan Shaw of Alamosoga, New Mexico, a daughter, Cheryl Dawn, on March 22.

— to Roy and Patsy (Pagan) Thonscheidt, of Bethany, Oklahoma, a son, Roy Wayne, on March 13.

— to Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Gentry of Wilkinson, Indiana, a daughter, Melanie Dawn, on March 1.

— to Rev. and Mrs. N. Becton Cain of Houston, Texas, a son, Nathan Bryan, on February 12.

— to Jim and Pat Hair of Chicago, Illinois, a son, David Owen, on February 8.

— to Paul and Sue (Furnas) Danner, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois, a daughter, Carolyn Sue, on January 25.

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NORTHWEST, May 11 and 12, First Church, 1700 8th Street, Lewiston, Idaho 83501. Pastor J. Willard Lambert. General Superintendent Williamson. (N.W.M.S. convention, May 10.)

SACRAMENTO, May 11 and 12, Arden Church, 3337 Arden Way, Sacramento, California 95823. Pastor Clyde A. Rhone. General Superintendent Lewis. (N.W.M.S. convention, May 10.)

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Clark, Gene. 104 Waddell St., Findlay, Ohio: Crestline, Ohio, May 1-8; Johnstown, Ohio, May 9-15; Union Station, Findlay, May 16-22.


Cox, C. B. and Jewel. 1322 N. First Ave., Upland, Calif.: San Francisco, Calif. (Sunset), May 5-15; Boulevard, San Francisco, May 16-22.


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Crombie, George. P.O. Box 340, Lebanon, Pa.: Mt. Gretna, Pa., May 1-8; Elyria, Ohio, May 9-15; Lebanon, Pa., May 16-22.

Custard, Guy. Marion O. Route 1, Muskogee, Okla.: Sioux Falls, S.D., May 8-15.

DeLong, Russell V. 121 Siobhan, Tampa, Fla.: Portland, Ore. (Brentwood), May 23-29; Uvalde, Tex. (Free Meth.), May 31-6.

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Erickson, Charles T. 37160; Monterey, Tenn. (1st), May 1-8; Monticello, Iowa, May 9-15; T. H. Hope, May 16-22.


Ford, James and Ruth. Preacher, Singer, and Chil.
May 1—“Are You a Christian?” by Russell V. DeLong

May 8—“Why Aren’t You a Christian?” (Part I), by Russell V. DeLong

May 15—“Why Aren’t You a Christian?” (Part II), by Russell V. DeLong

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Swanson, J. W. Olivet Nazarene College, Box 213, Bourbonnais, Ill. (1st) May 9-15; Louisville, Ky. (3rd) May 11-15; Richmond, Ind. (1st) May 9-15; Riceville, Pa., May 25—30

Tarvin, E. C. California, Ky.: Grafton, W.Va., May 5-15

Taylor, Emmet E. c/o NPH*: Ponca City, Okla. (1st) Apr. 27—May 8; Hannibal, Mo. (1st) May 9-15; St. Louis, Mo. (2nd) May 16-22


BIBLE COLLEGE TRUSTEES IN SESSION—Members of the Nazarene Bible College board of trustees discuss locations with Dr. V. H. Lewis, general superintendent adviser. The group narrowed to two cities—Colorado Springs and Fort Worth—as site possibilities for the new college. From left to right at the head table are Board Chairman Cecil Ewell, Dr. Lewis, and Bible College President C. H. Strickland.

L. T. Corlett Feted

More than 115 church leaders and friends gathered April 5 at a dinner meeting in the Nazarene Theological seminary lounge to honor President and Mrs. L. T. Corlett. Dr. Corlett will retire in June.

General Superintendent G. B. Williamson, representing the Board of General Superintendents, expressed appreciation for himself and his colleagues for Dr. Corlett’s contribution to the ministry and educational work of the denomination.

Three members of the seminary faculty spoke on various phases of Dr. Corlett’s work. Dr. Harvey Galloway spoke for the board of trustees, who were also present for the occasion.

The dinner was sponsored by the Seminary and Headquarters “Breakfast Club,” a monthly discussion group of which Dr. Corlett has been president since its founding.

Fairbanks Nazarenes Plan Family Camp

A family camp at Tangle Lakes near Fairbanks, Alaska, is being planned for July 11-15, according to word received from Pastor Dwayne W. Hildie.

Each family will provide its own camping equipment and meals, but the group will join for devotions in the morning and campfire at night. Days are free for sight-seeing, fishing, or general vacationing.

Any Nazarene families are welcome to join the group, Mr. Hildie reports.

Late News

Africa Regional Assembly Held in January

The Southern District of the Coloured and Indian Region met for its second annual assembly at the Sunny Side Church of the Nazarene, Cape Town, South Africa, in January with Dr. W. C. Esselstyn, field supervisor, in charge.

Three churches have voted self-support for this year, and goals to increase both membership and total giving by 20 percent were accepted by the district, a record which was achieved for the year just closed.

Long-range goals include the organization of eight new churches during the next four years, and to have seven self-supporting churches on the district by the end of that period.

1968 Dates Set

General Secretary B. Edgar Johnson has released the dates for the conventions and General Assembly slated for Kansas City in 1968.

