THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day was first observed by our Pilgrim fathers in the fall of 1621 when Governor William Bradford, of Plymouth Colony, appointed a day for feasting and thanksgiving to celebrate a year of bountiful harvest. Through the years it has become a special day for expression of gratitude for national as well as personal blessings.

Genuine thanksgiving is enjoined in the Word of God. The psalms abound with admonitions to “sing praises to God” (Psalms 9:11), and to “enter into his gates with thanksgiving” (Psalms 100:4). Paul gives the New Testament concept in I Thessalonians 5:18, “In every thing give thanks.” It would be good for us all to follow this scriptural advice and make this Thanksgiving Day a time of sincere thanksgiving to God and recounting our blessings.

A genuine expression of thanksgiving requires a threefold reflection: retrospective, introspective, and prospective.

As we pause for a look into our past, we must express true gratitude for our heritage. We owe a debt to all those who in our past history struggled to build a nation upon the principles of democracy and Christianity. Our reflection should include both our national and religious heritage, for they are linked together in our past. What a priceless heritage we have in both state and church!

Our introspective reflection will include, for the most of us, a deep appreciation for our spiritual heritage and the abiding insights which have so greatly improved our Christian living through growth in the graces of Christian love. We have such abundant sources of spiritual information through the ministries of the Church. We have such a great educational heritage in the Church.

As we take a prospective look, we have to consider the obligations of our heritage. This provokes a question. What may I contribute to the preservation of our historic way of life? As Christians we also must consider the question, What is my obligation to the great spiritual heritage I am enjoying? We may adequately answer the first by becoming personal examples of the high qualities of good citizenship and Christian character established by our founding fathers. Those in our beloved Zion may answer the second in a great expression of love through the Thanksgiving Offering for the furtherance of the gospel of Christ in a frustrated world.
THERE IS AN AFRICAN PROVERB which says, "When the thorn goes into the toe, the whole body stoops to pick it out." The entire church feels it when someone falls away from its fellowship. As Paul puts it, "If one member suffers, all suffer together" (1 Corinthians 12:26, RSV).

Galatians 6:1-3 tells us what we should do when spiritual tragedy strikes our Christian brother: "Dear brothers, if a Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help him back onto the right path, remembering that next time it might be one of you who is in the wrong. Share each other's troubles and problems, and so obey our Lord's command. If anyone thinks he is too great to stoop to this, he is fooling himself. He is really a nobody" (The Living Bible).*

The Greek word translated "fault" in Galatians 6:1 in the KJV is used 23 times in the New Testament and is translated "fault" two times. In most references it is translated "offence" or "trespass." This passage, therefore, refers to a serious departure from the Christian way. We do not have to agree with the offender or approve the offense.

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There is a middle ground between laxity and legalistic severity.

When we react to a fallen brother with criticism, censoriousness, harshness, and self-righteous withdrawal instead of stooping down to help him back on his feet, we drive him farther from the fold.

In most cases, however, we just remain silent and "mind our own business" when a brother sins. This fails to measure up to the divine admonition in Galatians 6:1-3. The right kind of involvement is necessary. We can either restore or estrange the person according to how we act toward him—or fail to act.

When we do not follow God's Word on matters such as this, the church becomes smaller and is the loser. The future usefulness of the fallen person is lost. To say that one who falls can never again be of any use in the church is to ignore examples such as David and Jonah, who sinned and were restored and afterward used of God to win souls.

To justify extreme justice and unrelenting disciplinary action, some refer to Paul's command to the Corinthian church to "put him out of your church" and "don't even eat lunch with such a person" (1 Corinthians 5:11b and 13b, The Living Bible). However, later he said, "Forgive him and..."
comfort him” and “show him now that you still do love him very much” (II Corinthians 2:7-8). This shows us that discipline should be reasonable and redemptive. The goal is to correct the evil and bring the man to repentance.

The Lord has promised a second chance to any backslider who will repent and turn to Him. Peter fell so low as to deny the Lord three times, yet the Lord effectively used him after he repented. He became the key evangelist on the Day of Pentecost. Jesus’ tenderness and love brought him back! Christ’s attitude toward Peter is an example to each of us.

If we do not help in our brother’s restoration to the limits of our ability, we are leaving him to be bound over to the world and the devil, and thus helping see to it that he is forever lost. In wrath against sin, let us not forget mercy.

God is “not willing that any should perish” (II Peter 3:9). This applies to our fallen brother. Jesus has given unto each of us the noble ministry of reconciliation in helping to restore the fallen to their place of Christian service and influence.

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**FOR LITTLE THINGS**

**I do not wait for some event**  
Of thrilling magnitude  
To sing my humble songs of praise,  
To tell my gratitude;  
For on life’s common, humdrum road,  
Great happenings are few—  
While every day brings some small joy  
To cheer my heart anew.

And so I thank Thee, God, today,  
Because my neighbor smiled  
And called a cheery greeting;  
For joy I gave a child.

I thank Thee that the bread I baked  
Was feathery and light;  
I thank Thee for the little patch  
Of stars I see at night,  
And, oh, how glad I am for home!  
The privilege to be  
The queen of all my little realm,  
Behind my love-turned key!  
For countless daily blessings, Lord,  
My glad heart sings and sings!  
For all life’s wondrous happenings—  
But more for little things.

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THE BLISS OF CONTENTMENT

By Eva J. Cummings, Lincoln, Neb.

O N MY WAY HOME after a hectic day in the business world, they caught my attention! Three very young preschoolers sitting on the porch of an obviously older home in a very modest neighborhood, playing and singing at the top of their voices, "Old MacDonald Had a Farm!"

Two members of this charming trio had little toy guitars which were near-perfect replicas of the real thing. But it was the third little fellow who intrigued me most. He was playing and singing with every bit as much enthusiasm and enjoyment as the other two as he strummed across the strings of a tennis racket!

Now everyone knows that the normal reaction of most three- or four-year-olds to toys is a tantrum until they get the real thing. But it was the third little fellow who captured my attention. He was sitting on the porch with a guitar as good as the others had. Or go off in a corner to cry and to sulk, refusing to join in the fun because he didn't have everything his peers enjoyed.

To me this happy little boy personified the very essence of one of the most missing ingredients of our affluent society. Perhaps there is nothing more grievous to the loving heart of God than when He looks in vain for the quality of contentment and gratitude in the hearts of those upon whom He has lavished His blessings.

Most of us would find it most difficult to spend even five minutes in prayer if we were to eliminate from our praying such petitions as "give," "bless," or "help." Our prayers are lopsided with asking because we have never learned to pray with thanksgiving. Does not this reveal how ungrateful we are?

Ingratitude is one of the sins most prevalent among professing Christians. Let us not deceive ourselves into thinking that it is not sin. The Word of God commands us to be thankful, to be content, to praise, and even to pray with thanksgiving. To disregard these divine imperatives constitutes disobedience which can be termed nothing less than sin.

Cultivating desires which can never quite be satisfied or which demand equality of success, recognition, or possessions which others may enjoy is a sure way of insuring a life of perpetual discontent. It further insures that there will never be enough resources to be able to share with God or others. What a miserable way of life we create for ourselves when we choose to live by such ideals!

Thank you, Little One, for the wonderful lesson you taught today.

I may be one of those who must strum a tennis racket. (To me that may mean driving a car that has already passed its tenth anniversary; living in an older and less modern home than some enjoy; or making last year's wardrobe do for another year or two or three or four. It may mean I'll never own a boat or a trailer or travel abroad to see this big, wonderful world.)

But by the grace of God, strumming a tennis racket while others play guitars will never quench the song of thanksgiving in my heart nor silence the expression of praise on my lips.

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together" (Psalms 34:1-3).
I THESSALONIANS 5:18 gives a rather terse bit of advice. No, not advice, but a command. The verse reads, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Now that seems like a rather pleasant injunction, doesn’t it? I get $5.00 from an unexpected source for an emergency and my grateful heart rushes to do this verse’s bidding. All is smooth and "the medicine’’ goes down.

Up until a certain incident in my life I never had a scrap of trouble with that verse.

Five years ago I had surgery for cancer. Surgery on my neck which left an unsightly scar. Oh, how I hated that scar! I could praise God for healing the cancer through medical treatment and research, but I never accepted that scar.

I did everything and anything to cover it up. In sweltering heat I wore turtleneck sweaters. If my shirt was open at the collar I wore a scarf. If I bought a dress or suit, it had to have a high-necked
collar. I would look into the mirror and there it would be—red, angry, obvious for all to see. (Only I wasn't going to let 'em if I could help it!)

But do you know what was really showing? My attitude. And you can't buy a cover-up for a red, angry, prominently obvious attitude.

If anyone had told me then that my attitude was wrong, I wouldn't have believed him. Consequently when a dear friend gently informed me that my attitude was wrong, I angrily defended myself. But she wouldn't back down.

Gently she persisted. "Your reaction is one of rebellion, Kathy. You are arguing with God. That scar is part of His plan for your life and His glory, and you are crying, 'Foul.'"

Even in my anger I knew she was right, because when I had entered the hospital five years before, God gave both me and my husband, at separate times, a wonderful verse of assurance from Romans: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (8:28). If that was true, then my scar came under the all-encompassing "all things" that were working for my good.

As my friend and I read the verse from I Thessalonians together, I discovered in myself a longing to submit this situation to God by means of thanksgiving. I was weary from the battle, and later as I thanked God for my scar, a sense of relief came over me.

Suddenly, a whole new world of discovery opened before me. A grand awareness of God's sovereignty in my life gave my Bible reading and prayers an aliveness they hadn't had before. I began to see God's hand in every area of my being, gently pressing me to himself.

It came to me that nothing, absolutely nothing, could come into my life unless God permitted it. I was His dearly beloved child. He my Father. I could thank Him for everything, even if to me it looked bleak, terrifying, and destructive.

Is this some new concept? Hardly. Job faced it many years ago. When he lost all things, did he rush to prayer meeting and moan, "Satan is giving me a rough time. Pray for me"? No, indeed! He said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21).

Blessed be the name of the Lord! Listen to him! He's praising God in those tragedies. Then later we see him covered from head to toe with boils. His wife bids him curse God and die. I think she felt there would be some respite in death from his present agony. What does Job say? "I'll hang on a bit longer. This can't last forever"? No! "Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips" (Job 2:10).

When we give thanks to God in everything, we are agreeing with Him that His plan for our lives is right. We find ourselves able to submit to His will. God tells us to give thanks, not feel thankful. Sometimes I have given thanks when my emotions called me a liar. That's all right. I find that if I obey God's command He takes care of my wilfully emotions.

