This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

(Psalm 118:24)
Thanksgiving is Thanksgiving

LORD, we thank Thee!

This morning as I opened my Bible for study and devotion, my attention was attracted to a scripture promise card which had been placed between its pages. As I lifted the little card and read, the words of promise were: "... be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:9). These timely and timeless words of promise written so long ago set my mind to thinking on the faithfulness of God and our gratitude due Him.

I am thankful to the Lord for His wonderful love and redemption from sin made known to me. It was His love and mercy that redeemed my soul from evil many years ago, and which some two years following brought me into the Spirit-filled, sanctified life with the Lord. I am deeply grateful for this wonderful relationship which I enjoy with Him. Christ Jesus lives in my heart and through His precious blood keeps me cleansed from all sin.

I am also thankful for His continuing grace and protective care. The Christian is never promised immunity from the trials, heartaches, reversals, afflictions, and hardships of life, but he is promised grace sufficient to provide spiritual victory and deliverance. The Apostle Paul declared: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). Over and over again the Lord has proven His promise.

I am thankful that we all can share the Good News of Christ through testimony, influence, prayer, and financial support so that others can hear and learn about Jesus.

This is the motivation which prompts and inspires us all to participate in the church’s annual Thanksgiving offering for world evangelism. Thanksgiving affords the opportunity to thank our Heavenly Father, to express a special word of love and commendation to a loved one or friend, and to participate in this worldwide offering for others.

The lines on the reverse side of the little scripture promise card read:

God, the Lord, shall never fail thee,

He thy cause will undertake:

All the way His hand shall hold thee,

Faithful love can ne'er forsake.

Thanksgiving is Thanksgiving! □
THE SON of a rich man is lost in the desert dying of thirst. Unable to save himself, the son must rely on the help of others. Frantic efforts to find him have proved fruitless. But when hope is waning, the father finds his son and gives him the life-giving water that he desperately needs.

Do you think the son was selfish because he accepted the water from his father?

You are probably appalled that this question was even asked. Yet there are people, Christians and non-Christians, who believe that a person in becoming a Christian has been motivated by selfish reasons. "Oh, he became a Christian so that he could go to heaven. He was only concerned about number one. His motives were not pure. He was seeking his own happiness. Later, as he grows in the Christian life, he will learn not to be so self-centered."

Do ministers and evangelists appeal to greed when they offer a person eternal life? Does a person become a Christian for selfish reasons? I do not think so.

A man dying of thirst needs water. A starving man requires food. Bread and water are basic human needs. The desire for these is neither selfish nor self-centered. Selfishness only enters when a person will not share what he has or wants more than he needs. Likewise, providing essential human needs for ourselves and for others is to be properly and not sinfully self-centered.

The spiritual application is clear. All men have sinned and are destined to perish. Jesus has come to offer us living water that we might live. Salvation from sin and death is our need—our only real need. Personal salvation is a necessity and not a luxury. Without the water and bread that Jesus offers we would die spiritually as a man without water and food will die physically. If living water is an essential spiritual need, then no one can accuse us of selfishness in desiring it. In fact, the opposite is true. We are selfish and self-centered if we do not accept it. How foolish to think that we are self-sufficient—that we can supply our own bread and water.

Another reason why selfishness is not a factor in accepting eternal life is that eternal life is God's gift. If you give a present to a friend, especially an item that the person needs, do you accuse him of selfishness if he accepts it? Certainly not! This never enters your mind.

Neither would we be so inhuman as to offer to sell water to a man dying of thirst. Would we not gladly give water to him that he might live, and then rejoice with him that his life has been restored? God has offered us the gift of eternal life. Heaven rejoices when a man dead in sin finds new life in Christ. God presents to us a gift that we need. In accepting this gift selfishness is as far removed as the East is from the West.

Furthermore, selfishness has no part in receiving eternal life because the giver of the gift is none other than our Heavenly Father. Some people might be so cruel as to sell water to a thirsty man, much as Jacob sold soup to Esau. But a father is different. Isaac would have given food to his son Esau. A loving father will give his children those things that they need or die to do it. What parent would ever accuse his children of greed if they accept those things that the parents give them? "If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:11, NIV).

The love of our Heavenly Father in giving us the gift of eternal life rules out any possibility of the recipient being accused of selfishness. A child is not selfish when he accepts a much-needed gift from his parents.

Eternal life is our need and it is offered to us as a gift by our loving Heavenly Father. Anyone who believes a person becomes a Christian for selfish motives has failed to understand the radical nature of man's need and has failed to appreciate the magnitude of God's love and grace.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
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God Loves You and I Love You
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by HAL M. VON STEIN

WHAT'S THAT THING the skipper is squinting through?” I asked my Finnish watchmate.

I had already displayed my ignorance of everything else aboard the wooden ship: the names of the weathered canvas sails, and what was meant by a “deep water voyage.” I had been so eager to get to sea I hadn’t realized all that was implied in being an ordinary seaman on the four-man crew of the cargo schooner Lucy Evelyn. My watchmate rolled his eyes when I asked where the ship was bound from Pensacola. Obviously he thought I must be mentally retarded, if not worse.

“Didn’t you sign on?” he asked. I said yes, but I hadn’t read the papers.

“We are boun’ for Tenerife, Canary Islands.” I had no idea where Tenerife was.

People who have forgotten their teens are cautious about adventuring upon an illimitable ocean of new experience where it is expected of you to know where you are going, when you don’t. In revival meetings, some may lift a hand, but it takes a youthful courage to step into the aisle and start down to the altar. For although the way may be plainly spoken of, no one can know what the voyage may entail!

The morning the lifting anchor chains battered the hawse pipes in the forepeak of the Lucy Evelyn, the Gulf of Mexico turned upside down. For three weeks the little wooden vessel, with a one-horse farmer’s boy on board, fought to live, driving backward 15°
miles in one black night. Out beyond dry Tortuga into the Gulf stream, where seas come from all directions at once, the mainsail boom was smashed, we panted at the bilge pumps, and the sea buried the ship day and night for 21 days.

Then a pale sun glanced briefly over the blue-black shoulder of cloud that was a veritable part of the mountainous seas. It was then I asked what it was the skipper was squinting through.

"Sextant. He ain't got no fix for nearly a mont'. God only knows where we are at!"

I thought all you needed was a compass. If you kept the ship on course with that, eventually you arrived where you aimed yourself. The Finn shook his head.

"From harbor you take a fix, but across Atlantic is long way off! You gotta have a fix ever' day."

Gradually I got the picture along with my sea legs. It was like shooting a rifle. A tiny error would multiply itself across 3,000 miles. At that time there was no loran—no shortwave—nothing! A little ship in the Atlantic Ocean is less than a pinprick in the universe.

How could the captain fasten his perspective upon reality, squinting at the sun bouncing along a moving horizon like a drunken tennis ball?

In mid-Atlantic a troopship, bristling with khaki-clad soldiers, suddenly steamed over the horizon. Frantic activity developed. Little flags slid skyward on signal halliards, snapping in the breeze.

"Da captains," my watchmate explained in his kind of English, "exchange latitoot, an' long-itoot." I could see the advantage.

"But suppose they both make mistakes. They could be wrong."

"Na, na! Maybe not perfect, but not dat much wrong!"

The soldiers tried to wigwag to us, but we were ignorant seamen and could not read them. They spoke to us, literally, in unknown tongues. We were distantly warmed by the gestures, but were left alone in our aloneness.

The course was "east." We had been out of sight of land 46 days. We read the labels on the cans of milk and pondered our life stories, which seemed to have come to an end.

In the pale dawn of the 47th day I stumbled aft to take my usual trick at the wheel, half asleep. Instead of saying "east," my watchmate pointed a weathered finger. In the sky, appearing separated from earth, stood a dim bluish cloud where there were no clouds.

"Is that, —is that—?"

"Dat's Tenerife!" my watchmate nodded. "He hit it true!" meaning the skipper and his sextant.

I have since come, alone, to that point of uncertainty and helplessness where I could not see the sun for the storm. They tell you in church that you need never doubt the love of God. This is true, but there will be times when nothing seems real but the storm. You can't get a "fix" on the sun to check your course.

Recently a 25-year-old man, married about a year to a beautiful bride, just out of the service and riding his bicycle from school at dusk, collided with another bicyclist and broke his neck. They have said he will never walk. But this couple had a good "fix" before the storm. They are riding it out, waiting for the sun. Pray for them!

