JESUS CHRIST is God's Epistle to all the world of men. He preached and He taught God's message. Moreover He was the Message. He was the Word made flesh. John wrote of Him as "that . . . which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life." Jesus did not say, I am come to point the way and teach the truth and impart life. He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

As Christ was God’s Epistle to the world, even so Christians are the epistle of Christ. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart" (II Corinthians 3:3).

Christians are messengers but they are more; they are the message! Few read the Bible. Some hear the proclamation and refute it. They behold and marvel and cannot refute a Christlike life.

An African leader, a radiant Christian of forty years, was asked what led him to Christ. He replied: “A missionary came and preached where I worked; then kneeling on the dusty ground he prayed for us. I saw that he loved us or he would not kneel in the dirt to pray with us.” What he saw was more convincing than what he heard. Believers are made when the Word becomes flesh.

By a miracle of God’s almighty grace the heart of stone is changed to a heart of flesh. Upon it is written by the Spirit the message that God is love.

“Oh, for a lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From Him that dwells within!
A heart in ev'ry tho't renewed,
And full of love divine;

Perfect, and right, and pure, and good:
A copy, Lord, of Thine!”

(Charles Wesley)

Such a heart is the wellspring of a holy life—a living epistle known and read of all men.
THE AVERAGE CHRISTIAN hears many appeals to a life of prayer. All of us realize the value of communication with God. But prayer is hard work. As a result, it is often neglected. Prayer is fast becoming a lost art in Christianity.

The Bible clearly states the importance of prayer. Paul saw its necessity and wrote: “I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting” (I Timothy 2:8).

Psychiatrists see a therapeutic value in prayer and often advise it for their patients. But prayer to God will be effective only when it comes from a holy heart, justified by holy hands, with no spirit of wrath or doubting. When one approaches God’s throne in this manner, he will find spiritual vision.

I. Prayer is a mirror through which we see ourselves

Prayer brings us into contact with God and reveals our smallness. Isaiah saw God and cried out: “Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts” (Isaiah 6:5). In the presence of Almighty God, the proudest heart will be humbled.

Prayer brings us face-to-face with reality. We “All of us need to be reminded afresh that the experience which our faith in Christ has brought us is not merely an experience to be enjoyed and to make our own lives richer. It is one which must be shared with all men to the earth’s remotest bounds. The noblest impulses of our own hearts, the crying need of the world, and the marching orders of Him to whom we have pledged our allegiance constitute for us a mandate similar to that which John Wesley gave to George Shadford when he said to him, ‘Publish your message in the open face of the sun, and do all the good you can.’”

—Selected.

II. Prayer is a window through which we see others

We all have our problems which sometimes seem to be insurmountable. Prayer clears the spiritual window and enables us to see the needs of others. In many cases, our problems are very insignificant in the light of those others are facing. In times like this we forget our needs and help our friends to bear their heavy burdens.

Prayer enables us to see the sacrifice of others who have given all to follow God so that the gospel might be taken to other lands. Through our prayers, we aid them. We see the world in need of a Saviour and show our concern for its salvation by praying. We see those with responsible positions and we ask God to give them wisdom. Prayer has cleared the window so that we can see the needs of others.

III. Prayer is a skylight through which we see God

We are prone to become so involved with the cares of living that we have little time for anything else. Prayer lifts us above these daily cares and turns our eyes toward heaven. As Noah had an upper window through which he saw God, so we have a sky-glass to heaven by prayer. Through it we may see God standing by and watching over us. What great comfort this brings to a troubled soul!

It is a wonderful thing to touch God and sense His glorious presence. Now this is not an easy thing to do. It takes a lot of determination to pray completely through. But the blessings that God pours out upon the person who does it make all the effort worthwhile.

As sincere Christians, we all have a desire for more of God’s love in our souls. Prayer is the means of tapping that spiritual reservoir; it is the key to spiritual wisdom. In this busy world we must recapture the art of prayer. Let us cry out as the disciples, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1).
Dear Brother and Sister White:

As I sit here this evening, reminiscing over the many good times we have enjoyed together and the blessings from the Lord which we have shared, I feel I must write and express, however inadequately, my gratitude to you for the important part you have had in my being a sanctified Christian today, enjoying an up-to-date Christian experience. You may not realize it, but many are the times you brought me back to the straight and narrow path when I was tempted to stray, if only in thought.

Pastor White, your inspiring and challenging messages were truly the bread of life for my hungry soul. How many times I have remembered you admonishing us, “Do your best and leave the rest with God!”

I shall not soon forget the sermon you preached from Isaiah 10:31 entitled “Mount Up like Eagles.” You told us we should rise up and get God’s view of our troubles, to look down on them from His angle instead of vainly trying to see over them from a human standpoint. How minor my problems became when I learned to look at them in this light! Thank you for that message, which was only one among scores of inspirational sermons.

Most of all, I thank you for your stirring messages on holiness, particularly the one on the evening when “the fire fell” and the Lord sanctified me. I believe this experience shines brighter than any other in my life. What a definite change it made in my life! Praise His holy name! With all the modernists in our nation’s pulpits today, I am especially grateful for you and all the other Nazarene pastors who uphold the Blood-stained banner of the cross of Christ and who urge us on to a holy life in Him.

I thank you, too, for the chastening in your messages, although at the time I may have squirmed uneasily under it. I appreciate your prayers in my behalf and for each member of your congregation. I am humbly grateful for the long night hours your agonized on your knees before God for revival in our local congregation and for a renewed vision among your parishioners. “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” Thank God for the vision of our Nazarene pastors and their dedicated wives!

I appreciate also your unfeigned interest in each of us as individuals, as well as your concern for the church as a whole.

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you” (Luke 11:9). When you prayed, the heavens were opened and we were in direct communion with God. You taught me to pray, and to believe. I’ll long remember the gentle admonition of your statement, “True faith can never have a question.” And again, “If you have faith enough for today, you will have the faith you need for tomorrow.”

It was under your ministry that I came to comprehend more fully the healing power of our God. First you testified to His healing ability in your own life, and then came the day you prayed for Dorothy Johnson and her paralysis left and she was able to walk again. There was never any doubt but that all the glory was for the Great Physician, who meets all of our spiritual and physical needs.

Then there was the very practical help you gave in so many circumstances. When there was a workday at the church, you were always right there with your sleeves rolled up, working alongside the rest of us, whether it was painting, cleaning, or carpentry. You did not expect anything of us that you were not willing to do yourself. How like the Master that is!

Things did not always go smoothly; the tempter saw to that. But you were never willing to com-
promise your standards or beliefs. Thank God for consecrated men today who have the courage of their convictions!

The enthusiasm and optimism you radiated were a gentle rebuke to me when I was tempted to sit back and view the immensity of a problem and forget the unfailing ability of God to handle all situations.

I recall the endless hours you put in each week in pastoral calling and counseling—not only with your own flock, but with all those “stray sheep” who needed your words of guidance and comfort. How the outreach of the Church of the Nazarene would increase if only we laymen were willing to do a fraction of the visitation we take for granted from our pastors!

I would not forget the solemn duty you must perform for those bereaved souls who turn to their minister in their hour of need. Oh, the great compassion you show, reflecting the love of the Saviour, whom you serve!

Even on your well-earned vacations you are not able to leave your work completely behind. There are ever those in need for whom you pray. Those of us in the business world can leave our problems at the office or in the store, but just as “women’s work is never done,” so our preachers are on call at any hour. We expect so much from our pastors! Oh, that we were as willing to give as much of ourselves as we require from them!

Your life is an inspiration and a challenge to me, and I for one pledge to do more for my Lord as a layman. Thank you again for being there when I needed you.

Yours in His service,
Lois Brown

The Tithe of a Dead Man

By FORREST E. TYLER
Pastor, Mangum, Oklahoma

EARLY ONE MORNING several months ago the telephone rang. A lady informed me that her neighbor, a member of our church, had passed away suddenly. When I arrived, the doctor had just pronounced her dead. She had had a heart attack while cooking breakfast.

She looked as if she were in a peaceful sleep. Her husband, also a member of our church, was a bit older than she. He was in his eighties. He remarked that the way she had died was a wonderful way to go if one is ready.

After a while the undertaker came for the body. About an hour after she was gone, this dear old man went into the living room, lifted a Bible, and picked up a tithe envelope. It already had his tithe in it. He signed his name, put the amount on the envelope, and handed it to me to put in the church offering. This was about 8:30 a.m.

By this time the neighbors who had gathered were leaving. Soon I was alone with the bereaved old gentleman. He seemed to take the death of his companion so well. He said he had been expecting this for two weeks.