Let me share this final incident in closing. Last week I went to a banquet with my friend. It was a hot evening and I wore a dress that actually allowed my scar to show.

We went into the ladies' room to freshen up, and as I looked into the mirror I commented, "You know, I can hardly see that scar. It blends in quite well with my skin. It must have changed."

Pat looked at me with a grin and remarked, "I don't think your scar has changed, but your heart has."

**PEN POINTS**

THE LAW OF MEASURED RETURN

Is God doing for you all He can do? A surprising question, and here is the surprising answer: Yes, God is doing for you all He can do!

But why are the windows of blessing closed? Others seem to feel and see more miracles than I do.

Think about it for a while, and as you do, consider what my father used to call "The Law of Measured Return"—

"And with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again" (Matthew 7:2). In Mark 4:24 the same truth seems a bit less negative . . . let's make it positive . . . for simply stated it means that God gives as we give, in the same measure. It means I can somewhat predict the flow of His blessing to me by the measure that I share blessings with others.

Do you want to revel in His love? Be overwhelmed by the sweetness of His love? Then love others. Show your love. Love without restraint. Lose yourself in loving another. And as you give, you'll be full of His love.

Have the wells of joy dried? Then make someone else happy. Find a way to bring joy to the lonely one. Bring a song of hope and love; mix it with good laughter; and leave a happy prayer.

Soon your heart will be singing.

Is the battle of faith going hard? Share what you have with others. Tell them how your faith has sustained you. Show them the promises of God. As you give faith, you will have more. As you see what hope does for the one who is down, you are lifted.

For—

A bell is a bell if you ring it.

A song is a song when you sing it.

Love is love when you give it.

—Paul Martin

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The desire for acceptance and approval is normal and right. There is nothing wrong with trying to "save face" unless we forget that God's approval is also involved.

Does God smile upon my attitudes, my actions, my words, and my spirit? That is the crucial test for a Christian.

A humble, Christlike spirit frees a person from defensiveness and lubricates human relationships.

I remember one of the first General Assembly sessions that Dr. J. B. Chapman presided over. Someone challenged him over a matter of parliamentary procedure. He seemed a little unsure of himself but time was running out anyway and the session was adjourned.

In the afternoon meeting, Dr. Chapman eased the tension by a gracious admission, "I guess we made a mistake this morning, so it looks like we need to undo what we did and start over."

Then he came through with one of those classic, philosophical Chapmansisms and everybody laughed. "I made a mistake just so today would not be too different from yesterday and the day before." Passing it off as a joke saved all the argument.

The Apostle Paul had a serious difference with his co-worker Barnabas, and then several years later admitted that he had been wrong.

It was over John Mark. Mark had left them when they were in Pamphylia, and Paul insisted that he be dropped from the team. The contention was so sharp that Paul took Silas as his co-worker, and Barnabas took John Mark. They split up.

Paul had strong convictions. He evidently felt that dropping Mark was necessary because "the good of the cause was at stake." He felt that it was too risky to have someone on the team who had once broken down under pressure.

Or it might have been that "it was the principle of the thing" that was bothering Paul. Mark had given his word and then failed to keep it. He had forfeited Paul's confidence and Paul said, "I've had enough."

But Paul was big enough to admit that he had been wrong when it became evident that he had misjudged Mark. Writing to Timothy many years later he said, "Bring Mark with you when you come, for he is profitable unto me."

It may be that Paul changed his mind because he had had more time to think. All of us have the temptation of being too hasty in our judgments. Time has a way of bringing out hidden worth—and also of revealing hidden weaknesses. Time is a factor in healing wounds. Paul had spent some time in jail, and that gives a man time to think.

Then evidently Paul had a premonition of his approaching death. I have observed during these long years of being a pastor that there is a softening process that goes on when a person knows the end is drawing closer. As my very dear friend Rev. Donnell J. Smith said to me in the last year of his life, "Fletcher, when a man knows that he is staring death in the face, things that used to look big and important do not look very big anymore, and some things that did not seem very important are all-important."

It may be that in his loneliness Paul appreciated Christian love and fellowship more than ever and came to realize that one Christian friendship was too sacred to lose. Broken fellowship between Christians is a tragedy, a travesty.

Isn't it good that Paul, who gave us such a large part of the New Testament, and Mark, who wrote one of the four Gospels, got together before it was too late? There was never any carnal ill will between them, but there is a vast difference between just trying to maintain a proper forbearance because it is expected of us and the beautiful glow of a warmhearted love and friendship in Christ.

If I understand it right, there will be no segregation in heaven, and I want to be sure I am on good terms with the whole family before I get there.
THANKSGIVING

The garner filled with wheat,
The fruit of trees bowed low,
The shelves with things to eat,
The jars filled row on row;
Harvest of sheltered year—
Cry out with voices raised
The song of thanks and cheer,
“Let God alone be praised.”

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THANK YOU

Thank You for the springtime,
And the soft, warm rain;
Thank You for the healing balm
That takes away our pain.

Thank You for the summertime,
For flowers that bloom so sweet;
Thank You for the words of life
And for our daily meat.

Thank You for the autumn time,
When leaves turn golden brown,
And for the promise that You gave
That we would wear a crown.

Thank You for the wintertime,
For snowflakes pure and white;
For Jesus Christ, who died for us,
And for Thy holy light.

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Charlotte, Mich.

PRAYER

P—Prepare your heart;
R—Release your thoughts;
A—Answer His call;
Y—Yield your spirit;
E—Escape earthly things;
R—Realign your life.
"don’t say, ‘WHY?’ mom"

The funeral director failed to muffle the final click as he closed the casket lid. But the snap of the lock was not an eternal seal for Audrey Curts. Christ had no better champion of the Christian faith than this 33-year-old mother.

Her tragedies read like the entire file of a social caseworker. Rheumatic fever, diabetes, multiple miscarriages, a daughter born with cerebral palsy, a marriage that ended on the rocks, and finally, blindness.

"Most people are surprised when I say I’m happy," she told a reporter a few months before her death. There was indeed a radiance that defied the facts. According to Audrey, this had not always been the case.

"When things really seemed to be piling up, I was bitter—really bitter. Then I noticed some relatives who were having their serious problems too but never seemed to be shaken. I could tell they were going on something I didn’t have. I think I was envious of them." She smiled.

Audrey plunged into Bible study and prayer groups and felt a spiritual awakening and a hunger to know more about the Lord by a personal experience.

"My minister came to see me a few days after I had finally lost my sight completely. He read the scriptures about Christ standing at the door knocking. He told me if I would open the door Christ would come into my heart."

Audrey did open her heart wide and Christ came in as the minister had promised.

While she gained strength spiritually, she was losing her grip on life. Some would pity her and be rebuked—like the morning she was being led to a pew in her church. Audrey sensed the hush as she took her seat. Her testimony that day formed the title and theme of a lovely ballad composed by her friend, Janice Evans:

\[ \text{Though the sight from my eyes has been taken—} \\
\text{Don’t you ever say that I sit in darkness,} \\
\text{For the light of my Saviour is mine.} \]

Her courageous spirit sparked a request for a personal testimony over radio station WTGN, Lima, Ohio. She told Interviewer Ron Miles, "My friends are praying for a miracle because the doctors have told me my kidney problem will be fatal. I told them God has already performed the greatest miracle—He saved me. Healing and my sight are secondary. I know I’ll see again, and when I do see, I’ll see the Master’s face."

"Then," Audrey added, "I had been praying for Dad for the several months since I was saved. The other day when I came home from the hospital again, Dad received the Lord. There is another miracle for you." She smiled.

Ron Miles interrupted. "This is a most incredible testimony. I only wish we were on TV, so our listeners could see your radiant face. To be able to stare at death and be this happy—it’s unbelievable."

The lives she touched will never be the same again. A roommate at the Van Wert County Hospital wrote: "As soon as I got home from the hospital, I talked with my minister. I thought I was a Christian for years but you made me see the vast difference between being a Christian so-called and living a Christian life."
Another lady, Mrs. Neva L. Yoh, shared a hospital room for only two days. Following the funeral, she wrote to Audrey’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wolford, of Spencerville, Ohio:

“I met an angel! Her name was Audrey Curtz. Though she faced death, every meal she prayed over food she could not see: ‘LORD, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER DAY IN WHICH I CAN BE A WITNESS FOR YOU. BLESS THIS FOOD AND ACCEPT MY THANKS.’ Yes, I met a real, live angel.”

Many felt that to be near Audrey was a rare privilege. A nurse at a nursing home where Audrey awaited the death angel asked to stay through the night.

“I don’t want any pay,” she begged. “Just let me do this for Audrey.” A letter to Audrey’s parents later may have given indication of the reason. “ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS TO TOUCH HER AND YOU KNEW SHE WAS OF GOD.”

Death came mercifully after hours of final anguish. She had known a month earlier what it would be like. She had drawn her nine-year-old palsied daughter Julie to her bedside.

“Julie, Mommy is very sick. I’m going to the hospital and then I am going to live with Jesus. Mommy has made some nice plans for you. You will be living with your daddy and there will be other children to play with.” Audrey didn’t break down. She was an evangelist and this one case was very special to her.

“Julie, if you will be a real good girl and love Jesus and live for Him, we can be together again and be well and very happy. Would you like that, Julie?” The little girl giggled her approval. She would never see her mother again until she kept that appointment in heaven.

The funeral service was a time of praise. Among other selections, the soloist sang “How Great Thou Art,” and no doubt Audrey’s mother began to understand something her daughter had said when doom was pronounced. “Don’t say, ‘Why?’” Mom. Just thank Him.”

In a real sense the funeral was only the benediction. Audrey had preached from the throes of life a message of comfort to all who mourned that day. Her testimony lingered in the chapel like the hope of Easter: “I know that when I take my last breath, Jesus is going to meet me, take my hand, and lead me home.”

**Perspective**

**Comments on Daily Christian Living**

**“Priests” to One Another!**

Martin Luther’s doctrine of the priesthood of believers usually is taken to mean that every man had direct access to God through Christ without human intervention. It is true that every man must deal with God personally, and that no professional class of men is necessary for the divine-human encounter.

However, Luther’s meaning is much more profound. He was affirming that Christ’s disciples are to be “priests,” literally, “Christ’s to one another.”

One who by grace has been made a priest (Revelation 1:5-6), a minister of reconciliation who stands “in Christ’s stead” (11 Corinthians 5:18, 20) may by his very presence evoke from another a confession which can occasion genuine healing. To fulfill this priestly role, one must first make his own confession of sin to God. But certain other prerequisites are also needed.