Is there any word in the Bible upon which all men everywhere agree so that there is no room for mistaken conclusions? There are so many mutually exclusive doctrines using identical words from the same texts. Can you get a sure fix? A truth in which there is no room for mistaken conclusions?

Paul knew the troubles Timothy faced. He gave him an unalterable conclusion, beginning: "Without controversy . . ."

This means there can be no argument or question. Paul does not say this truth cannot be rejected. But whether rejected or accepted, he declares, "Great is the mystery of godliness!"

I may not be able to understand why we are sick when we should be well, or why the even course of the lives of a Christian married couple should be shattered in the midst of doing God's will, but

God was manifest in the flesh
Justified in the Spirit
Believed on in the world
Received up into glory.

This is the mystery of godliness. How can it be less than mystery?

And this "fix" we can receive with unalterable confidence to cross any raging sea.
ON JULY 21, 1977, I was 98 years old. I have never believed that longevity was a great accomplishment. My goal in life has been to have a good attitude and to have faith in my Heavenly Father. In my opinion my two goals have contributed to my longevity.

Statistics show that in our great country we have many deadly killers. Thousands die each year by traffic accidents, heart attacks, cancer, etc. These are commonly known as the number one killers, but there is a monster in our land which destroys more than the above. The number one killer in our world is melancholy, excessive gloom or low spirits. There are hundreds looking for a storm where there are only a few looking for the sunshine. Many are crepe hangers but few see the gorgeous roses.

Permit me to recommend the delightful habit, through the grace of God, of making the best of everything. Subtract from the days of depression and add to the days of joy and peace!

I am a witness that we can make the best of our financial situations. From the date of my birth, July 21, 1879, until this very hour my financial needs have always been met. I was born 1 of 13 children. My loving father was a devout preacher who earned his living during the week and filled the pulpit on the Sabbath. His weekly income was very small, barely giving us the necessities of life. I was born in poverty, and all of my life has been filled with financial stresses, but in the words of the Psalmist David, “I have been young and now am old: yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread” (Psalm 37:25).

I am a witness that we can make the best of our bereavements. During my 40 years of active ministry in the New Orleans area I have conducted funeral services for an untold number of those who were dear to my heart. Each time we laid one to rest another part of my life was broken. Early in my life I bade my beloved mother and father good-by. All 12 of my brothers and sisters have crossed the Great Divide. Later in life God took from me my precious wife, leaving a void that has never been filled. This multitude of heart-rending losses of those whom I dearly loved is the tragic mystery of my long life, but in the words of the Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth, “For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 13:12-13, RSV).

I am a witness that we can make the best of our sickness. During my lifetime I have suffered physical setbacks. At several points I have been laid low, almost to the edge of death. For years my hearing has been impaired, my body has been torn by pain, my breathing at times has been almost impossible, and now my eyesight has become very poor. None of this discourages me, however. When I check the pages of the Bible I find that Moses was always nervous from the clip he gave the Egyptian. Job had a blood disease, and his skin was always erupting with boils. David had a running sore of which he speaks when he says, “My sore ran in the night and ceased not.” Jeremiah had enlargement of the spleen. Paul had “a thorn in the flesh,” which apparently constantly pierced him. These men are among the most admired saints of God, so my handicaps place me in great company.

God did not call me to despair, but to abundant life. Much like an old plow horse, I find myself still doing and desiring to do some of these things I have lived to do—regular attendance at church, officiating at some dedications and funerals, occasionally calling my pastor, and making a fund-raising tour. Writing friends, encouraging the sick about me, reading good books and the Word of God help keep me up-to-date physically, mentally, and spiritually.

I am a witness that we can make the best of our
preparation for our eternal home. This is not the best world God has made. There is a haven of rest that God has prepared for those who love Him. The concrete streets in this world can never compare with the streets paved with gold. The best houses in this world can never compare with the multiroomed mansion God is building for His own. The greatest singers in this world can never compare with the celestial choir to be heard over there.

Here we are under financial stress, we are sick, we bid loved ones good-bye, but over there there will be no more money problems, no more sickness, and no more dying. Leaving this world will be bidding good-bye to a malarial marsh to live on a heavenly hilltop forever. After 98 years, heaven is crowded with my loved ones and friends, and I trust there is room for me. When you are contemplating a voyage, everything depends on where your friends are. There is a great multitude awaiting me on the other side. What a joyous reunion!

And as my days are extended, I am His witness.

BEN, this is your first high chair. Your mother and I bought it at an “unfinished” store nearby and I have spent a lot of time sanding, staining, and varnishing it. Meanwhile your mother has been reading books and articles on the proper feeding of infants. The wonderful world of food is opening up to you.

As I have been finishing your high chair, I have been thinking of my responsibility to you, Ben, as your dad. I remember the words of Paul to the Ephesians and how he told fathers that they had a responsibility to raise their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (6:4). Just as your mother provides you with physical food, I am to provide you with spiritual nourishment.

I think of the water that Jesus gave to the woman at the well. I know firsthand that all who drink of this water never thirst again. It completely satisfies our spiritual thirst. I trust that early in your life you will drink deeply of Christ’s water and inherit eternal life.

As you begin your Christian life, you will need milk to get started on, for you will be a babe in Christ. I know that you need not continue to be nourished only with milk. Solid food is given those who practice their faith and learn the difference between good and evil (Hebrews 5:14). It is my job to help you learn right and wrong and to encourage you to do just that. Then you will begin to mature.

The first and main solid food is Christ. He tells us that He is the “bread of life” (John 6:35). The children of Israel lived daily on a bread called manna that came from heaven while they were in the wilderness. Christ is the manna that has come from heaven to us and we are to feed on Him daily.

Next comes meat. Meat is the most difficult to digest. Jesus told us that His meat was doing God’s will (John 4:34). That involves obedience. To grow physically you must eat meat. It is no less true spiritually. Ben, in order to mature as a Christian and please God it will be necessary for you to be obedient to Him.

The best spiritual food is found at the Lord’s Supper. Jesus taught us that His flesh was true food, and His blood was true drink (John 6:55). I can’t explain it to you completely. But I can tell you that Christ is really there when you take Communion. It is a way of properly worshipping our Lord. It is tremendously edifying and nourishing. I am praying that I can lead you through all these foods to this best one.

Ben, I am pointing you through all of this to the marriage supper of the Lamb. When you eat there, you will be eternally happy (Revelation 19:9). To this end, Ben, I pledge to feed you spiritually. I will pray and encourage you to drink Christ’s water of eternal life, to feast on the Bread of Life, to chew the meat of obedience, and to find your way often to the Lord’s Supper. Then you will be truly fed.
WHEN WE NEED HELP MOST

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TRAGEDY had heaped up on Ray Finney. Within a year he had felt all these heavy blows. His beautiful wife had died of a brain tumor at 40. His older son was killed by a drunken driver when taking a short walk to church. His youngest daughter had died of a mysterious disease when 4 years old. His firm had gone bankrupt and work was hard to get.

A friend went to see him in his distress, not knowing what to say to him. After some moments of silence, Ray said: “If only I knew someone who sympathized with me and who could help me.”

When sorrow and trouble hurt us, how we long to know someone who is concerned for us! If that person is able to help us out of our difficulty, how much it lightens our load!

We have that Someone—Jesus Christ. He is always looking down from heaven to us with love and care. He knows exactly what causes us stress and strain. He has a perfect knowledge of every situation in which we are. Unlike us, He never grows weary or sleeps. He is ever watching to see what we need to live for the Lord today.

Coupled with such knowledge is His fullest sympathy for us. He is sympathetic to us because, as a man, He has experienced the same sort of trials that afflict us. He is not One who “cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points

PEN POINTS

LOVE AND KISSES... THAT COUNT

A delightful little book is Mister God, This Is Anna. It is the story of a little girl and a young man, and the world they shared for a few brief years.

Anna is a special little girl—an orphan she was when Fynn (author of the book) found her. Fynn took her into his home, and into his heart.

One of Anna’s favorite phrases was, “Mister God, this is Anna.” It was the way she began each prayer. It introduced Fynn to a childlike faith and the hope of a young girl’s heart. And as Anna encountered questions in her quest for discovery, she would put such questions to God with the introduction—“Mister God, this is Anna.”

