Vacation Bible Schools

- Give more time for Christian teaching
- Reach new people
- Give opportunity for evangelism
By W. T. PURKISER

GUEST EDITORIAL
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IT IS YET DAY

What an asset he was to the church! I shall never forget him. He had musical talent of the professional caliber. He was a skilled craftsman and through his trade made an unusual contribution to the church. He and his wife were both Sunday school teachers. And to top it all, he had a genuine desire to see people get saved—and he backed it up with action.

I have often wondered how the eternal tally would be altered if a Church of the Nazarene had not had a vacation Bible school and invited the son of this couple to attend. They had been reared in an old-line, formal church that had a form of godliness but evidently lacked the power to see men’s lives transformed. They were nominal church attenders. However, they never let this interfere with the convenience of their Sunday recreational life. In the words of William James, religion with them was a “dull habit.”

But then they were invited to attend the vacation Bible school program at the neighborhood Church of the Nazarene. They could not help but be interested, for all they had heard from their son for the last two weeks was something about that church, that teacher, the fun he was having, or some morsel of truth that he was digesting.

The program was interesting . . . particularly that part in which Junior starred. But they were most impressed by the friendly people. Everyone seemed interested in them. They were amazed at how many people seemed to know Junior and he had been coming here for just two weeks. They had attended their own church for years and they still felt like strangers. They even felt that their minister wasn’t sure whether to give them a visitor’s card or an invitation to the membership charity ball. How genuine these Nazarene people seemed to be! These visitors already felt they were in their home church.

Well, this was the beginning. Attendance, revival, conversion, sanctification, church membership, training, responsibility—this was the ensuing pattern. And what a difference God, time, and a church home make! Now these folk are genuine Nazarenes. What if that church had failed to utilize the evangelistic potential of a vacation Bible school? Without a doubt there would have been a number of names missing in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

This is just one of a number of similar stories I could relate from my own limited experience. Most pastors who have had vacation Bible schools in their churches could duplicate it. Last year alone, 38,128 children from unchurched homes attended a V.B.S. in a Nazarene church. There were 40,315 bowing at Nazarene altars seeking God’s help in their lives. They were being encouraged and guided by saved and sanctified Nazarene workers.

Yet we have not begun to tap the potential there is in vacation Bible school work. Forty-three per cent or 2,043 of our Nazarene churches did not hold a vacation Bible school last year. Think of it! We could almost double the number of schools if these churches would only catch a vision of this evangelistic tool.

Since it reaches into so many non-Nazarene homes, a church does not have to be large to have a good-sized school. The variety of activity included in the teaching program makes it possible to use many workers that will not normally teach in Sunday school. Many Sunday school teachers had their introduction to the romance of teaching as helpers in vacation Bible school.

It is even possible to hold a school at night if so many of the church people work that it is impossible to recruit a staff for a day school. The vacation Bible school movement started as a means

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General Superintendent Lewis

The Powerful Word

The man was a delegate to the recent Southwest Mexican District Assembly in session at Tuxtla, Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico. His pastor had just reported when the man stood up, raising his hand like a schoolboy, asking for the attention of the teacher. His desire to speak was so apparent that I recognized him and gave him permission to say what he had on his heart.

Instead of speaking from where he was standing, he started picking his way through the audience to the front. Right in front of the platform he turned to face the crowd and plunged into an earnest torrent of Spanish. Dr. Reza interpreted to me as the man spoke to the attentive people. Here is his story.

He is a new Nazarene. This is his very first district assembly. Oh, how wonderful it is to come to this assembly and see all these Christian people! His pastor had just reported and the report filled him with such joy as he heard it that he couldn't keep still. He didn't want to be out of place in talking, but felt that he must tell the marvelous story of how he found Jesus Christ and the Church of the Nazarene in the village where he lived.

He was not a Christian last year at this time, but living in sin and superstition. One day as he was walking down the street in his town (probably a narrow, dirt street with no sidewalks) he noticed a small Book in the litter and dirt. He picked it up. It was black, dirty, and damp. He took it home, cleaned it, dried the dampness from its pages, and began to read (it was a New Testament which someone had lost).

This Book told the story of Jesus, the blessed Son of God, who had come to forgive men of their sins. Oh, how interesting it was! He read and read and read! Its words gripped his heart and made him feel awful over his wicked way of life: he began to pray as best he could and did what the Book told him to do. He asked forgiveness of the great God above for all his sin and evil. Oh, the joy of that forgiveness! (The man was talking with great fervor. He emphasized his words with dramatic gestures.

The audience was thrilled as they listened to him and I could see the response in their faces and hear it in their expressions of praise to God.) Oh, how happy he was to find peace!

Now that he had found peace he must find a church. So he started out to locate one that would preach what the Book said, so he could understand it better and worship with people who knew God as he felt he now knew God.

He stated that God led him to the Church of the Nazarene and there he heard the message of the Book that he had just read. The people were joyful people who had found Christ in the forgiveness of sins as he had found Christ. How happy he was! That was a great day in his life, he said, when he became a Nazarene. He loved his pastor and all the people of the church and all the people of the assembly. And they were going to do great things in their church this year.