1. **One must realize by experience the necessity of confession.** Confession is necessary because man has to “live with himself.” The burden of concealment and deception is too grievous to bear, and eventually man breaks under it in one way or another.

To live a lie is so contrary to human nature that man’s personal integrity cannot long tolerate it, and he either confesses or disintegrates in neurotic evasion and despair. Failure to confess destroys the fibers of the soul.

2. **One must appreciate the value of confession.** The cleansing of secret emotions—“catharsis,” as the Greeks called it—is made possible by confession, for it serves to purge psychic concealment which isolates one from his fellows, and enables him to live openly with others.

3. **One must grasp the meaning of confession.** Genuine confession maintains a healthy balance between apathy and over-anxiety. The former leads to irresponsibility; the latter, to neurosis.

4. **One must refuse to condemn, always seeking to understand with sympathetic heart, and never breaking the confidence of another.**

5. **One must acknowledge that forgiveness and reconciliation are the work of the Heavenly Father, who is anxious to restore and heal broken spirits and relationships.** Yet man may become the means of offering the healing of forgiving love. The “priest” does more than speak for God. He actually embodies Christ’s forgiveness to the penitent.

Where two persons meet in the name of Christ, with true confession and acceptance, there is the Great High Priest also (Matthew 18:20).
A TREMENDOUS EVANGELISTIC EFFORT is being projected by over 100 religious groups and organizations in America and Canada. It will be launched during 1973 and known as Key 73.

How did the name Key 73 become attached to this endeavor? The answer is simple. The first meeting of concerned churchmen to consider an overall thrust in evangelism in North America took place in 1967 near the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Arlington, Va. Why “73”? Because the original planners felt that at least six years of preparation would be necessary.

Key 73 calls for a gigantic offensive aimed at challenging every person in North America with the claims of Jesus Christ.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PEOPLE IN THE PEWS

The leaders of Key 73 immediately recognized that this great evangelistic effort could succeed only if people in the pews become deeply committed to its goals. These are the people whom Hendrik Kraemer refers to as the “frozen credits” of the Church. More than 99 percent of the world’s Christians are in this category. No massive movement in evangelism can be undertaken without their involvement and cooperation. They are one of the greatest untapped spiritual resources.

I sometimes think that ministers are inclined to underestimate the faith and commitment of Christians in the pews. Dr. Victor Nelson mentioned to me that people in the pews have not given up on God—they are just sick of all the Mickey Mouse stuff that goes on in the name of Christianity. I heartily agree. Thousands of Christians are ready now to share in a ministry of seeking and saving the lost.

Key 73 carries the vision of every unchurched family in North America being visited by someone who comes with loving concern to share his faith in Christ. Every individual—whether he lives in the inner city, the suburbs, or rural areas—is to be contacted. These calls will be a person-to-person shar-

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CALLING OUR CONTINENT

By Paul Benjamin*

Key 73 will also include an effort to place the Scriptures in every North American household. Thousands of prayer groups will be started with one specific purpose in mind—for God to raise up plentiful workers for His vast harvest fields (Matthew 9:38).

WORKING AT THE CONGREGATIONAL LEVEL

The real key in Key 73 is the man in the pew working at the congregational and community level. The work must be done where he is. The overwhelming need is not necessarily for greatly talented people (although the Lord can use any talent we possess), but for greatly committed people.

Stephen Neill traces much of the phenomenal growth of the Early Church to the New Testament concept of every Christian a witness. It was these Christians, whose names are largely unknown to us, who turned an upside-down world right side up. It can happen again.

Using as an overall theme, “Calling Our Continent to Christ,” the program of Key 73 will be implemented throughout the year in six phases:

1. Calling Our Continent to Repentance and Prayer
2. Calling Our Continent to the Word of God
3. Calling Our Continent to the Resurrection
4. Calling Our Continent to the New Life
5. Calling Our Continent to Proclamation
6. Calling Our Continent to Commitment

Congregations may utilize this program in the way which best suits their own needs and purposes. Resources for the development of each phase are available to any congregation which asks for them.

Standing behind the work of all the congregations will be the mass media committee, which plans to employ radio, television, and the press on an unprecedented scale, alerting this continent to the aim and goal of Key 73—winning this continent to Christ.

OUT OF COMFORTABLE PEWS

For a decade or more, talk in Christian circles in North America has been going on about church

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members getting out of the comfortable pews. Thousands of small groups have been meeting to discuss the Scriptures and pray. Where should this emphasis upon Christian renewal lead us? Where else except to a ministry to the lost, bringing to them the reality of forgiveness and abundant life in Jesus Christ! I have long believed that a spiritual explo-

sion could take place if the renewal emphasis would be coupled with outreach.

To whom are we going to reach out? Let us concen-
trate first of all on the three out of four homes in our own neighborhood which are a mission field.

Let church calendars be revised so congregational leaders have some time to visit in their homes for Christ. Many congregations, I am convinced, are too busy to evangelize! I have eight brothers-in-law who are active church officers. Some of these men spend almost every night at the church building.

A congregation in a burgeoning community came to my attention recently. They had a Sunday morn-
ing worship service of 400 and a Tuesday night call-
ing force which had dwindled from 15 to three! Suppose that force were increased to 100, or even 50. What great spiritual power could be made available to that community!

Another way we can reach out is to teach children. In the three-out-of-four mission-field homes in this continent are millions of young people. Parents, uninterested in Christian religion personally, will often allow their children to attend Sunday school classes. Sometimes they will even bring them because they respect the moral emphasis of Christianit-ty. We should probably start 100,000 new Sunday school classes in North America tomorrow.

The bottleneck of such a venture is often at the teaching level. Thousands of Christians who have been attending Sunday school classes for decades should be graduated to serve as teachers and missionaries to children.

CONCLUSION

The signs of the times today are unmistakable. Millions of North Americans have lost interest in a rampant materialism. The Jesus movement among young people bespeaks a heartfelt spiritual need. Talk is increasing about the possibility of a Third Great Awakening. We may be on the verge of it.

God has always been ready for men to turn away from sin and back to Him. Where can He find the spokesmen on His behalf to inform men of this fact? There are many potential spokesmen in the pews of every congregation. God’s Spirit is constantly ready to empower us to do His will, so let us seek His help and move out of the pew into the fields which are ripe for harvest.
A COMPLETED JEW

ON THE NIGHT OF MAY 3, 1972, I dropped down out of the mountains into Las Vegas, Nev. It was an impressive sight after crossing the bleak desert from Phoenix, Ariz. I was on the last leg of the longest trip I had ever taken.

I'm a writer. An author if you please. I haven't won the Nobel Prize yet, but I still consider myself an author. A year and a half before I hit Las Vegas, I came up with the idea of travelling around on a motorcycle to see the world and write about the people I meet. So after convincing my publisher and procuring an advance, I set off to do just that.

I was born on October 19, 1947, in Chicago, Ill. My parents are both orthodox Jews, and I was raised in the good Jewish tradition. I became Bar Mitzvah at 13 and haven't been to the synagogue since, much to my mother's regret.

So when I pulled into Las Vegas that night, I was far from being a spiritual person. I rode into town looking for fun and excitement. What did I find? I found Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour.

There I met Rev. Jack D. Qualls, pastor of the Charleston Heights Church of the Nazarene. Would you believe that his nine-year-old son, Doug, found me out in the desert and brought me home like an old trinket he'd found? Silly, but true.

Needless to say, I was a sinner. But now I have come to know the Lord and my sins have been forgiven. I praise His name for that forgiveness.

Pastor Qualls discussed a few things with me that first day we met. I explained to him what my feelings were about religion and God (at that time I was more worried about drugs than about the salvation of anyone's soul, including mine).

But even though Jack knew very little about me, he saw that I was in trouble and took me into his home and fed me. My salvation was inevitable.

It happened one night at a rescue mission in the slums of Las Vegas. The teens from the church and the pastor and his wife and myself were there to attend one of their services and to see what we could do to help those men that were lost.

All during the service I could feel something going on inside me, something that had to be brought out. They had the usual altar call at the end of the service, but still I hesitated. Soon the men were dismissed to eat and we were preparing to leave.

Suddenly something swelled inside me (now I know it was God's presence), and I blurted out that I wanted to become a Christian. So I accepted Him as my Lord and Saviour.

Since that night I have given my every-thing to God. I gave up nothing—nothing but drugs, cigarettes, and liquor. Since that night I haven't touched any of these things and I do not miss them. For I have the Spirit of God in me and need nothing else. "The Lord is my Saviour and I shall not want." He has provided for my every need.

I have been in Las Vegas now for two months and have as yet found no employ-ment. But I have not gone a day without food or a night without a roof over my head. Praise God!!!

I have been placed in charge of a small folk group called "Praise the Lord, Any-way" at Charleston Heights. I work as much as I can with the teens and I feel like the happiest man in the world.

These things can happen only through God. I pray that every Christian realizes this and will pray along with me for the souls of those who have not been saved, so that someday soon they too will come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour.
"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits"  (Psalms 103:2).
GIVING, RECEIVING AND BEING THANKFUL

Whenever I think about being thankful, I think about Don White.

Don White was my first adult aphasic patient when I was a young, inexperienced speech therapist. At age 34, a stroke virtually wiped out his speech. He was referred to me while he was still recovering in the hospital.

I found his aphasia to be "expressive" in that he could understand what people said to him, he knew what he wanted to say—but he couldn't! Sometimes the words got "stuck in his throat." Other times, to his frustration, words that didn't make any sense at all came flowing out of his mouth in a fluent mass of unintelligibility.

I spent a great deal of time talking with his wife, helping her to understand his speech disability and his need for her love and understanding. I met his two little daughters, who visited him often.

When he was discharged from the hospital, he continued coming to my office three times a week for therapy.

Don was a good patient. He was highly motivated and intelligent. The owner of a small business, he needed to regain his speech and he considered me vital to that recovery. We developed a warm friendship. I looked forward to his therapy sessions because he made me feel needed and useful. He progressed steadily—so I felt successful, too.

One day I noticed a newspaper article with a picture of Don accompanying it. It told about his stroke and about his contributions to the community as a businessman and about how expensive the whole ordeal had become. A local service organization was having a benefit to start a fund to help Don pay for the overwhelming costs of several weeks in the hospital; special nurses; speech, occupational, and physical therapy—not to mention the obvious loss of money from not working. That was the first time I had thought about Don's financial situation. I just assumed he had insurance to cover it all.

Anyway, in a few weeks I had to quit work to give birth to our first child, and in the excitement of it all I kind of forgot about Don and his family.

