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# SOUNDING OUT THE WORD

THE THESSALONIAN CHURCH was zealous in the dissemination of the Word of God. This is a vital part of the task of evangelism. It is necessary that we fully grasp the importance of spreading the Scriptures, for faith (which is the condition of salvation) cometh only by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. The Thessalonians fully understood this and as a result their own lives had been transformed. They had turned from idols. They had turned to the living God and were now waiting for His Son from heaven.

Previously, no doubt, the most of these people had worshiped Greek idols as they gazed toward Mount Olympus, where dwelt the twelve Greek deities. But the God of the Bible had transformed them so now they offered Him to others through the Word.

And this is the order in which it

should be done. First the disciples tarried until their personal spiritual problem was solved; then the Spirit used them to precipitate a revival on the Day of Pentecost.

The cry of every professing Christian should be, "Bless me; then, and only then, will I be a blessing to others."

The spreading of the Gospel of John and other portions of the Scriptures, backed up by an up-to-date experience of second-blessing holi-

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ness, should be the continuing and consistent program of the Church of the Nazarene. This is properly based evangelism.



# WHAT DREW US TOGETHER?

By HARRY F. TAPLIN, Superintendent of North Dakota District

FROM the East, West, South, and North they joined themselves together into what is now called the Church of the Nazarene for one outstanding purpose, to keep the preaching of entire sanctification and holiness of heart and life alive in the world.

Holiness is the distinguishing doctrine of our church, because we believe that to be the hub of the Bible. The other doctrines of the Christian way are essential, but holiness is the hub. For it is "holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

The sinner needs to repent, needs that new birth from above, so he will be ready for holiness. Men who look for the second coming of Christ must have holiness of heart in order to be ready for that event. Only holy people will go to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

If we would promote an "Evangelism First" crusade in our churches and on our districts and mission fields, our greatest asset is the mighty, cleansing baptism of the Holy Ghost in the lives of preachers and laymen, in leaders and in those being led.

If Jesus were here in the flesh, giving instructions to us who are His followers in 1964 on how to lead this Communistic, devil-deceived, pleasure-bent generation out of the clutches of Satan, they would be no different from those given to the apostles nineteen hundred years ago: "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

Nothing short of holiness of heart will suffice to carry out God's purpose for us as a church. Any compromise, any trying to drive sharp bargains, any short cuts at this point will hamper us, hinder us, hold us back, retard our progress, and in the end defeat the purpose for which God led us together.

Recreational programs, social gatherings, instiutes, conventions should have as their aim just one hing-pointing toward and leading to the sancification of those who play and attend.

The Sunday school is not just another organiza-

tion. It is the teaching agency of the church. As teachers, one of our main duties is to point our scholars toward the life of holiness. It is not enough to count noses, pile up statistics, mark present or absent, pick up nickels, or win banners. As leaders, we need to realize that each pupil is an immortal soul, heading across life toward the judgment. Without a pure, clean heart he will never see inside of heaven.

Our preaching services need more and more, as we "see the day approaching," to emphasize the need and necessity of having the old carnal nature crucified and burned out by the fiery baptism of the Holy Ghost. Before men are ready for the coming of the Lord and prepared for a holy heaven, they need this baptism of fire.

God has commissioned us to go and teach all nations. The darker the horizon of the world grows, the more men everywhere need holiness of heart and life. It will work in any life. The harder the trials, the greater the need for an experience of holiness. In this world of tension and strife, in America, Britain, China, Canada, Russia, France, India, God has the answer—holiness of heart. Finite men, modernists, infidels, and all the rest of the isms and schisms of our modern day may proclaim their doctrines of free thought and new thought, but they all fall far short of preparing men's hearts for heaven.

It is a great privilege today to be a Christian, to witness to His saving power. How thankful I am now that the holiness movement crossed my path when I was a boy, and by the fearless preaching of faithful ministers I was pointed to Christ and His love!

Holiness of heart and life—holiness forevermore—we will sing, shout, preach, and "live it"! As a minister, my prayer is that we who bear the sacred vessels of the Lord, and stand each week behind the sacred desk, will sound a true note for the experience for which our forefathers laid down their lives. It is the one thing that could save the world from nuclear destruction. I desire to proclaim it as a reachable, reasonable experience, and as a must to our generation.



# LIVINGSTONE LIVES

THE MISSIONARIES of the Central African Region gave me an experience never to be forgotten. It was a 700-mile trip to the site of David Livingstone's death. My companions for the journev were Dr. W. C. Esselstyn, Rev. Edward Wissbroccker, and Leland Hagens, missionaries; and Rev. J. J. Scheepers, pastor at Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia. The route took us within a mile of the Congo border. One hundred miles was on good pavement, 190 was over gravel road, and 60 over unimproved bush road. It would have been quite passable except for a high ridge in the center which made it necessary for Mr. Scheepers to drive with one wheel of his Volkswagen on the center. We did the 60 miles in two and a halt hours each way. The entire trip took a day and a half.

Actually we were at the site of the monument only about forty-five minutes, but the spiritual impact upon our lives will be an abiding inspiration.

The surroundings, except for a small clearing about one hundred yards square, are just as they were a century ago. In the center stands an obelisk not more than two feet high including the metal cross at the top. It is of concrete construction. On one side is inscribed the simple record: "Erected by his friends to the memory of Dr. David Livingstone.

No scientist or inventor ever discovered or invented anything of value in public. It was alone in the quiet meditation that he unlocked the secret and brought to light the usefulness of the thing heretofore unrealized. Great characters are likewise not molded in the public but in the hours of reflection meditation, and self-development which are spent alone with one's self. Likewise, there can be no truly deep and lasting development of piety apart from the secret chamber of prayer, devotion, and self-examination."—William S. Deal

Dark nights show us worlds of light— Moon, stars, and Milky Way; Sorrow, with the touch divine, Reveals a glorious day.

Seeking heart, perplexed, weary?
Jesus is the Way.
Hold His hand; He'll lead you on
To perfect endless day.

-Sadie Huffman Lowrey

Missionary and Explorer. He died here May l. 1873." On the other side the more complete story is told. It reads, "This monument occupies the spot where formerly stood the tree at the foot of which Livingstone's heart was buried by his faithful native followers." On the trunk was carved the following inscription: "Dr. Livingstone, May l. 1873. Chuma. Suza Mniassere, Vchopere."

We held a prayer meeting standing around, being the only visitors at the time. Each of us prayed. The one which was shortest I remember best. Brother Scheepers' supplication was: "Lord don't let us be soft."

The village of Chitambo, Northern Rhodesia, is not far away. There were evidences that the gospel had been preached there. But the vast area embracing thousands of square miles is unpenetrated by gospel light. The devotion and determination of David Livingstone remain a powerful challenge to all Christians. He faced perils of all descriptions. He would not give up and go home to easy fame. He died alone on his knees. His heart is buried in Africa. The result—thousands of missionaries have buried their lives in Africa to bring Christ to is millions.

-G. B. Williamson General Superintendent

#### The Cover . . .

Australian koala bears grow to a length of about two feet. They feed on eucalyptus leaves native to Australia. The work of the Church of the Nazarene on the continent "down under" began shortly after World War II. We now have 18 churches, 519 members, 2,245 in Sunday school enrollment. Nazarene Bible College in Sydney, New South Wales, serves both Australia and New Zealand. Rev. A. A. E. Berg is superintendent of the Australia District.

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#### REMOVING THE



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SOME YEARS AGO a minister friend serving in another denomination spoke of the most miserable year of his life. Strangely enough, this year was spent in pastoring a church—out of the will of the Lord. With a greater practical application than we may care to recognize, James speaks of a spiritual position in which "God resisteth the proud." Just as this minister friend learned that to be out of the will of the Lord is to meet with resistance from God, to allow any sense of sufficiency that cannot exist in true humility is to develop a friction due to resistance from above.

Perhaps one of the gravest dangers confronting even the sanctified is that of pride in any of its varied forms. It is possible to praise the Lord enthusiastically for what "I am," thus placing "I" where Christ ought to be and creating a source of friction in the channel of spiritual power.

There is always the temptation to the pride of grace, especially among holiness people. Our well-meaning friends, and we would have a difficult time without them, often praise our spiritual activities and lives and, if proper care is not exercised, this soon becomes our own self-assessment. The fact that others express their favor does not give reason for our own self-congratulation, even if only internally.

In Godlikeness—the holiness that is "as God is holy"—comes a resistance to all of the encroachments of evil, not just an occasional few with allowances for others. Paul's admonition is, "Abstain from ALL appearance of evil" (I Thessalonians 5:22). James emphasizes, "Resist the devil"—whatever is not of God, resist it just as God will resist my attempt of evil to encroach upon Him.

The wheels of the church will slowly grind to a standstill if any form of pride governs its attiude. From an aching heart Jeremiah says that when the people of God start seeking for acceptance with or trying to make a favorable impression on he world "in vain shalt thou make thyself fair," and "when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do?" (4:19-81) Holiness people through the years have been in the religious world what the Israelites were to the ancient world, not in the sense of being "the chosen people," but in the reality of being "a different people." As with the Israelites, there have always been those who have cast their eyes at the other religious bodies and questioned, "Why can't we be like them?" Spiritual difficulties have always been encountered when this attitude begins to gain momentum. The argument may be that all of this is sought for the glory of the Lord; but in many cases it is also sought for the social acceptability of the church, and the glory of the Lord is actually secondary.