He finished and returned to his seat. The assembly was refreshed and blessed. It seemed as though the presence of the Lord filled the church and overflowed to all the delegates who had come there.

What a marvelous Book is the Bible! A New Testament, lost, dirt-stained, and wet, yet in it are life-imparting truth and power. I was reminded of what Jesus said in the sixty-third verse of the sixth chapter of St. John, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

If God has been able to pack such life-giving power in one Testament and through it reach a soul and win him unaided by man, how much power is really lying latent and unused, waiting to be turned loose for God in the church? The church has the power in the Bible, but in addition it has a preacher; it has a choir and people to sing beautiful hymns; it has Sunday school teachers teaching the truth in Sunday school; it has the gospel preached from the pulpit many times during a month, and there are redeemed people belonging to the church who proclaim this great truth through their lives and by word of mouth.

How humiliated and embarrassed we should be to go any length of time without seeing this wonderful power resulting in the redemption of the souls of men! Surely we can harness more of the strength and resources and the grace of an almighty God, turn it loose for God in our parishes, through our many churches, to reach countless families this year for Christ!

Let us bend every effort to use this life-giving power which the man found in the little Testament, lost in the street.
Rev. H. V. Kyer, pastor of Bolindale Church, Warren, Ohio, died on April 4. Funeral was held in Warren on Saturday, April 7.

Rev. Clarence Talbert, retired Nazarene elder of the Indianapolis District, died on March 29.

Mrs. Lois (Letner) Louthan died March 29 in a hospital at Woodward, Oklahoma. She was the wife of Rev. T. R. Louthan, pastor of the church in Freedom, Oklahoma.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: The latest checkup by the specialist shows a reappearance of a lump in gland under Mrs. Morgan's right arm. She is undergoing X-ray treatments. This indicates that the Hodgkin's disease has apparently reappeared, though the doctor feels it is a mild case. Please pray that God will heal again as He did in 1959 when the disease first appeared.—E. M. Morgan, Lebanon.

After serving nearly seven years, Rev. Jerry W. Douds has resigned as pastor of the Delta church to accept a unanimous call to the McConnelltown Church at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.

After pastoring Compton First Church for the past five years, Rev. Donald I. Jenkins has resigned to accept the call to pastor the Cambrian Park Church in San Jose, California.

THANKS: I wish to convey my thanks to all who prayed for me following the automobile accident last July; also for the cards and letters that encouraged me while confined to bed. I am able to get around in a wheel chair and can look forward to walking in the near future. Thanks to all of you.—Mrs. John W. (Doris) Anderson, pastor's wife, North Highlands Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Almgren of Bakersfield, California, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on April 27. Brother Hunt pastored the Sligo, Pennsylvania, church for nine and a half years before retiring after forty-three years of active ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. Their home address is Box 26, Sligo, Pennsylvania.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles F. Hunt, retired elder and wife, celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on April 27. Brother Hunt pastored the Sligo, Pennsylvania, church for nine and a half years before retiring after forty-three years of active ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. Their home address is Box 26, Sligo, Pennsylvania.

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WERE YOU IN PRAYER MEETING LAST WEEK?

EVERYONE would agree that the place for the Christian on prayer meeting night is in prayer meeting. Yet more and more Christians are finding excuses for staying home.

The Bible, the Manual, and Christian conviction combine to admonish us that we must attend faithfully the means of grace made available to us. One of these is prayer meeting. God's Word is this, that we forsake not “the assembling of ourselves together” (Hebrews 10:25).

Generally the number at prayer meeting is small, but they are the committed, consecrated, spiritual leaders of the church. They are usually the “gathered” ones. Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20).

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, in his book The Practice of Prayer, states: “We do not catch the thought if we say two or three met together; ‘assembled together,’ no, they must be ‘gathered,’ and the great and only ‘Gatherer’ is the Lord himself, acting today through the Holy Spirit.”

Thus we see that it is the Holy Spirit who gathers the people of the Lord together. Did you feel a tug at your heart last Wednesday evening when prayer meeting time came and you excused yourself because you felt too tired to go? It was the Holy Spirit trying to “gather” you to the service. Be careful lest you quench the Spirit. Perhaps you felt no tug at your heart. Why? Could it be that you have grieved the Holy Spirit away? Could it be that you have repeatedly failed to obey the Spirit until He has ceased to “gather” you to the services of public worship?

Why weren’t you in prayer meeting last Wednesday evening?—Stanley McElrath, Pastor, Globe, Arizona.
The GIFT of Power

By ROSS W. HAYSLIP
Pastor, Whittier, California

IT HAS BEEN SAID that the twentieth-century Christians have become problem-conscious while the first-century Christians were power-conscious. The Early Church tarried at the command of Jesus until clothed upon with power from above. Paul testified that the power of Christ rested upon him.

This word power and the demonstration of its working occur many times in the New Testament. Now, in our day, the secular world has taken over the word and adapted it as a characteristic of what is termed the “Power Age.” To meet the challenge of this dynamic day the Church must be endued with the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Greek word in the New Testament that our Authorized Version translates “power” is said by scholars to contain the meaning of ability, efficiency, and might. The disciples were not exhorted to seek power. It was to come when they received the Holy Spirit in His fullness. Holiness is not power, but power is an element of holiness.