One day a few weeks after our son was born, I opened our apartment door to find Don and his wife.

They came in and admired the baby. Then Don took my hand, squeezed it, and gave me a $10.00 bill, stammering "for the baby." I looked at his wife standing there smiling. I thought about his two daughters. I remembered the newspaper article. I thought about how much he had given me in just needing me and responding to my help. I said, "Oh, no, Don! You don't have to give me this."

He vigorously shook his head "yes" and then tried to say something—but it wouldn't come out. So instead, he just stood there and wept.

I knew what he was saying to me. He was saying, "Thank you... for your help... for your encouragement... for your understanding better than anyone else my lack of speech and ineptness in communication... for being there when I needed you."

I took the money and thanked them profusely. Later I bought something special for the baby and wrote and told them about it.

But I learned something that day about giving and receiving. It is true that it is "more blessed to give than to receive." It is true that it's nice to be needed. It is true that if you have something meaningful to give to someone you should give it. But it is also true that sometimes the givingest thing you can do is to receive gracefully and appreciatively.

And I am convinced that the most meaningful way I can express my thankfulness to Jesus Christ for all He's done for me is to just receive appreciatively and eagerly what He offers me. For in and of myself, I have nothing to give that even approaches His gifts to me.

Thank You, Lord.
The Pulse of Praise

GEORGE HERBERT was the seventeenth-century British minister-poet who left the Church a rich legacy of devotional verse. In a short stanza he titled "Our Prayer," Herbert wrote:

_Thou that hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more—a grateful heart;
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if Thy blessings had spare days;
But such a heart, whose pulse may be
Thy praise._

This is a prayer for all seasons, but particularly fitting for Thanksgiving time. The blessing that caps all others is the blessing of a grateful heart.

True thanksgiving cannot be turned on and off like an electric light or a water faucet. One cannot be thankful when it pleases him unless he has learned to be thankful at all times.

Contentment, be it said, does not come automatically with any state of grace. It is something to be learned. The Apostle Paul wrote, "I have _learned_, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11).

Nor is such contentment a passive acceptance of situations that ought to be changed. It is the adequacy of one who draws on resources from above, whose whole heart beats with the pulse of praise.

We cultivate the spirit of thanksgiving within ourselves when we stop to reflect that God's blessings include more than the special benefits we dignify with the name "blessing." Not some of what we have, but all we have, comes from God's good and generous hand.

John Killinger tells of a Sunday school teacher who knew only a classical version of the Bible. When a pupil presented a new way of doing things, the teacher was thankful for it. He wrote,

"Jesus, kindness, friends." Another suggested, "God." Finally one towheaded little boy broke the pattern. He said, with obvious sincerity, that he was thankful for his dog and his bike. The others broke into laughter. To them, thanksgiving should be reserved for the high and holy.

But they were mistaken. Thanksgiving is due for the ordinary and continual as well as the extraordinary and occasional.

In the same passage in which Paul speaks of learning the lesson of contentment, he cautions us to "be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6).

In I Thessalonians 5:18, the apostle wrote, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

But this is not the strongest statement. We are to give thanks "always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20).

Only those who have learned that God works in all things for good to those who love Him (Romans 8:28, BSV) can give thanks for all things. It is not that all things are good in themselves, nor that they work together by any power within themselves. It is God who works in all things to bring about the final good of those who trust His grace.

In lines he called "God's Handwriting," John Oxenham said:

_He writes in characters too grand
For our short sight to understand;
We catch but broken strokes, and try
To fathom all the mystery
Of withered hopes, of death, of life,
The endless war, the useless strife—
But there, with larger, clearer sight,
We shall see this—His way was right._

If we are to have hearts that beat with the pulse of praise, we must learn to give thanks for hope as well as for sight. We can be grateful for what God has promised as well as for what He has already conveyed to us.

Like our prayers, our praise is to be "in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Since all God's blessings come to us through Him who is the "mediator between God and men" (I Timothy 1:5), it is but right that Thanksgiving be conveyed through Him.

Here then is a prayer for Thanksgiving—that God may give "a grateful heart; not thankful when it pleaseth us—but such a heart, whose pulse may be" God's praise.

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Your Everyday Face

CHARLES H. SPURGEON, like many great preachers before and since, became deeply involved in the training of young ministers in his later years. He carried into the classroom the same dramatic power he had in the pulpit.

One day he was trying to get across the idea that a person should let his appearance reflect what he is trying to say.

"When you talk about heaven," he said, "let
The great need of the evangelical Church in our day is "piety set to music"—music in a major key with a strong note of gaiety and laughter. The world has enough gloom and griping already. It doesn't need ours added to it. A gloomy, sour Christian is a contradiction in terms. Such a person may be a Christian in creed and in conduct, but there is a lack in his life somewhere.

Everyday your talkfulness. evermore will shew multitude, my crowd is a Christian. Then we have no longer reason to radiate God's sunshine. A sour, gloomy attitude is not consistent with our calling.

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Christian joy is not carefree, happy-go-lucky irresponsibility. It is not the natural effervescence of animal good spirits.

Christian joy is not derived from circumstances and surroundings. Few of us ever reach the spiritual heights in which Madame Guyon habitually lived. But she is a prime illustration of the fact that joy can flower in the most adverse circumstances.

Persecuted unmercifully for her testimony to Christ, Madame Guyon spent over 10 years of her life in prison. She was a prolific authoress and wrote, "While I was prisoner at Vincennes I passed my time in great peace, content to pass the rest of my life there if such were the will of God. I sang songs of joy; the stones of my prison looked in my eyes like rubies. I esteemed them more than all the gaudy brilliancies of a vain world."

During the same period in her life, she wrote:

A little bird am I,
Shut in from fields of air,
But in my cage I sit and sing
To Him who placed me there;
Well pleased a prisoner to be,
Because, my Lord, it pleaseth Thee.

Another verse, written on another occasion, reads:

While place we seek or place we shun,
The soul finds happiness in none;
But with my God to guide my way
'Tis equal joy to go or stay.

This deep sense of well-being in spite of circumstances, this "Hallelujah anyhow!" deep in the soul, this quiet confidence that come or go what may it will still be well with those who live in the center of the will of God—there is no greater joy than this.

Much about our everyday faces we cannot help. But one thing we can do. We can beautify them with more of the glory of heaven. We can strive to reflect better the joy and peace God puts within.
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The Lord has given them to me. I am deeply disturbed.
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

CANADA ATLANTIC

The twenty-ninth annual assembly of the Canada Atlantic District was held, July 20-21, at Lutes Mountain Church, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Allan James and David Feltham.

District Superintendent Robert F. Woods, completing the third year of an extended term, reported healthy though modest gains on the district.

The following were reelected to the advisory board: (elders) Albert H. Lewis and David R. Moar; (laymen) Milton G. Mellish and Fred Myers.

Mrs. Ruth Morrison was reelected president of the NWMS. Rev. Allan James was elected president of the NYPS. Rev. David Morrison was elected chairman of the church schools board.

NORTH CAROLINA

The thirty-second annual assembly of the North Carolina District was held, August 23-24, in the sanctuary of Asheville (N.C.) First Church. General Superintendent Edward Lawlor ordained Jack Neil Woverton.

District Superintendent Terrell C. (Jack) Sanders, Jr., completing the first year of a four-year term, reported 291 new Nazarenes received for a net gain of 109; total giving reached $920,545 for a gain of $91,470; a new church was organized in Havelock.

Elected to the advisory board were (elders) J. McCray Holmes and Loren Shaffer; (laymen) Harold McCue and Landon Barlow. Mrs. T. C. Sanders was reelected to serve as NWMS president.

TENNESSEE

The sixtieth annual assembly of the Tennessee District convened at Nashville First Church, September 1-2. General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins ordained William C. Allen, John Herderson, and Lee R. Mackay.

District Superintendent H. Harvey Hendershot, completing the first year of an extended call, reported 430 members received on profession of faith. There was a gain of $235,000 in giving for all purposes for a record total of $1,813,000. Gains were noted in Sunday school enrollment and average attendance.

The assembly was highlighted by a celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Tennessee District on Sunday, September 3, at Nashville’s Municipal Auditorium. Several past superintendents were present. Mr. Bill Bonar, representative of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, presented Dr. H. H. Hendershot with the key to the city. The Honorable Winifred Dunn, governor of the state of Tennessee, proclaimed Sunday, September 3, as Church of the Nazarene Sunday in Tennessee. Mr. Ben Gibbs, commissioner of labor for Tennessee, represented Governor Dunn at the celebration.

The following were elected to the advisory board: (elders) Edward F. Cox, J. V. Morsch, and William Strickland; (laymen) Leon Guill, Wendell Poole, and Bob Wilson.

Reelected to their posts were Mrs. Edward F. Cox, NWMS president; and Rev. George Pitzer, chairman of the church schools board. Rev. Bob Madison was elected president of the NYPS.

SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA

The twenty-first annual assembly of the Southeast Oklahoma District was held, September 7-8, at Midwest City (Okla.) First Church. General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Tommy Lynn Loving.

District Superintendent Wendell O. Paris reported 220 received by profession of faith. During the assembly $2,800 in cash and pledges was taken up in a special offering to overlap the Bethany Nazarene College budget. Over $7,000 was pledged for a special home mission campaign.

The following were elected to the advisory board: (elders) Harold C. Harcourt and Harold Davis; (laymen) Lenard Stubbs and Hubert Rustin.

Reelected to their positions were Rev. Jack D. Smith, NYPS president; and Rev. Harold Blankenship, chairman of the church schools board. Mrs. Bonnie Paris was elected president of the NWMS.

AFRICA CENTRAL

The second annual council meeting for the Africa Central Field was held at Salisbury, Rhodesia, on August 26-29. Messages were brought by the missionaries. Rev. B. M. Hall was unanimously reelected as field superintendent.

Rev. and Mrs. Larry Wright arrived on the field in time for the council meeting. They have been stationed at Bulawayo, Rhodesia.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Bradley and their three boys attended the meeting. The Bradleys held children’s classes and presented a program on the last day of the council. The audience saw two plays—one about a humble carpenter and another about blind Bartimaeus. Lucille Hagens reported for the council.

TAIWAN

The 1972 Taiwan district assembly was held, August 22-23, in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China.

Council Chairman John Holstead gave the quadrennial report, that included the following information: 200 percent increase in organized churches; 168 percent increase in giving; 55 percent increase in church membership; 63 percent increase in Easter and Thanksgiving offerings; 150 percent increase in Sunday school offerings; and 69 percent increase in NYPS membership.