Paul constantly reminds, "By grace are ye saved [and sanctified] through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). With all of his concern over the application of the Christian life, James points out that man must never allow his works to take the place of grace. He must never credit himself as being the source of his right-

"When we give ourselves to Christ, it is a blessing, not a burden; a pleasure, not a pull; a delight, not a duty; an obligation, but more—an opportunity."—Selected.

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eousness or holiness. No matter how efficient we become in spiritual service, nor how adept we may be in promoting the things of God, we cannot but meet with resistance from God if we allow pride in our own self-sufficiency to creep into the position of the Holy Spirit.

It may not be the most subtle but there is certainly a danger in the pride that comes with getting used to something, just getting used to spiritual ways and things until we require no help from God in the doing of them. The pastor is going to preach on Sunday whether we take time out to pray for him or not. The revival service will follow the same form night after night regardless of our involvement or lack of involvement. Things continue on as they always have. It is when we lose our sense of helplessness before God that we begin to try to flex our own spiritual muscles. We try to move the Kingdom in our own strength and nothing happens, so we acquiesce to small success and let the problems of church work in this day balloon to giant proportions.

The secret of removing the resistance of God? It is the complete, unprejudiced surrender to the will of God regardless of the results. It is the total submerging of personal ability in the stream of the fullness of God. It is not only asking, "What wilt thou have me to do?" but unreserved obedience to the answer.

# The HOUSE



# Built upon a Rock

By CHARLES F. SHAVER, JR.

JUST very ordinary people they are—or seem to be. Roy works as a clerk for the railroad; Nora is a housewife; they are both in their late fifties. But after talking with them awhile one can tell that Roy and Nora are extraordinary in their faith.

Nora had joined Bethel Glen Church of the Nazarene by transfer in July of 1962. Years of prayer for Roy's salvation paid off when on July 15, 1962, he wept in repentance and in faith found Christ as Saviour at an altar of prayer. Later Roy was filled with the Holy Spirit, and at times thereafter he could hardly contain his joy at his relationship with the personal God. Always they talked of God's goodness, and now their family seemed especially happy since both were Christians.

Then tragedy struck. On November 23, 1962, Nora was taken to the hospital with a serious heart attack. Before long, a night came when Roy's telephone crackled with the news that Nora couldn't last the night. Come to the hospital! The church prayed, God heard. Nora lasted.

Later one morning as Roy visited Nora in her room she suddenly complained of her legs going numb. She became very sick. Nurses and doctors worked feverishly to save her life as a blood clot obstructed the main artery that supplied blood for both her legs. Then came the first of five visits to the operating room—the clot was removed. More bad news was not long in coming—the blood vessels of the legs had been without circulation long enough to cause their collapse. The blood wasn't getting through. Could that weakened heart stand another operation? They had to try. The blood was rerouted to the legs.

The legs began to warm, but they never got very warm, and the closer to the feet, the colder they were. A bad sign! Only partial circulation. The calf of each leg began to discolor—turn black.

Nothing else to do but amputate now, the doctors said. The black area was growing. In two separate operations, both legs were removed above the knee.

But behind doctors cutting, a church was calling on God, and the Lord kept coming to the rescue. And their faith—well, it showed itself a thousand ways. As the long, white table was wheeled to the operating room the first time, Roy said, "It's in the Lord's hands now." And the doctors agreed.

After the first surgery, Nora's pastor was allowed in the recovery room, where, though not speaking, she managed to raise her hand in a V for victory sign. The family doctor later told Nora, referring to one of the operations, that when they took her up to surgery they didn't think they'd bring her back, but they knew she was ready to go. The surgeon told her relatives, "She's got more 'grit' than any woman I've ever operated on," and her husband knew that the "grit" was a result of grace, and her fighting spirit was prompted by the Holy Spirit.

Three nurses stopped Roy one night to ask what church they belonged to. After telling them, "Nazarene," the nurses exclaimed they had been raised in church all their lives, but that after hearing the Nazarene pastor pray for Nora, they had a faith in prayer they had never had before. It became the habit of the nurses to wheel Nora to the rooms of discouraged patients to witness to them.

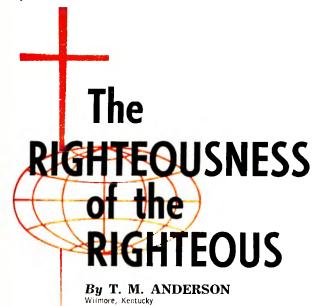
The telephone ring became a frightening sound in those days for many who knew Roy and Nora. On December 24 the ringing phone called their pastor to hear the news that, late the night before, Roy too had a severe heart attack and was in critical condition in the same hospital as Nora. As the minister rushed to the hospital, he was fearful what the news of Roy's condition would do to Nora. It could not be kept from her, as she was used to his daily visits. And would Roy, in turn, so worry about Nora as to worsen his condition?

As his pastor entered the room, Roy awoke from sleep praising the Lord. A few minutes later Nora was telling the same minister her reaction to Roy's illness: "I guess I'll have to pray harder." On the way home the minister thought about how well they had taken further tragedy, and then it dawned on him that this wise man and wise woman had built their "house upon a rock: 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" (Matthew 7:24-25).

After Roy's improvement, a fifth operation for Nora and a total of over seventy days in the hospital, they are both home. Roy is back at work and the doctor says his heart is good for another thirty years.

After their financial needs were prayed about, Roy's fellow workers gave him \$456, one doctor canceled all of his bill which insurance did not pay (\$350), the other doctor reduced his bill \$100, and their neighbors bought a wheel chair for Nora. Nora does her own housework, ironing, and cooks delicious meals. They are in church Sunday morning, Sunday night, and on Wednesday night for prayer meeting.

Do you know what they tell folk they get a chance to witness to? "God is good." Such is the story of a man and a woman hearing and doing the sayings of Jesus—the story of the house built upon a rock.



Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous (I John 3:7).

IT IS APPARENT that John emphasized the fundamental principle of cause and effect in spiritual life when he said, "He that doeth righteousness is righteous."

In the New Testament the Greek word rendered "righteousness" has the basic meaning of "right." But in its usage the term has several significant shades of meaning. For instance, the word "right" may mean mere human honesty and fair dealing as evinced by the owner of the vineyard who said to the laborers, "Whatsoever is right I will give you" (Matthew 20:4). Paul used this word concerning the harmony of the Christian home when he said, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right" (Ephesians 6:1).

The word "righteousness" has a much deeper meaning and embraces much more in its vast scope than one sees in the proper conduct and honest dealings of upright citizens. It is quite possible for nominal Christians to live exemplary lives in this world without the least semblance of God's righteousness received by faith in Christ. In the clear light of the divinely inspired Scriptures the word "righteousness" has a profound significance

as it relates to the reality of Christ's redemptive work performed in the hearts of true believers by the Holy Spirit.

The righteousness of God received by faith in the one supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ includes the sum and substance of the more excellent graces which constitute the fullness of vital Christian experience. Jesus Christ exemplified the only standard of righteousness.

The true concept of rightcousness and the belief in its attainability by man could not proceed from any source other than the holy life manifested in the sinless Son of God. It is reasonable to conclude that a sinless Saviour can create sinless sons.

Only in "Jesus Christ the righteous" is it possible for all men to receive such a righteousness of heart, such a holiness of conduct worthy of God's abounding grace to impart, and such a salvation as the needs of sinful men require. The readers of the infallible Scriptures will enlarge their understanding of the righteousness of God revealed in His Son if they will take sufficient time to think soberly on the imperishable truth proclaimed in the glorious gospel: "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just [righteous] shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17).

There are no sinning saints and no saintly sinners in that renowned company of intrepid worshipers who seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

In Jesus Christ the righteousness of God expresses all the weight, all the honor, and all the solemnity of a holy life at its highest, at its best, and at its most convincing influence in this present world. Surely no greater compliment can be paid to a sincere Christian than to say that on such a blameless life there rest the royal dignity and princely majesty of true righteousness as proclaimed in the glad tidings of Christ's immovable kingdom.

The Saviour would have all the world see that the people who have obtained the experimental reality of His righteousness and exemplify this noble principle in their daily lives and devoted labors shall most assuredly be counted worthy of the high calling and heavenly citizenship provided for them in the homeland of the soul.

Certainly no greater tribute can be paid to the righteous man who has passed on to join the praising multitudes of redeemed saints than to say of him as was said of Abel, "He obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh" (Hebrews 11:1).

Let the spiritually minded meditate on the earnest exhortation, "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous."

#### HOME AND FAMILY LIFE FEATURE



# Don't Lie to Your Children

By RUTH VAUGHN

"JOHNNY, if you get out of this car again, I will spank you!"

The car door was closed upon the small culprit and his father returned to talk with the minister, who was waiting for him at the front of the car. After a moment's pause the car door opened and Johnny jumped out, running for the stone steps of the church.

Spying him, his father ran after him. Grabbing him up, he again deposited him inside the car, threatening: "I mean it, young man. If you do that again, I will spank you!"