We had visited casually for a while when suddenly at 9:20 a.m. he stiffened, took a very deep breath, and slumped on the divan where he was sitting. Before an ambulance or a doctor could arrive, he had crossed the divide of worlds and gone to meet his Lord. This was only about one hour after he had paid his last tithe. No doubt he has been thankful that his tithe was all paid up to date before he passed into eternity.

Friend, should you be summoned to meet the Lord today would it be as well with your soul as it was with this dear old man? Have you put first the kingdom of God? Is your tithe all paid? Could you possibly be behind? Or could it be that you have even been robbing God?

When God calls suddenly, one does not have time to pay up back tithe or take care of any other...

Compensation

by KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK

These are winter joys I know:
A flash of crimson in the snow
Where briefly rests the cardinal
To give his cheery winter call;
Two squirrels that frolic in the tree;
The saucy jay that nods to me
   As if in thanks for seeds and bread
Upon the shelf so gladly spread;
The school-bound children down the street.
Their laughter sounding high and sweet;
The joyous tasks each day I find
To occupy my hands and mind;
The silhouette of branches high
Against a glowing sunset sky;
Long evenings to read and rest,
And talk to those I love the best;
To lay aside the daily care,
And take some time for praise and prayer.
"Shut-in," you say? Ah, yes, 'tis so—
But God gives wings to hearts, you know!

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“unfinished business.” The wise course of action is to keep up to date with the Lord and His work. “For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisibeth away” (James 4:14).

Evangelistic Mechanics
By Evangelist Morris Chalfant

EVANGELISM! Who can adequately define it? Its nature is such that it defies analysis. God’s Word is replete with instances of its mysterious moves and manifestations.

Whatever may be said about evangelism, this much we know, it is indispensable in the life of the Church in every age. We have no cut-and-dried definition of evangelism. Evangelism is not so much a method as a passion. One has said that the whole life of Jesus could be summed up in these words: “He had a passion for saving the lost.” And I doubt if any man has a right to call himself a Christian who does not share that passion with our Lord.

For a church to be content year after year to measure the success of its revivals by the number of its members who again and again bow at the altar seeking more humility or more Christlikeness, while a thousand men living in the radius of the church are wholly untouched by the gospel, is to miss the point of evangelism.

New Testament evangelism is to open the prison doors to them that are bound; it is going to those who sit in the prison house of sin with the message of hope and cheer. Our whole field of evangelism must turn from the matter of perpetual examination of believers and make contact with that great group of unbelievers.

The mechanics of evangelism involves the methods and means used for its promotion, including all the activities of the individual and the church. There are times when dynamics is emphasized to the neglect of the mechanics, leaving God to do it all. Again, the mechanics may be overemphasized to the neglect of the dynamics, human effort being expected to accomplish all. But God uses human instrumentality, and we must be “workers together with him” successfully to promote His work and reach souls.

A method is not good merely because it is old, and we do not follow it just because it has been done that way, but because it has produced the desired results. Neither is a method good merely because it is new and different. An unwise person may desire to make changes when better results would follow from putting new life and spirit into old methods.

Too many have limited evangelism to a single method, the sole use of the revival meeting. The aim of true evangelism is to bring men into a living, active fellowship with God through Christ as Saviour by the regenerating and sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit. They should also be enlisted in the fellowship of the church through which they serve Christ in perpetuating His Spirit and promoting His work among men. True evangelism emphasizes the essentials of Christianity with a positive note and mobilizes the resources of those won to Christ for the winning of others.

Why is there any need for rekindling our evangelistic fires? We have maintained evangelism as a form, but have we made it the power it ought to be? There is a responsibility resting upon pastors and people, as well as upon evangelists, to rekindle the fires of evangelism.

Perhaps there ought to be a variety in the methods employed—to appeal to some by means of a new approach. But whatever method is employed, the personal element cannot be dispensed with. It is still a person-to-person appeal, whether the one making the approach be in the pulpit or in the home, or whether he is using the radio, the printed page, or the telephone. Great pulpiteers have also been great personal workers, but also there have been great personal workers who never entered the pulpit. We need more of them.

In some manner the Church of Jesus Christ must gear its program and adopt new methods and new approaches that will bring men and women under the saving influence of the Lord Jesus Christ. The great burden of Calvary is the lost. The people of God must concern themselves with the lost or be rejected for having buried their talent and allowed their light to burn out.

There is a time for prayer and there is also a time for action. But there is a danger that prayer may become a substitute for action. When Israel had suffered her despicable defeat at Ai, Joshua immediately went to prayer. And he stayed upon his face until the Lord rebuked him: “And the Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?” (Joshua 7:10) Evidently Joshua was praying that God would solve the problem, and this was good. However, Joshua apparently failed to understand that there was no solution apart from definite action on his part. When he did act, the matter was rapidly settled.

Only a fool would minimize the importance of prayer; yet prayer by itself will not save this generation. Unless prayer is mingled with action, it can become a substitute for action.

The harvest is the principal concern of Jesus, although in His eyes there is no “harvest problem.” To Him “the harvest truly is plenteous” (Matthew...
9:37), and "the fields . . . are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). It is rather a "labor problem" which troubles Him, for "the labourers are few."

What then is the solution? It is obedience to the simple harvest commandment: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). The church can pray for the lost and then, with Joshua, be the victim of the misconception that the rest is up to God. But she cannot for long pray earnestly and honestly that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers without hearing the searching plea that Isaiah heard: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Nor can she thus pray without committing herself to definite action and responding, as the prophet did, "Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein" (Jeremiah 6:16). "Examine yourselves," Paul says. Days of prosperity are far more dangerous than when we were small.

When the Abnormal is Normal

By HAROLD C. HARCOURT, Pastor, First Church, Durant, Oklahoma

IN SOUTH AFRICA, according to a radio news commentator, a seven-thirty morning commuter train was thirty minutes late regularly each morning. The commuters would arrive at the station at seven-forty-five each morning knowing that they would have fifteen minutes to wait for the departure of the train.

Then one morning, unexpected by the passengers, the train arrived and departed on the regular schedule—seven-thirty o'clock. The commuters missed the train because they came at seven-forty-five as usual, expecting the abnormal to be the normal. They were irate and let the company know their displeasure for the irregularity of the train: arriving and departing as scheduled, seven-thirty o'clock!

To accept the abnormal as normal is a devastating habit in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. To come to accept defeat is to destroy faith. To accept empty altars as the norm is to let the passion for souls die.

To be content to have no revival is to prefer death and decay in place of life and growth. To be content with the same crowd with no visitors is to be blinded to the sparkle and challenge of the Great Commission.

To be satisfied Sunday after Sunday with no breakthrough from the Spirit is to love the rut, to depend on the human, and to rest comfortably in our own eyes. With the rush, even of Christian activities, we may lose our perspective concerning true values.

We may be getting the crowds, but are we reaching the lost? As Christians, are we witnessing to the unsaved? As a church, are we reaching our potential? In a changing world we face new problems. Our Sunday evening services once were the peak of the week for reaching the unsaved. Now in some areas pastors say theirs are becoming "Sunday morning churches." If this means we are not reaching as many unsaved, we may well be alarmed.

Evangelism is the lifeline of the church. It keeps the church alive. It feeds our schools with a supply of future ministers, missionaries, teachers, and called workers. It is the fire that welds the church together.

God has a plan for every emergency. If the unsaved are not coming in, it may be because the church is not going out to bring them in. God's plan for the Church has not changed in nineteen centuries. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me," and, "Go ye!"

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM

THE 1964 MEETING of the General Board was called to order by Dr. Hugh G. Benner, chairman of the Board of General Superintendents, at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 18, in the auditorium of the General Board building at the International Center of the Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City.

Members of the board and approximately three hundred visitors had participated in the dedication of the new bookstore of the Nazarene Publishing House just preceding the board meeting at 1:15 p.m. The new $150,000 bookstore is located just east of the General Board building on the corner of 63rd Street and Woodland Avenue. General Superintendent Benner spoke briefly, and Dr. Young prayed the dedicatory prayer.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

The Board heard reports of the past year from the general officers of the church. General Secretary B. Edgar Johnson reported a net gain of 10,618 members, bringing the total world membership of the denomination to 415,495.

General Treasurer John Stockton reported a total income for General Budget and missions specials of $5,882,925. This represents an increase in missionary giving over the previous year of $818,951.

Total receipts by the General Treasurer’s office were $7,752,190, or $1,118,078 more than in 1963.