One day Anna was explaining this Mister God to Fynn. She said: “... people can only love outside and can only kiss outside, but Mister God can love you right inside, and Mister God can kiss you right inside...” (Mister God, This Is Anna, Fynn, Ballantine Books, 1974, p. 27).

What a thrilling insight, to come from a little girl. But then, living with a little girl, as I do, I’ve come to expect bits of wisdom and surprise discoveries.

Anna gives us an encouraging word in her analysis of Mister God. And it is a word that all of us need to hear. It needs to register deep on our consciousness. God loves us inside, and kisses us inside, where it really helps, where it really heals, where it soothes the wounds and binds up the scars.

All of us need the care of friends and the words of our contemporaries. But even more, we need the love of God. And the beauty of it is, we always have His love—and His kisses—even when the care of our friends is not expressed or the words of our contemporaries are silent. We need only remember that when life deals a heavy blow and the levels of life are low, God is wanting to reach the real you and me—inside—to love and to kiss the wounds.

Yes, Anna, you are so right—“Mister God can love you right inside, and Mister God can kiss you right inside.” And thanks for the reminder.

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tempted like as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15).

When we are weary through suffering, we are comforted as we remember that He too suffered severely when He was on earth. As He drew near to the moment when He was to bear our sin at Calvary, He felt an agony too deep for words to express adequately. He needed the strengthening of an angel to enable Him to face the depths of suffering.

When our friends misunderstand us, we shall decrease our pain when we see Jesus misunderstood and neglected by those He specially chose, the Twelve. When He needed their companionship most, the three most-favoured disciples fell asleep, though He told them to watch. The leader of the apostolic band denied with oaths and cursings that he ever knew Him. Another of the Twelve even betrayed Him to His enemies. The others forsook Him and fled.

We find temptations to be so sharp. They were sharp to our Lord too as He faced the sort of temptations we have to face. He met trials of character, trials of principles, and trials of temper. In the wilderness the devil brought against Him the three basic forms of temptation that we know today. In Gethsemane the devil tempted Him most severely when He was physically least able to withstand the onslaught.

He is not only concerned for us, He is also interceding for us at this present time. Hebrews 7:25 tells us that Jesus “is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.” Writing to the Romans, Paul pointed out that Jesus Christ “is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us” (8:34).

As our Advocate, He will ensure that we have no temptation that is too strong for us or lasts too long for us to overcome it. When stress comes to us, He can bestow on us the grace that will fortify us. When sorrow hurts us, He can bring us the most satisfying comfort. If we meet a special difficulty, He can give us the divine wisdom that will provide a perfect solution to the problem.

He alone knows what is best for us, so whatever He asks for us will be what is good. How much that cheers and encourages us in difficulty!

We have an example of Jesus’ intercession for one of His people, Peter. He was courageous and devoted to Jesus, though he could be a little foolish. Peter was sure he would never deny His Lord and could overcome every other temptation. Only Jesus knew how severely Peter would be tempted.

He explained to Peter what He had done to counter this severe temptation. “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not” (Luke 22:31-32). Jesus knew Peter and what would happen to him. He warned him and gave him excellent advice, but that was not enough. Jesus prayed for Peter, because He knew that only His intercession would prevent Peter from becoming a Judas.

The result? Peter went a long way from Jesus, just as He had foretold. Yet Peter did not forsake the Lord completely. He repented of his sin. He came back to the Lord and gave a triple affirmation of his love for Him. On the day of Pentecost, Peter’s sermon resulted in 3,000 people being converted. Jesus had interceded.

As our Advocate, He is always successful. All that He asks for us from the Father we are sure to receive. At Lazarus’ graveside, He said to His Father: “I knew that thou hearest me always” (John 11:42). He is no less successful now that He is in heaven in the Father’s presence.

No limit can be placed on the blessing that we receive through Jesus’ intercession for us. We can expect enormous blessing because the resources of heaven can never be exhausted.

If we have no human friend to help us in an emergency, all is not lost. We have the perfect Friend, Jesus Christ. We can rely on His help.

We can press on in the Christian life, because we know we have One who is interceding for us at the moment. Blessing is sure to come to us quite soon.
Perhaps the most popular version of the Bible to have been published in the last 25 years is Kenneth N. Taylor's The Living Bible: Paraphrased (TLB). Teens and young adults in particular have adopted it as their favorite. In almost every church, some number of people are carrying, reading, and quoting it. In part its popularity is due to an aggressive advertising campaign by the Tyndale House Publishers utilizing endorsements from numbers of evangelical church leaders, but mostly it is because of its simplicity of expression.

TLB is reported to have begun as an attempt to make the letters of Paul more understandable. Rev. Taylor was concerned that his children be able to grasp the message of the letters, so he began to paraphrase them for use during family devotions. As a result, Living Letters was published in 1962, and every year or two saw another portion of the Bible completed, until in 1971 the entire work was published.

It needs to be emphasized that TLB is a paraphrase of the Bible and not a translation. Rev. Taylor used an English translation, the American Revised Version of 1901, as the basis of his work. However, he did consult with experts in Hebrew and Greek to ensure accuracy. The influence of these scholars is much more apparent in the OT sections.

Some have criticized the coarseness of language in 1 Kings 18:27 where Elijah is jeering at the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. However, the best scholarship indicates that Taylor's rendering is accurate: "You'll have to shout louder than that," he scoffed, "to catch the attention of your god! Perhaps he is talking to someone, or is out sitting on the toilet, or maybe he is away on a trip, or is asleep and needs to be wakened!" That is what Elijah said. Also, some of the puns of Micah 1:10-14, which are unrecognizable except in the Hebrew, are explained in a footnote.

How does a paraphrase differ from a translation? A translation tries to state only what is expressed in the original, neither substantially adding to nor subtracting from the content of the text. A paraphrase is an attempt to express in different words the content of the original. It may expand or delete what is in the original for the sake of clarity. The guiding principle is, "How would that be said today?" John 19:7 could be translated: "Then Pilate went outside again and said to them, 'See, I am bringing him outside to you, that you might know that I find no fault in him.'" Taylor paraphrases it: "Pilate went outside again and said to the Jews, 'I am going to bring him out to you now, but understand clearly that I find him not guilty.'"

The strength of a paraphrase is its ability to express in contemporary style and language the ideas of the original. Its weakness lies in the possibility of overreading or misreading what was stated originally and thus saying something that was never intended by the author. This is probably the chief shortcoming of TLB.

Taylor states that in places where the Hebrew or Greek are not clear, his own theology, "a rigid evangelicalism," is supplied to give clarity. Most evangelicals are Calvinists, not Wesleyans, and Taylor's Calvinism is strongly apparent. Ephesians 1:4 is interpreted to represent positional, not experiential holiness: "he decided then to make us holy in his eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before him covered with his love." The Greek word sarx, "flesh," in Galatians 5:16 and 17 is confused with our God-created human nature.

Also, the rendering of 1 John 3:4-9 with its emphasis on continued sinning as a mark of enmity towards God misses John's point. The one who sins is of the devil, as well as the one who continually sins. John knew the power of God to keep a Christian from rebellion against Him, but TLB apparently does not.

On the plus side, it should be noted that in several holiness texts Taylor has given a good reading: Ephesians 5:26, "to make her holy and clean"; 1 Thessalo-
nians 4:3, "For God wants you to be holy and pure"; and verse 7, "For God has not called us to be dirty-minded and full of lust, but to be holy and clean." Note also Hebrews 12:14, "Try to stay out of all quarrels and seek to live a clean and holy life, for one who is not holy will not see the Lord."

The format of a page varies with the type of edition, as TLB comes in a wide variety. Various portions such as Living Prophecies and Living Psalms and Proverbs have one column of large print to a page. The standard one-volume TLB has two columns of print per page like the KJV and RSV. There are footnotes at the bottom of the page which give the literal meanings of a word, or a scripture reference, an explanation of a term, an interpretation of a point (e.g., Isaiah 7:14), or some critical note. The most common note is the single word "implied," by which Taylor means that what he has written is not in the text but is implied by the context.

The NT quotations of the OT are indented to clearly mark them as such. Occasionally the poetry of the OT is printed in verse (e.g., Exodus 15:1-19), but on the whole it has been printed as prose. This includes all of the Psalms as well as the prophets. While at points this aids in understanding, particularly in the Book of Job, the reader often misses the emotional impact of the poetic lines. I find the paraphrase at this point a detriment.