District goals for the next four years include self-support: 10 new churches, a 100 percent increase in baptisms, and a 100 percent increase in church membership. Other major steps taken by the Taiwan District include the election of the first district Sunday school board and the reelection of national leader, Rev. Dai Jyun De, for a second term as assistant district superintendent. Nancy Zumwalt reported.

JOPLIN

The fifteenth annual assembly of the Joplin District was held, September 6-7, at Carthage (Mo.) First Church. General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Paul Couch, Thomas Daniels, Robert Mintdale, and Herbert Zuercher.

District Superintendent James C. Hester, completing the first year of a four-year term, reported the district had set new records in all areas. His report showed $66,000 received in profession of faith for a net gain of 307; a 10 percent for missions giving (second year); Sunday school average attendance of 4,724, a gain of 192, and an increase in Sunday school enrollment of 759. District giving reached an all-time high of $974,525, an increase of $132,980.

Eighteen churches were on the Evangelistic Honor Roll and 32 churches reached 10 percent in giving. A $10,000 offering was raised for home missions.

Elected to the advisory board were (elders) Clifton Norell and Bud J. Garber; (laymen) Don Van Dyne and A. R. Motley.

Reelected to their offices were Mrs. Clifton Norell, NWMS president; Jim Sanders, NYPS president; and Bob Lindley, chairman of the church schools board.

GEORGIA

The fifty-eighth annual assembly of the Georgia District convened, September 7, under the leadership of General Superintendent George Coulter. He ordained Robert Slaton, Lon Hadwin, and Dan Casey.

District Superintendent Jack H. Lee reported that 408 members were received on profession of faith. $1,509,748 was raised for all purposes; an average of 6,292 was reached in Sunday school attendance; five new sanctuaries were built; and 9 percent of the monies raised was given for world evangelism.

Reelected to the advisory board were (elders) Pictured with Governor Winifred Dunn (center) are Dr. H. H. Hendershot (left) and Wendell Poole, lay member of the district advisory board (right), as the governor presents the proclamation for Church of the Nazarene Sunday in Tennessee.

Photo—Courtesy of State of Tennessee
The Minneapolis First Church held a missionary convention in July with the former pastor, William J. Prince, presently serving as principal of European Bible College. Pictured is Mrs. Evaline Dautermann as she presents a check for $1,200 to Rev. W. Prince in memory of her late husband, Fred J. Dautermann. The money is designated for library and audiovisual needs at ENBC. Pictured are: (left) the present pastor, Frank W. Watkins; and (right) District Superintendent Norman W. Bloom, Minnesota District.


Re-elected to their positions were James B. Hubbard, chairman of the church schools board; Mrs. Robert Huff, NWMS president; and Rev. Gerald Parmer, NYPS president.

NORTH ARKANSAS

The twentieth annual assembly of the North Arkansas District was held August 23-24 at Conway (Ark.) First Church. Dr. V. H. Lewis was the presiding general superintendent.

District Superintendent Boyd C. Hancock reported an increase of $130,000 raised for all purposes. The district increased its giving $14,000 over the previous year for world evangelism. A net increase of 145 in church membership was realized and an increase of 115 in average weekly Sunday school attendance.

Elected to the advisory board were (elders) Ted Ingram and Jack Dell, (laymen) Dale Webster and Neil Stallings.

Re-elected to their positions were Mrs. Boyd C. Hancock, NWMS president; and Rev. Ralph Simpson, chairman of the church schools board. Rev. Terry Rohlmeier was elected president of the NYPS.

MINNESOTA

The thirty-third annual assembly of the Minnesota District was held at Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds, Paynesville, Minn., August 24-25. General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Ray R. Hansen, George A. Hurst, Bill Kitchen, and Charles E. Taylor.

District Superintendent Norman W. Bloom, completing the third year of an extended term, reported 235 members received by profession of faith; $813,869 raised for General Budget; and a total of $125,069 raised for general purposes. During the assembly, a reception was held honoring Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson, who have completed 25 years as district leaders of the Southwest Oklahoma District. Delegates and friends brought each guest gifts totaling more than $1,000.

The following were re-elected to the advisory board: (elders) R. L. Sumner and J. L. Woolman; (laymen) W. K. Garrett and James Emmerich.

Mrs. W. T. Johnson was re-elected president of the NWMS. Rev. Garland Wallace was elected to two posts—NYPS president and chairman of the church schools board.

WISCONSIN

The thirty-seventh annual assembly of the Wisconsin District was held August 24-25 at Camp Byron, Brownsville, Wis. General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Joseph McDaniel.

District Superintendent R. J. Clack, completing the third year of an extended term, reported an increase of 69 in membership. A total of 173 members were received by profession of faith. Sunday school average attendance increased by 112 and the enrollment increase reached 195.

The district presented an offering of over $2,000 to Rev. R. J. Clack in appreciation and acknowledgment of his tenth anniversary as superintendent of the Wisconsin District. It was suggested that the money be used for a trip to visit a mission field.

Re-elected to the advisory board were (elders) M. J. Finley and E. W. Pannier; (laymen) Joseph Brand and Melvin Hanke.

Mrs. R. J. Clack was re-elected president of the NWMS. Rev. John E. Remmenga was re-elected president of the NYPS for his sixth consecutive year. Rev. H. L. Frye was re-elected chairman of the church schools board.

SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA

The twenty-fourth annual assembly of the Southwest Oklahoma District convened at Duncan, Okla., September 7-8. General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained Ray Fletcher and Eddie Stark.

District Superintendent W. T. Johnson, completing the third year of an extended term, reported 333 members received by profession of faith; $135,069 raised for General Budget; and a total of $128,000 raised for general interests.

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NEWS OF REVIVALS 1972

REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO, CHURCH—Evangelist W. E. Zimmermann held a revival early this year. There were 40 people who found spiritual victory. Timothy D. Singell is pastor.

RISING SUN, MD, CHURCH—Rev. Clyde Serrott was evangelist. A new revival attendance record was realized during the series. Pastor Richard A. Moore reported that there were seekers at each service.

THE SOUTHWOOD GOSPEL SINGERS of Kansas City and Bill Campbell, pastor of the Great Bend (Kans.) First Church, and Ken McWain were invited midyear to hold a two-night revival service at the Trinity United Methodist Church in
Rulo, Neb. The people requested the evangelistic team to stay one additional night. There were a number of seekers at the altar during the service. Others prayed through when calls were made in their homes. With a population of 500 people in the town, the service crowds averaged about 180 for the three-night series.

ST. DAVID, ILL., CHURCH—Over 50 souls knelt at an altar during the meeting with Rev. John Harrold, evangelist. R. James Bledsaw is pastor.

ST. MARYS (OHIO) FIRST CHURCH—Visitors from the community and area churches were present each night of a meeting held by General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins and Rev. Jack and Naomi Sutherland. There were a number of fruitful altar services. J. O. McCaskell is pastor.

BUTLER, IND., CHURCH—Rev. Virgil Meyer was evangelist for a week’s meeting. About 25 people found spiritual victory on the closing Sunday. Some were new to the church. R. E. Baker is pastor.

SAULTE STE. MARIE, ONTARIO, CANADA, CHURCH—Rev. C. B. Cox was evangelist for a church crusade. A record average attendance for revival was realized. Between 65 to 70 seekers found spiritual help. Ben B. Kaechele is pastor.

WINFIELD, I.A., CHURCH—The special worker for a revival was Twyla Pittenger from Shelby, Ohio. The church, which usually averages between 20-30 for service crowds, had over 50 in attendance most evenings. Miss Pittenger was called to return in August to conduct the VBS for the church. W. L. Prichard is pastor.

PIONEER, OHIO, CHURCH—Evangelist W. M. Hodge held a 10-day revival. Approximately 65 seekers found spiritual help during the meeting. Seven new members were received on the final Sunday night. Nelson Perdue is pastor.

CARO (MICH.) ELLINGTON CHURCH—Rev. Ralph Tucker, Jr., of Necedah, Kan., held a meeting in which 39 seekers found spiritual victory. Six were received into membership by profession of faith at the close of the meeting. Kermit W. Boyce is pastor.

GALLIPOLIS (OHIO) FIRST CHURCH had a successful revival with Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Wallace of Louisville, Ky. The people were challenged to give sacrificially in the offering for missions to follow the meeting. The offering of $4,500 was given after a week of prayer and fasting. Ronald Justice is pastor.

ELIZABETHTON (TENN.) FIRST CHURCH—Approximately 30 adults and young people found spiritual victory during a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. G. F. Underwood. Pastor Donald W. Simmons said an invitation for the evangelists to return would be part of the immediate plans for the church.

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., CHURCH—On the closing Sunday of revival with Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Gray, seven were baptized and nine joined the church on profession of faith. Seekers found victory in each of 11 days of services. Mrs. Gray conducted child evangelism services with outstanding success. Brian Vanciel is pastor.

NEW PRESIDENT AT BRITISH ISLES NAZARENE COLLEGE

Dr. Hugh Rae, presently registrar and professor of religion at Canadian Nazarene College, was elected president of British Isles Nazarene College at the annual meeting of the Board of Governors, September 8. He will succeed Dr. Jack Ford, who will retire on August 1, 1973, after serving for eight years as president of the college.

After spending his early years in engineering, Dr. H. Rae was graduated from Hurlet Nazarene College in 1949. He entered the Nazarene pastorate before completing his master’s degree at the University of Glasgow in 1952. He then became dean of Hurlet Nazarene College and was elected president of the college in 1954. He was with the college during its move to Manchester, England, where it became British Isles Nazarene College. He resigned from the presidency in 1966.

Dr. H. Rae spent two years teaching in public schools and since August, 1968, he has been a member of the faculty at Canadian Nazarene College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, serving as registrar since 1970. Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., conferred the doctor of divinity degree on him in 1960. He has also taken additional graduate studies at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Rae is married and has two children: Marjorie, 19; and Peter, 14.

CHURCH DEDICATIONS 1972

THE CALCUTTA, OHIO, CHURCH was dedicated by District Superintendent Floyd O. Flemming, Akron District. Built as a home mission project, the church is a two-story brick building with oak trim. Robert D. Falke is pastor.

THE DEDICATORY MESSAGE at the Garrett, Ind., church was delivered by District Superintendent Fletcher Spruce, Northeastern Indiana District. The building, including a new educational unit and sanctuary, was built at a cost of $88,000 and is valued at $115,000 with an indebtedness of $59,000. Kenneth Hawkins is pastor.

DR. EDWARD LAWLOR dedicated the new sanctuary at Corry, Pa., early this year. The new church has a seating capacity of 225 and with the educational unit is valued at approximately $130,000. William Bailey is pastor.