Power is never achieved when pursued for itself. It is of no spiritual value unless we use it wisely. The power of the Pentecostal experience operates only when the person undertakes a task too big for his own strength.

Too often we enter into futile efforts to “increase our spiritual power” and “revivals of religion” by planning and program. This power does not work according to the human will, but rather to the will of God. Therefore we must be submitted to His will in order that His power might operate through us. God will never take orders from us. Complete submission to Him is the prerequisite for being a channel for service.

Paul in II Timothy 1:7 says, “God hath not given us the spirit of fear: but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” Joseph H. Smith, commenting on this passage, has said: “It is the power of an holy courage, for many talents and gifts of the Spirit lie unused and buried for lack of this moral power. It is also the power to resist the hidden forces of the world’s iniquity and to push the battle of the Lord to successful issue on earth.”

C. B. Jernigan put it aptly when he wrote: “The pioneer spirit with a determination to carry the gospel always goes with the experience of Pentecost. It possessed the early church, and made them immune to fear or threats of the adversary. The Macedonian call put both Paul and Silas in jail with bleeding backs, but planted the church in Europe to stay. Had they run from the Philippian prison, we would never have had the churches in Philippi, Corinth, Thessalonica, or Rome. Just so with the preachers of the early holiness movement. They knew no fear. It was not how much money but where can I preach. It was preach or backslide, money or no money, believing that the God who commanded the birds to feed Elijah could take care of us. This Spirit possessed me and I had to go or lose my commission.”

One of the serious indictments brought against any group is that of Paul when in II Timothy 3:5 he speaks of individuals who possess a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. We Nazarenes must contend for an equation of our vocabulary and our outreach. We must match our profession of purity with a possession of power. Purity is inward and invisible to the mortal eye, but power is a visible demonstration of God working in our lives.

The gift of spiritual power comes to that person who recklessly abandons himself to the will and purposes of God and maintains by intense devotion that inward fellowship with the Spirit of God. Such a person will be used of God to the fullest extent of his natural capabilities. He will know the power that prevails.
BECAUSE our baby sitter was persistent, our home is a Christian home. She said often, “Mrs. Snethen, Carolyn should be in Sunday school.” We thought our three-year-old Carolyn was still a baby and didn’t take or send her.

When vacation Bible school time came, our baby sitter was chosen to be the teacher of the nursery class. She pressed her invitation again and we let her take Carolyn to vacation Bible school.

Our little girl enjoyed her mornings at the Ottawa Church of the Nazarene and brought home an invitation addressed to us to come to her Demonstration Program. She said she would show her daddy and me “pretty things.”

We went to church that Sunday morning as a family and returned again and again. Both my husband, Mearl, and I were saved and sanctified soon after and “Carolyn’s church” became ours too.

Now our lives are centered in church work. Mearl is chairman of the board of trustees and I teach a class of junior girls on Sunday.

Today I am studying my Superintendent’s Notes and planning for this year’s vacation Bible school —my second one in the superintendent’s chair. Carolyn, who is now a teen-ager, wants to work in the nursery class which introduced her to the church. Our family believes in vacation Bible school. We are thankful for that persistent baby sitter!

V.B.S. Yields Lasting Results

By MRS. LERNE MacMILLAN

WHY have a V.B.S.? Oh, we know the answers to that one! Our church leaders have made sure of that. But as time for planning our school comes around again, someone asks, “Are there ever really lasting results?”

That question may be asked by the church school board, the Sunday school superintendent, or even the pastor. Possibly they know of no adult who attributes his Christian experience to V.B.S. And yet there are hundreds of such adults working in our church today. Having found the Lord early in life, their whole lives have been given to Kingdom building.

A boy of eight and a girl of eleven were both saved one morning in V.B.S. twenty-five years ago. Both were from unchurched homes. Today he is a successful pastor and district N.Y.P.S. president. She is a Sunday school teacher for a primary class of boys.

Two years earlier in the same church I was saved in a V.B.S. at the age of eight. My calling is being lived out as a minister’s wife for the Church of the Nazarene.

Lasting results? I’ll never get over them. I’m thankful Bloomington, Indiana, First Church had the vision and foresight to do something special for boys and girls of a quarter of a century ago. No doubt there are scores of others who look back on one of the many vacation Bible schools conducted by this church as the beginning of their spiritual life.

The most unlikely looking boy or girl may be the one from whom will come lasting results!

GENERAL DIRECTOR’S NOTE: Last year over 40,000 boys and girls were converted in vacation Bible schools in the Church of the Nazarene.
District Uses Vacation Bible School to START A NEW CHURCH

By MRS. LEE ROY McCLEERY

VASHON is an island without a holiness church. However, one Nazarene family moved to the island and saw the possibilities of establishing a church there. After conference with the district superintendent it was decided that a vacation Bible school would be conducted during the day, followed by revival services in the evening. It was my privilege to conduct the Bible school, using our Nazarene Bible school materials.