The keynote to TLB is "understandability." To a remarkable degree it has achieved its purpose with good marks for accuracy. However, it too often reflects the editor's own theological bias even to obscuring the actual message of the writers (e.g., in John 1:1 the Greek logos does not mean "Christ," nor is the term "Son of man" in Mark 2:28; 8:38; etc., the same as "Messiah").

That so many have derived so much spiritual value from TLB is its highest recommendation. It is excellent for private devotions and to introduce young persons to the Bible. However, its use for serious Bible study, worship, or preaching should be severely limited and its rendering of a passage closely checked by a more standard version.

2. From the Preface of TLB.

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The Optimism of Holiness

by ROSS W. HAYSLIP

Tucson, Ariz.

A N OPTIMIST was recently described by a contemporary writer as a person who still thinks that the future is uncertain. Bleak pessimism abounds on every hand in this current age. It is reflected in our literature, is apparent in our politics, and is voiced by the common man. Goals have been abandoned and higher motives forgotten as we have seemingly adopted a dog-eat-dog philosophy. Since we seem to be going nowhere, it matters little how we seek to get there. The sudden arrival of the space age and its accompanying powers for the self-destruction of civilization has cast a dark pall of hopeless uncertainty upon us.

God has said that the path of the righteous is as the shining light that shines more and more unto the perfect day. The man who walks on the highway of holiness can never be a pessimist. His sinful past is under the Blood and his carnal nature has been eradicated by the power of the Holy Spirit. This same indwelling Holy Spirit gives him grace for a day-to-day life of glorious victory over sin and a knowledge of God's favor. He, likewise, knows that his future is bright, for the Word of God has declared that the pure in heart shall see God. The pathway that he is following will lead straight to the Eternal City. The sanctified man is secure in his knowledge that the best is yet to be.

In a world of corruption and moral decay, the foundations of the Lord stand sure. The Lord knows His own and by His power they may live lives that are separate from iniquity. In a world of scepticism and doubt we can be the possessors of an unshakable faith that comes from an intimate association with a Holy God. We never doubt the existence or love of any person or being with whom we have close fellowship. Paul phrased it aptly when he boldly stated, "I know whom I have believed."

Even the long, dark shadow of death need bring no fear to the man who follows after holiness. Balaam expressed a desire to die the death of the righteous. "Our people die well," said John Wesley of the early Methodists. The termination of this mortal life could only mean the beginning of the glory beyond. Holiness of heart enables a man to look through the blackness of the tomb and see the blazing light of the New Jerusalem. The funeral dirge is transformed into a victory march, and the ashes of mourning are cast aside while we are anointed with the oil of joy. Holiness brings happiness! Happiness produced by holiness is deathless. The fires cannot consume it and many waters cannot quench it. The sanctified man is eternally an optimistic man.
J. B. CHAPMAN:
The Great Commoner of the Nazarene Movement

“A life spent in the service of God is better than a thousand lives lived for the purposes of time’s short day. . . . The life in Christ Jesus is the only good life.”

Thus did Dr. J. B. Chapman paraphrase the familiar passage from the 84th psalm. As he lived out that passage over the developmental years of the Church of the Nazarene, he became one of the prime architects of that new denomination.

James Blaine Chapman was born in 1884 into a hardworking Illinois farm family. A prosperous farm demanded the best efforts of every family member, and young Jimmy spent those early years working long hours. He later recalled that his parents “looked upon even ordinary industry as insufficient,” so he developed a capacity for labor that was to stand him in good stead in later years.

Although the Chapman home was not a religious one, the boy early displayed a sensitivity to spiritual concerns. He once read the Bible completely through in a short time and began to pray regularly, but the ridicule of an older brother soon discouraged him and he quit.

But God was working to bring young Jimmy Chapman to himself. When he was 14 years old, the family moved to Oklahoma; and at the earnest invitation of a new neighbor, Jimmy attended a nearby holiness camp meeting. It was there that he first heard the message of full salvation, and found himself a seeker at the altar. He was born into the Kingdom that night and was sanctified wholly in the following evening service. He later recalled that the message of complete deliverance from sin was the first he had heard that really made sense, and he only got saved so that he could get sanctified.

With the enthusiasm only a teenager knows the new convert threw himself into the Lord’s work. He became a supply teacher for a nearby Sunday school and at the age of 15 was elected superintendent! He began to conduct devotions in his home and soon saw his father and brother converted at the family altar. At every opportunity he attended cottage prayer meetings and soon was preaching frequently in the community and at nearby camp meetings.

One night as he was preaching in a little Oklahoma schoolhouse something happened that settled his life course. He later wrote, “. . . it seemed to me as though Someone came up and put His thumb on my back, pushed me out just a little toward the front of the rostrum, and assured me that He would stand there and make my words effective.” As he left the service that night he was joyously repeating to himself, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he hath anointed me to preach.”

And preach he did! All over the rough-and-ready frontier of Oklahoma and the Indian Territories the young evangelist traveled, proclaiming holiness. His straightforward message and his rugged delivery put him in great demand, and he preached 238 times during his first year.

SUCCESS?

Men judge their successes
In various ways,
Prestige of the job,
Or how much it pays.
The house that they live in,
Position they’ve gained;
The car that they drive,
Their title or fame.
The treasures they’ve gathered
In a life-time’s short span.
Does this truly measure
The worth of a man?
If these were true measures
As frequently hailed,
We’d have to conclude
That Christ surely failed.

—GERALDINE NICHOLAS
Scarborough, Ontario, Canada
After a year of independent work Chapman joined the Texas Holiness Association, and then at the urging of Rev. C. B. Jernigan organized and joined a local Independent Holiness Church. At the first annual council of that group in 1903, James B. Chapman, 19 years of age, was ordained into the ministry. At the same convention he was married to Miss Maud Frederick, his schoolteacher sweetheart, and he preached that night in the evening service. Early next morning the newlyweds traveled to the Indian Territories and spent their honeymoon conducting a revival campaign.

Life for the young couple was not easy in those early days. Poverty hounded their steps. On one occasion Chapman walked home from a meeting 20 miles away to be with his sick wife, because he had no money for train fare. Often while preaching he was verbally abused by hostile listeners, and sometimes was pelted with overripe fruit, or even stones. He was forced to be away from home for long periods of time, and was entertained under the most primitive of conditions. He once spent the night with five other adults and assorted children in his host's single small bedroom.

But God blessed their efforts and gave them souls for their hire. They successfully pastored several churches in Oklahoma and Texas, and Chapman held numerous positions of leadership in the early holiness groups. He always encouraged union among these various associations, and he viewed the formation of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene in 1908 as a great personal triumph.

For the next 39 years J. B. Chapman served his new church as pastor; college teacher, dean, and president; editor of the Herald of Holiness; and, from 1928 to his death in 1947, as general superintendent. He was intensely interested in education and missions, and liberally supported both. He was the father of Nazarene Theological Seminary, and it was largely due to his efforts that a work was established among America's black people.

But J. B. Chapman was most widely known and is best remembered for his writing. He had a genius for expression and could put into short, memorable sentences the great truths of the Scripture and guides to holy living. For the last decade of his life the Herald carried his front-page editorial every week. He authored at least 15 full-length books and another dozen paperback volumes, in addition to hundreds of articles for other publications. He began the "Question Box" feature of the Herald which flourishes today as "The Answer Corner." He initiated the publication of the Preachers' Magazine and served as its first editor.

The message of J. B. Chapman, written and spoken, centered on scriptural holiness. And he was a shining example of the power of that message. Like his Master, he was a humble man, easily approachable by any and all who sought his counsel. Few men have been so universally loved. One of his well-known quotations probably states the philosophy of this great man, and certainly describes his life: "The first step toward a good preacher is to be a good man."
HERE IT SAT in beautiful Tennessee stillness; in scenic grandeur; only the river made a noise—and even that was soft and rippling.

It was a waterwheel gristmill and ground corn into meal for the farmers who lived in the country. It was just a short walk from our house in the Tennessee hills, and I enjoyed walking down there when I was a boy.

The operation of the mill was very economical. By pulling down a large wooden lever, water was turned onto the waterwheel and the mill machinery began to turn. The running of the mill was very quiet, and it didn't cost the miller a dime.

There was one big disadvantage, however. When the river was low no water could be turned onto the wheel and no corn could be ground.