Again returning to talk with the minister, he had hardly picked up the conversational threads until the door was opened and Johnny was again dashing up the stone steps of the church. His father raced after him, uttering threats which he and the minister—and the child as well—knew that he had not the slightest intention of carrying out.

Commenting upon this incident later, the minister said that he felt one of the greatest weaknesses in the homes of today is that so many parents lie to their children. This is a startling accusation and one from which we want to shrink, crying. "Not guilty!"

But let us consider it in this fight for a moment. We as parents are the ones who teach our children either to respect or to ignore the law and right. And this important area of our children's development is dependent upon our truthfulness and faithfulness in this respect. If we make laws which the children may break at will, they will not understand later why they should respect the laws of God and country. If we make promises to our children which are never carried out, they will not come to believe in the word of state or divine commandment.

It has been said that a parent should never commit himself on a point unless he fully intends to carry it out to the letter. If you do not intend to punish Johnny for getting out of the car, then don't say that you will. Don't lie to your child!

Someone has noted that "the most difficult career in the world has been given to amateurs: parenthood." And while most parents are vaguely con-

scious of the awesomeness of their responsibility, they may go through the early years of a child's life failing in the greatest lesson which the child must learn.

Parenthood is filled with many duties and responsibilities, but the parents must never become too busy rushing to get everything done to see that the child learns the most important lesson in life, which is obedience. When a command is given, it should be inbred from infancy that it is to be obeyed.

One noted authority has said that the child's most important period of development is the first three years of life, for it is here that his personality and future habit patterns are set. For during this time he collides with the word "no" and the moral ideas of "must" and "must not," and he decides what he will do with them. It is up to the parent to determine whether that decision will be respect or contempt.

A teen-age girl wept in my home recently. She had come seeking spiritual help. She would try to pray and then would stop, dissolving in tears. Finally in desperation she looked up at me and said: "If I become a Christian, I will have to obey Godand I have never had to obey anyone in my life!"

She knew that God's Word was true. His prom-

### With Thine Eyes\*

God grant that these poor mortal eyes of mine Shall see beneath the shallowness and sham Of every needy soul, and with "thine" eyes divine Behold the possibilities of man:

The soul's intrinsic value when possessed
By Thy dear Spirit, cleansing all desires,
Breathing on the heart Thy perfect rest,
Instilling holy purpose that inspires!
May I see in the unfaithful, lost, and blind

The transformation that is glorious and free, Remembering that one simple touch of Thine Can make the basest soul of worth to Thee!

#### By FRANCES B. ERICKSON

Inspired by a message by Dr. Mendell Taylor

ises were real, and this was an unfamiliar area to her.

Only the week before I had been in her home. Her mother had told her to hang up her coat and put away her schoolbooks, but the girl had gone blissfully on with a novel she was reading. Her mother said: "If you don't mind me, you will not go to the party tonight."

But the teen-ager was oblivious to the command and the threat, for she knew—just as I did—that her mother was not being honest. And when I left their home, the coat and books were still on the couch—and the girl was at the party that night. Her mother's commands in the home were idle; her threats, untrue.

And now—when the girl faced a spiritual crisis with the Almighty—she could not find peace, for she had never learned the lesson of obedience.

Although the statement is startling and disturbing, perhaps we should consider more carefully our ways and determine to stop lying to our children!

#### Maintaining the Experience of



By J. PAUL DOWNEY

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THE QUESTION, How may the experience of salvation be maintained? is continually being asked. There are five great statements used by Christ that show the whole of the Christian life. They are: "Come unto me"; "Learn of me"; "Follow me"; "Tarry ye"; "Abide in me."

It is the last thought that we shall consider. There is no step in the Christian life that man and God do not take together. From the beginning to the end in the work of salvation there must be both divine and human action. While it is true in one sense that salvation is all of God, it is also true that salvation can be experienced only when certain conditions are met.

Peter declares that we are "kept by the power of God" (I Peter 1:5), but James teaches that the godly man must "keep himself unspotted from the world" (1:27). The Bible does not contradict itself. The meaning is this, that while grace is altogether the gift of God, we ourselves have an important part to play. We are to "work out" the salvation which God works within. To grow in grace we are to avail ourselves of the means of grace.

Christ's promise to keep us involves the condition that we do not go needlessly into the way of temptation. We are to keep ourselves in the love of God. As to how we may do this I offer the following suggestions:

We must be obedient to light. Obedience must keep pace with our light. As we rise higher in the Christian life we shall have a clearer vision, quickened sensibilities, and an increasingly clear perception of what the will of God is. There is no need that we should be condemned when new light comes, but we must be immediately obedient to the heavenly vision. The ringing message of the Bible is the absolute necessity of perfect obedience. This is seen in the words of the prophet Samuel: "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken

than the fat of rams" (I Samuel 15:22).

We must walk in faith. We must remember that we receive the experience of salvation by faith, not feeling. We must believe day by day and moment by moment that the blood of Jesus Christ does now cleanse us from all sin. When temptation, doubt, or perplexity comes, we must hold on by simple faith, insisting that God is true and that He will not fail us. No greater mistake can be made than to measure our piety by our emotions. Emotion is always moving, waxing, waning. Faith that rests upon the promise of God knows no change.

We must develop the devotional habit. We must take time for prayerful study of the Word of God. Prayer must have an important place in our lives. We must be faithful in our attendance at the services of the church. So often people who are absent from the regular services of the church miss just what they need to strengthen their faith and encourage their hearts.

We should *pray for spiritual discernment*. We need to discern between mistakes and sins. We need to discern between a sense of need and a sense of loss. There must be a discernment between a nervous state and a deprayed heart. There should be discernment between natural reserve and carnal fear.

We must not become satisfied with present attainments. Salvation is but the preparation for advancement in the things of God. There are always deeper depths and higher heights to be attained.

We must identify and associate ourselves with church people. One who does not testify to salvation will lose the experience, and time has proved that Christian people encourage each other in the faith.

We must *keep our eyes on Jesus*. Christ is our true Pattern, our worthy Example. He who keeps his eyes on Jesus cannot fail!

# The Joy of OCCUPATION OCCUPA

By J. WALLACE CANTRELL

THE AVERAGE PERSON is seeking a life of usefulness. If that life is not found, the result can be disastrous. There is nothing as sad as uselessness. This is true of humanity as well as nature; both must be productive.

The desert is nature's symbol of uselessness. This region is a barren, dry, hot, nonproductive wasteland. Only low forms of life exist in the desert. The same region with water can be transformed and made to "blossom as the rose" (Isaiah 35:1). California's Death Valley received an unusual amount of rain many years ago and blossomed overnight. When the rains departed and failed to return, the vegetation died and uselessness prevailed. The difference between life and death was water.

The sinner is humanity's symbol of uselessness. This person is a selfish, ambitious, nonproductive creature. When Jesus comes into the sinner's life, all this is changed. The convert is now happy in the way of God and becomes a productive being. The possession of the Living Water made the difference. Jesus depicted this by saying, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water'." (John 7:37-38\*). As the water is to the desert, so Christ is to men.

Desert land can be irrigated for a length of time and be productive. After continual use, salt deposits begin to pose a problem. These deposits, washed away by rains in other areas, have to be climinated or productivity will cease. Most of the fertile Tigris-Euphrates Valley in the Middle East became useless because of salt poisoning.

Scientists faced this same problem in the Imperial Valley of California. A costly solution was found which proved effective. A network of long, tile drainage pipes was placed six feet below the surface. This system soaked up the irrigation waters and carried them to drainage ditches; thus the dangerous salt element was eliminated. It was a costly manner of cleansing but continual productivity made the cost worthwhile.

A parallel is seen in humanity. The new convert usually sees no need for anything else as he rejoices

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in Christ. As time passes, he becomes aware of the sin principle that still lurks in his heart. The salt deposits of sin are gradually building up; if they are not eliminated, productivity will come to an end. When this is realized, the cleansing flow of the Holy Spirit must be applied to the innermost being of humanity. The cost for this cleansing is a complete death of self. This is a costly price but necessary if productivity is to continue.

A person may be a useful Christian for some time without the possession of the Holy Spirit; however there is "a more excellent way" (I Corinthians 12: 31). The cleansing power of the Holy Spirit makes the possessor fully productive. Through His help we achieve perfect love and are able to live a life of continual fruitfulness and realize the joy of usefulness.

# Why Not DO SOMETHING About It?

By E. S. PHILLIPS

SOME WEEKS AGO I heard a leading medical doctor being interviewed by an employee of a local television station. The question was asked, "Does medical science have sufficient evidence to conclude that there is a relationship between smoking and lung cancer?" His reply was, "If we had 10 per cent of the evidence against any other product that we have against cigarettes, that other product would immediately be taken off the market."

The normal question is, "Why then don't we do something about it?" This question is more easily asked than answered. The tobacco industry is big business in the United States, and though there is sufficient evidence to prove that its use affects our health, yet people are always reluctant to legislate against anything that is going to affect our pocket-books.

Think of the millions of dollars spent each year by the tobacco companies just for advertising. One recent figure stated that in one year six of the largest tobacco companies spent 207 million dollars advertising their products. Such advertising means money for newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations. Think also of the state and federal taxes derived from the sale of this product.

In view of these lucrative sources of income it is

not too hard to see why it is difficult to get any legislation against the use or advertising of tobacco.