In promoting the Bible school one dedicated couple, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, from Tacoma, came to the island the week preceding the school and visited every home. Then Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Darden, who lives on the island, spent two days enrolling children and arranging car stops. The district evangelism committee came out and posted signs for several miles in both directions to the little country church where the Bible school was to be held, and erected a large billboard sign at the church.

Workers in the Bible school included the supervisor, three teachers, and one assistant. One teacher was a lady from the community interested in the Church of the Nazarene.

We adapted the lessons to the needs of the children in this particular community. The suggested schedules in the teachers' manuals were followed as closely as possible during the week. There were, however, some alterations due to the lack of workers and equipment.

We had kindergarten, primary, and junior-junior high classes. We used the older children to help with supervised activity. The children enjoyed bringing resources from the surrounding community to use on interest tables. This activity seemed to give them the feeling of really "belonging" to the school.

The enrollment was eleven on the first day and increased every day to thirty-six on the last day. The eagerness of the children to learn and their willingness to co-operate in even the smallest task were an inspiration to the teachers and supervisor.

The school climaxned with a Demonstration Program featuring Bible verses learned, portions taken from various lessons, and singing by the entire group. Almost every Bible school pupil was present for the program and the little church was packed to capacity with parents and friends. Awards and certificates were presented at the program, which seemed to impress the parents greatly.

The singing of the children and the expression on their faces told all that they had had a delightful time and had learned much about God and His creation. We not only wanted to acquaint the community with our church and its Bible school materials, but we wanted the community to know that the Church of the Nazarene had much to offer in other areas.

We were convinced that it is possible to have a successful vacation Bible school with children who are not familiar with our Nazarene practices or doctrines, in a community where our church is unknown, in a small church with very few facilities, with improvised tables, and limited workers and materials.

We attribute much of the success to the pre-enrollment visitation work. Also follow-up visits were made during the school. Detailed records were kept and a summary of the work was left with the family that lives on the island, for further contacts.

Our latest report from the district superintendent is that there is a strong group meeting every Sunday with a good Sunday school average. He feels there will be a strong Church of the Nazarene on Vashon soon.
They Hunger for Truth!

By HELEN TEMPLE

THERE IS A BATTLE on today for the minds of men. It is being fought by the printed page. False doctrines are sowing the world down with their printed literature. Can we afford to sit back and let them take the minds of the people while our own missionaries, with burning hearts, have only a few handfuls of gospel tracts to put into those thousands of outstretched hands?

The tracts are good, and the missionaries do their best to spread them as far as they can. But we need to be producing thousands more. We need attractive booklets; we need holiness classics translated and available to all who want to buy; we need holiness books in our Bible schools, and in our parsonages all over the world.

People in every nation in the world are learning to read at a fantastic pace. And when they learn to read, they accept literature of any kind and eagerly study it.

Communism has seen the hunger for literature and is pouring tons of it into every country in the world. Cults and isms are spreading volumes of printed material everywhere. But very little holiness literature has yet been translated into the languages of our mission fields. Teachers in our Bible schools are forced to provide text and reference books from whatever religious material is freely available.

Our Bible schools are training pastors to go out and win newly literate people for Christ. These pastors must be educated. They must know the Word of God thoroughly. They must have holiness textbooks and reference books from which to study, so that they will be prepared to meet the false doctrines that many of these people have read and accepted.

This year our vacation Bible schools are taking an offering to help supply this pressing need for holiness books and literature in eight of our mission fields. We will send money for Bible school library books and for holiness translations to Japan, Lebanon, Taiwan, the Philippine Islands, Argentina, Peru, Uruguay, and to the Spanish Bible Institute in San Antonio, Texas, which serves Mexico and the Spanish-speaking districts in the United States.

The need for this literature is urgent and critical. One field has found that it can produce a thousand books for four hundred dollars. This reduced to forty cents a book—a price well within the reach of every boy and girl in your school. Encourage your children to share the story of salvation. Do your share to send the message of love around the world.

A colorful poster, picture booklet, and leaflet featuring the missionary project will be included without charge with every teacher's manual sold by the Nazarene Publishing House. If they are not included, request copies from the General Vacation Bible School Office, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City 31, Missouri. Use these materials throughout the school.

The world hungers for truth. We can help supply the need—HELP SPREAD THE STORY OF SALVATION.
Aim for the Highest Score!

ACHIEVEMENT in vacation Bible school is measured in many ways. The most rewarding achievements are intangible—the tears and smiles of boys and girls who have just found Christ as Saviour; the shining eyes of the unchurched child hearing the story of Jesus for the first time; and the earnest effort of the youngest children as they make a gift for “their” church.

But eight vital goals for achievement have been listed in the Vacation Bible School Guide. These principles help us measure our success in providing a well-balanced and profitable vacation Bible school for our children. A perfect achievement score of “8” is within the reach of every school which plans with purpose.

Use the Guide as your check list for planning and follow-through. Every report filed at Headquarters receives a Certificate of Honor indicating the achievement score.