In another direction, a mile or so away, was another mill. It was run by a gasoline engine. No beautiful river flowed underneath the mill, but a dusty road ran close by. The comparative silence of the neighborhood was shattered when the miller started the engine. There was no picturesque setting to talk about, but your corn would be ground every time—rain or shine.

The two mills are comparable to two styles of religion. There is the enthusiastic type who believe in doing “what comes naturally.” When the spiritual tide is high it is easy for them to shout. When everyone else is giving and church finances are good, they give too. Systematic tithing doesn’t seem too good a policy, you know, for sometimes the kids get sick, there are extra medical bills; the car needs extra repairs. Ten percent of the income is always, and automatically, bracketed at the bottom end. This allows for adjustments to meet other pressing and more important matters.

When the skies are blue, the sun is shining bright, and the river is running full, the religious wheels of Christian experience are running smoothly and quietly. There is progress being made. The corn is being ground.

Then there is the methodical type who, though lacking some of the ostentatious overflow of emotion, go about the business of their religion in systematic and efficient fashion. Ten percent of their income is taken off the top of the check, and God is trusted to make the other nine-tenths encompass the needs of the home. Sunday services and Wednesday evening prayer meetings are attended whether the weather is suitable or not. Private prayer and Bible study is strictly attended to regardless of whether their spirits are high or low. The corn is being ground—every time! This kind of people have taken for their motto Paul’s admonition to the Corinthians: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

The practice of religion on a systematic basis rather than on an aesthetic one need not necessarily curtail the emotions of joyous experience. In fact, regular religious devotions should contribute to a joyous religious experience and vigorous spiritual health. It’s simply the law of regularity. Do something often, and at regular intervals, and the action becomes an enjoyable habit, be it prayer, paying tithe, going to church, or simply eating one’s meals.

Strong spiritual persons have always had strong religious convictions and have practiced their religion in a regular manner, at appointed times. For example, there was the stalwart warrior of the faith, Daniel. Daniel had some stated intervals of prayer. Note Daniel 6:10, RSV:

“Then Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open towards Jerusalem; and he got down upon his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.”
And, please don’t write form of religion off your agenda, either. Observe that Daniel prayed through open windows towards Jerusalem, and he did it three times every day. Stated forms of liturgy of the Christian Church (for example, the Nicene, or the Apostles’ creeds) have meaning, and are rooted in Church tradition and Scripture. In Daniel’s case, the promise of restoration to the children of Israel, contingent upon national repentance, was conditioned on their praying towards Jerusalem and the place where the temple had been (1 Kings 8:47-48).

E. Stanley Jones, one of the world’s great Christian lights, was for many years a Methodist missionary in India. His unique manner of walking back and forth on the veranda of his residence while praying was no doubt very beneficial, both physically and spiritually. And we could say that that regular period of walking and praying did something for Methodism and the world as well!

I have nothing against waterwheels. I think they are pretty. The world needs them for aesthetic values. At times, they are useful, too. The world, however, has gone almost totally to gasoline engine power (or its equivalent) for industrial purposes. The job has got to be done every day—rain or shine.

The church and individual Christians have a task to do. It’s nice when the work can be performed spontaneously and joyously waterwheel style. But it is imperative that the Kingdom of God progress every day. It takes the gasoline engine way to do that.

GATHERING TO GRIEVE

A young man remarked, “Our family reunions are funerals.” He did not mean that his family gatherings were dreary and morbid. Rather, he meant that the only time his family met was to bury one of their number. Instead of meeting to make merry, his family gathered only to grieve.

The young man’s statement was not nearly so much a criticism as it was a cry. He yearned for family togetherness, for times when his loved ones would meet to laugh, to love, and to remember. But his dream never became a reality. Thus, when a loved one died, family members would converge to cry and then return to their former state of disconnectedness.

This is a common occurrence in our culture. Our mobilized age has created a society that suffers both geographical and emotional separation, producing feelings of isolation and alienation.

Alex Haley’s recent book Roots and the television adaptation of it, captured the attention of millions of us. This can be explained, in part, by the common, almost universal, desire to understand our present by finding our past. Our past can never be understood by the learning only of events; our past is known by understanding the personal relationships surrounding those events.

The rugged individualism that once was a mark of our nation’s strength has now become an evidence of its weakness. That is, the pioneer spirit of our forebears that enabled them to subdue a wilderness and build a great nation has left their descendants with a “conquer at any cost” philosophy which sometimes sacrifices a family to the god of materialism. Thus family roots have often been severed to search for success.

We are now experiencing a backlash of this philosophy. Many large corporations are ceasing to move their personnel at will. They are discovering that many employees do not perform well when they are severed from their roots. The resulting unhappiness reflects itself in low productivity which hurts business. Thus, with not the purest of motives, many corporations are becoming less willing to uproot their families. What an odd and circuitous way to learn the obvious—that we need our own intimates and we need them desperately.

Geographical togetherness is not easily attainable for many, but emotional togetherness is always a live option. Christopher Morley once speculated what would happen if all of us knew we had only five minutes left to say all we wanted to say. He concluded, “...every telephone booth would be occupied by people calling other people to stammer that they loved them.”

If he is right, and undoubtedly he is, should we not take time to be with our families and to laugh with them? The wise man of old said that there is “...a time to weep, and a time to laugh...” (Ecclesiastes 3:4). We will meet to mourn but before that happens let us meet to make merry. May it not be said of us that our family reunions are funerals, that we gather only to grieve.
THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING

It is time to pray and plan for our Thanksgiving offering for missions.

Our goal this year is $5,200,000. Sacrificing together, we shall reach it.

Involvement in world evangelism is not an option if the church is to be “the Church of Jesus Christ” in fact as in name. He has commanded His followers to “go therefore and make disciples of all nations,” and promised, “Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20, RSV). The “lo” and the “go” are linked together. We obey the command or we forfeit the promise. The Church is a people living under the Lordship of Jesus, and His authority binds us to the task of transmitting the gospel to all the world.

Christ not only commands this reaching and teaching mission, He enables it. The “Great Commission” is not repeated as an order in the Book of Acts, where the Church’s earliest exciting missionary labors are recorded. No apostle ever quotes the “Great Commission” to spur the churches to greater zeal and sacrifice for missions. Instead, emphasis falls upon the enabling dynamic which Jesus promised: “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses ... to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8, RSV). When the Spirit comes in fulness, establishing both the residency and presidency of Jesus in our hearts, participation in missions is as instinctive as breathing.

It comes as a shock to many Nazarenes to discover that one must read half through the Book of Acts to learn that the Spirit’s coming at Pentecost purified the disciples’ hearts (15:8, 9). But we learn immediately that a Spirit-filled people were galvanized into action as a witnessing community, and were marked by a spirit of financial sacrifice in support of their mission (2:4-47). The Holy Spirit turns the hearts and the purses of Christians outward toward the world.

This is not at all to deny the experience of heart cleansing. Testimony is clearly borne to inward purity by one who was there and who spoke for them all. But we must affirm in all honesty that the accent falls upon evangelism, not upon introspection. Holiness which begins and ends with inward purity and private morality is spurious. True holiness means deep involvement with global mission, for that is what happens when the Holy Spirit makes the Lordship of Jesus real in our hearts and lives.

Viewed in this light—the light of the mission commanded and the power promised—the Thanksgiving offering raises anew the question of our authenticity as a church. Are we going to be in truth a holiness movement, embracing the whole world in our love and with our witness? Are we going to live under the authority of Jesus and the inspiration of the Spirit?

Several issues back the Herald reported that our Easter offering goal had been reached. Several issues ahead we fully expect to report that our Thanksgiving offering goal has been reached also. In the power of the Spirit we shall love and pray and plan and give, so that people everywhere may share the redeeming and healing grace of God in Jesus Christ.

Our essence determines our activity, and our activity defines our essence. A holiness church, a Spirit-filled people, cannot be otherwise than a world-mission-oriented community. Mission is what it means to be the Church.

ROOTS AND BRANCHES

The enormous popularity of Alex Haley’s superb fiction Roots has generated, or at least accelerated, a new American fad—the search for one’s ancestors. I don’t think I’ll join the invasion of the past, for at least two reasons.