THE DRAYTON PLAINS (MICH.) WILLIAMS LAKE CHURCH has dedicated a new sanctuary and educational facility valued at $200,000. Combined church property is valued at $365,000.

NEW PROPERTY FOR THE UTICA, N.Y., CHURCH was purchased earlier this year from another denomination. The property, a brick edifice and a two-story frame annex, is valued at $200,000. The Utica church purchased the property for a total of $51,000.

Former property owned by the church was sold to aid in the transaction for the new property. Pastor David W. Aaserud led in the ceremony of dedication. District Superintendent Jonathan T. Gassett, Upstate New York District, delivered the dedicatory address.

DEDICATION AT THE MONTGOMERY CITY, MO., CHURCH was made possible through the combined effort of Pastor Charles Murray, laymen, and five college fellows who gave their summer to a building ministry. The college men, inspired to get involved through a challenge made by Norm Shoemaker from the Department of Youth, were as follows: Duane Mariage and Rick Smith, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, III.; Kenny Marchant, Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla.; Don York, Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville; and Steve Holtz, Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

A NEW EIGHT-ROOM PARSONAGE has been built by the Ashland (Ky.) Grace Church. Much of the construction was done by donated labor. A basement fellowship hall for church activities was included under the parsonage. Total value is estimated at $45,000 with an indebtedness of less than $16,000. John W. May is pastor.

THE NEW CARTHAGE, N.Y., CHURCH, constructed at a cost of $55,000, was dedicated midyear. The sanctuary will seat 300 people. It has laminated decking and wood paneling. It is lighted by dial-controlled chandeliers.

Furnishings were made possible mainly by memorial gifts; and in construction, 4,800 hours of donated labor were given by members and friends. Wendle R. Lahr is pastor.

ROCHESTER (N.Y.) GRACE CHURCH held its building cost to $150,000 on a choice property on the corner of State Route 259 and a county road, Stoney Point. Many hours of volunteer labor cut costs on the first unit, part of a master plan. The new facility houses a Sunday school of 175. The sanctuary will accommodate 350. Thomas W. Weller is pastor.

The new sanctuary for the Olathe (Kans.) College Church has a seating capacity for 1,200 worshippers. The building, dedicated by Dr. V. H. Lewis, is fully air-conditioned, carpeted, and houses an antiphonal organ. The original sanctuary was built three years ago and is now being used as an auditorium for fellowship and educational purposes. District Superintendent Milton Parrish, Kansas City District, participated in the dedication service. The church is located on a five-acre tract of land adjacent to the Mid-America Nazarene College campus. Paul G. Cunningham is pastor.

A new education building at the Oxford, Pa., church was dedicated by General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins. The facility houses Sunday school classrooms, fellowship hall, kitchen, nursery, office, and pastor’s study. The cost of the project was $119,000. Total indebtedness stands at $75,000. Pictured at the ground-breaking are: (l. to r.) District Superintendent M. E. Clay; Mayor Dana Thumm, of Dunbar; Robert Huston, architect; Pastor W. Riley James, Jr.; and Paul Beane, chairman of the building committee.

Ground was broken for a new educational and activities building for Dunbar (W. Va.) First Church, expected to cost about $75,000. The projected structure will about double the Sunday school capacity from 200 to 400. Pictured at the ground-breaking are: (l. to r.) District Superintendent M. E. Clay; Mayor Dana Thumm, of Dunbar; Robert Huston, architect; Pastor W. Riley James, Jr.; and Paul Beane, chairman of the building committee.
Miss Judy Fleming, a 1964 graduate of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, was student number 300 registering at Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, this fall. She is shown receiving greetings from Dean Willard Taylor. Looking on are Dr. Harvey Finley, registrar (left), and Dr. William Greathouse, president. A record total of 302 persons, including 118 new students, registered this year. The seminary is fully accredited. Miss Fleming is one of 21 women students and is a candidate for a master’s degree in religious education.

After receiving the auditor’s report, the business manager of Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Mass., Mr. Bob Bollinger, reported to the trustees: “Last year, 1971-72, will probably be remembered as one of the best financial years Eastern Nazarene College has ever had.” Pictured from left to right are Kenneth Pearsall, chairman of the board; President Leslie Parrott; and Jonathan Gassett, trustee secretary; who are looking at the $100,000 check which was paid on the $900,000 campus mortgage in addition to the regular payments. Dr. Parrott made it clear that this money was not taken from the instructional budget but saved from other sources, making it possible to reduce the mortgage to $751,000. This check of $100,000 will save $157,000 in interest for the 20-year life of the mortgage.

Kankakee (Ill.) First Church is adding a new 1,000-seat auditorium and two-story annex to its present facilities. The total evaluation has been set at $1.1 million. The church of 471 members reports growth in every department. Pictured at the groundbreaking service left to right are—Shirl Bias; Dr. Forrest Nash, district superintendent; Kenneth Fox, public relations; Rev. William Varian; Art Martin, contractor; Merl Jenkins; Don Sunberg, building committee chairman; Ivan Bexroth, assistant pastor; Peter Palermo, architect; Elmer Joplin; John Jarnagin; Jim Grasse; John Joplin.

**Dr. William M. McGuire Dies in Florida**

Dr. William M. McGuire, 75, a former district superintendent of the Eastern Michigan District, died Thursday, October 12, in Florida. His last pastorate prior to death was in Leesburg, Fla.

Following his term as district superintendent, which was completed in 1960, Dr. W. M. McGuire served as an evangelist and held several pastorates on the Florida District. He was ordained in 1933.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, October 15, with interment in Michigan.
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Rev. Norvie Clift, 288 Evelyn Ave., N.E., Salem, Ore. 97331, has just completed a successful pastoral at Cheyenne, Wyo., and is now making up his state for full-time evangelism —Carl B. Clendenen, Oregon Pacific district superintendent.

Charles Finney, pastor of St. Petersburg (Fla.) First Church for the past seven years, is reentering the field of evangelism. Contact him at 269 N.W. Lincoln Circle, North, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33702.—A. Milton Smith, Florida district superintendent.

MOVING MINISTERS

Calvin Alexander from Gardiner, Me., to Johnson, Vt.

Howard Baker from Triton (Ill.) Central to Osgood, Ind.

John Bouldrey from Gibson City, Ill., to Danville (Ill.) West Side.

Bobby Collins from Dallas Casa View to Alvin, Tex.

Richard K. Coppole from Coffeeville (Kans.) Central to Muldrow, Okla.

K. H. Coursey from Fannin, Neb., to Chadron, Neb.

John DeCamp from Montpelier, Ohio, to New Hampshire, Ohio.

Wallace F. Dorn from Monteaig (Tenn.) Carmen’s Chapel to Grafton, W. Va.

Earl D. Frye from Lancaster, Ky., to Princeton (W. Va.) First.

John T. Griffin from Vicksburg, Miss., to Greenwood, Miss.

Ray Hansen from Moorehead, Minn., to Storm Lake (Ia.) Trinity.

Burl Hay from Olive Hill, Ky., to Panama City (Fla.) Parkway.

Harold Little from Phoenix First to Detroit Bethel.

Clarence R. Mitchum from Osgood, Ind., to Indianapolis Eagledale.


Eugene Newman from Ravenna, Ky., to Blairs-ville, Ky.

James W. Palmer from Edinburg, Ind., to West Helena, Ark.

David Pape from Tashoma, Okla., to Petersburg, Tex.

David T. Patten from Kenneth, Mo., to Brighton (Tenn.) Tipton County.

Thomas Rash from Charlesvile, Mich., to Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City.

Ben T. Riggins from Mena, Ark., to Konawa, Okla.

Audrey D. Smith from Macon (Ga.) Shurlington to Concord (N.C.) First.

James M. Stewart from Muldrow, Okla., to Isabel, Okla.

Harold Stickney from Santa Rosa, Calif., to Vancouver (Wash.) Central.
VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

REV. C. S. BRANNON, 94, died Oct. 4 in Plainview, Tex. He was ordained in 1936 and pastored in Texas and Kansas, and was in the field of evangelism many years. He is survived by his wife, Hattie; three daughters, Mrs. Fred Wallace, Mrs. Earl Lugnichly, and Miss Louise; one son, S. R., Jr.; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Kenneth Brannon, Mrs. Elma Honeycutt, and Mrs. Wilson McGuire; one stepson, Marvin H. Walker; 25 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; three brothers; and one sister.

REV. F. A. WELSH, 77, died Oct. 10 in Desloge, Mo. He had served over 40 years as pastor and evangelist. Funeral services were conducted at Piedmont, Mo., by Dr. Don J. Gibson and Rev. R. H. Brown. Surviving is his wife, Ethel Mae; three daughters, Mrs. Vera Kathleen Reitz, Mrs. Ferris J. Blaker, and Mrs. Naomi Ruth Welther; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

MRS. ELSIE BATTIN, 91, died Sept. 25 in Eugene, Ore. Interment was in Satsum, Wash.

MRS. FREDERICA A. RICHARDS, 76, died Sept. 6 in Burlington, Ia. Services were conducted by Rev. J. Richards and Rev. M. Schmidt. She is survived by her husband, Harold; two sons, John and Glen; three daughters, Vaeleta Johnson, Leilah Wood, and Frances Collins; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

WILLIAM SYLVESTER HARRIS, 71, died May 12 in Louisville, Ky. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. W. Snider. Surviving are his wife, Vera; three sons, Ernest, Benjie, and Don; seven daughters, Geneva, Betty, Phyllis, Alice, Shirley, Linda, and Ruth; 56 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters.

MRS. PHYLLIS VALLOW CALDERWOOD, 44, died Oct. 4 in Fontana, Calif. Memorial services were held in Ontario, Calif., conducted by Revs. J. Hawthorne, H. Newland, V. Raye, and P. Fitch. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; two daughters, Beverly and Carolyn; two sons, John and Edward; her parents; and a sister.

REV. FRANK J. STINNETTE, 74, died Sept. 17 in Loveland, Colo. He had pastored for 34 years in South Dakota, Idaho, and Colorado. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. M. H. Daniels. He is survived by his wife, Fae; two sons, John and Paul; a daughter, Mrs. Gwendolyn Galloway; three grandchildren; three brothers; and a sister.

OTIS DOWDEN, 72, died Oct. 1 in Bossier City, La. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Larry Hoffmuller and Rev. A. H. Hoffmuller. He is survived by his wife, Thelma; two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Harris and Mrs. Sybil Strong; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters.