Yet we should not allow the profits derived to blind us to the dangers produced. I am setting forth some of those dangers as published by the Christian Anti-Tobacco Association of America.

One million children now in school will die of lung cancer before the age of seventy. Forty-five hundred innocent boys and girls take up the smoking habit each day of the year, and less than 2 per cent are ever successful in breaking the habit.

In just one generation lung cancer, which is fatal 95 per cent of the time, has changed from an uncommon disease of a few to one that causes by far the largest number of cancer deaths. In 1930 there were only twenty-five hundred deaths recorded from lung cancer. In the United States today, just thirty-three years later, there are over forty thousand such deaths each year. This is a greater number than are killed in traffic accidents in our country.

Recent studies show that more cigarette smokers die of heart disease associated with smoking than die each year from lung cancer. Medical science also recognizes that many other illnesses such as ulcers and pneumonia are aggravated by cigarette smoking.

I could go on listing statistics and facts proving the harmfulness of cigarette smoking, but I'm going to ask you to do something about it. If you are concerned about this menace, why not write to our representatives in Washington urging them to do what they can to urge Congress to take some action to outlaw the advertising of cigarettes? Sweden, Italy, England, and other nations have taken such action to protect their youth—can we do any less?

The Church of the Nazarene has always stood 100 per cent against the use of tobacco or the trafficking therein. Some have thought we were old-fashioned, but modern science is just coming to believe what we have known for over fifty years—that smoking is injurious to physical health; therefore our founding fathers legislated against it. As Nazarenes, we must not only refrain from personal indulgence, but we must do our best to protect our boys and girls against the insidious ads of an industry that is more interested in money than in man.

"What is most real to us will be what we will turn to for strength when life's crises come. Our crises make up the work of life—and there will be plenty of it. Worship—being wrapped in the radiance of God—provides the reality, strength, and faith on which we draw. Trying to work without first being wrapped in God means failure of one kind or another."—trene Imbler.



Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world (Matthew 28:19-20).

THIS CALL to active duty was still ringing in the ears of the disciples of Jesus when He made His glorious ascension into heaven. Not only did they hear, but they responded and the Church marched on. Through all the centuries from then until now Christians have heard and responded to this missionary directive. Some have been led to do active missionary duty on foreign soil while others responded with offerings representing sacrifice and love.

We too have heard this call and we too are in active missionary service. Imagine, if you can, that you share that service. You move into quarters in an area so populous that each word spoken by you is heard by your neighbors, and vice versa. Foul language fills the air as non-Christian parents scream at their children.

You soon see that, if your children want to have toys of their own, all playing with them will have to be done indoors; toys walk away rapidly outside. You look out and see a boy about eight years of age holding a knife on your six-year-old son trying to force him to give up the toy that is in his hand. You interfere and try to be kind, as you realize how great is the spiritual need in homes where knives are toys for children and survival of the strongest is the philosophy of the home.

You expect your children to enjoy a Christian atmosphere—a home where no profane language is heard, but as you bow your head to ask the blessing at breakfast on Sunday morning, cursing is heard through the thin walls as if it were in the very room.

As you work, you find alcoholism a real scourge in the community. Children live with their second or third fathers or mothers as broken homes abound on every hand.

"Where is this mission field?" you ask. "New Guinea? Africa? Mexico?" No, we pastor a home mission church in the United States. Pray for your home mission pastors who work among our American heathen.

# **EDITORIALS**

By W. T. PURKISER

#### The Tragedy in Dallas

Is there anything more to be said about the brutal murder of our president six weeks ago? The press has been filled with little else since it happened. Heart-searching has been long and deep and, we trust, sincere. Rumors have been started and denied. Questions have been raised which may never be answered this side of eternity.

It couldn't happen here—yet it did. America and indeed the world have been shocked and affected as by no other event in recent history. Yet the sincerity of the feelings we have expressed will be tested, not by the volume of words we speak or write, but by what we do now.

Both the assassination and its violent reprisal are the bitter fruit of hate, that vile contagion of the sinful heart. "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer," says the Word of God. To the extent to which anyone gives way to hostility, to that extent does he contribute to the climate in which murder—political or private—can take root and grow.

IT DOFS LITTLE GOOD to attack the symptoms and ignore the disease. The symptoms are many and varied. Jesus listed them as wicked desires; acts of adultery, fornication, murder, and theft: ruthless greed, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, blasphemy, pride, and folly (Mark 7:21-22). But while the symptoms are many and varied, the disease is one—a defiled and unredeemed heart.

As we move on into a new year, it must be with tresh determination to make known to all the only and all-sufficient remedy for man's malady. Only the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit given by Christ to His Church can cleanse the human heart of its perverted antagonisms and rid it of the virus of hate and selfishness.

The New Testament takes many ways to describe the grace of Christian holiness. One of the most searching and practical is the portrayal of the perlection of love through the indwelling presence of the Spirit of God.

JUST A DAY or two after the tragedy in Dallas, I sat on a plane winging its way across central Europe and read some memorable words from the pen of Commissioner Samuel Brengle of the Salvation Army. Part of the following quotation gives the background in the commissioner's personal testi-

mony: the balance of it portrays God's remedy for the evils spawned from the sinful hatred in human hearts:

"On January 9, 1885, at about nine o'clock in the morning, God sanctified my soul. I was in my own room at the time, but in a few minutes I went out and met a man and told him what God had done for me. The next morning, I met another friend on the street and told him the blessed story.... God used him to encourage and help me. So the following day I preached on the subject as clearly and forcibly as I could, and ended with my testimony.

"God blessed the word mightily to others, but I think He blessed it most to myself. That confession put me on record. It cut the bridges down behind me. Three worlds were now looking at me as one who professed that God had given him a clean heart. I could not go back now. I had to go forward. God saw that I meant to be true to death.

"So two mornings after that, just as 1 got out of bed and was reading some words of Jesus, He gave me such a blessing as I never had dreamed a man could have this side of Heaven. It was a heaven of love that came into my heart... Oh, how I loved! In that hour I knew Jesus and I loved Him till it seemed my heart would break with love. I loved the sparrows, I loved the dogs, I loved the horses, I loved the little urchins on the streets, I loved the strangers who hurried past me, I loved the heathen—I loved the whole world.

"Do you want to know what holiness is? It is pure love. It is not a mere sentiment. It is not a happy sensation that passes away in a night. It is a baptism of love that brings every thought into captivity to the Lord Jesus; that casts out all fear; that burns up doubt and unbelief as fire burns tow... that brings one into perfect and unbroken sympathy with the Lord Jesus Christ in His toil and travail to bring a lost and rebel world back to God."

The tragedy in Dallas cannot be remedied. No power can change what has happened. God in His infinite wisdom and providence may bring good from it, for He makes "the wrath of man" to praise Him, but the deeds themselves are always and unchangeably evil. But similar tragedies may be prevented if nationally we who are called by His name will humble ourselves, and pray, and turn from every wicked way. Then He will hear from heaven, and will forgive our sin and heal our land (H Chronicles 7:14).

#### Where We Are Going

Where we stand is less important than where we are going. Directions may be more crucial than positions. Which way you are facing can mean more than where you are at the moment.

Allowing for obvious differences between the two men, it is still most likely that Peter and Judas at one time stood pretty much at the same spot. Judas betrayed Christ; but Peter denied Him, cursed, and swore that he did not know the Man. The difference between the two was less in what they did than in the way they were heading. Judas went out in remorse and hanged himself. He went to the wrong tree, the tree of suicide instead of the tree of Calvary. Peter also went out, but he wept bitterly.

and needed only the encouraging word of the angel of the Lord, "Tell his disciples and Peter," to turn back to the Saviour.

What is true in these basic matters of sin and salvation is true also in a number of other areas. Where we stand *is* important. Positions *do* matter. Where we are at the moment *does* mean something. But even more important is where we are going, the direction we are taking, the way we are facing.

One of the telling aphorisms of Dr. Orval J. Nease was the observation that when you want to tell which way the wind is blowing, straws are better than telephone poles. And while we can't do much about the wind, we can each one determine in his own mind which way his life will move.

### THE CHURCH AT WORK

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

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## God Meets with Us in Many Places

By CAROL DIMBATH, Swaziland One hundred and twenty young Swazi adults attended our annual youth camp, full time, this year. Approximately two hundred others were part time attenders. All of these young people were students: teachers, nurses, store clerks, maids in the hospital. preachers, office workers, housewives, workmen on the station, etc. The leaders of the camp had every day planned to its fullest extent with classes, discussion groups, services, recreation, music. etc. We were thrilled with the spiritual results. At least forty received definite spiritual help and gave very wonderful testimonies on the last day of camp.

Right on the heels of the youth camp came the zone camp meeting for all ages. Our Nazarenes from the sixteen churches on the Manzini Zone come to this meeting every year. It is the most important church event of the year. The people come in rented taxis, buses, trucks, old cars, and many (most of them) walk, carrying huge bundles of bedding and supplies on their heads. It is a glorious sight every year to watch their arrival, but this year it was pouring rain for several days before the fourth, and many of the people arrived soaked to the skin. All sleeping mats and blankets were saturated but this didn't dampen their spirits in the least! I could hear them singing as they arrived on the mission grounds.

even in the pouring rain. Many of the people had colds and had to visit our outpatient department for medicines. but I didn't hear of anyone who was seriously ill and had to miss any of the services. On Sunday the sunshine came out beautifully. Sunday is the "big day" of camp meeting. There were seventy babies dedicated. Many of these precious little ones were born here in our hospital during the past year. Thirty two new church members were baptized and then we had a very sacred and reverent Communion service. I was able to attend part of the services of Sunday. Many of the "old-timers" said this camp meeting was the best one they had ever attended and some of them have been going to Nazarene camp meetings for over forty years.