The Thanksgiving Offering was the largest ever received in the church. It had reached $1,176,005 by year’s end, and by January 22 stood at $1,553,331.

Dr. Jonathan Gassett, executive field secretary for the division of wills, annuities, and special gifts, reported that a total of 160 wills had been processed since March 1, 1964. Annuities, life loans, life-income contracts, and trust agreements to the total of $73,356, and bequests to the total value of $37,398, have been received during the same period.

MISSIONS GROWTH

Executive Secretary E. S. Phillips of the Department of World Missions reported 488 missionaries and 2,059 national workers on the roll. The Department supervises 2,161 preaching stations. Dr. Phillips pointed out that this is more than the entire missionary program of all Protestant churches in the United States and Great Britain just 100 years ago.

Dr. Orville Jenkins reported for the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension. Financial assistance has been given by the Department to 22 districts in the United States, Canada, and the British Isles. The Department also supervises 89 churches overseas, with a membership of 2,933; and Bible colleges in South Africa and Australia. Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Hegstrom have been sent to Sweden during the year, and are making good progress.
Headquarters Departments

The work of the Department of Ministerial Benevolence was presented by Executive Secretary Dean Wessels. The department served 659 ministers and their families during the year at a total cost of $665,649 for the entire operation.

Nazarene Publishing House Manager M. A. Linn reported the net value of the House as $3,282,288 at the end of the year. Gross sales for 1964 were $3,840,134. Sales through the Kansas City outlet for the first six months of the year were approximately 81/2 percent ahead of the same time last year.

Improvements, in addition to the construction of a new bookstore, include the installation of a Miehle K bod offset press which will print 35,000 copies per hour on both sides in two colors. The total installation will cost approximately $300,000.

Executive Editor Albert F. Harper and Executive Secretary Kenneth S. Rice reported for the Department of Church Schools. The Department is responsible for the production of 45 circulation items, and made a gain of 43,000 copies in circulation. Average weekly attendance in Sunday schools showed a gain of 8,079 in domestic schools. Around the world, 505,268 people were studying the Word of God in Nazarene Sunday schools each week during 1964. Enrollment was up 17,266 for the year.

Dr. Edward Lawlor, executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism, reported on the September evangelistic weekend, the “Moving Nazarenes” emphasis in October, and plans for the mid-quadrennium Conference on Evangelism, January 11-13, 1966. He also revealed plans for an International Laymen’s Conference on Evangelism in August of 1966.

Auxiliaries and Commissions

The church auxiliaries, N.W.M.S. and N.Y.P.S., reported good years. Miss Mary L. Scott, N.W.M.S. executive secretary, reported that the general society was “Star” for the first time. A total of $884,265 was given for world missions through Prayer and Fasting.

Executive Secretary Paul Skiles reported 6,156 members gained in 1961 by the N.Y.P.S., with 13,819 attending camps and institutes. Reporting for the Servicemen’s Commission, Mr. Skiles listed 30 Nazarene chaplains on active duty at the present time.

Bennett Dudney, Christian Service Training director, reported 76,871 credits earned during the year, of which 15,749 were by home study. C.S.T. now has a total of 76 texts by Nazarene authors, and has approved plans for 42 more to be produced through the next four years. A total of 2,221 churches held C.S.T. classes last year.

Reporting for the General Stewardship Committee, Dean Wessels indicated that 1,430 churches had...
reached the goal of 10 percent for world evangelism, an increase of 272. Percentage giving for world outreach rose to 9.35 percent throughout the denomination.

OTHER DENOMINATIONAL INTERESTS

Dr. T. W. Willingham, giving his last report as director of the Nazarene Radio League, reported that a total of 688 stations, an increase of 80, now carry "Showers of Blessing" in English and "La Hora Nazarena" in Spanish. Seventeen of these stations have power outputs of 50,000 to 500,000 watts.

Director O. Joe Olson reported for the Nazarene Information Service on newspaper coverage for the church. Press coverage for the General Assembly rated page-one space in 18 newspaper editions, with a total of 377 inches on page one and more than twice that much on inside pages.

The American Bible Society work was presented by Paul Skiles, denominational representative. The Bible Society offering totalled $30,630 with 79 percent of the churches participating. Seventeen districts achieved 100 percent response.

Book Editor J. Fred Parker reported for the Book Committee a total of 58 new books published during the year, with a total production of 423,000 copies. The most significant event was the publication of the first volume of the new Beacon Bible Commentary. More than 7,000 have been sold, with approximately 95 percent of the purchasers subscribing for the entire ten-volume set.

OVERSEAS VISITATION

General Superintendents Hugh C. Benner, V. H. Lewis, and George Coulter reported on overseas and foreign visitation trips during the year. Dr. Benner surveyed the work in the Republic of Panama and the Canal Zone. Dr. Lewis visited the Philippines, Taiwan, and India. Dr. Coulter conducted the assemblies in Mexico.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS

Missionary appointments went to twenty-nine candidates for overseas service, designated for ten fields. The appointees and field assignments are as follows:

Republic of South Africa—Dr. and Mrs. Guilford Fitz, Redding, California; Miss Doris Devore, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Miss Mary Ann Wagner, Huntington, Indiana

Swaziland, South Africa—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Drinkwater, Wollaston, Massachusetts; Miss Reatha A. Dennison, Mentone, California; and Miss Phyllis McNeil, Kansas City, Missouri

Africa Coloured and Indian District—Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Calhoun, Clinton, Missouri

British Honduras—Rev. and Mrs. Richard Cornelius, North Pekin, Illinois; Miss Mary Lou Riggle, Richmond, Indiana

India—Rev. and Mrs. James H. Hudson, Caldwell, Idaho; Mrs. Carolyn Myatt, Washington, Pennsylvania

Japan—Rev. and Mrs. Richard Lindeman, Mountain Home, Idaho

Korea—Rev. and Mrs. Paul Stubbs, Harrod, Ohio

Trinidad—Rev. and Mrs. Bobby E. Caudill, Carthage, South Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Lauriston Seaman, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada

New Guinea—Miss Virginia Stimer, Linden, Michigan

Nicaragua—Miss Marilyn Manchester, Kansas City, Missouri

General Appointment—Rev. and Mrs. Jerry C. Wilson, Anacortes, Washington; Miss Bente Carlson, Copenhagen, Denmark

EDUCATION ACTIONS

As reported in "Late News" for last week, the Board elected trustees for a new Bible school, and set September 12 as the date for a church-wide offering to aid in its creation and support.

May 1, 1966, was also established as the date for the setting off of new educational zones for two new junior colleges, designed to become full four-year institutions as soon as feasible.

ELECTIONS

General Board officers for 1965 were elected as follows: Dr. John Knight, chairman; Dr. Lawrence B. Hicks, president; Dr. J. Robert Mangum and Dr. William Greathouse, vice-presidents.

Rev. Bennett Dudney was given a four-year re-election by unanimous vote to serve as director of the Christian Service Training Commission.

A full-time secretary for the Department of Education was provided to care for enlarged responsibilities assigned the Department in the training of ministers and the establishment of new educational institutions. Dr. John Riley was elected to the post, but after prayer and consideration declined to accept. As of this writing, no further election has been held.

RECORD GENERAL BUDGET

A major item was the adoption of the General Budget for the year. A total budget of $4,322,276 was approved. This is up $278,947 over last year, with $210,710 of that increase allocated for world and home missions. Missions specials, Prayer and Fasting, and Alabaster giving are expected to bring the total for world evangelism to over six million dollars for the year.

"HERALD" STAFF

A realignment of editorial responsibilities for the Herald of Holiness was reported to the General Board with the appointment of Elden Rawlings, director of public relations and sales for the Nazarene Publishing House, as managing editor.

Under the direction of the editor and executive secretary of the Department of Publication, Mr. Rawlings will have charge of layout, news, and special features for the Herald. Miss Velma Knight, office editor of the Herald for thirty-one years, will retire at the end of the year.
COMING ON! LET'S DO IT!

General Superintendent Lewis

Over the hill, down the road, across the valley there is a city, town, or area where there is no Church of the Nazarene. This situation exists on every district, in all sections of the country. This is a challenge to us. We have a sense of responsibility to those people that we cannot shrug off!

And it should be this way. We must continually feel concern for those potential new churches. If we ever get to the place where we no longer care, then we shall be concerned about ourselves. But we as a church—pastors, laymen, district leaders—must do more than recognize that we are obligated to carry the gospel to them. We must accept that challenge.