Aim for the perfect mark, for the sake of your children and for the building of the Kingdom.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL GUIDE

1. Length of School
   At least ten sessions, two and one-half hours in length, and lasting over a period of at least ten calendar days.

2. Curriculum
   NAZARENE CURRICULUM MATERIALS
   Tomorrow’s church needs leaders rooted and grounded in the doctrines of the church. Nazarene curriculum is the only material printed which can be depended upon to give our own doctrinal viewpoint. Each local church has a responsibility thus to develop leaders for tomorrow’s church.

3. A Training Program for Teachers
   A training class of six sessions before school begins and a minimum of one conference each week of the school is recommended. Two workers’ conferences before school begins and one conference each week of the school will be accepted.

4. Organization
   Age-group division (Kindergarten, 4-5; Primary, 6, 7, 8; Juniors, 9, 10, 11; Junior High, 12, 13, 14), at least in classwork.

5. A Balanced Program
   Provision in the program for worship, evangelism, Bible study, and expressional activities.

6. Enrollment and Attendance
   An increase in enrollment and/or average attendance over the preceding year.

7. Records
   Adequate enrollment and attendance records.

8. Reports
   A complete final report filed (preferably in triplicate). File one with your local church school board or the pastor; send one to the Director of Vacation Bible Schools, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City 31, Missouri; send the third copy to your district director.

Each school which reports to the general office will receive a CERTIFICATE OF HONOR on which its score will be indicated. This will give each church credit for its effort. It is important also that each pastor include the vacation Bible school in his report to the district assembly. Annual vacation Bible school statistics are determined by pastor’s reports.
BETWEEN shot and scattered “blue rock,” they began to talk of spiritual things. As the Holy Spirit brought deepening conviction, somehow skeet shooting lost its appeal, and these two young husbands started home. The talk continued, the conviction increased, and their tears began to flow during that car ride.

Back home, one wife, a member of our church, suggested they call the pastor for prayer. They put it off. After night-shift work and skeet shooting, sleep should have been a pleasure; but it didn’t come that easy, for the Holy Spirit was in the bedroom too.

Finally Don drove over and picked up Duaine with the invitation, “Let’s go see Brother Shaver.” And at 2:30 p.m., on October 24, a Tuesday, mind you, these two men prayed their way through to God. “Victory” was the word for the Wednesday prayer meeting with Don and Duaine testifying, and Don’s six-year-old son converted.

Revival fires began to burn. The prayer formed on many lips, “Give us a soul a day, Lord.” God had been using a series of events to lay the foundation work for this revival.

There had been the presence and prayers of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Nazarene missionaries from Barbados, who made their home base for deputation work the missionary cottage on the Bethel Glen property.

There had been that thirty-nine-year-old lady in the hospital, who was faithfully visited. This lady from a non-holiness background found God in sanctifying power. Her ringing testimony, sent by way of the pastor to the church, helped stoke the fires too.

There had been Mrs. G. backslidden but recently attending Bethel Glen, who got back to God in her home.

There had been that September missionary meeting where, after personal work, a young wife and mother named Dorothy was seeking God and prayed through to immediate victory. When later she appeared at the parsonage back door, blood-spattered and bruised, persecuted because of her new life in Christ, we knew the devil was worried. She held true, and we knew God had the victory.

Even before these events, there had been Evangelyn, practically carried to an altar of prayer because of legs that doctors said would never walk again. Touched by God’s healing hand, she arose and walked away unaided.

But more than these first sparks of revival there had been that continuing calling program, sometimes at a low ebb, sometimes more successful, but still continued.

Even more, there had been Evangelyn, Don’s wife, calling for a women’s prayer meeting at her home. After that Friday prayer meeting, which has continued ever since, not many hours passed before faith saw its victory. Then Don and Duaine, the first fruits of revival, called for a men’s prayer meeting, which began November 5 and has continued since.

Sunday morning, October 29, expectation was high, and at the invitation Bob and Dolores, fine-looking parents in their twenties, came weeping to an altar of prayer. Church folk before, yes, but the first taste of real conversion. Sunday night there was another young father in his twenties getting back to God. Ron by name, and Nazarene-raised, he had been backslidden for eight years.

Next Sunday seekers again were at the altar, but the devil raised his ugly head when a thoroughly backslidden member cursed the pastor out at the back of the church after service. But Monday night Holy Ghost conviction had topped the
devil's cursing and Harold's wrath had turned to restitution. Tuesday was made sweet by the tear-stained cushions on the parsonage sofa as Harold was reclaimed. Wednesday, after a prayer meeting, young Randy asked his mom to pray Jesus into his heart.

By this time midnight phone calls and early morning prayer meetings (1:00 to 3:00 a.m.) in laymen's homes were common. The next Sunday night, live at the altar. How magnificently prayer was answered for a mother now with Jesus, when her daughter at the altar looked up, face tear-stained and softened by God's grace, later to reply, "I've been baptized twice, but this is the first time I've ever really been saved"! And also that night a young mother, recently returned to the Lord, sought the sanctifying Spirit, as holiness concern began to grip other hearts. More seekers Wednesday, more Sunday morning: Dave and Sandy, two fine teen-agers on Sunday night.