One, on my father’s side the search would not be
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crowned with pride. When I was a boy we visited a neighbor who was from Scotland. “I know all about the McCumber clan,” she told my father, “they were a gang of thieves.” She tried to smooth it over a bit, insisting that they were the “Robin Hood” type, who robbed the rich and gave to the poor. Dad said that only meant they divvied up the loot among themselves, for all the McCumbers were poor.

On my mother’s side we have “a duke’s mixture” (but no dukes) of German, English, and Indian. When I visited historic Plymouth Rock a woman said proudly, “My ancestors were on the Mayflower.” I smiled and said, “Some of mine were waiting for them to come ashore.”

I do not have a conspicuous ancestry!

But the main reason for my indifference to roots is this: What my ancestors would think of me is more important than what I know about them. Jesus said to certain men who boasted of their descendancy from Abraham, “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad” (John 8:56). They claimed Abraham for their father, but they did not do “the works of Abraham.”

If your ancestors could see your day, would they be glad? Could they be proud of your character and behavior?

Our political ancestors gave us a priceless heritage of liberty. Are we bargaining our freedoms away for security blankets?

Our spiritual ancestors created a holiness church ablaze for God. Are we keeping the fires of evangelism and holiness kindled?

The search for roots may distract us from honest examination of the branches!

Doris and I were eating breakfast in a motel dining room. I overhead a man in the next booth tell his friend, “He called me into his office, showed me some sales figures, and said, ‘There’s no telling how much higher those figures would be if I had hired someone else instead of you.’” With a rueful chuckle the man continued, “He was right in what he said to me, but he could have been more polite about it.”

Right, but not polite! That focusses a common problem for us, doesn’t it? We are committed to truth, but we are also committed to love. Sometimes we wound needlessly, not because we are untruthful, but because we are impolite. This violates the Scriptures, which not only tell us to “put away lying” but enjoin us to “speak the truth in love” as a expression of “true holiness” (Ephesians 4:24-25).

The apostle Peter, who certainly had his struggles with his own tongue, also exhorts us to combine love and kindness: “Love as brethren . . . be courteous.”

Some confuse discourtesy with courage, but Christians are to combine the boldness of lions with the gentleness of lambs. Paul calls upon Timothy to “reprove” and “rebuke,” for love must not allow evil or heresy to go unchecked. But he also cautions Timothy, “The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men,” even to those who need reproof (2 Timothy 2:24; 4:2).

One of my students was intensely loyal to the Bible, as he understood it. But his gruff and discourteous manner closed many ears to his witnessing. In a moment of honesty and insight, evaluating his own preaching, he said, “I need to learn how to strengthen love with the truth, and to soften the truth with love.”

We may be right, but are we polite?
WHILE DRIVING THROUGH southern Maryland's rolling countryside, we passed a backsmith shop. Though the old shop had been somewhat modernized, to include welding and such things, nevertheless it still retained the intriguing atmosphere of the old days.

The thing that impressed me was the large sign that hung above the entrance which read:

**WE MEND EVERYTHING BUT A BROKEN HEART**

One could not help smiling at such clever advertising. Then these thoughts came to my mind, and I pass them on to you.

How many more churches must be built, how many more sermons must be preached before the world realizes the truth that no human instrument or powers can mend a broken heart? Across the long span of human history man has sought to heal his wounds caused by sin and rejection of God. At last, however, honest souls must acknowledge the fact that, although with their many talents and abilities they can mend many things, yet the heart remains sin-sick, lonely and broken.

Then suppose that every man and woman in all the world were worth at least a million dollars—that would take care of the broken hearts, wouldn't it? I remembered what Jesus had to say about riches. “Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth” (Luke 12:15). Yes, money has great power, but not power to heal broken hearts.

But suppose everyone yielded to the atheistic or communistic propaganda and cast aside his faith and belief in God? Would not casting aside God with cold disbelief heal the millions of broken hearts in this old world? In my mind I turned to Psalm 14:1, “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.” To deny the existence of God would not be the answer. It would simply make us brokenhearted fools. A glance at the multiplied millions of earth behind the iron curtain reveals the fact that atheism has no answer to the broken hearts of men.

Then I pondered this glorious truth: The Lord Jesus Christ came to earth for the distinct purpose of healing the brokenhearted. The Master had this to say about himself. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; _he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty them that are bruised_” (Luke 4:18).

The church has a message. The pulpits of the church can blaze forth this message to a needy world:

**EVERYTHING IN YOUR LIFE CAN BE MENDED HERE—EVEN YOUR BROKEN HEART**

In the power of the Spirit we must proclaim this thrilling truth. In the power of the Spirit let us shout the good tidings of great joy. Let us teach, preach, testify to all people everywhere that Jesus saves, Jesus sanctifies wholly, and Jesus heals and mends even the broken heart!
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COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE MALAWI FIELD

The first annual Council Meeting for the Malawi Field was held July 19 and 20 in Limbe, Malawi. Jack Barnell, the mission director for Africa Central Field, presided at the council meetings. Those present were: J. M. Barnell, L. V. Wright, Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Hagens, Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Waltermire, and Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Messer. Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Drinkwater were on furlough.

God blessed and directed the meetings as the business was transacted to change from the Africa Central Field to the Malawi Field. Rev. L. J. Hagens is the new mission director and Rev. J. E. Drinkwater was elected field treasurer. The Executive Committee was elected as follows: L. J. Hagens, J. E. Drinkwater, T. W. Waltermire, and D. L. Messer.

A highlight of the council was the reporting of each of the missionaries. God's presence was felt as each report was given. The council pledged to work and pray for revival this year in Malawi.

—Barbara Messer, Council Reporter

Looking over the official notification of a $175,000 government grant which has been awarded the Mount Vernon Nazarene College are: (l. to r.) Dr. S. P. Parry, Jack Rairdon, and President L. Guy Nees. The grant, which comes under Title III, is the largest the school has ever received.

MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE COLLEGE RECEIVES GRANT

The United States Education Office has announced $175,000 has been approved for MVNC. The grant, the largest ever received by the college, comes under Title III: Basic Institutional Development Program.

The $175,000 grant for the 1977-78 school year allows for continued funding of the Career Center, funds for a developmental skills program along with a program component for academic planning and curriculum redesign, according to S. P. Parry, vice-president for finance and management, and who serves as project director.

Title III coordinator is Jack Rairdon, and Dr. Marguerite Bennett is Career Planning Placement director. New to MVNC this year is Dr. Ronald Phillips, who will serve as the director of development skills component. In addition he will be director of special studies in the project.

Director of the academic development and curriculum redesign component is Dr. Robert Lawrence, who is MVNC’s vice-president of academic affairs.

The funds will be used to continue emphasis on developing the total institution with assistance in blending the liberal arts program with career orientation with some exposure to the world of work. The Career Center gives direct assistance to all students in their selection of career, career preparation, and placement.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO MY CHURCH

What a privilege it was for me to serve as a member of the Curriculum Committee for the Enduring Word Series! . . . I can hardly wait to teach these lessons (especially the quarter on the Bible and the Family—Summer, 1981). I feel gratified that our church has provided the leadership and anticipated the needs of our Christian adults during the 1980s.

It has been two weeks now since our Curriculum Committee met in Green Lake, Wis., and this has been a time of reflection for me. Specifically, the following statements best summarize these reflections, and illustrate how much my participation meant to me:

1. The Fellowship of the Committee
   a. our devotional times each day
   b. the Wednesday evening prayer meeting together
   c. the dinner conversations

2. Our Work Sessions
   a. the total group discussions and evaluations
   b. the assessing of our adult curriculum's anticipated needs during the next decade
   c. our subcommittee: a blending of minds as we chose our objectives, selected appropriate scriptures, focused on the emphases of each lesson, and felt the consensus and unity of spirit

3. Conversational Times
   a. informal dialogues on Christian living today
   b. discussing the Bible and its relevance to today's living
   c. relating our curriculum committee's purpose to designing lessons that will help our adult teachers improve their own lesson presentations so that adult students can better learn what the Bible has to say to them personally

4. Spiritual Growth
   a. Perhaps the most important dimension of my participation was my own spiritual growth that was nurtured by our deep considerations of what the Lord reveals to us as Christians through His Enduring Word.
   b. how our study of His Word can enrich our understanding of Christian living in today's world
   c. the wonderful ministry of the Holy Spirit in opening our understanding to His Word

5. Church Denominations Working Together
   a. the warmth and harmony between the denominations represented there as we considered our criteria for adult Christian education through the Enduring Word Series
   b. the unity of our fellowship as we worked and prayed together

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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY—CAPE VERDE ISLANDS

“Evangelism in Depth” was the theme of the 24th annual assembly of the Cape Verde District, held in Praia, Santiago, August 3-8.