MRS. ELITHA DAVIS died June 27 in Atlanta, Ga. Funeral services were conducted in Salem, Ga., by Revs. C. Lawson, S. Channell, and J. Hinton. Surviving are her husband, L. L.; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas (Mary) Earnest and Mrs. Hoyt (Annie S.) Brown; two grandchildren; three sisters; and four brothers.

OLIVE GERTRUDE STEPHENS, 85, died Oct. 3 in Pasadena, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Earl Lee and Rev. H. B. Wallin. Surviving are her daughter, Dorothy Harder; a son, Harold Smith; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

JAMES H. DACKLEY, 75, died Sept. 13 in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. Wood and Rev. H. Tubbs. He is survived by his wife, Lida Bell; two daughters, Mrs. Jane F. Robertson and Mrs. Jack Tedmore; three sons, Otis, Lawrence, and James V.; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

ARTHUR STROM, 75, died Sept. 25 in Staples, Minn. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wangoul. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine; two sons, Robert and Roger; and two daughters, Mrs. Verna Stang and Mrs. Doris Dawn.

WILLARD ISGRIGG, 78, died Aug. 6 in Nampa, Idaho. Funeral services were conducted by Rev.

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GILBERT J. LEITNER, 51, died Sept. 25 in Jamestown, N.D. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robert W. Carpenter and Rev. Harold Strandness.

REV. SANFORD. JOSEPH WAGG, 69, died Oct. 3 in Chaska, Minn. He had pastored for 26 years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. Taylor. Interment was in Minneapolis. Survivors are his wife, Dorothy; three daughters, Janet Hansen, Joan More, and Judie Rosenfeld; eight grandchildren: one great-grandchild; and one brother.

BIRTHS
— to James and Maridel (Hoover) Sprenger, Bismarck, N.D., a girl, Janet Talea, Sept. 19.
— to James and Deborah (Posterski) Grabholt, Moscow, Idaho, a boy, Kevin James, Sept. 3.
— to Boyd and Sandy (Jesse) Moore, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Christopher Paige, Oct. 16.
— to Rev. Gerald P. and Marlene (Thiel) Keene, Seward, Alaska, a boy, John Adam, Aug. 27.
— to Kelly Ray and Mary Lee (Forssman) Mitchell, Willows, Calif., a girl, Kerri Rae, Sept. 26.
— to David M. and Kathleen (Eckley) Williams, West Chester, Ohio, a girl, Jeannie Lynn, Aug. 4.
— to Wayne and Rita (McDaniel) Stallberg, Clute, Tex., a boy, Russell Lance, Aug. 5.
— to Richard and Shirley Thornton, Homer City, Pa., a girl, Barbara Arlene, Sept. 1.
— to Dayton and Mary Crook, Homer City, Pa., a girl, Grace Marie, Oct. 5.
— to Royce and Argenita Wright, Tulsa, a boy, Robert Gregory, Aug. 17.
— to Ron and Darlene Minkler, Tulsa, a girl, Amy Susanne, June 12.
— to Rick and Myrna Minkler, Tulsa, a girl, Beverly Jean, June 19.
— to Don and Kay Swanson, Tulsa, a girl, Dawn Rachelle, Aug. 14.
— to Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Foor, New Lexington, Ohio, a boy, Matthew Dennis, Oct. 12.
— to Norris and Susanne (Chadwick) Misemer, Shawnee, Kan., a boy, John Chadwick, Oct. 11.
— to Gerald and Ruth (Kirby) Clark, Kansas City, a boy, David Leslie, Sept. 21.

ADOPTED
— by Don and Anita (Miller) Unruh, Lake Jackson, Tex., a girl, April Nicole, Sept. 30.

MARRIAGES
— Martha Gail Pennington, New Richmond, Ohio, and Claude Jackson Meenee, Jr., College Park, Md., in New Richmond, Ohio, Sept. 2.
— Elizabeth Ann Moore, Bethany, Okla., and Daniel Joe Byler, Oklahoma City, in Oklahoma City, June 9.

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AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY OFFERING, DECEMBER 10. The Church of the Nazarene in its support of the American Bible Society has designated December 10 as American Bible Society Sunday sponsored by the Department of Youth. Offerings will be taken throughout the church for support of the ABS.

In 1971 the ABS distributed over 90 million copies of Scripture within the United States. World distribution reached over 173 million in 150 nations and territories.

Future plans of ABS include completion in 1976 of the entire Bible in Today's English Version. Between 1972 and 1974 the New Testament will be completed in eight languages. Work will continue on translations already begun in 12 languages. New work is to begin on 20 additional languages and dialects.

Emphasis is likewise being given to the development of Scripture distribution programs related to the two hundredth anniversary of our nation's birth and the ABS's one hundred sixtieth anniversary, both occurring in 1976.

The annual American Bible Society offering taken by Nazarenes in December, 1971, reached a total of $35,581, a sum amounting to 9.2 cents per member. December 10, 1972, offers the Church of the Nazarene another opportunity to share in world evangelism through the printed Word.

NIXON ASKS AMERICANS TO MAKE BIBLE TEACHINGS TOUCHSTONE OF THEIR LIVES. President Nixon has called on all Americans to join in observing National Bible Week, November 19-22, and make the teachings of the Scriptures "the touchstone of their lives."

Mr. Nixon issued a statement on the value of Scripture reading in his role as honorary chairman of the thirty-second annual Bible Week, which takes place during Thanksgiving week in conjunction with the nation's only nondenominational religious observance.

Bible Week is sponsored by the independent, nonprofit Laymen's National Bible Committee, which held the first observance on Pearl Harbor Sunday in 1941. Cooperating organizations are the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of the Laity, the Jewish Committee for National Bible Week, and the U.S. Center for the Catholic Biblical Apostolate.

Mr. Nixon placed particular emphasis on Bible reading by young people, who are the focus of a special advertising campaign being conducted to encourage participation in Bible Week.

"There are times in the lives of each one of us when the inner strength by which we face our daily challenges must be replenished and refreshed," Mr. Nixon said. "There is no finer source for such revival of our spirits than the Holy Writ."

He emphasized that there is a "wealth of sustenance and inspiration" in the Bible, which offers "immeasurable comfort" to those seeking its wisdom. It will be appropriate during Bible Week for Americans of all ages to be "reawakened to the gain and the good that can derive from frequent reading and devotion to the Scriptures," he added.

Referring to the value of the Bible in the lives of young people, he declared that it is especially fitting to provide them with a full opportunity "to grow in appreciation of the Word of God," so they can be better equipped "to do his work on earth for the good of all mankind."
I don’t understand why so many congregations repeat the Lord’s prayer, “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” The Bible says, “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”

You are correct in quoting the King James Version of Matthew 6:12. Luke’s parallel is, “Forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.”

The “forgive us our trespasses” is the Tyndale translation, of which the KJV is largely a revision (see the title of the KJV, “former translations diligently compared and revised”). The Tyndale version of the Lord’s (or “disciples’”) Prayer was used in the prayer book of the Church of England; from which it passed into the liturgy of the Methodist church. From Methodist liturgy it has come down to many of our people.

Theologically, there is virtually no difference. Matthew 6:14-15 enlarges on the meaning of this petition in the prayer, and the KJV translates it, “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Matthew 18:23-35 makes it clear that the “debts” are moral obligations that must be forgiven.

The significant truth of it all is that we are forgiven only as we are forgiving.

What is your answer to the question regarding sanctification for the person who is saved, walking in the light, but dies before he is sanctified? Or suppose a person is saved on his deathbed; is it necessary for him to be sanctified?

In view of the strong statement in Hebrews 12:14, “Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord,” this is a question that often comes up.

The answer, I believe, lies in passages such as Romans 5:9, “Being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him”; and I John 1:7, “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

Putting these three verses together, with others that could be quoted, we see that every justified person is provisionally cleansed as long as he walks in obedience to the will of God as that will is made known to him. Should such a person die, he would be fully sanctified in exactly the same way an infant or small child would be were he to die before coming to the point of personal responsibility.

We should remember that “light” on holiness in the New Testament sense is more than hearing about entire sanctification. It is the personal revelation of God to the heart that this is His will.

To walk against light erodes the faith that appropriates saving grace and finally leads to the darkness of rebellion and deliberate sin. The end is backsliding and ultimately apostasy (Hebrews 10:26-30).

What is the official stand of the Church of the Nazarene, and your personal stand, on apostolic succession? In St. Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 12, verse 28, he mentions that the office of “apostle” is to be part of the Church. Does the church recognize some Protestant bishops (such as in Anglicanism) to be apostles?

I think you are misreading 1 Corinthians 12:28 when you assume that it means that the Church will always have apostles. Paul says in Ephesians 2:20 that the Church is built on the “foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.”

While there was a secondary New Testament use of the term “apostle,” the primary use is to designate those Jesus personally selected to be His companions during His earthly ministry (Mark 3:13-19) and official witnesses to His resurrection (Acts 1:21-22). Paul was later included by virtue of Christ’s appearance to Him on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-6, 15; Romans 1:1).

By this definition—and it is the one in view when the term apostolic succession is used—there have been no apostles in the Church since the first century of the Christian era.

The term “apostle” is sometimes still used in the secondary sense of “authorized messenger” or “one who is sent,” as when we speak of David Brainerd as “the apostle to the Indians.”

No denomination I know of calls its bishops “apostles” in the primary New Testament sense. This is not what apostolic succession means. Apostolic succession is the claim that the Church’s present bishops are in an unbroken lineal descent of ordination from the Twelve in the New Testament.

Most Protestant churches (which would include ours) recognize the apostolic authority of their ministry as resting in the preaching of Scripture. Jesus invested the inspired words of His apostles with His own authority (Luke 10:16; John 17:20).

That is, apostolic succession is spiritual and dynamic, not physical and literal. This seems to me the correct meaning of the term, although it is one most of us wouldn’t consider too important.
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OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

ALBUQUERQUE (N.M.) SANDIA CHURCH has tripled in attendance over an 18-month period, and hundreds of people have sought God in a continuous revival spirit. The church led the New Mexico District in new members by profession of faith for the assembly year.

An outreach effort in the town of Bernalillo, N.M., 15 miles north of Albuquerque, has had unusual success. Other Protestant churches have been unsuccessful in establishing a work in the city. The Sandia Church has had steady growth in an outreach Sunday school in the community and had an average attendance of 77 during a vacation Bible school effort.

John Greeno, associate pastor of the Sandia Church, and father to Pastor Ron Greeno, is directing the new work. They believe a church will be established in Bernalillo in the near future.