On December 2, scheduled revival services began and for nine days the Word of God went forth and seekers came forward. More for holiness—"Brownie" seeking God publicly for the first time in his sixty-two years of life; Beverly, radiant and tear-stained after seeking God for her first time in our church; and Spirit-filled, this Duaine, according to the definite inwardness of the Spirit, despite his upbringing that such fullness could be known only by outward manifestations.

Saturday night echoed victory again as Ken, a thirty-two-year-old husband, long prayed for, sought God. Perhaps the greatest victory was the last one, when Floyd, young father, hit the altar hard and prayed clear through to saving grace—one outstanding example is Bob. His salvation meant for him deliverance from up to one hundred cans of beer and fourteen packs of cigarettes per week. His home, on the verge of divorce, was mended by the Lord. To those toward whom he'd had hard feelings he made personal apologies. From nearly nine hundred dollars in bills and court action hanging over his head, thanks to his gambling and extravagant spending, he was given miraculous deliverance after he began tithing.

The future reveals still others in need. There is some backsliding to be repented of, though only one of the forty-two seekers fails to attend church regularly. Our little church, which can hold only about one hundred, sardine-style, needs to be replaced or enlarged. Many of the unsaved still crowd our services and calling lists—and we look forward to a greater "Forty Days of Fire!"

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Statistics reveal what revival did. A Sunday school average of fifty-five for last year jumped to seventy for the first five months of the new year, with ten Sunday school members following God's leading to strengthen a smaller and younger Church of the Nazarene. Sunday night average rose from twenty-nine to sixty-one for the "Shining Lights" emphasis. In five months, fourteen new members were added to the church, better than a 50 per cent increase. Of the forty-one seekers, twenty-four sought God for salvation or sanctification for the first time at Bethel Glen; twenty-five seekers were adults, fifteen of these being men.

The change in personal lives is God-glorying. One outstanding example is Bob. His salvation meant for him deliverance from up to one hundred cans of beer and fourteen packs of cigarettes per week. His home, on the verge of divorce, was mended by the Lord. To those toward whom he'd had hard feelings he made personal apologies. From nearly nine hundred dollars in bills and
The evening services were part of the papers and addresses were spontaneous and blessing. Added to the scheduled testimonies of praise and victory were the most of the pastors of the Gulf Central who attended the meeting and made an excellent contribution by their presence and work for the Lord and the church.

April 30 was the date for semiannual interest payments on deposits in the General Church Loan Fund. This copy was prepared before the total interest had been figured, but approximately $20,000 was expected to be paid in interest on savings deposits. Interest begins the day your deposit is received. Write immediately to the General Church Loan Fund, 4601 The Paseo, Kansas City 31, Missouri, for complete information about these deposits. Let your money work for the Lord.

Missouri, for complete information about these deposits. Let your money work for the Lord.

Rev. R. W. Cunningham, Rev. Clarence Bowman, and most of the students of Nazarene Bible Institute also attended the meeting and made a wonderful contribution by their presence and spirit. These young men have received scholarship help from a number of fine Nazarene laymen. We rejoiced to see them thoroughly grounded in doctrine and experience and feeling the call of God on their hearts for full-time service in the ministry. Much credit is due Brother Cunningham and Brother Bowman for helping to create an atmosphere at Nazarene Bible Institute in which the Holy Spirit can touch the hearts of these young men. They need our prayers.

District Superintendent Warren A. Rogers presided at the sessions and kept the program moving along. The host pastor provided wonderful hospitality. A number of visitors were present, including Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Spencer, pastor of our church in Toledo, Ohio.

The entire preachers’ meeting was so blessed by the presence of the Lord that everyone was reluctant to leave. For two hours past the time for adjournment, the people testified to the grace of God in their lives. We trust that something of the spirit of the services may be taken back into the local churches, bringing new life and zeal for the Lord.

We asked you to pray for a Guatemalan pastor for our local church. Francisco Cuc is now here with his family and is doing a wonderful job of keeping the revival fires burning. Souls are finding God.

We asked you to pray for a helper in the clinic who could learn and serve. Dora Olga Cuellar came voluntarily to help in the clinic mornings. She has begun work in the community as a midwife—a great need here. She is an excellent evangelist in both Spanish and Kekchi.

Elvira is working with me in the kitchen and clinic. She was a convert two years ago.

We asked you to help us pray for a convert on every plantation, to witness for Jesus. God has given seven in Santa Teresa, eight in Cuchil, three in Concepcion, one in Pachilja, two in Coyote. We have seen miracles happening down here. I could not begin to tell you all of them.

A New Storey
Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Storey, missionaries to Guatemala, have adopted a little girl, Marlene Esther. She was born December 27, 1961.

The Cuban refugee work here in Miami is at its peak. Every week hundreds of new Cuban refugees arrive and many are in great need. Through the Nazarene Refugee Center we have made many fine contacts for our church.

Please keep us on your prayer charts, and your hearts.