The General Conventions will meet June 13-15, 1968, in Kansas City, Missouri.

The General Assembly is slated for June 16-21, 1968, in Kansas City.

The formal and official announcement of the meetings will be made later. Dr. Johnson has released the early information in response to a number of inquiries already received.

Bible College Board Narrows Site Choices

The Nazarene Bible College board of trustees, April 5, narrowed to two their choices for a school site, and empowered an executive committee to make a final decision, according to a statement by President C. H. Strickland.

The executive group, which was re-elected at the April meeting, is expected to choose the site within thirty days, Strickland said.

The decision lies between Colorado Springs and Fort Worth, both of which have much to offer, according to Strickland, in campus sites and student job opportunities. Other cities considered were Memphis, St. Louis, and Denver.

The re-elected executive committee is made up of Rev. Cecil D. Ewell, Chicago, chairman; Rev. Dean Baldwin, Carthage, Missouri, vice-chairman; Rev. Fletcher Spruce, Quincy, Massachusetts, secretary; E. H. Steenbergen, Ashland, Kentucky, treasurer; and Dr. Norman Oke, Washington, D.C., member-at-large.

In addition to the election of officers, the trustees gave final approval to the school's constitution and by-laws and organized standing committees.

The board established a timetable “with a view toward opening the school in September, 1967,” Strickland said. The trustees proposed that the master plan for the campus and specifications for the first unit—an administration building—be completed by this fall. A basic curriculum and an admission policy will be submitted to the General Board for approval in its January, 1967, meeting.

Young, Reza to Explore Latin School Potential

In compliance with a General Board request to explore the possibilities of establishing a Central American Bible school, General Superintendent Samuel Young and Dr. H. T. Reza, executive director of the Spanish Department, left April 9 to visit three Central American mission districts.

Recommendations to the Department of World Missions for a central- ized school could come out of the visit to British Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

Dr. Young is general superintendent in jurisdiction of the three districts. This will be his first visit to the Central American work.

He and Dr. Reza are scheduled to return April 29.
GOD CONFRONTS AHAB

1 Kings 21:1-7, 17-20, 27 (May 1)

Herbs—Half a dozen Hebrew words are translated “herbs” in the Old Testament. The one here is yaraq, which means “green herb.” Ahab wanted Naboth’s vineyard because of its convenient location next to the royal palace. He wished to use the plot for “a garden of herbs”—or, as we would say, “a vegetable garden.” Common garden vegetables of that time were lettuce, garlic, onions, beans, and peas.

Sackcloth—The prevalent use of sackcloth (21:27) in ancient times is shown by the fact that the Hebrew term (sakkos, παρθένος) is found over forty times in the Old Testament. The Greek equivalent, sakkos, occurs only four times in the New Testament. And two of those (Matthew 11:21; Luke 10:19) are references to an Old Testament event.

Sackcloth was a coarse material woven from goat’s hair or camel’s hair. So “haircloth” would be a more accurate name. Its designation as “sackcloth” evidently came because it was used for making sacks.

In ancient times captives and slaves wore a loincloth of this coarse material. Because the rough hair would be irritating to the skin, it was a material. Because the rough hair would be irritating to the skin, it was a

Aside from the dubious method of taking one’s theology from the dictionary, you didn’t read quite far enough. For the same dictionary continues: “Sabbath day: the day of rest and public worship observed on Sunday by most Christian churches in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ on the first day of the week: specif.: the Lord’s Day observed strictly as a day of solemn rest and devotion continuing the Old Testament Sabbath.”

The same dictionary likewise traces the derivation of the term Sabbath to the Hebrew shabbath, from shabath meaning “to rest.” Sabbath does not mean “seventh.” It means “rest, pause, cessation.”

The fourth commandment reads: “Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God” (Exodus 20: 9-10). Much confusion would have been saved to some if they did not insist on adding to the Word of God, and reading it as if it said “but the seventh day of the week, or Saturday, is the sabbath of the Lord thy God.”

The Christian Sabbath therefore both fulfills the requirements of the Old Testament and commemorates the resurrection of our Lord Jesus from the dead. To claim that the Catholic church “changed” the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday is without an iota of historical truth.

What did Paul mean in I Corinthians 14:34-35 when he said: “Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.”

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If so, the answer to both your questions is in John 14:15-17: “If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”

Several things are clear in this passage:

1. The promise is made to those who love the Lord and keep His commandments.

2. It concerns the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, whom the disciples knew and who was with them.

3. It promises a new dimension in Christian life, described as the abiding presence of the Spirit in a different and more intimate way. This, I believe, is accomplished in the baptism with the Spirit as compared with the birth of the Spirit in regeneration. “Birth” and “baptism” are different; and in any ordinary meaning of the words, birth must come before baptism.

The Answer Corner

Conducted by W. T. Purkiser, Editor

I have read many letters in “Pro and Con” about the Sabbath, where they admit it is the Lord’s Day, keep it holy, etc., and the Sabbath is always referred to as Sunday. I always believed that Sunday was the Sabbath until I read in the large Webster’s Dictionary as follows: “Sabbath is Saturday (or the seventh day of the week).”

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