We continue to see very rewarding results in the services in our hospital chapel. Our African pastor. Rev. Adlovu, picaches every Sunday morning to nearly one hundred and fifty adult patients. Just this last Sunday there were twenty patients who came to the after for prayer at the close of the service. Many of the patients hear the gospel preached for the first time in these services and other services held in the hospital throughout a typical proof.

Recently an African man was brought into the hospital with a stab wound of the trachea and in severe shock. The dector and nurses began pumping blood into him while one of the nurses began speaking to him about his soul. The dector listened to his heart and said that the patient was dying, but they continued to give him blood and speak to him about accepting the Lord as his personal Saviour. In a little while the

patient accepted the Lord and, miraculously enough, in the same moment he began to respond to the medical treatment. Just this week that same man went home completely healed in body as well as in his spiritual being. This is a typical example of our opportunities for evangelism in the medical work here in Swaziland.

#### Bible School Students Work Too

By RUTH DECH, British Honduras. There are twenty one students in the Bible school this year, earnest young people who have a desire to serve God in the Church of the Nazarene. Since school started, the students have made trips to the villages for evangelistic services under the direction of Mr. Carlton Arthurs. Many of them are also helping in the Sunday school in Benque Viejo. Two are student pastors of nearby churches.

#### New Outposts

By ELVIN M. DOUGLASS, Peru Brother Golliher and 1 just completed an eleven day tour of new out posts in the montain. We were certainly thrilled with the mighty grace of the Lord manifest and the interest and hunger of those new to the gospet. The work is far beyond our possibility of doing it justice.

#### God's Spirit Is Here Bu JEAN DARLING, India

Ged has visited place after place with a special outpoining of His Spirit—in preachers' meeting, in the hospital, in Buldana, in Bible school, in Bombay, and in our prayer days. How long we have to wait to see a harvest of soils being reaped. I do not know, but we

must hold on, for the victory is ours. So much we cannot understand with our minds, but God is almighty- and His Word is true!

#### **Moving Missionaries**

Miss Abigail Hewson has returned to England for the remainder of her furlough. Her address is 42 Magdalen Road, Wandsworth Common. London. S.W. 18, England.

Miss Nancy Borden, language student, is now at her home, 124 Douglas Street, Uxbridge, Massachusetts.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson, on furlough from India, are in Kansas City. Address them at 6401 The Pasco, Kansas City, Missouri 64131.

Miss Bertha Parker and Miss Kathyren Dixon arrived in the States on December 19. No address as yet.

CORRECTION: Lists carry a typographical error in the address of retired missionaries Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Best. Their address is: Datchet House, Church Lane, Whitton, Ipswich, Suffolk, England.

#### HOME MISSIONS

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#### The Small Church Achievement Program

In addition to the churches previously listed, the following received a beautiful plaque in recognition of being chosen at the 1963 district assemblies as the outstanding small churches on their districts:

British Isles North-Dumfermline, Scotland, Rev. John E. Crouch

Mississippi - Pearson Chapel, Rev. James Lucius

New England--Wallingford, Connecticut, Rev. Stanley E. Brooks

New Mexico-Van Horn, Texas, Rev. Norlyn E. Brough

New - York-- Patchogue, Rev. Robert Rapalje

North Arkansas--Hickory Plains, Rev. Mrs. Velva Long

North Carolina—Goldsboro, Rev. Wm. J. Harrison

North Dakota-Bismarck, Rev. David E. Figg

Northeast Oklahoma Bannsdall, Rev. Art Whitworth

Northeastern Indiana Indian Meadows (Anderson). Rev. Wayne Smith

Northern California—Fremont Irvington. Rev. John Fabrin

Northwest Oklahoma-Enid Cleveland Road, Rev. Lewis Patterson

Northwestern Illinois—Rockfort Auburn, Rev. Glen Rodefer

Northwestern Ohio-Wauseon. Ohio, Rev. Olive Harrison

Oregon Pacific-Myrtle Point. Rev Lloyd Pounds

Pittsburgh--Corry, Pa. Rev. Joseph Kanzleman Rocky Mountain Livingston, Montana, Rev. Bill Kitchen; Rawlins, Wyoming, Rev. Lloyd A. Hayes

Nouth Arkansas—West Memphis, Rev. Chas. Kirby

South Carolina—Summerville, Rev. Eugene Smith; Rock Hill Grace, Rev. Warren Copeland

South Dakota—Aberdeen, Rev. David A. Belzer: Rapid City, Rev. A. W. Hands Southeast Oklahoma—Antlers, Rev. H. C. Sullivan

Southern California-Brawley, Rev. John Payton

Southwest Indiana—Fort Branch, Indiana, Rev. Samuel Smith

Nouthwest Oklahoma—Weatherford, Rev. Preston McDuff

Southwestern Ohio-Blue Ash, Rev. Donnis Burris

Tennessee-Nashville Bell Road, Rev. Woodrow F. Moore

Virginia—Estaline Valley, Rev. A. T. Underwood

 $\label{eq:West-Virginia-Ravenswood} West-Virginia- Ravenswood, \ \ Rev.\ \ Dayton- \ Lockard$ 

Wisconsin-Marshfield, Wisconsin, Rev. James Mellish

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#### 11 months-65 churches

A new year has begun, with only a few months before Nazarenes from all over the world will be gathering in Portland for our General Assembly. That will be a great occasion, but we must not get our eyes off our main task while we contemplate the joys of our fellowship together. There are souls to be won, new communities to be entered with holiness evangelism, and the Lord's commission to be faithfully continued.

When this column was being written, six months remained before the General Assembly, with 135 new churches yet to be organized to reach our goal of 200 more by '64. Every Nazarene has a part to fulfill if this goal is realized. For some, it will mean helping in a branch Sunday school or new home mission venture. For some, it will mean supporting the home mission program of the district by our giving for home mission budgets, revolving funds, home mission property clubs, etc. For all, it must mean that God will help us to

sec souls in our goals and press on for Jesus' sake.

#### **News Items**

During his visit to South Africa lat November, Dr. G. B. Williamson was the speaker at the Bible college graduation. Six certificates, one B.S.L. and two B.Th. degrees were awarded.

The principal of the college, Rev. Floyd J. Perkins, was due for furlough, and he and the family left a short time later for the States. They arrived in Portland on December 4. Their address is: c/o Bill Gosselin, Rt. 1, Box 305N. Beaverton, Oregon.

Dr. Kenneth Armstrong of Pasadena is now in South Africa and will take over as principal of the college during the absence of Brother Perkins.

Parsonage property has recently been purchased for two churches on our Gulf Central District—Richmond, Virginia, and Oklahoma City. Gorman Memorial Church in Orlando, Florida, is remodeling its church building and crecting a Sunday school addition.

A month or so ago Rev. H. S. Pal<mark>m-</mark> quist, superintendent of our work in New Zealand, traveled 2,500 miles to American Samoa, where he conducted revival services in Pago Pago for Rev. Jarrell W. Garsee. In an on-the-spot report he told of an interesting and wonderful journey, and wrote: "Rev. Garsee is interpreting for me, and is doing very well indeed. The attendance is averaging about sixty, and quite a number have responded to the altar call. Brother and Sister Garsee seem to be highly respected by both the Samoans and the Americans. The government officials, the hospital staff, and the school authorities hold them in high esteem. The fact that Brother Garsee has learned the language so well is helping them greatly in their work."

#### DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

#### Northwest District Preachers' Convention

The Northwest District preachers' convention was held November 11 to 13, at First Church, Spokane. Washington, with Rev. Robert Hempel, pastor.

The timely messages of Dr. Hugh C. Benner, born of his rich experiences, made an invaluable contribution to pastors and wives, and visitors in the convention. Our hearts were thrilled with the dynamic ministry of our beloved general superintendent.

The many excellent papers given, the times of prayer about the altar, the healing service, and the Communion service added grace to grace, and time and again the blessings of God swept through our midst to refresh us and prepare us for future tasks.

Mrs. Eric Jorden of Nampa, Idaho, was the guest speaker for the pastors wives. Her talents, combined with a

depth of insight into the needs of the "Queens of the Parsonage," brought real refreshment to our ladies as she shared with them in their annual luncheon.

Interest is high, and prospects good for a wonderful year in this the sixtieth year of Northwest District. It is "Contact to Win"!—RAYMOND C. KRATZER, District Superintendent.

#### Mississippi District Conference

The Mississippi District preachers' and wives' conclave was held recently near Canton, Mississippi. The conference was well attended, with nearly everyone saying it was "the best ever."

Dr. G. B. Williamson was mightily anointed of God to stir our hearts and challenge our ministry. He summed up our progress by saving that the Mississippi District is "moving forward by steady strides."