The starting of new churches is hard work. It involves planning, prayer, finance, toil, adversities, persistence, but it does advance the kingdom of God on earth, and there is no work so great as this. It is evangelism; it is revival; it is outreach. It is positive, good, wonderful, soul-winning work.

Some of the most thrilling statistics to be read in our entire movement are those related to the starting of new churches.

God blesses home missions. It is vital to the Church of the Nazarene as we obey God's command to take salvation to men.

It costs money, but it is money wisely invested. It will be done as we deliberately plan to start a new church and proceed to carry out those plans.

Starting a new church is a work for laymen. It is also a responsibility for pastors.

By all means it is a must for each district superintendent.

It is indispensable to the continued growth of the Church of the Nazarene.

So let us all—laymen, pastors, district superintendents, church leaders everywhere—get to the task in full force.

We can start 500 new churches this quadrennium and 125 new churches this year.

The best resolve any district superintendent can make today is this: I am going to start a new church!

COME ON! LET'S DO IT!

A monument to German unity by the sculptress Hilde Leetz stands near the wall in Berlin. It represents two people stretching their hands out to one another over a ditch. The wall, the barbed-wire fences, and over 500 watchtowers keep 17 million East Germans imprisoned and separated from 55 million people in the Federal German Republic. In West Berlin the Church of the Nazarene ministers to the German people, under the leadership of Pastor Gerhard Brohl. There are 7 other Nazarene churches and 2 missions in West Germany, with 219 members. Rev. Jerald D. Johnson is the district superintendent. (Photo by Authenticated News International.)
MADE BY HAND

We hear much these days about the significance of “handmade” items. In our world of mechanized production any product bearing the seal “Made by hand” is considered distinctive and is usually valued highly. Rather than having been formed by an automated, impersonal machine, the product made by hand has been created by the direct, careful touch of the craftsman’s own fingers.

A new church, too, can either be the product of businesslike efforts or the product of intimate, personal concern by dedicated Christians. In other words, a church, too, may be either “machine-made” or “handmade.” With this thought in mind, let us recount the recent organization of three new churches—churches “made by hand.”

“Three new churches in seven months”—so reports the Albany District under the leadership of Rev. Kenneth Pearsall. Towns in which the churches were organized include: Malone, Alfred, and Penn Yan, all in the state of New York.

You might ask, “So what? New churches are being organized all the time.” Yes, that’s true, but the motivation behind the organization of these particular churches was unique. Many home mission projects are begun at the district level. However, it was not so in these cases. Let’s take a closer look at the births of these three churches.

Quoting the Albany District bulletin, “The most recent organization was culminated after a very successful revival meeting in Malone with Rev. Morris Wilson as the evangelist. One evening 80 people were packed into the small store building used as a church, and 40 more stood outside. For many years Rev. Wilson carried a burden for this community—where, incidentally, he was born and raised.” Upon conclusion of the revival a new church had been born and a pastor was appointed to tend the newly organized flock. Thank God for the vision and burden of a single evangelist for a needy area—in fact, for his own hometown!

“On October 6, through the efforts of Rev. Clayton Wilson of Bath and Rev. James Tasker of Olean, a new church was born in the small university town of Alfred.” Here two neighboring pastors held the key to the founding of a new Nazarene church. Burden and unselfish concern again worked together to build the Kingdom.

Now what about the third town, Penn Yan? “Because some Nazarene laymen from the cities of Corning and Bath moved into the community of Penn Yan and desired a Nazarene church, an organization took place.” It was certainly not by chance that for many years Miss Sue McElwee, a consecrated deaconess of the Albany District and resident of Penn Yan, had patiently yet persistently prayed for the Church of the Nazarene to come to her community. The Lord answered prayer!

So, concerning the establishment of new churches, we may rightly ask, “Must the district do it all?” The answer is a resounding NO! One may readily see that the burden and vision of a single evangelist, of two neighboring pastors, and of a few dedicated laymen brought into existence three new Nazarene churches in New York, all to the glory of God and all “made by hand—the hand of concern.” They were started because just a few folks cared enough to pray . . . to act . . . to build the Kingdom—literally!

Surely this type of vision and concern should be present in other places, in the hearts of other men and women all over our great Zion. It was our Lord himself who said, “Let us go into the next towns.” We CAN build for Him . . . if we WILL!

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HOME MISSIONS

The Penn Yan, New York, congregation, at present meeting in the city Grange building. They have a fine group of Nazarenes there now, because a few laymen with a vision cared enough to start a church. Rev. C. J. Wheeler (back row, left) is the pastor.
Grove City, Ohio
Central Ohio District

In the past there had been at least three different attempts to organize a Church of the Nazarene in Grove City, Ohio. It had been said that “Grove City did not want a Church of the Nazarene.” However, Rev. Dale E. Galloway found that such was not the case. In fact, “The community has been very receptive to our church and has already made us an important part of this expanding area,” commented Brother Galloway.

The church is making rapid progress, having begun last year with a membership of twelve . . . and ending the same year with forty-seven—twenty-five of that number having been received on profession of faith.

An active calling program has spearheaded this splendid growth, with the ladies of the church forming one visitation team and the men another.

Both personal and mass evangelism have been strongly emphasized. Three different half-week meetings have been held during the year with much good resulting. New families are being reached constantly, many of which have children from nursery through grade school ages.

Financially, all budgets have been paid in full, the General Budget having been paid eight times over. Construction has been completed on a new church building at a cost of $30,000, the loan secured from a local bank. The building is an initial unit designed for easy expansion as the congregation grows.

Organization, lay leadership, and spiritual fervor mark this new Nazarene church as one of true promise. The Kingdom will be richer because a young pastor had a vision for a church in a community where some said it couldn’t be done. But . . . “with God, all things are possible”!

The main street of Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia. The congregation of our church in this city has been meeting in a Scout hall while its own building is under construction. An approved special has been set up to help with this building need, and part of the amount has been given. In central Africa we also have churches at Bancroft and Lusaka in Zambia. (Photo by Authenticated News International.)
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NEWS BRIEFS:

Evangelist and Mrs. H. E. Hegstrom are living in a suburb of Stockholm, Sweden, laying the groundwork for the opening of the Church of the Nazarene. They will be glad to receive the name and address of anyone in the Stockholm area who might be interested in their ministry. Address Pastor H. E. Hegstrom, Källängsvägen 39 n.b., Lidingö 1, Sweden.

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The New Zealand district has been anticipating over 200 registered for the Youth Camp this year. (It is now summer in the Southern Hemisphere.) Work has been pushed along for the completion of a dormitory and kitchen on the new campgrounds near Piha. This is one of the most rewarding parts of the work of the church in New Zealand.

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After a year of furlough, Rev. and Mrs. Floyd J. Perkins and family returned to South Africa just before Christmas. Mr. Perkins is principal of Nazarene Bible College in Johannesburg. In their absence Dr. Kenneth Armstrong served as principal for a year. He has now returned to the United States. The Perkins family visited New Zealand and Australia on their way back to South Africa.

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General Budget allocations for the overseas home mission fields are not sufficient to take care of all property needs. Some of the more urgent items are approved as specials, for churches or individuals who wish to give for such a purpose over and above the regular channels of missionary giving. There are specials now to be taken for Australia, Hawaii, Samoa, South Africa, and West Germany.

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A blind lady attending our church in Hamilton, Bermuda, receives the Holiness Evangel, the Nazarene Braille magazine, and gives it to the Bermuda Association for the Blind when she has finished reading it. She especially appreciated the latest Braille book by the Nazarene Publishing House, A Verse a Day. She is planning to read it all during the year and memorize the verses.
Five Hundred New Churches This Quadrennium! Can it be done?

It is one thing to have goals; it is something else to see those goals realized. Though we are confronted with problems today, such as concentration of population, higher costs of capital investment, and spiritual inertia, yet a brief reflection upon the past reveals that it can be done!

One in the Power of the Spirit

We can reach our goals if we go to our knees in prayer. This whole task, along with all our church goals, is a spiritual endeavor. The buying of a church site and erecting a building, the proper financing of a new church, the winning of the lost to Christ, the organizing and launching of a new church—all these and scores of other details require much of human means and endeavor; but the establishing of a new church rests finally and ultimately in the hands of God.

If there is failure in evangelizing the lost and launching new churches, it will be because we have failed to meet with God in the secret place. It is here that a passion for souls is born. It is here that the heart becomes motivated. Prayer and fasting make us sensitive to the spiritual needs of others.