A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY celebration was held by the Dickinson, N.D., church on July 23. The church was established September 24, 1922, by Dr. J. G. Morrison, then serving as district superintendent. Rev. Charlie C. Benson became pastor of the 34 charter-member congregation.

Mr. Rolland Mars of Show Low, Ariz., was the guest speaker along with District Superintendent J. Wilmer Lambert. Mr. Mars is a charter member. Rev. Lyle Pointer is the present pastor.

NEW OFFICES FOR THE NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA DISTRICT have been provided rent-free for the next 12 years through the generosity of laymen on the district, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hatley. The property deeded to Macrory Enterprise included special considerations for the Northwest Oklahoma District, which will save the district approximately $70,000 over the period of occupancy in the new office-building complex.

An option to buy the back half of the property at a reasonable rate was also included in the special considerations. Jerald R. Locke is district superintendent. The Macrory Enterprise agreed to donate $2,000 toward furnishing the new district office suite.

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES for the new Madison (Wis.) First Church were held on the new property located on Interstate 94 at the edge of the city. Several city officials attended the service. The construction began immediately on the
new sanctuary and educational facility, which will include 15,000 square feet of space. Ulf Kristoffersen is pastor.

A "ROCK-A-TION" at the Norwalk, Calif., church led by Youth Pastor Rockey Meo, was used as a method of fund raising for a youth project. Teens secured sponsors who agreed to pay a designated amount per hour for as long as the young person could rock in a rocking chair during a full 24-hour span.

Twenty-five young people participated and almost all of them rocked for the full 24 hours. Two local newspapers reported on the event along with radio coverage. The teens raised $875.

Money earned will go toward the purchase of a new 12-passenger van to be given Rev. Esperilla, pastor of Ensenada (Mex.) First Church. During the week previous to the "Rock-A-Thon" the teens raised another $150 through various types of labor. Dean Shaw is pastor.

LAWLOR RETURNS FROM ABROAD

Dr. Edward Lawlor, general superintendent, left Kansas City, November 8, for an official trip to India with a supervisory stop en route in Europe. He will return to the United States on November 25.

DR. AND MRS. D. S. SOMERVILLE celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by members of the Lexington (Ky.) Calvary Church and their only daughter. The reception was held in the Quality Court Motel in Lexington. On their anniversary, Dr. Somerville organized a new church with 30 charter members.

REV. AND MRS. GEORGE H. BRINKMAN celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in Louisville, Ky., with nearly 150 relatives and friends. The open-house reception was hosted by their children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brinkman are elders in the church. The couple live presently in Boca Raton, Fla.

MR. AND MRS. LLOYD KING-SOLVER reaffirmed their wedding vows in a special service on their golden anniversary. The ceremony was held at the Fortuna, Calif., church. Immediately following the service, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church.

MR. AND MRS. MILLARD T. DAVIS, Springfield, Ore., celebrated their fifty-fifth anniversary in June. They are members of the Springfield, Ore., church. Mrs. Davis has a Sunday school class for golden agers. The couple have served as lay pastors in years past.

MR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN I. LYON celebrated their golden anniversary on June 15 with several friends. Flowers were sent by their Sunday school class from the Hurricane, W. Va., church. The couple live in Culloden, W. Va.

REV. AND MRS. CHARLES F. CRAUSWELL, White Springs, Fla., were honored on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a reception planned by their seven children. The celebration was held at the fellowship hall of the Eau Gallie, Fla., church.

After serving 40 consecutive years in the pastoral ministry, the couple are residing at the Suwanee Nazarene Camp at White Springs, Fla., as caretakers. They are active in the Suwanee, Fla., church.

REV. AND MRS. J. ERBEN MOORE, Sr., celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary in July with a family reunion at their Woodland Hills, Calif., home. Mr. Moore was ordained by Dr. Phineas F. Bresee at Cabot, Ark., in 1914. He served in the pastoral ministry over the years and as superintendent of the Arkansas District from 1919 to 1922.
MR. AND MRS. W. M. COZBY were honored with a dinner given by their Sunday school class and friends of Arlington (Tex.) First Church on the occasion of their sixty-second anniversary. They have three children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

OLIVER INAUGURATED

Dr. L. S. Oliver was inaugurated as president of Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, on Tuesday, October 24. The inauguration service was held at Colorado Springs First Church. Dr. Edward S. Mann, executive secretary, Department of Education, and Dr. George Coulter, chairman, Board of General Superintendents, shared in the investiture.

Dr. Otto Stucki, chairman, board of trustees, NBC, presented Dr. Oliver with a copy of the constitution of the school. He challenged him to carry out the purposes as stated in the constitution.

Dr. L. S. Oliver comes to this new position with a varied background in church work. He has served his denomination as pastor, college professor, and district superintendent.

Mrs. Bev Oliver, wife of the new college president, was elected president of Nazarene World Missionary Society at their convention in Miami Beach, Fla., in June. A son, Rev. Steven Oliver, is pastor of Winona (Minn.) First Church.

JAPANESE PASTOR FACES TRAGIC LOSS

Pastor Sugitani, of the Showamachi, Japan, church, and his family were awakened in the middle of the night recently to find their home ablaze. Before firemen could control the flames the home, schoolrooms, and church were totally destroyed.

Pastor Sugitani’s 12-year-old son perished in the fire. The rest of the family escaped.

Caravaners from the Birmingham (Ala.) Huffman Church (l. to r.) are: Mrs. Marion Powell, director; J. Barber, Phineas F. Bressie award; Randall Marsh; Jeff Barber; Suzanne Tinney, Esther Carson Winans Award; and Mrs. Ruby Barber, Pathfinder Guide. Trailblazer Guide Gerald Carlson is not pictured with the group. Director Powell stated, “Caravan programs mean winning children and their families to God.”

East Tennessee District Superintendent Glen Jones (center) used a white carnation as he dedicated the triplets of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Summerlin, born July 30. The ceremony was conducted Thursday night, September 14, at the Cookeville, Tenn., church, where Rev. J. C. Summerlin is pastor. The triplets—Jeffrey, Jennifer, and Jeannine—double the number of children in the family. Other family members include Joseph, Jr., 13; Vickie, eight; and Valerie, nine.

On November 12, a group met at the New Hope Methodist Church site, Many, La., to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of its founding. Although the church no longer stands, the oak grove site holds historical significance.

Pictured are the altar and the pulpit from the old church, which are now used in the Nazarene headquarters prayer chapel in Kansas City. The late General Superintendent R. T. Williams was converted and sanctified at this altar in the New Hope Methodist Church. Mrs. Eugenia Peters Latham (mother of Joy, Mary, and Ruby Latham) attended the church as a child and was also converted at this altar.

The altar and pulpit were preserved by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell and were later presented to Nazarene headquarters by Mrs. R. T. Williams and sons. The solid walnut altar was transported to Miami Beach, Fla., for the installation of General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland, elected at the Eighteenth General Assembly.
NAZARENE CHAPLAIN CITED

Chaplain (Major) Curtis R. Bowers, Jr., United States Army, distinguished himself by meritorious service while serving at various times as either assistant post chaplain or as post chaplain for the Camp Zama military community, United States Army Japan, during the period July 20, 1969, through May 20, 1972. Throughout that period, Chaplain Bowers consistently displayed a high degree of professional competency, managerial ability, and a deep concern for the welfare and religion of men of all faith groups.

As the post Protestant chaplain, Bowers continuously attempted to inject new spiritual life into the total Protestant program of the Camp Zama area. Upon his urging, Sunday vespers services and a midweek Bible study group, interdenominational in concept, were reinstated at the post chapel to attract many new personnel into the church.

In addition, a home Bible study group and a special religious library were initiated by Chaplain Bowers to encourage people to study on their own time. In all endeavors, Chaplain Bowers displayed compassion, concern, and desire to help of the highest quality, earning for himself the respect and admiration of the entire military community and reflecting great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army Japan.

RICE REPORTS SUCCESS IN FRONTLINE ASSIGNMENT

Dr. Kenneth Rice, executive secretary, Department of Church Schools, will return to his office on December 15 after completing a four-month leave of absence to serve full time in a local church in the Kansas City area. He says, "This refresher course in frontline church schools activities has been invaluable to me in understanding the church schools problems in the average Nazarene church. Working with an excellent pastor, Rev. Paul Neal, has been a real privilege."

Using the cabinet of supervisors and general officers of the local church as a planning group, Dr. Rice has helped them establish goals, enlist and train workers, and move from last year's attendance of 111 to an average of 152 in September and 182 in October. Rice plans to share his experiences with the denomination as he returns to his assignment in the Department of Church Schools.

CANADA CHURCH REACHES NEW PEAK

Calgary (Alberta, Canada) First Church reported an October 29 Rally Day attendance of 981. Six buses brought in 368 people, including over 70 parents of children from the regular routes.

Pastor Walter Hubbard, completing five years as pastor, stated—"This is a tribute to great lay-involvement in the church. The church is excited about its program of outreach."

DOUBLE INDEMNITY IN TWO ACCIDENTAL DEATHS

Within 10 days of the October 1 addition of a double-indeednity clause for accidental death or dismemberment to minister's life insurance policy, the lives of two Nazarene ministers were taken in separate accidents.

The additional protection was negotiated with the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company through the Department of Pensions and Benevolence, according to a report by Dr. Dean Wessels, executive secretary.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry H. Goode, Lincoln, Ark., were killed in an automobile accident in Minnesota, October 2.

Rev. Stanley Zook of Hume, Mo., was the victim of a tractor accident near his home, October 10.

Beneficiaries in both instances will receive twice the amount that would be provided in case of natural death.

BEST ATTENDANCE IN TWO YEARS

Dr. T. E. Martin, pastor at Pasadena (Calif.) Bresee Church, reports: "Rally Day, October 29, was a good day in every way. Simultaneous rallies were held for three age-groups—children, youth, and adults. During the Sunday school hour 826 people were counted. This is the highest count in the last two years."

Guests for the Rally Day celebrations included Duane Wooters, puppeteer; the Philharmonic; and Mary Jayne, soloist. Mary Jayne ministered in music and witness in both morning and evening services. A good altar service followed the evening concert. The vocalist is a member of the Lodi, Calif., church. She is a converted dance-band singer. God is using her ministry in gospel and evangelistic music.

INDIANA MINISTER DIES

Rev. L. E. Myers, 66, pastor of Valparaiso, Ind., church, died Oct. 21. Myers underwent open-heart surgery on October 17. He is survived by his wife and one son.

Funeral services were conducted from the Valparaiso church on October 24. Rev. Myers had pastored this church through several decades. Superintendent George Scott, Northwest Indiana District, officiated.
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