Urgent Prayer Request
Philippines
Rev. Montecastro, one of our faithful pastors in the Philippine Islands, needs your prayers for his little son. The boy recently suffered a very high fever from a virus infection, which doctors say has affected the child’s brain. Two doctors gave the child up to die, but one con-
continued to work with him. He is now home from the hospital, but recovery will be very slow. Please pray for this little boy, that God will repair the damage to his brain and restore him to usefulness for His kingdom.

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**SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION**

**PAUL SKILES, Secretary**

As I waited for my boat on the Kobe, Japan, waterfront I glimpsed in the distance the ship which would be my parish. It was a view filled with anticipation—what would duty in an aircraft carrier be like? I found it to be a floating city. A city of hundreds of men from your towns and churches. Most of them would prefer to be at home with their wives and children, or back in school in the normal pursuits of civilian life. But duty calls, and here they are in a great ship.

Yesterday was Sunday—Sunday at sea. In the forenoon we met in the hangar bay for church service. In the afternoon it was transformed into a place where men could participate in whole-some recreation. Last night we met in the ship’s chapel for our informal Sunday evening vesper service.

It is 11:30 p.m. I just came down to my stateroom from the flight deck, where night operations are taking place. It will be well after midnight before they cease for the night. They will resume again tomorrow afternoon and, weather permitting, continue until a similar hour the following morning.

Outside my room is a great elevator where from time to time a horn sounds, indicating that a fighter plane is being lowered from the flight deck to the hangar deck, to be refueled and subsequently hoisted on an aft elevator to be catapulted off into the darkness again.

This has been a busy day for me—it started pretty early this morning—getting a man off on a plane to be with a sick loved one—counseling interviews—desk work—noonday duties in the chapel—reporting up-to-the-minute news over the ship’s public-address system—visits in the sick bay—work on an article for the ship’s paper, et cetera. A rather typical day at sea.

It is a rewarding work. Some of the favorable results are visible, and I’m sure that others are invisible. And I am only one of hundreds of chaplains serving God and country. Brethren, pray for us.

—REGINALD A. BERRY

Chaplain, U.S. Navy
long as Christian conscience is not
violated; third, suffering does not
cause the believer to be excused
from his responsibility to live.

Motivation is provided for living on
this ethical plane, from at least two
inspiring considerations. To remember
what Jesus is to the one for whom he
will give courage to Christians to
bear pressure. Having been generally
called out of darkness, having
wonderfully received mercy, they are
the heirs of all that the ancient covenant
provided for the people of God. And this
world is not their home; they are "just
passing through." Further, they follow
the steps of Him whom they love more
than life. By His example they are
instructed to live a godly life (2 Cor.
5:1), a committed life (v. 21), and an inter-
cessory life (v. 24).

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Announcements
RECOMMENDATION
I wish to recommend Rev. J. L. "(Jack"
Woozeman, who is now engaged in full-time
work. He has had many years of experience
both as a pastor and an evangelist; consequently
he understands the problems and needs relative
to the work of revivals. He is an excellent preacher of
the Word, and will do his best to have revivals wherever
called. Write him, 2640 S.W. 46th, Oklahoma
City, Oklahoma—W. T. Johnson, Superintendent
of Southwest Oklahoma District.

BORN
— to Mr. and Mrs. Perrett W. McGarvey of
Frankfort, Indiana, a son, Tracy Patrick, on March
17.
— to Harold K. and Jo (Reynolds) Stover of
Columbia, South Carolina, a son, Lloyd Keith, on
March 12.
— to Rev. and Mrs. Harold Canaday of Springfield,
Illinois, twin girls, Bonnie Gay and Connie Rae, on
March 13.
— to Martin J. and Judy (Heims) Dempster of
Huron, South Dakota, a daughter, Pamela Sue, on
February 18.
ADOPTED
— by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Harris of Springfield,
Oregon, a son, Lloyd Furrman; he was born March
19.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED
— by a mother in Indiana that "my son, daugh-
ter, and her husband will soon get into a holiness
church and be saved!" The son may not make the
right choice in marriage, and that she may
draw closer to God and live in the center of His
will.
— by a Christian friend in Illinois for an eighteen-
year-old niece to be delivered from sin and
become a Christian (she was reared in a Nazarene
home);
— by a Nazarene lady in Missouri for a fellow
member, now in the hospital suffering from very
severe burns, that God will give her grace for the
pain, and heal her body if it is His will;
— by a subscriber in Indiana for healing of body,
believes God is able.