One fine Nazarene couple, through prayer, became deeply concerned about the spiritual needs of their neighbors. That deep concern became the basis for their praying earnestly for a Church of the Nazarene in their own community. After several months a new church was launched which today is a strong growing church in that community. Prayer permits us to become involved; to be linked up with God in this great task.

One of Five Hundred Churches

There are at least five hundred of our older, well-established, financially strong churches which could sponsor a new Church of the Nazarene. The leadership for such an enterprise rests largely with the pastor. We need five hundred pastors who will lead the way in their own congregations by raising money seeking out prospective locations and building sites, finding good church buildings for sale, working with, and under, the supervision of the district superintendent, and giving up church members in order to make another new church possible. There may be temporary loss to the parent church, but such an endeavor many times brings revival to the sponsoring church, which results in overall growth.

For too long we have looked upon home missions as the sole responsibility of the district superintendent, when the fact is that every district superintendent needs the assistance of every pastor and of all his churches in helping to spearhead this work. There are five hundred pastors whose churches could, and should, sponsor a new church now!

It is never easy to leave a well-organized church with all its benefits and pleasures, one's friends and family circle, in order to become a part of the nucleus of a new church; but tremendous spiritual dividends accrue when one obeys the Lord in this regard.

Have you ever known the thrill and romance of being a part of a home missions church? New churches have been started almost everywhere because godly Nazarene laymen have been willing to obey the Lord, leave their former church homes, give their money, and pray and sacrifice in order to build Christ’s kingdom in a new church.

We need five hundred trained, dedicated, Spirit-filled preachers to pastor these new churches. Out in the ranks of our pastorates and enrolled in our colleges and seminary are those men and women, called of God and sanctified wholly, who will go to the ends of the earth to do the will of God. We have the personnel to man these new churches!

One in Personal Involvement

The almost universal motto of our generation is, “Do or say what you will, but don’t involve me.” But we cannot so live. As children of God, we must become involved. We are involved!

This means not only the involvement of our interest, time, prayers, and devotion, but the inclusion of our material possessions too. This business of starting new churches is costly. The financial outlay for new churches continues to rise. Yet we have more people and greater financial resources than ever before. Our program and endeavor must be so large that it demands our dependence upon the unlimited resources of God. Let us give of our resources until we become extended, then dare to believe God until His promises and resources become our surety.

Will you give of your means and yourself to help start that new church in the next community? Let us all become totally involved and thereby become a part of one of these FIVE HUNDRED NEW CHURCHES!
The Basis of Divine Healing

A question frequently argued "pro and con" has to do with the place of divine healing in the death of Christ: "Is divine healing in the atonement?"

Those who object to the statement that healing is in the atonement are usually thinking of it in the same terms as personal salvation from sin. Forgiveness and full cleansing are offered without limit to all who come in obedient faith.

It is certainly of utmost importance that we keep our priorities straight. The Bible leaves no doubt whatever that the first purpose of the Cross is spiritual. It was to bring "many sons unto glory" that Christ suffered, died, and rose again. Each reference to the full scope of Christ's ministry states the order as "teaching, preaching, and healing."

To lift divine healing into the same area of availability as salvation and sanctification is to exalt the temporal and physical into a place of importance they do not have in the Bible. We can get to heaven with disease in our bodies, but we cannot get there with sin in our souls.

BUT HAVING SAID THAT, we must not overlook what Scripture does teach with regard to the basis of divine healing in the provision of God for all our human need. If healing is not in the atonement, a very appropriate question is, Then where is it?

Isaiah 53 is the great atonement chapter of the Old Testament, a passage which every major writer in the New Testament applies to the death of Jesus Christ. There we read: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (verse 5).

That this verse does not mean simply spiritual healing is clear in Matthew's application of it to the healing of the sick: "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils; and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (verse 5).

The full purpose of Christ's coming was "that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8)—whose kingdom of darkness not only includes sin and evil, but sickness, pain, and death as well.

Even the very term translated "salvation" includes in its meaning deliverance and health. Our English word "holiness" comes from the same root as the word "health," and both imply wholeness, or soundness. In our New Testaments there are twelve places where the English translation "healed" or "made whole" is used for the Greek term that means "saved." In Mark 2:5, 9 it is quite clear that "Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk" and "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee" are equivalent terms. When the eyes of blind Bartimaeus were opened, Jesus said, "Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee" (Luke 18:12).

ACTUALLY, SALVATION AND HOLINESS minister to physical health in and of themselves. They put an end to the practice of body-breaking habits such as the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages. The grace of Jesus Christ stops all forms of sinful dissipation which are so harmful to the body, which is designed to be the temple of the Holy Ghost.

Then salvation cleanses the mind of guilt, hostility, anxiety, and the boredom of a meaningless life—the source of so many medically incurable disorders. By ministering to sound mental and emotional health, a genuine Christian experience tends to promote physical health.

Dr. William S. Sadler, author of the volume Modern Psychiatry, claims that "the sincere acceptance of the principles and teachings of Christ with respect to the life of mental peace and joy, the life of unselfish thought and clean living, would at once wipe out more than half of the difficulties, diseases, and sorrows of the human race."

But directly as well as indirectly, there is power in the cross of Christ to heal the body. Healing is subject to some conditions that do not apply to forgiveness of sins and cleansing from the carnal mind.

Salvation comes to any and all when they forsake their sins and turn in obedient faith to the Saviour. Healing may be delayed by ignorance and because there are some causes of sickness which cannot be forsaken with the same once-for-all finality with which we forsake our sins.

A climate of unbelief also may hinder the healing power of God. Of the visit of Jesus to Nazareth it is said, "And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief" (Matthew 13:58). Some who might otherwise have been healed were
not touched because of the prevailing skepticism of the people.

Yet when we come for divine healing, we come to the same compassionate Christ who died for our sins. And the merits of His shed blood provide every benefit we have from the hand of God. We may therefore pray in faith to be healed by His stripes, assured that in Him the Father-God has made provision for all our need.

My Church

Many years ago William Henry Boddy wrote a sensitive and striking tribute to the meaning of the church in his life. It was shared with me by C. C. Rinebarger, and I pass it along with appreciation:

“Before I was born my church gave to my parents ideals of life and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty.

“In childhood my church joined my parents in teaching me of Christ and of salvation in His name.

“My church enriched my childhood with the romance of religion and the lessons of life that have been woven into the texture of my soul. Sometimes I seem to have forgotten and then, when else I might surrender to foolish and futile ideals of life, the truths my church taught became radiant, insistent and inescapable.

“In the stress and storm of adolescence my church heard the surge of my soul and she guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes toward the stars.

“When my heart was seamed with sorrow, and I thought the sun could never shine again, my church drew me to the Friend of all the weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning, eternal and tearless.

“When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, my church has believed in me and wooingly she has called me back to live within the heights of myself.

“When my life work is ended, and I cross the swelling tide, When the bright and glorious morning I shall see, I shall know my Redeemer when I reach the other side, And his smile will be the first to welcome me.

“I shall know Him. I shall know Him, And redeem’d by His side I shall stand. I shall know Him. I shall know Him By the prints of the nails in His hand.

BUT JAMES V. REID has caught the message of Job. It is not a rejoinder or a rebuttal. It is an enlargement and an explanation.

And not as a stranger. This changes everything about our encounter with man’s last enemy, death. It is not a venturing out into the unknown darkness, either for ourselves or for those in Christ whom we love. The hand that holds the keys of death is not the hand of a stranger.

For the Christian, to die is to leave one room in the Father’s house to live in another room. The darkness and horror of death is unmitigated for those who know not the Lord. It is stepping into the full light for those who have become acquainted with the Lord of glory.

And what makes all the difference is that He is no stranger here. “The Stranger of Galilee is no longer a stranger to me.” We may not know in detail what is on the other side. Who is on the other side we can know if we keep company with Him here.

“Let not your heart be troubled:” He said, “ye believe in God, believe also in me. “In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it

Whom I, even I, shall see, on my side, And mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

Job’s faith has been confirmed by Christ, who “brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (II Timothy 1:10). “Because I live, ye shall live also,” Jesus said (John 14:19). “We shall see him as he is” (I John 3:2).

But there is a wealth of meaning in the words of Job. When we behold Him, it will be “not as a stranger.”

How shall we know Him? No doubt by the infinite glory and radiance that shines from His presence. No doubt by the crowns that are cast before His feet. No doubt through the splendor of His revealing as the Lamb that had been slain.

Fanny Crosby, the blind poet who rejoiced that the first face she would ever see would be that of her Saviour, wrote the words we love:

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were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

"Whom I, even I, shall see, on my side, come again, and receive you unto myself; that I may see him who ismined in love."