Singers Ralph and Joann Dunmire were also a real blessing to those present as they sang with the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

We are grateful to God for the outstanding progress that is being made under the leadership and dedicated ministry of District Superintendent W. Charles Oliver and his wife.—Aubrey Marin, Reporter.

#### THE LOCAL CHURCHES

High Point, North Carolina—In November, the Calvary Church had a good revival with the presence of the Lord manifested in the services, and much good accomplished. The new pastor, Rev. Ralph Mattingly, did the preaching, with Jake Powell as the song leader using local talent and some singers from First Church for specials. Some souls were converted and others reclaimed, with a good number of young people at the altar. We appreciated the fine number of teen-agers who prayed through, and helped in the altar services.—Mrs. Polly Sykes, Secretary.

Chattanooga. Tennessee-Recently Evangelists Eddie and Ann Burnem closed their third revival with First Church and, as in the past, God met with us in the services. Brother Burnem's messages were Bible-centered, and the singing of Sister Burnem was very fine. We greatly appreciated their ministry with us, their splendid talent, and fine spirit.—Bill Knowles, Reporter.

Mrs. Edwinna W. Ward died December 10, 1963. She was the wife of Rev. H. Blair Ward, pastor of First Church, Portland, Maine.

Evangelist Betty Wagner reports: "During our past assembly year I was privileged to work with some of our fine pastors in revival meetings in Indiana, Illinois, Louisiana, Kentucky, and Michigan. Again and again God came with saving and sanctifying power and giving real victory. Late in '62, I supplied for our church at Otwell, Virginia; but am now in revival work, and have some open dates for February and into the spring. Write me, 1006 E. Oak Street, c/o Robert Cole, Griffith, Indiana."

Rock Hill. South Carolina-Grace Church recently enjoyed the most glorious revival of its six-year history. Rev. Craig Wyant, as evangelist, preached with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and an unusual spiritual atmosphere prevailed from the first night, when the altar was filled with Christians weeping and praying, and pledging to fast and pray until God sent a revival. God answered prayer, and night after night the Holy Spirit was manifested in the services and seekers prayed through at the altar. Brother Wyant's straight gospel preaching stirred hearts. God gave revival, and seekers prayed through in both services on the first Sunday. Our church will never be the same, and the revival fires continue to burn.—Barbara Graham, Reporter.

The Plains. Ohio—Our recent revival services were dominated by the moving of the Holy Ghost as night after night the altars were lined with seekers. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Evangelists Roy and Lilly Anne Norris, assisted by the readings and singing of their seven-year-old daughter, Crystal Anne. The earnestness of their ministry is captivating, their methods are unique, and God honors them. A capacity crowd attended the services each night. New people were converted. We thank God for the ministry of the Norrises with us. They travel by house-trailer.—Tobe Mackey, Pastor.

Song Evangelists Jim and Evelyn Callihan write: "Since entering the field last September we have sung in six wonderful revivals, from Missouri through Ohio. New people have praved through at the altars. At this writing we are with Pastor Joseph Darity at West Broad Church. Columbus. Ohio, and Rev. Roy Nash is the evangelist. Revival fires are burning and many souls have found God for the first time. As full-time song evangelists, we have some open dates in 1964. Write us, 2752 Old Yellow Springs, Fairborn. Ohio,"

Coffeyville, Kansas—In November, First Church had a four-day Sunday school crusade with Evangelists Lyle and Lois Potter. They gave us valuable guidance in needed reorganization and practical plans that really work. Their inspiration thrilled and challenged our people, and the anointing of the Spirit was on the services, with many souls finding definite spiritual help. The Potters ministry in both sermon and song was greatly appreciated. We are starting our fourth year as pastor of this fine church.—Sam Steaman, Pastor.

Nashville, Tennessee--McClurkan Memorial Church recently enjoyed what was said by many to be one of the best revivals of its history--now more than fifty years old. Rev. Clifford Mayo was the evangelist, with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eby in charge of the music. Brother Mayo preached with the anointing of the Spirit, and our people were deeply moved. The results of this revival continue to be felt in our services and in the life of the church.—Edward F. Cox, Pastor.

Pastor Merwyn D. Gray reports: "After serving First Church in Norfolk, Virginia, for almost nine years, we accepted a call to our Flushing Church in New York City. With God's help and a loyal people we were able to make a complete relocating of the Norfolk church. build a new church and educational unit, plus a new parsonage, leaving a debt of less than \$30,000 on a conser-vatively appraised property valued at \$150,000. Our predecessors at Flushing did an outstanding work in building a new church unit and purchasing a parsonage. We are only a few blocks from the World's Fair Grounds--we welcome you if you come this way in '64 and/or 765. Our church is at 149th and Hawthorne Avenue. Also I have been appointed Protestant chaplain of the Flushing General Hospital—a great outreach for God and the church."

On November 2, 1963, Amon A. Daniel and wife (nee Willie Ross) celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception by their children and friends in Fellowship Hall of the Wellston Church of the Nazarene, St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Daniel is a charter member of the church, having come in at Pilot Point, Texas, in 1908; Mrs. Daniel joined the church at Davenport, Oklahoma, in 1912. They have two daughters: Mrs. Billie Matheny, of Hazelwood, and Mrs. Dolores Smith, of Bridgeton, Missouri; and a son, Artie A. Daniel, of La Puente, California, The Daniels' home address is 1569 Valle Avenue, St. Louis, Misouri 63133.

Evangelist W. Ray Duncan writes that he has two open dates after January I, which he will be glad to slate as the Lord may lead. Write him, Waverly, Ohio.

Rev. Harold F. Greer, pastor of the Vista church, has accepted a call to become the assistant pastor of the church in Lynwood, California.

Evangelist Fred Thomas reports: "In over twenty-nine years in the ministry of evangelism, 1963 was one of the busiest and most fruitful years I have ever known, with six camp meetings and full church revival slate, taking me through December 22. Time and again God gave mighty manifestations of His presence and power in the salvation of the lost and sanctification of believers. God gave a glorious first Sunday in the Ashtabula, Ohio, First Church campaign (December 1) with forty-five people praying through at the altar. At present I have some camp meeting dates open for the summer of '64, following the General Assembly. Write me, 177 Marshall Boulevard, Elkhart, Indiana.'

Fritch, Texas—On Sunday, December 8, we closed a six-day revival with Exangelist Jimmie Allen. His messages were clear and convincing, resulting in thirty-five seekers at the altar, and all but one finding victory in God. In the closing service six new members united with the church by profession of faith. All departments of the church are on the increase.—Beulah B. Liles, Pastor.

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Evangelist W. B. Walker reports: "I recently conducted revivals in Ohio, at First Church, Topcka, Kansas; and in Williams Memorial Church, Bethany, Oklahoma. In all of these meetings the Lord came in saving and sanctifying power. God answered praver for these fine pastors and their people. In the Bethany meeting fifty souls prayed through on the last Sunday. The Lord has been good to me, and I appreciate our wonderful pastors and people."

Evangelist David Carson Campbell writes: "In our last three revivals-at Evansville Bethel, Tene Haute Eastside. and at Redkey in Indiana. God came in a marvelous way and near one hundred victories were won in these meetings. I believe in fasting and praying, as God leads, until revival fires burn. I have some open dates in January and Feb. ruary. Write me. Box 177. Redkey. Indiana."

Beebe, Arkansas, A real and moving spirit of unity prevailed in our revival. which closed on November 17, one of the best meetings here in years. We appreciated the ministry of Evangelist Carl Prentice: several nights the alranwas filled with seekers, and in the closing Sunday morning service eight new members were added to the church, six on profession of faith. Last July, having received a unanimous call, we again accepted the pastorate here, having previously served from 1956 to 1941. It is a privilege to serve this, one of the oldest churches in our denomination. By unanimous vote of the board we are now starting a fund for the building of an educational unit. The rich ministry of Rev. Clyde Montgomery in the summer camp and the recent Spirit-filled messages of Brother Prentice in the church revival have encouraged our people.—Loy D and Brancht Jones, Pastors

The Charlottesville-Albemaric Ministerial Association at its monthly meeting in November unanimously elected as president Rev. C. F. Church, pastor of the Charlottesville, Virginia, Church of the Nazarene.

Sherman, Texas First Church recent Is enjoyed a good revival with Evangelists Jack and Wilma Hamilton. Their special music and singing were uplifting. and his messages were forceful. Two comples and a junior boy were received into church membership on profession of faith, and finances came easily. Our Thanksgiving offering set a new record for the church. Additional property has been purchased, and central heating and air conditioning has been installed. If you have friends at Perrin Air Force Base, write us and we'll be glad to contact them. I I on MARTIN. Pastor.

Rev. Oliver Thompson, Nazarene minister of the Fast Tennessee District, died November 4. He was pastor of the Greeneville Bethel Church. He is survived by his wife of the home address, 405 Highland Avenue, Greeneville, Ten-

Rev. A. M. Youngblood, retired Nazaiene elder of the North Arkansas Dis trict, died November 19. His home address was Route 2, Van Buren, Arkausas. Mrs. Youngblood died two years ago.