The inspiring devotional messages of the special speaker, Rev. Jorge Barros, set the spiritual tone of this first district assembly since the official government recognition of the Church of the Nazarene in Cape Verde.

Missionary Roy Henck presided over the business sessions, in which all the pastors gave reports of victory in their local churches. District Superintendent Francisco Xavier Ferreira reported 88 new church members and an increase in total giving this year of nearly $7,000. He was reelected by a near-unanimous vote.

Also reelected to their district offices were Pastor Mario Lima, secretary; Rev. Antonio Barbosa, treasurer; Mrs. Maria Louisa Barros, missionary president; and Pastor Mario Lima, NYI president. Members of the District Advisory Board are: (elders) Gilberto Evora and Daniel Barros; (lay) Lourenco Lima and Antonio Duarte.

—Gloria Henck, reporter

The new building of the Ossian, Ind., church was recently dedicated by Dr. George Coulter. It has a total of 8,712 sq. ft. of floor space, fully air-conditioned, with a seating capacity of 300. The church is built on 15 acres of ground, which makes the total appraised value of the church property $265,000. The contractor was National Builders, Inc., of Fort Wayne, Ind. Mr. George Fausz is a Nazarene Layman and president of the firm. The present pastor, W. D. Johnson, has served the congregation for the past 19 months.

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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA
The twenty-ninth annual assembly of the Northwest Oklahoma District was held in the Herrick Auditorium, Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla. District Superintendent Jerald R. Locke was reelected for a one-year term.


Elders Loy Watson, H. M. Curtis, and Calvin Nicholson, and laymen Harry Craddock, Don Schumeman, and Dudley Powers were elected to the Advisory Board.

NWMS President Mrs. Jerald R. Locke and NYI President Rev. Loran Forbes were reelected. Dr. Tom Barnard was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

KANSAS CITY
The fifty-third annual assembly of the Kansas City District was held at the College Church, Olathe, Kans. District Superintendent Jerald R. Locke was reelected for a four-year term.

General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins' ordained John Porter, Samuel Myers, and Joseph Campbell.

Elders elected to the Advisory Board were: (elders) Howard Borgeson, Paul Cunningham, and James Staggs, and (laymen) Don Moore, Oscar Wheaton, and Ronald Peach.

Mrs. Glen Jones was elected NWMS president and Rev. LeRoy Davis was elected NYI president. Elected as chairman of the Board of Christian Life was Merle M. Mead.

DALLAS
The sixty-ninth annual assembly of the Dallas District convened at Richardson, Tex. District Superintendent W. M. Lynch has served one year of a four-year term. The Waxahachie, Tex., church was officially organized in December 1976.

General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Cecil Adrin and Jerry Holliswell.

Elders elected to the Advisory Board are: Lewis Ingle and Leon Martin. Laymen are: David McCullin and Arness Wilson.

Mrs. W. M. Lynch was reelected president of NWMS and Rev. Richard Dickinson was reelected NYI president. Rev. Eudell Stroud was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

EAST TENNESSEE
The thirtieth annual assembly of the East Tennessee District was held at Knoxville, Tenn.

First Church. District Superintendent Glen Jones was reelected for a four-year term.

General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins ordained John Porter, Samuel Myers, and Joseph Campbell.

Elders elected to the Advisory Board were: (elders) Howard Borgeson, Paul Cunningham, and James Staggs, and (laymen) Don Moore, Oscar Wheaton, and Ronald Peach.

Mrs. Glen Jones was elected NWMS president and Rev. LeRoy Davis was elected NYI president. Elected as chairman of the Board of Christian Life was Merle M. Mead.

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The thirty-eighth annual assembly of the West Virginia District was held at the district campground in Summersville, W. Va. District Superintendent M. E. Clay, completing the second year of an extended term, reported the organization of Fairmont. W. Va., Central Church, with 43 charter members.


Elders John Dennis, Kenneth Maze, and Sam Brown, and laymen Elmer Snodgrass, Don Estep, and Dallas Moore were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. M. E. Clay was reelected NWMS president and Rev. Jerry Bush was reelected NYI president. Rev. Morton Estep was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

TENNESSEE

The sixty-fifth annual assembly of the Tennessee District convened at Nashville First Church, with 43 charter members.


Elected to the Advisory Board were: (elders) Gerald Green, Millard Reed, and James Craig, and (laymen) Robert Wilson, Clayton King, and Levi Barnes. Mrs. Ruth Levenor was elected NWMS president, Rev. John Maxwell was elected NYI president, and Rev. Gerald Green was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

SOUTH ARKANSAS

The twenty-fifth annual assembly of the South Arkansas District was held in Little Rock, Ark., First Church. District Superintendent H. Harvey Henderson, completing the second year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent George Coulter ordained June P. Brooks, Scott Sampson, Charles Martin, Don Moore, and Wesley Harris. Elected to the Advisory Board were: (elders) Wayne T. Gash and Dallas T. Hudspeth, and (laymen) C. R. Satterlee and I. L. Slivers. Rev. Martin Higley was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

IOWA

The sixty-fifth annual assembly of the Iowa District convened in West Des Moines, la. District Superintendent Forrest E. Whitlatch, completing the second year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained Byron Bloom. Lee Mattix, Jim Means, Leonard Miller, and Rick Williamson. Elected to the Advisory Board were: (elders) Gene C. Phillips and A. D. Foster, and (laymen) Don A. Diehl and Merle D. Freed. Mrs. Forrest E. Whitlatch was reelected NWMS president and Terry L. Rohmager was elected district president. Donald J. Kelly was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA

The twenty-fifth annual assembly of the Southwest Oklahoma District was held in the Oklahoma City Western Oaks Church. District Superintendent Bert Daniels was reelected for a fourth year.

General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained Larry Ryan, Dale Costie, Gary Durham, and James Dorrough. Elected to the Advisory Board were: (elders) Carl Summer and Bob Williams, and (laymen) James E. Hazelwood, Donald Turner, and Donald E. Hausser. Mrs. Bert Daniels was reelected NWMS president and Rev. Terry Rowland was elected NYI president. Rev. Bob Carroll was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA

The thirty-fifth annual assembly of the Southern Arizona District convened in Tucson. S. C. District Superintendent D. Moody Gunter was reelected for a four-year term.

General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Gregory Lee Keller. Elected to the Advisory Board were: (elders) Harold Liner and Ronald Wesley, and (laymen) C. J. Coleman and J. B. Bucks. Mrs. D. Moody Gunter was elected NWMS president and Rev. Larry Williams NYI president. Rev. N. J. Lewis was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The thirty-sixth annual assembly of the South Carolina District was held in Sumter. S. C. District Superintendent D. Moody Gunter was reelected for a four-year term.

General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Gregory Lee Keller. Elected to the Advisory Board were: (elders) Harold Liner and Ronald Wesley, and (laymen) C. J. Coleman and J. B. Bucks. Mrs. D. Moody Gunter was elected NWMS president and Rev. Larry Williams NYI president. Rev. N. J. Lewis was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

VIRGINIA

The thirty-sixth annual assembly of the Virginia District was held in Buckingham, Va. District Superintendent Reelford L. Chaney, serving by appointment, was elected for a one-year term.

General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins presided over the business sessions. Elected to the Advisory Board were: (elders) C. L. Thompson and George Stevenson, and (laymen) J. E. Fox and Raymond Carr. Barbara Chaney was elected NWMS president. James Heckathorn was reelected NYI president, and C. V. Spauiding was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

JOPLIN

The twentieth annual assembly of the Joplin District was held in Carthage, Mo. District Superintendent James C. Hester completing the first year of an extended term, reported. General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Donald R. Harris, Dennis Ogle, and Jerry O. Richards.

Elders Floyd Hess and John Moles, and laymen A. R. Motley and Don Van Dyne were elected to the Advisory Board.

NWMS President Mrs. J. C. Hester and NYI President Rev. Tom Daniels were both re-elected. Rev. B. J. Garber was elected as chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

The twenty-ninth annual assembly of the Northwest Illinois District was held at the Manville Campground. District Superintendent Floyd H. Pounds was reelected for a four-year term. He reported a new church at Milan, Ill.