Arthur C. Morgan was born September 13, 1903, in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, and went to his heavenly home early on the morning of January 13, 1965. He married Opal Moler in Hutchinson, Kansas, in 1930.

Dr. Morgan served as superintendent of the Northwest Indiana District from 1953 to 1964. He had previously been superintendent of the Minnesota and South Dakota districts, and had served pastorates in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Iowa, and had been in the evangelistic field.

Dr. Morgan was survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. William Churnley; and a son, Donald.

Memorial Service

The funeral service was held at the Valparaiso Church of the Nazarene, January 16, at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Hardy C. Powers, senior general superintendent, was to direct the service.

Due to circumstances beyond human power to control, Dr. Powers was unable to be at the service. The plane in which he was traveling developed engine trouble, making it impossible for him to arrive on time for the service. After a brief discussion with Mrs. Morgan, the program was developed and followed through in this manner.

Rev. Owen Burke, member of the District Advisory Board and pastor of Hammond Woodlawn Church, read Psalms 91. Rev. Don Gibson, vice-president of Olivet Nazarene College, read the messages of condolence and the names of the contributors to the Arthur C. Morgan memorial fund.

Rev. Nathan Adams, Jr., pastor of Frankfort First Church, and his two sons, Nathan III and Stephen, sang the song "Until Then." Dr. Mark Moore, superintendent of the Chicago Central District, led in prayer. The Adams Family sang "How Great Thou Art!"

Rev. L. E. Myers, pastor of Valparaiso Church of the Nazarene, then brought the message, using as his text 1 Corinthians 2:9.

In his message Mr. Myers related to the audience some statements made by Dr. Morgan during his sickness. He had told Mr. Myers how thankful he was that God had given him time to look inside and give a thorough study to himself. He said he had done this through prayer and God's Word. Also that he had done his best "between my God, my soul, and my friends. There is no charge to be laid; I am ready. If it is to be a lingering wait, I'll wait with patience."

Pastor Myers told of many contacts with Dr. Morgan, and of the many times he had heard him preach from the pulpits on the district he was serving, how Dr. Morgan had exalted the name of Jesus Christ, telling others what Christ could do for them if they would yield their lives to him; they would find forgiveness, and bring joy to their souls that would be far greater than they would be able to comprehend in their present state.

"If he were here today standing where I am standing," the pastor said, "he would want to use the text that I am using in this message today. He would say, 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.' He has seen what we have not seen. No man can describe the grandeur and beauty of heaven."

At the close of the service the ministers of the district and ministers of adjoining districts formed a line from the church to the funeral coach through which the officiating ministers and pallbearers carried the casket to the funeral coach.

At the cemetery, prior to the committal, the preachers, about fifty-five in number, sang one verse of the song "A Charge to Keep I Have." Rev. L. E. Myers then gave the committal, and Dr. Moore led in the Lord's Prayer.

Telegrams

The news of the passing of Dr. Morgan brings sorrow to the whole church. His life was one of complete dedication, constant service, and consistent devotion. Even in his long period of suffering his faith held firm. We know that he had an abundant entrance into the eternal world. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to you and your family. May God's grace prove sufficient for the days ahead.—George Coulter, for Board of General Superintendents.

At this time of bereavement we at Headquarters extend our sincere expression of sympathy and assure you of our prayers for your comfort. Cash in on God's promise, "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you," and be with and abide in you. We esteemed your late husband, Dr. Arthur C. Morgan, very highly for his service to Christ and the church. The holy influence which he invested in others as district superintendent of Northwest Indiana for eleven years, and also as superintendent in Minnesota and South Dakota, goes endlessly on.—B. E. Johnson, General Secretary.

**EVANGELISM**

**EDWARD LAWLOR, Secretary**

**"IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT"**

"In the power of the Spirit" we can evangelize today! One of our pastors recently said, "We always believed in the necessity of working in the power of the Spirit," but in the last few weeks we have seen wonders in our recent revival meeting because of His power!"
Without the power of the Holy Spirit, Christians are cold. All that we do seems ordinary and powerless, and it is hard to get new people into the church and to God. But when God the Holy Ghost comes, and His power is manifested, the people of God are tender, loving, fervent, zealous, and we can see real genuine evangelism in 1965, and see the ungodly come to Christ.

During this quadrennium the call to our people is to humble ourselves, and cry to God for a great outpouring "in the power of the Spirit" upon all of our churches. When one reads church history he finds that special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit has in a unique way preceded every genuine revival. Oh, for a group of Nazarenes who "in the power of the Spirit" would make revival, spontaneous revival, their one prayer, and tarry until it came to reality! Letters and personal calls reaching the Department of Evangelism tell of groups of Nazarenes who are spending hours in prayer for an outpouring of the power of the Spirit.

A recent letter tells of two aged men who are praying each day "in the power of the Spirit" for a revival in our Zion. Another recent communication, this from a pastor, states, "We have seen revival in our church, and a portion of the success of that revival is due to the earnest endeavors of the Department of Evangelism to awaken us to revival in our time." It began with the three days of fasting and prayer that the church had last year.

Another pastor wrote that the people of his church are continuing to fast and to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He closed his letter with, "I have never seen our people more determined to continue a revival spirit than now."

"In the power of the Spirit"—how shall we see spontaneous revival? First, each one must get thoroughly right with God—knowing that every sin has been confessed and forgiven. Then we must lay hold of every promise for a clean heart, and continue until we are filled with the Holy Spirit, until the Pentecostal blessing with all its implications of purity and power is worked out in us. Then, and only then, can we pray in believing prayer, "Lord, send a spontaneous revival in the power of the Spirit" in my church, and let it begin in me!"

**DISTRICT ACTIVITIES**

**Washington Pacific District**

Dr. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent, delivered outstanding messages on holiness and the state of the church, December 3 to 5, at the beautiful Ocean Shores Inn on the Washington Pacific District.

District Superintendent Bert Daniels reported gains in every department of the district, including our Thanksgiving offering.

Dr. John E. Riley, president of Northwest Nazarene College, gave three Bible lectures; Mrs. Riley spoke to the pastors' wives; and Mr. Elvin Hicks represented the Publishing House with a display of good books.

Sixty of the sixty-six pastors were present for the first service and stayed through to the close.

The district president Superintendent and Mrs. Daniels and the department heads with appropriate Christmas gifts at the closing meal.—Mark Smith, Reporter.

**THE LOCAL CHURCHES**

Evangelist Earl L. Sprowls writes: "I have open dates for this year, June 15 through July 4, and shall be glad to slate as the Lord may lead. Also I have an open date in January of 1966, which I'd like to slate on the Kansas City District, thus enabling me to attend the mid-quadrenniennial conference on evangelism. Write me, 1317 Lakeview Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan."

Rev. Robert O. Clark writes: "After our pastoring the Clinton church on the Akron District for a little more than three years God has led us to accept the call of the Columbusia church. The Lord blessed the Clinton church and our ministry with increase in finances and souls won to Christ. A new parsonage and fellowship hall were built during our pastorate.

McComb, Mississippi—We are now in our fifth year at First Church, and the Lord continues to bless. Our Sunday school average attendance is 217 for the first 8 months of the assembly year, and on November 1 we had 502 present in person. For the number of consecutive month our church has raised $100 per month for prayer and fasting. Last year 8 names were placed on the Memorial Roll, and already we have 6 for this year. God is blessing spiritually with souls praying through in the regular services. Our radio ministry covers a wide area of Mississippi and Louisiana, with 3 hours of broadcasting per week sponsored by McComb merchants. We appreciate the dedicated labors of District Superintendent Oliver and wife.—Don Ballard, Pastor.

Gould, Oklahoma—On last December 27 the Brownlow Church observed its golden anniversary, with two charter members present. We appreciated the many visitors who came—those who had at one time attended this church. Rev. C. B. Jarvis, son of one charter member, brought the morning message. The evening service was a blessing, with special music and singing, and messages by Carlos Haught, Rev. C. B. Jarvis, Rev. T. O. Parsons, and Rev. James Miranda. The Spirit of the Lord was manifest and all enjoyed the occasion.—Mrs. Addie Bailey, Reporter.

The Thomas Fowler Family Evangelistic Party report: "During the year of 1964, God blessed in giving us twenty-four two-week revivals, and fifteen one-night Gospel sings, with more than one thousand seekers. The last three revivals were in the Northwest, with meetings in First Church, Oregon City, Oregon; at Bellingham, Washington; and in Abbotsford, B.C., Canada. We thank the Lord for His blessings in giving nearly two hundred seekers to these three meetings, with some wonderful altar scenes. We spent the Christmas season with some wonderful friends in Canada. We have been called to conduct revival meetings in the Northwest for the entire fall of 1968. For open dates and cancellation, write us c/o our Publishing House, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City, Missouri 64141."