Alliance Ohio-The recent revival with Evangelist Morris Chalfaut was one of the best this church has seen in a long time. God used His servant in a wonderful way: the Spirit of the Lord came upon the services night after night; and souls bowed at the altar of prayer each night. Brother Chalfant was inspired of God to preach what the church needed: both young and old were helped: and the nightly average attendance was 173. Offerings came easily, and the results were great. At present we are purchasing property six blocks from our present location to relocate the church. A good spirit prevails.- J. O. McCASKIII, Paytor.

#### THE BIBLE LESSON

By NITSON G. MINK

Topic for January 12:

#### Philip and Andrew, Evangelists

Scripture: Mark 3:14-19a; John 1:35-51: 6:5-14: 12:20-22: 14:1-12: Acts 1:13 (Printed: John 1:35-46)

GOIDEN TINE He brought him to Jesus (John 1:42).

It is very well known that Anchew brought his brother Peter to Jesus, and that Philip found Nathanael and introduced him to Christ. Both of these acts of personal soul winning had far reach ing results.

Andrew, indirectly, had a very promment part in the history of the Early Church by so simple an act as this. Probably he little knew all that was involved when he brought his stubborn. impulsive brother to the Lord. It's a good thing that God sees us for what we may become when so often we see

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people for what they are. Philip, in leading Nathanael to the Saviour, did not realize he would be one of the twelve, known also as Bartholomew. What big things are connected with the things we do for the Lord!

When we share our joys, they are not halved but doubled. It takes us a long time to learn the secret of how spiritual things multiply when we traftic in them. Like the boy's lunch that multiplied in the hands of Jesus, our efforts often connect up with happenings that only eternity will reveal how wonderful they are.

"If you can't win, make the one ahead of you break the record." This is what Andrew did. Andrew never got away from the time he and another disciple "came and saw where he [[esus] dwelt. and abode with him that day.' then on this man had a vision that must be shared, "A religion that doesn't begin with us doesn't begin. And if it ends with us, it ends." We must use what we have in order to keep it.

Nathanael became a connecting link with foreign missions when he introduced to his Lord the Greeks who said, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

Bringing men to Jesus doesn't require any particular personality or training. Some of the most interesting stories we ever hear are associated with children who bring their parents to Christ. God often uses a teen-ager who gets converted to bring the whole family to the church and then to the altar.

The words "evangel" and "evangelize" are very prominent in the New Testament vocabulary. The Early Church went everywhere preaching the Word. Someone has said that, "according to the Great Commission, everyone ought to feel called to go out as a missionary unless the Lord has called him to stay

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#### Deaths

REV. ARTHUR M. YOUNGBLOOD

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A time kil. Youngblood was born August 6, 1877,
to Bonnien Messissippi, and died November 19,
1963, in Fert Smith Arkansas. He gave some
fortischnee veius of ministry in the Church of the
fourtioner. On December 24, 1899, he was married
to Tomera McMullen, who proceded him in death
in December of 1961. Their ministry included
veveral pretorates; at least three in Arkansas, at
tamplatrial, Barber, and Hantington. They also
craved several years in the feed of evangelism,
for the past seven years he had been an active
member of the Church of the Nazarene at Van
Buren, Arkansas. Interment was at Fairvlew Ceme-Arkansas. Interment was at Fairview Cametery in Van Buren
MISS MINNIE MARTIN

Miss Minnie Martin, age eighty-two, died in a hassatal in Para City Oklahov on September 29

1963, after suffering severe burns in a flash fire at her home. She served for nearly thirty years as a missionary-nurse for the Church of the Nazarene in Africa, and while there organized a colony of lepers in Portuguese East Africa. She was born August 2, 1881, in Ashland, Ohio. The survivors include four sisters: Mrs. Elizabeth Neff, of Ponca City, Mrs. Jennie Burt, of Datil, New Mexico; and Mrs. Clara Pollock and Roma L. Martin, of Tulsa. Funeral service was held in Bethany First Church with the district superintendent, Rev. J. T. Gassett, officiating, assisted by Rev. L. J. Minkler. Palf-bearers were six Nazarene ministers of the district. Burial was in Longwood Cemetery.

EARL WILLARD BURNIDGE was born January EARL WILLARD BURNIDGE was born January 18, 1881, in Hardin County, lowa, and died November 23, 1963, near Dover, Oklahoma. In 1903 he was united in marriage to Anna M. Reed, who preceded him in death in 1953. He was a faithful member of the Wesleyan Methodist church in Alva until 1953, when he moved to Dover and joined the Church of the Nazarene. He is survived by two daughters: Rith Burnidge, of Enid; and Rev. Mrs. Vida Robinson, Nazarene pastor at Dover. Funeral services were conducted at Hemessey and at Alva, with Rev. J. T. Gassett, district superintendent, officiating. Burial was in the Alva, Oklahoma, temetery. temetery.

MRS. DOROTHY OLSEN died November 4, n a hospital in Los Angeles, California. She was the eldest daughter of the late Dr. J. G. Morrison former general superintendent in the Church of the Vazarene. Mrs. Olsen was born October 3, 1900. In Minneapolis, Minnesota. She had be n ill for about two years. Funeral service was conducted at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California.

CLEDITH WILCOX was born March 8, 1913, CLEDITH WILCOX was born March 8, 1913, in Posston, Texas, and died in a hospital in Cushing, Mahoma, on November 20, 1963, after a long liness. She loved the Lord and the church. She survived by three sisters: Mrs. E. O. Fricker, if Cushing; Mrs. William DeSha and Mrs. Frank smith, of Oklahoma City; three brothers: Neal furner, of Alberta, Canada; Charles A. Moore, of Midwest City, Oklahoma; and T. C. Moore, of Midwest City, Oklahoma; and T. C. Moore, of stockton, California. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Robert Weathers in the Cushing Church of he Nazarene.

MRS. SARAH ELIZABETH POE, devoted and aithful wife of George H. Poe, of Cordova, Alama, died November 10, 1963, at the age of eventy-seven. Early in her life she met and maried George Henry Poe. To this union were born ive daughters and four sons, all of whom survive xeept a baby girl which died in infancy. Brother nd Sister Poe were charter members of the lhurch of the Natarene now known at Salem hurch, near Corona, Alabama. Both were faithful ervants of God. For some thirty years they lived nurch of the Natarene now known as Salem hurch, near Corona, A'abama. Both were faithful ervants of God. For some thirly years they lived a Siteston, Missouri. Funeral service was consisted in the church where Mrs. Poe was a member, y her pastor, Rev. Denver B. Wood. She was the other of Mrs. Julius E. Smith.

#### Announcements

NOTICE

--Souta Florida Camp Meeting, February, 13 to 3, at Christian Acres, 2300 S.W. 15th Avenue t Lauderdale, Florida, Evangelists, Dr. T. W. Villingham, and Rev. Stract. McWhirtery Cinger, rofessor Gary Moore.

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to Roy and Patsy (Pagan Thanscheidt & lethany, Oklahoma, a daughter, Diwn Rone, on lovember 1.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Christian friend in North Carolina for hir randson, "a gambler and drinks, will not workereaking our hearts," that he may be saved; by a Christian friend in Michigan for her randson, twentwelive years old, macried, and now as a lung infection which doctors cannot help in healing of both soil and body; by a Christian friend in Kansas for a very significant statement.

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We read the Bible through each year, and each time I wonder about harmonizing II Samuel 15:7 with I Kings 2:11. Not that it disturbs my faith and hope in Christ Jesus my Lord, but I have often puzzled about it.

James Version in II Samuel 15:7 reads, And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king. I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the Lord, in Hebron," whereas I Kings 2:11 indicates forty years as the entire length of David's reign—as do also II Samuel 5:4 and I Chronicles 3:1 and 29:27.

The simplest explanation is to point out the variant reading for H Samuel 15:7 found in some of the oldest versions, which reads "four" years instead of "forty." It is most likely that as originally written the text read "four."

The puzzle comes because the King. In Hebrew, four and forty are identical except for the addition of the two letters im, which change four into forty. It is probable that in the Massoretic text from which our King James Version was made, a copying scribe accidentally added the im.

> This is precisely the kind of question which no one ought to allow to disturb his faith and hope in Christ Jesus. The Bible was given by inspiration of God in its original writings. Most of what appear to be contradictions have come from the mistakes of human copyists and translators, and in no way discredit the dependability of the originals.

When one member of a Christian married couple passes into the heavenly country, does the survivor have the hope of meeting the lost dear one as his departed companion in that land "where those long lost shall meet again, and those who meet shall part no more"? I ask in view of what Jesus said that there "they neither marry, nor are given in marriage." I believe these words mean that there will be no weddings in the celestial state except "the marriage of the Lamb."

Many years ago I heard someone answer the question, "Will we know our loved ones in beaven?" with the reply, "We will certainly have as much sense there as we do here." While there is much about the afterlife we cannot know now, there is one general principle implied throughout Scripture. Whatever will add to the wonder and enjoyment of heaven will be there, and whatever would detract will be kept out. In view of this, I believe you have every right to cherish the hope that you will meet and know your loved one in heaven, and that the spiritual relationship which has built up between you here will be preserved and enriched over there.