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Northeast Oklahoma .................................... June 9 to 12
Western Kansas .......................................... June 20 and 21
Albany .................................................. July 27 and 28
Central Missouri .......................................... July 11 to 20
East Tennessee ........................................... July 26 and 27
Aiken .................................................. August 1 and 2
Dallas .................................................. August 8 and 9
Kansas City .............................................. August 29 and 30
South Arkansas .......................................... September 19 and 20

G. B. WILLIAMSON:
Canada Pacific ........................................... May 16 and 17
Canada Atlantic ......................................... May 24 and 25
Alaska .................................................. May 31 and June 1
Canada Central ......................................... June 21 and 22
Canada West ............................................. June 28 and 29
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Northeastern Indiana .................................. July 11 to 13
Chicago Central ........................................... July 18 and 19
Kentucky .................................................. August 8 and 9
Houston .................................................. August 22 and 23
South Carolina .......................................... August 23 and 24
Southwest Oklahoma .................................. September 19 and 20
New York ............................................... September 26 and 27

SAMUEL YOUNG:
Los Angeles ............................................... May 9 to 11
New England ............................................. May 16 to 18
New York ............................................... May 24 to 25
New England ............................................. June 20 and 21
New York ............................................... June 28 and 29
New York ............................................... July 5 to 7
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Northwestern Ohio ..................................... July 17 to 19
North Central .......................................... July 25 to 26
Ohio .................................................. August 8 and 9
Louisiana .................................................. August 22 and 23
North Carolina ......................................... August 29 and 30
Northwest Indiana ..................................... September 19 and 20

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convention, May 8.)

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tor, General Superintendent Benner.

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For Graham's Chicago Crusade

In recent campaign in Manchester, England, 1,000 ushers is also under way. The choir members are being enlisted by choir-key recruiter in each church. A special rehearsal for the choir volunteers will be held just before the campaign opens and about fifteen hundred will be used nightly.

Linguistic Registration Opens

The commission estimates that one of every nine Americans who begins drinking will become an alcoholic. "Drinking" as here used has nothing in question was taking of liquids, in contrast with the fasting which John practiced.

In Job 1:6 and Job 2:1, of whom was it speaking when it says, "The sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord"? In line with the above explanation is in line with the fact that the Hebrew phrase beni ha Elohim is used in the Old Testament to describe the angels of God, or the heavenly hosts surrounding His throne. The presence of Satan was apparently not the usual thing, for the word also in both verses is emphatic and would seem to indicate that Satan did not belong in the company. He came in the capability in which he still acts, as "the accuser of our brethren" (Revelation 12:10). I honestly do not think this gives any support to the theory that there are other inhabited worlds or earths comparable to ours.

Summer Institute of Linguistics Registration Opens

Registration for linguistic courses at three state universities are now being accepted by the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Santa Ana, California, according to Dr. Kenneth L. Pike, president.

The linguistics courses, held June 18 through August 24, at the state universities of Oklahoma, North Dakota, and Washington, are designed to provide students with skills necessary for learning, writing, and describing unwritten languages. A specially adapted course provides training for those who will go into remote areas as support personnel for translator teams.

The Summer Institute of Linguistics curriculum is tailored specifically to the needs of missionaries (denominational and non-denominational) who will work with aborigines whose languages have not yet been written. The ultimate aim of the course is to permit the translation of the Bible into the newly written tongue. More than five thousand missionaries have received Summer Institute of Linguistics training.
The new sanctuary of the Church of the Nazarene in Pompano Beach, Florida, was recently dedicated by District Superintendent John L. Knight. The new building contains 4,500 square feet of floor space, with seating for 410. It is fully air-conditioned, and furnished with oak furniture finished in antique walnut. The building is of contemporary design, and has laminated arches and wood decking. It is valued at $130,000. The church grounds have been landscaped by members of the church, with parking for 60 cars. Rev. Eugene Simpson has been pastor since July, 1959.

District Superintendent Fred J. Hawk recently dedicated the Faith Church of the Nazarene in Bay City, Michigan. Former Pastors Carl R. Allen and Allen Cobb also participated. Faith Church was organized at the altar of First Church in 1955 by Dr. O. L. Maish, at that time district superintendent. The present building is valued at more than $85,000, much of the construction work having been done by the members of the congregation. Rev. Harold J. Potter is the present pastor.

The spring series of Cross-country Missionary Conventions has just concluded. These were the leaders at the convention held in Jacksonville, Florida. From left to right are Dr. John Knight, superintendent of the Florida District; Rev. Robert McCroskey, missionary to the Philippines; Rev. Wayne Knox, missionary to British Guiana; and Dr. George Coulter, executive secretary of the Department of Foreign Missions. A fifth worker, Rev. Maurice Hall, missionary to Africa, was not present for the picture.

In an effort to encourage more teenagers to read the missionary reading books this year, District Superintendent W. D. McGraw of the Oregon Pacific District offered to serve chili made by him from his own recipe to all teens qualifying. The picture shows one of seven such dinners given. A total of 244 were fed, ranging from 12 to 80 in each gathering, including adult sponsors. Qualifying for the honor were 254 teenagers, more than half of whom were new readers.
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**V.B.S. TAGS**

Appropriate for advanced promotion and first-day awards. Back includes scripture and space for name of child and church. Colorful, die-cut, red string. Size 2 x 2 ¼”.

V-9553 12 for 25c; 100 for $1.50

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**V.B.S. HEADBANDS**

Worn to and from V.B.S. provide good publicity. Seals placed on headband for days present are incentive for perfect attendance. 3 x 3” high, adjustable to any head size.

V-9555 12 for 35c; 100 for $2.50

A-1817S Bible Seals for Headbands Packages of 100, 40c

All attractively designed—colorfully printed