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Wouldn’t it be nice to have NEW HYMNALS for Easter?

Rev. Bernard P. Hertel reports: “After eight years as pastor of the Sun Valley Church, we moved as of last December 29 to our church at Sun Valley, California. God blessed us at Sun Valley, and we were instrumental in erecting a four-bedroom parsonage valued at $25,000, and were used of the Lord in bringing the church unit to its present completion, increasing property value $65,000 to the present $250,000 with a debt of only $12,500 on the church. Both membership and Sunday school were strengthened.”

Evangelist Bob Palmer writes: “I am now entering my seventh year in the field. It has been a joy to work with the pastors and people over the years. I have open time in March and April of this year, and will be glad to go as the Lord opens the door. Write me, 494 E. Perry Street, Tiffin, Ohio.”

Tacoma, Washington—A record Thanksgiving offering climaxed a unique weekend missionary rally at the Lake­wood Church. Sparked by Missionary Merrill Bennett of Okinawa, Lakewood Nazarenes brought in an offering of nearly $770 (last year the offering was $250). Brother Bennett spoke on Friday night, to a children’s rally Saturday afternoon, showed slides of Okinawa on Saturday night, and preached again on Sunday morning. The church choir, under the direction of Bill McCaslin, presented a missionary cantata on Sunday night. Booths representing six world areas were set up in the multipurpose room, under the direction of the N.W. M.S. president, with items displayed by church families including many former servicemen.—Clark H. Lewis, Pastor.

Pastor J. Donald Freese reports from Flint, Michigan: ‘First Church enjoyed an outstanding Youth Week revival in January, with Evangelist James Grabtree and Singer James Bohi. Average attendance was 165; seekers at the altar in but two services, and on Sunday both services witnessed overflow altar scenes. We give God praise.”

Ironston, Ohio—First Church celebrated its golden anniversary, November 20 to 22, 1964, with Dr. Edward Lawlor, executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism, and District Superintendent H. S. Galloway as the guest speakers. Their messages were timely and challenging. Mabel Lynch was the guest soloist and choir director. Ironston First Church was organized November 4, 1914, by Rev. N. B. Herrell, superintendent of the Pittsburgh District. During these fifty years the church has made splendid progress; our facilities will now accommodate 550. Church membership is 372, Sunday school enrollment 741, with last year’s average attendance 389. During this celebration we received over $2,600 in the Thanksgiving offering. Under the leadership of Rev. J. Donald Carrico—now in his eighth year as our pastor—a new educational building and a new parsonage have been erected.—Reporter.

Mrs. Benedum, wife of Rev. O. L. Benedum, retired district superintendent, died January 9. The home address is 138 Oak Street, S.E., Massillon, Ohio.

Rev. C. W. Brockmuller writes: “God has been good to us and we give Him praise. Recently we resigned our pastorate of First Church, Ogden, Utah, to reenter the evangelist field. The Lord blessed our ministry with the good folk at Ogden, giving a good increase and His blessings in the regular services. I will be traveling in the field alone part of the time, and sometimes Wife will be with me. We will be using the large Revival wagon, with color slides of my trip abroad, and preaching. We will go as the doors are open, for weekend holiness meetings, revivals, camps, and/or children’s meetings. Write us, 555 Greenleaf Avenue, Nampa, Idaho.”

“SHOWERS of BLESSING” Program Schedule

February 21—“What Must I Do to Be Saved?” by Russell V. DeLong

February 28—“What Money Cannot Buy,” by Russell V. DeLong

March 7—“Joyless Pleasure,” by Russell V. DeLong

THE BIBLE LESSON

By Brian L. Farmer

Topic for February 21: Who Do You Say That I Am?

Scripture: Matthew 16

Printed: Matthew 16:13-26

Golden Text: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me (Matthew 16:24).

One thing the disciples could not swallow was that a man could be both the Christ and the suffering Jesus. To them, one concept outruled the other. “Jesus, the Christ” was a contradiction in terms.

The Jews never thought of the Messiah “bearing shame and scoffing ridicule in my place condemned.” The Christ to them would come in pomp and power. Guileless Nathanael asked, “Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?” (John 1:46), let alone the Christ of God? It was the same prevalent attitude which prompted Jesus both to commend Peter for his confession that He (Jesus) was the Christ, and to condemn him (Peter) when he refused to accept the concept of a suffering and dying Messiah.

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The idea of “Jesus, the Christ” presents quite a problem to the disciple. Moreover, there was this saying of Jesus that to be one of His followers a person must accept the same self-denial and the same cross as He. It took the disciple some little time to come to terms with this idea, too. They wanted to conquer, but they did not particularly want to stoop to conquer. Eventually, however, they did just that; they became the world’s downtrodden to become the world’s uplifters.

There are those today who would flinch from the discipline to which He calls: the self-denial and the cross. In reality, there are the most ennobling thoughts in all the Bible. We are called not only to a fellowship with Christ, but to use Paul’s phrase, to a fellowship of his sufferings. No superficial fellowship this. It is not that He entrusts us only with the unimportant tasks as junior partners. When He suffered, He was suffering for the world’s redemption, and it is to have a part in this victorious suffering that the Christian is invited.

No fair-minded person may ever make the charge that the religion of Jesus is effeminate; for to be a true follower of Jesus, the Christ, a person must stiffen his sinews, master his passions, and it will take all the grit that he can muster.

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Announcements

RECOMMENDATION
—Mr. Ronald L. Loth has elected to enter the field of evangelism in the near future. He plans to give full time to the work. He is a commissioned minister of music in our district, and I consider it a privilege to recommend him highly to our church. His address, 339 East St., Long Branch, Calif. —Nicholas A. Hull, Superintendent of Southern California District.

BORN
—to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson of Fairview, Pennsylvania, a son, Ricky Alan, on January 7.
—Jerry and Beulah (McFarland) Wells of North Judson, Indiana, a daughter, Rhonda Lynne, on January 5.
—to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stoner of Bradley, Illinois, a daughter, Linda Marie, on January 2.
—to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayse of Bourbonnais, Illinois, a son, Mark Alan, on December 29.
—to Mr. and Mrs. William Cole of Bourbonnais, Illinois, a daughter, Lori Lynne, on December 24.
—to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hayes of Bourbonnais, Illinois, a daughter, Lisa Kay, on December 24.
—Professor and Mrs. Rockwell Bran of Bradley, Illinois, a daughter, Stephanie Ann, on November 29.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED
by a Nazarene friend in Virginia “for two of our trustees who have been sick for over six months” also that “God’s will may be done in my life and that He will give us wisdom at this time”;
—by two radio listeners—young woman for herself and two friends who are seeking for spiritual help, and a Spanish listener from South America for God’s help in present difficulties;
—by a reader for a friend in Nebraska where there is much trouble and strife in the church, that God may undertake in the entire situation.

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Will you please send me the interpretation of John 3:16 as given in the original Greek?

There doesn’t seem to be any serious problems in translating John 3:16. I give you the literal English translation of Alfred Marshall, based on the Nestle Greek text:

“For thus God loved the world, so as the Son only begotten he gave, that everyone believing in him may not perish but may have life eternal.”

There may be two points where a word of comment would be in order. The term translated “so loved” or as Marshall translates, “thus loved,” carries more than the idea of “loved so much.” It means “loved in this way.”

Then the term translated “believing” is in the present tense. Those who do not perish but “are having eternal life” (also in the present tense) are those who “are believing.”

It is not believing once and for all that saves. It is a definite, constant, and present trust which brings eternal life. The promise is to those who begin to believe and keep on believing, not to those who once believe and afterward turn away in disobedience.

Do you believe when Jesus Christ returns to take His bride, the Church, that you will see Him on television? I recently heard a minister say he expected to see Christ on TV when He returns, and this has puzzled me.

It doesn’t sound scriptural.

Nor is it scriptural. When Jesus Christ returns to take His bride, the Church, I expect to see Him face-to-face, and to be like Him when I shall see Him as He is (1 John 3:1-3). I do not think that a television screens will be used.

Did the Holy Ghost abide in the Tabernacle in the wilderness in the holy of holies?

There is no specific reference to the Spirit of God abiding in the holy of holies. However, the glory of the Lord which filled the Tabernacle centered in the holy of holies with its ark and mercy seat.