#### Is it wrong to buy doughnuts on Sunday?

Yes. It is hard for me to think of circumstances which would make this a

matter of either necessity or charity,

#### What is the position of the Church of the Nazarene on race relations?

This was stated almost eight years ago, by the General Assembly of 1956, and is given in our Manual, pages 332-33. paragraph 605:

"Believing that the Church, to justify its existence, must ever place due emphasis upon the sacredness of personality, we, the members of the Fourteenth General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, therefore recommend:

"1. That the almost world-wide discrimination against racial minorities berecognized as being incompatible with the Scriptures' proclamation that God is no respecter of persons, and furthermore with the basic principle of the Christian faith that God is the Creator of all men, and that of one blood are all men created, and furthermore is contrary to the experience and doctrine of perfect love.

"2. That each member of the Church of the Nazarene humbly examine his personal attitudes and actions toward other races as a first step in achieving the Christian goal of full participation by all in the life of the community."

What is your opinion of a large Nazarene church conducting a rally day and coming into an area where a smaller Nazarene church is located and enticing its students away with gifts—then after rally day, continuing to pick up the smaller church's pupils?

I am against it. It never increases the the catch to steal another man's fish. There are plenty for all among those

who have no present contact with Sunday school and church.



#### Stewardship Tapes Well Received

Rev. Dean Wessels, secretary of the General Stewardship Committee, announced at a recent committee meeting that approximately 40 per cent of the local Nazarene churches used the stewardship tape recorded by Dr. Howard Hamlin, missionary surgeon in Africa, before the Thanksgiving Offering last November.

He also announced that, during 1963, 1,159 churches reached the goal of "10 per cent for world evangelism." Nineteen districts are "10 per cent" districts, of which 3 are overseas home mission districts. Percentage of total Nazarene giving which went for world evangelism purposes through the denomination reached 9,06 per cent, up from 8,74 per cent in 1962 and 8,40 per cent in 1960.

#### Selection of Nazarene Evangelistic Ambassadors Awaited

Members of the two teams of Nazatene young people who will campaign for six weeks in Latin America next summer have been nominated from the colleges and seminary of the church, and final selection will be made this month at sessions of the General N.Y.P.S. Council and the General Board.

Dr. Honorato Reza and Rev. Paul Orjala have been selected by the Department of Foreign Missions as the missionary co-ordinators for the two teams, it was stated by Executive Secretary George Coulter. Selection of an evangelist to accompany each group will also be made by the General Board, meeting January 20-22.

#### N.N.C. Students Accident Victims

Dr. Joseph H. Mayfield, vice-president in charge of campus life at Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, reports that two of the women students injured in a severe automobile accident south of Lone Pine, California, have been able to return home, and a third has been taken off the critical list and placed on the serious list at Southern Invo Hospital.

The car-truck accident occurred December 12 and took the lives of two of the five vacation-bound students: Earl Hunter, Jr., son of missionary parents in Nigeria; and Sandra Thomas, of Tustin, California, Sylvia Damon, Hemet, California, was critically injured. Janell Keoppel and Shirley Middleton, both of Pasadena, were hospitalized.

#### Missions "Specials" Pass \$1 Million

General Treasurer John Stockton announced that giving for foreign missions "specials" had passed the \$1 million mark in 1963, bringing total giving for General Budget and specials for the year almost to the \$4.9 million mark. He announced that a substantial Easter Offering this year would result in reaching the quadrennial goal of \$18 million for world evangelism by the close of the books on April 30 prior to the General Assembly in June.

#### Olson in Portland

Director O. Joe Olson of the Nazarene Information Service was recently in Portland, Oregon, checking on news bureau facilities and making contacts with local press and wire services in preparation for the General Conventions and Assembly. June 18 to 26. The Nazarene Information Service is engaged in preparing releases to local newspapers about attendance of delegates at the General Assembly.



#### Death of C. S. Lewis Reported

Clive Staples Lewis, honored English scholar of Oxford and Cambridge universities, and known to evangelicals for his penetrating books on the Christian faith, died in Oxford, England, at the age of sixty-five on the day of the assessination of President Kennedy. Professor Lewis had retired from his post as professor of medieval and Renaissance English at Cambridge this fall because of poor health.

Lewis will be remembered for such books as The Case for Christianity, Miracles, Pilgrim's Regress, and Screwtape Letters

# New Bible Society Headquarters in Spain

MADRID (EP)—The British and Forcign Bible Society has dedicated a new beadquarters here for the distribution of its Spanish publications. This year the society is distributing about two thousand Bibles and four thousand New Testaments in the Spanish language.

#### Say Vatican Council May Last Until '66

Vyrigan City (EP)—Some observers feel that the Ecumenical Council, which has already stated a third session for 1964, may last through a fifth session in 1966. Most pessimistic view of all is that expressed by Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston, who said during the first session: "At the rate we're going, the Council will last 100 years."

#### Second Negro Minister Nominated for High Presbyterian Post

EAST ORANGI, N.J. (EP)—Rev. Benjamin J. Anderson, Negro pastor of Witherspoon Presbyterian Church in Princeton, N.J., has been nominated by a presbytery to a candidate for moderator of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.—highest elective position in the 3.2 million-member denomination. Earlier, another Negroleader—Rev. Elder G. Hawkins, fifty-four, pastor of St. Augustine Presbyterian Church in the Bronx, N.Y.—had been nominated by the New York City Presbytery for the same high office.

## Stamps Honor German Clergymen Killed by Nazis

BONN, GIRMANY (EP)—Among eight German resistance leaders honored on a series of special stamps to be issued by the West German post ofice next year are two famous theologians. The two, who were executed by the Nazis for participating in an abortive plot to assassinate Hitler in 1944, are Father Alfred Delp and Protestant Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

#### Church Leader Assails False, Misleading Radio-TV Commercials

WASHINGTON. D.C. (EP)—False and misleading radio and television advertising was attacked here by the director of communication for the United Church of Christ as a "major moral problem."

Dr. Everett C. Parker of New York, appearing before a hearing of the Federal Communications Commission, urged the agency to put a ceiling on the "permissible quantity of false and misleading advertising" by radio or TV stations.

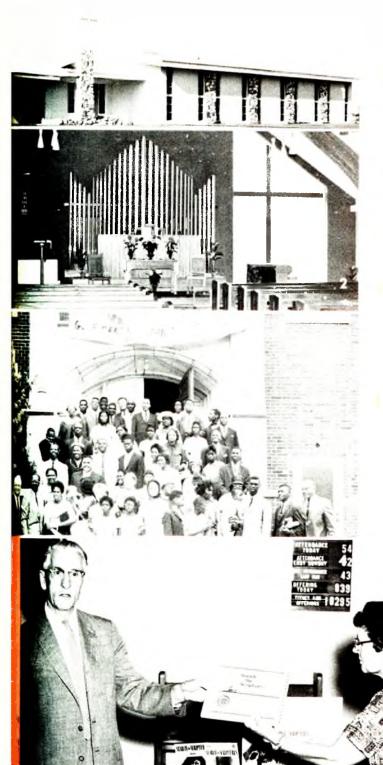
### Tells President's Favorite Bible Verses

ELIZABETH, N.J. (EP) — Just sixteen days before the assassination of the late President Kennedy, a Jewish teen-ager here. Nancy Miller, received a letter from the then Vice-president Johnson. In answer to her question, he told her his favorite Bible passage. Psalms 91: 6-8.

In his letter to Miss Miller, Mr. Johnson said:

"I interpret these words not as meaning that those who believe in the Lord shall go throughout life without trouble

"But I do feel that they are an eternal promise that those who truly believe in the Lord shall be given strength to face adversity no matter how great and to accept the trouble with the sincerity which is the ultimate triumph of a Christian."



The first unit of the new church in the Phoenix, Arizona, suburb of Deer Valley. Just a little over three years old, the church has acquired a choice three-andone-half-acre corner across from a new school, and is now averaging 150 in Sunday school. Rev. Wil M. Spaite has been the pastor since the organization of the congregation.

The interior of the new sanctuary in Bolton, England, was dedicated by Rev. J. B. Maclagan, district superintendent of the British Isles South District, with an overflow crowd. The sanctuary seats 275, and features a new pipe organ valued at \$18,000, built by the church organist at a cost of \$1,200. Total valuation of the property is \$90,000. Rev. T. W. Schofield has served as pastor since 1960.

The 1963 Gulf Central District Assembly was held in the Providence Church, Oklahoma City. The district extends from Oklahoma and Texas to Virginia and Florida. Some of the delegates traveled over 1,000 miles to attend the assembly, but felt amply repaid by the spirit of fellowship and victories of the assembly. The district showed a 33.7 per cent again in membership last year.

Pastor O. D. Samuel, of the Church of the Nazarene, Monett, Missouri, presents Miss Virginia Wooding with the first diploma issued for completion of the "Search the Scriptures" home study course covering the entire New Testament. Sixteen study books cover the twenty-seven books of the New Testament. Publication of twenty volumes covering the entire Old Testament is expected to begin next fall.



Interior of the sanctuary of the Church of the Nazarene in Monticello, Indiana, recently completed at a cost of \$22,500, including furnishings. The church had been worshiping in a basement structure before the present plant was creeted. Rev. Floyd Kirkpatrick is the pastor.

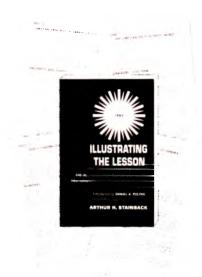
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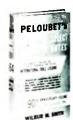
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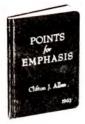
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