In the New Testament, the glory of God was often visible in the tabernacle

Please tell us when a minister is qualified to use the title “Reverend” in front of his name. Is it correct procedure to use it before being ordained?

Some of us are in disagreement on this.

I have no wish to get into the middle of a private argument. “Reverend” is an honorary title that distinguishes its bearer as a minister of the gospel. So far as I know, there are no legal or technical limitations on its use. In the context of our church order, I would say that a licensed minister is fully entitled to use the designation before he is ordained if he is serving as the pastor of a church, or is in active gospel ministry.

Since ordination is for life, barring some disqualification, an ordained person could be known as “Reverend” even after retirement.

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General Board News Coverage

The Nazarene Information Service reports unusually fine coverage in the news media for the General Board meeting last month. The prospect of two new junior colleges and a new Bible school received attention, as well as the missionary giving of the church.

Director O. Joe Olson reports that the Associated Press carried a staff-written story of $50 words on its A wire from coast to coast, making it available to all major U.S. newspapers.

Missionary Society Project

The Nazarene World Missionary Society, Miss Mary Scott, executive secretary, secured permission from the General Board in January to raise $50,000 for a Literature Foundation Fund for Africa to be named in honor of Mrs. Louise Chapman, former president of the society. Plans are to be announced.—N.I.S.

Missionary Robbed and Repaid

Rev. George Atkins, missionary from Bolivia attending meetings of the General Board in Kansas City last month, was robbed of $280 from a check he had just cashed for expenses until he and his wife returned to the field.

When the loss was reported to the General Board, an offering was taken for the missionary's loss. A total of $435 was received in two new junior colleges and a new Bible college in Winnipeg.—N.I.S.

Property in Winnipeg

The Nazarene Publishing House has purchased eight acres of land adjoining the property of Canadian Nazarene College in Winnipeg.—N.I.S.

Miller for Investments

Dr. Norman O. Miller, executive of the General Board to the Investment Committee at Kansas City. He also will serve on the employees' investment trust in a position made vacant by the death of Dr. S. T. Ludwig.—N.I.S.

Messers Recovering from Accident

I. C. and Ruth Messer, song evangelists, are reported making recovery after a serious automobile accident in December. The accident occurred in Glendora, California, where they reside.

Church on a Gold Mine?

The Church of the Nazarene in Burlington, North Carolina, has purchased a site for a new church where a gold mine once was located. Shortly after the turn of the century a shaft was sunk on the site but the work was given up later as impractical. Rev. Dennis Wyrick is the pastor.—N.I.S.

Canadian Minister to Association Post

Rev. T. W. Thomas was recently elected president of the Ministers' Fraternal of Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada.

In Indiana Legislature

Gene Snowden, active layman in First Church of the Nazarene in Huntington, Indiana, is a member of the state legislature. He is a Republican. An insurance salesman, Mr. Snowden is a member of the church board and a teacher in the Sunday school.—N.I.S.

Salter for Hodges

Marlow Salter, assistant to the General Secretary, is in charge of transportation and is office manager. He succeeds R. R. Hodges, who has become archivist on a part-time basis. Salter formerly was pastor in Houston, Texas, and came to Nazarene headquarters to assist Dr. V. H. Lewis in Evangelism in 1960. Hodges is a widely known Nazarene layman and was honored at Portland for nearly fifty years of service to the church.—N.I.S.

Nazarene Laymen's Day

The first general meeting of Nazarene laymen, scheduled for August 23-28, in 1966, will be at the Diplomat Hotel, near Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The committee in charge includes: Gordon T. Olsen, chairman; and John L. Stockton, treasurer. The six general superintendents will be on the program, according to Edward Lawlor, evangelism secretary, who is arranging the event.—N.I.S.

Al Loeber Home

Albert O. Loeber, superintendent of the South Dakota District, is at home in Mitchell, South Dakota, recuperating from injuries received last December 17 in a car crash. Rev. James Ranum, Mitchell church pastor, also injured at the time, is still hospitalized in Omaha.—N.I.S.

Retirement Age at Sixty-five

The General Board has voted that employees of the General Board shall be sixty-five "unless otherwise provided." The General Board reserved the privilege of continuing the contract of a person who has reached sixty-five, on a yearly basis, with the agreement of the individual involved.—N.I.S.

Trevecca Receives Library Grant

Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tennessee, has been awarded a $450 library grant by the Association of College and Research Libraries, college officials announced last month. The grant will be used to supply the library with bound copies of periodicals. Only 162 grants were made by the Association out of 547 applications received. The Trevecca grant is the first such gift received by the college.

Salvation Army Launches 1965 Centennial

New York (EP) — The Salvation Army, which preaches the gospel in 147 languages in 71 areas of the world, has launched year-long observances marking its 100th anniversary.

In the U.S., the Army has inaugurated a national Centennial Evangelistic Crusade to be conducted in 1,117 Salvation Army religious centers. Its theme is "Christ for the World," announcing the crusade here, Com. William Davidson, head of the Army's 11-state Eastern Territory, said the evangelistic campaign has 8 objectives. He cited these as "salvation of the lost through increased evangelism, sanctification of the believer through the teaching of scriptural holiness, and service opportunities for Army soldiers [members] and officers."

Baptist Clergymen Recommend Curbs on "Quickie" Marriages

NOMAN PARK, GA. (EP) — Baptist ministers unanimously approved here proposals to eliminate "quickie" marriages in this state.

At the quarterly meeting of the Southwestern Georgia Baptist Pastors' Conference on the Noman College campus, the clergymen recommended:
1. A three-day waiting period for marriages, with no exceptions even for an emergency or "extraordinary circumstances."
2. Requirement of consent of both parents when either girl or boy is under nineteen.
3. A regulation that no license be issued on Sunday or at any place other than the official bureau.

The recommendations were outlined to forty-four ministers by a Nahunta, Georgia, physician, Dr. J. L. Walker.

1964 World Population: 3.3 Billion

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MNS) — By 1980 the world's population is expected to number 4.3 billion, according to a release by the Population Reference Bureau here. The projection is based on the current population figure of 3.3 billion and the present rate of increase.

Each year the world total is now increasing by some 65 million people, enough to populate a new nation larger than West Germany.

Latin America is expected to have the largest proportional gain between 1964 and 1980, 58 percent. The populations of North America and Latin America were each about 200 million in 1960. As projected by the Bureau, by 1980 Latin America's 574 million people will exceed North America's total by over 100 million.
Central Church, Flint, Michigan, provides approximately 25,000 square feet of floor space, with a lovely chapel, fellowship hall, and classrooms for a Sunday school of at least 500. The sanctuary seats 450 adequately. The average attendance for the last twelve weeks stands at 335. Rev. W. E. Varian is the pastor.

Dr. D. S. Somerville, superintendent of the Eastern Kentucky District, presents a check to Rev. and Mrs. Jackson D. Phillips while Mrs. Somerville looks on. The Phillipses are missionary appointees to the Republic of South Africa, scheduled to sail February 26. The occasion was the completion of a district tour. The Somervilles have accompanied the missionaries on every tour since he became superintendent in 1951. Mrs. Somerville is district N.W.M.S. president and a member of the General Council.

Interior of the sanctuary recently dedicated by General Superintendent George Coulter at Omaha, Nebraska, First Church. The property is valued at approximately $250,000. Prior to dedication, the members of the church contacted approximately four thousand homes in the area with the special issue of the "Herald of Holiness." Thirty unchurched families were listed as good prospects. Rev. William G. Ardrey is the pastor.

The one hundredth baby enrolled in the Cradle Roll drive of the Maywood, California, church is honored with a special certificate presented by Pastor Howard Wolf. Baby David Melvyn, son of Dana and Melvyn Britten, is presented for the occasion by his mother, with Cradle Roll Supervisors Mrs. Berniece Jolley, left, and Mrs. Gladys Quigley, right, looking on. The Maywood church membership is now 174, with an average Sunday school attendance of 237 for 1964.

New Lexington, Ohio, church and parsonage, on which the mortgages were recently burned with Dr. Harvey Galloway, superintendent of the Central Ohio District, presiding. The church also scheduled a "homecoming" day with former pastors George McCorkle and A. E. Pusey as guest speakers. Rev. James Honaker was pastor at the time the church indebtedness was liquidated. Rev. Franklin M. Dunkle is the present pastor.
Dedication, love, service, loyalty are foreign terms to many talented employees working for secular institutions. For them, it is “How much can I make?” “What are the fringe benefits?” “Is there a retirement plan?”

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