General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Alva Dotson, Roland Grauman, Orvella Jackson, Harold H. Hayes, William D. Guilliams, and Timothy Mercer. Elected to the Advisory Board were: (elders) J. E. Hazelwood, Donald Turner, and Donald Tyler, and (laymen) Bill Greer, John Alderson, and Dan Royal.

Mrs. Floyd Pounds and Rev. John Hollis were reelected to their respective posts of NWMS and NYI president. The elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life is Rev. John W. Davis.

NORTHWEST INDIANA

The thirty-fifth annual assembly of the Northwest Indiana District was held in Kokomo, Ind. First Church. District Superintendent George Scott was reelected for a four-year term.


Melvin Thompson and Everett Robertson (elders) and Bud Goble and Tharen Evans (laymen) were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. K. V. Bateman, Sr. was reelected NWMS president and L. Alan Thompson was reelected NYI president. Elected as chairman of the Board of Christian Life was Oscar H. Sheets.

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PHILIP BOWLES to associate, Richmond (Ky.) First, to Worthington, Ky.
JOHN BOWMAN from West Frankfort, Ill., to Springfield (III.) Southside
W. LAMAR BRANTLEY to Fort Myers (Fla.) Palm Beach Boulevard
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MARK C均衡WELL from Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, Parkdale to Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada
ROBERT C. CANTRELL from Caruthersville, Mo., to Charleston, Mo.
ROBERT CARSON from Beech Grove, Ark., to Garnett, Kans.
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VICTOR CLARK from Montrose, la., to Center, la.
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CLIFTON DEBORD to Elranger, Ky.
LARRY FAIRBANKS from Pottstown, Pa., to Augusta, Me.
HOLLIS FOSTER from Knightstown, Ind., to Clermont, Ind.
EARL L. FROST from Jackson (Mich.) Grace to Battle Creek (Mich.) West Michigan Avenue.
GERALD GREEN from Nashville (Tenn.) Grace to Seymour, Ind.
GEORGE GRIBBEN from Wintersville, Ohio, to New Lebanon, Ohio.
LARRY HAMILTON to Milford, Ohio
C. D. HANSEN from Lowell, Ind., to South Bend (Ind.) First
CHARLES HASELWOOD from Charleston

Pictured (l. to r.) are: Dr. V. H. Lewis, general superintendent, and Dr. Forrest E. Whitlatch, Iowa district superintendent, with ordinands A. Lee Mattix, Rick L. Williamson, Leonard Miller, Jimmie K. Means, and Byron Bloom.
Pictured is the largest ordination class in the history of the Northwest Indiana District. Shown (r. to l.) are: Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent; Rev. and Mrs. Louis Owens, Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Mason, Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Garrett, Rev. and Mrs. Ross Ervin, Rev. and Mrs. James S. Hamilton, Rev. and Mrs. Alan Thompson, Rev. and Mrs. Dale Burge, Rev. and Mrs. William L. Selvidge, and the district superintendent, Dr. George Scutt.

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VITAL STATISTICS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

LONGTIME PASTOR IS DEAD

Dr. Henry B. Wallin, 86, for many years a leading pastor of Nazarene churches, died September 1 in Pasadena, Calif., where he had lived for almost a quarter of a century. He was buried September 3. A memorial service was held September 11 in Pasadena, Calif., First Church.

Ordained in 1909, Dr. Wallin had pastored Los Angeles First, Pasadena First, Long Beach First, San Francisco, and Ventura in California, San Antonio and Houston in Texas; Cincinnati, Dayton, and Columbus, Ohio; and woodworking with Spokane, Wash. First, during his lengthy and fruitful career. He was a frequent delegate to General Assemblies from Southern California. In later years he served eight years as an evangelist and had been on the staff of Pasadena First Church as an associate and calling minister since 1968.

His wife, Pearl, preceded him in death two years ago. He is survived by two daughters: Kathryn (Mrs. E. R.) Camfield of Pasadena, Calif., and Mrs. Virginia Bergesen.

DEATHS

REV. J. C. BRILLHART, 86, died July 15 in Grand Rapids, Mich. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Vaughn Drummonds, Eldon LeRoy, and Don Price. He is survived by two sons, John M. and Rev. James C. Jr.; and two daughters, Mrs. Paul (Mary) Trisell and Mrs. Nevin (Joy) Smith.

CLINTON O. BUNDY, 80, died May 18 at New Castle, Ind. Services were conducted by Pastor Garland Johnson and interment was at Modoc. Survivors include his wife, Gertrude E., one daughter, Beatrice Thomas, a son, John; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

CODY LEE BURGNER, one-week-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Dennis (Lynda Adkins) Burgnner, died Aug. 2 in Dallas, Tex. Services were conducted in Tyler, Tex., by Rev. Orville Mobley. He is survived by his parents, one sister, Mendy; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Golden Adkins; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Buford Burgner.

REV. A. LONNIE CARGILL, 82, died Aug. 14 in Florence, Colo. Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Bert Edwards and District Superintendent M. Harold Daniels. Interment was in Colorado Springs, with Dr. G. B. William­son and Rev. E. L. Cornelison officiating. Rev. Cargill was a Nazarene minister for 60 years and was instrumental in the establishment of 37 churches. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Myrla Cargill, and a brother, Neal Cargill.

REV. ELDON R. COBLE, 68, died Aug. 8 in Portland, Ore. Funeral services were conducted in Grove City by his pastor, Rev. Larry L. Pitcher. Rev. Coble had pastored in Arkansas, Arizona, and California. Survivors are his wife, Delphia; one son, Darrel; one daughter, Jessie Baker; four grandchildren; and two great-grand­children.

JOE COPELAND, 84, died Aug. 17 in Gladewater, Tex. Rev. Billy Ford and Rev. Billy Grimes officiated at the funeral services. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Oycia Copeland; 2 sons, E. H. and E. E. Copeland; 3 daughters, Mrs. Alma Stanley, Mrs. Frankie Cooper, and Mrs. Jean Ellis; 1 brother; 17 grand­children; and 17 great-grandchildren.

MARY CUNNINGHAM, 64, died Aug. 15 in Warsaw, Ohio. Rev. Harry Lambert officiated at the funeral services. She is survived by her husband, Royal; 1 daughter; 2 sons; and 10 grand­children.

CHARLIE DAVIS, 87, died July 27 in St. David, Iowa. He is survived by his wife, Doris, and his son, Charles V. Davis, with two grand­children.

MISS SHRILLEY HOWES, Papua New Guinea, field address: P.O. Box 456, Mount Hagen, WHP. Papua New Guinea.

REV. AND MRS. REGINALD JONES, RSA South, retired; permanent address: P.O. Box 24-100, Hillary, Durban, 4024, Natal, Republic of South Africa.

REV. AND MRS. DONALD MESSER, Malawi, field address: Box 302, Lilongwe, Malawi, Africa.

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REV. AND MRS. EARL MOSTELLER, Portugal, field address: Rua Castilho 209-5° Esq., Lis­bon 1, Portugal.

Mr. and Mrs. DAVID MOYER, RSA North, field address: Rua Castilho 209-5° Esq., Lisbon 1. Portugal.

REV. AND MRS. DALE STOTLER, RSA North, church continually, joining with the Nazarenes in each of the three services that day.

Miss CAROLYN PARSON, Papua New Guinea, furlough address: 113 Noblett Ct., Tulsa, Okla. 74101.

D. P. BRICKLEY, now a professor at Eastern Nazarene College.

Black, chairman of the anniversary committee, will celebrate with us. The former pastors, members, and friends are invited to celebrate with us. The anniversary is observing its fiftieth anniversary. Members of South Africa are urged to contact either Pastor Paul Bickes, 2744 E. 12th, Tulsa, Okla. 74104. For more information, write to Box 952, Colville, Wash.

WHP. Papua New Guinea, field address: Box 302, Lilongwe, Malawi. Field address: Rua Castilho 209-5° Esq., Lisbon 1, Portugal.

REV. AND MRS. LARRY WRIGHT, Rhodesia, furlough address: c/o Curtis DeGaffennreid, 585 S. Lyon; Marshall, Mo. 65340.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pittsburgh First Church is observing its eightieth anniversary October 22-23. The church was established in 1897 and has been a holiness church continually, joining with the Nazarenes in each of the three services that day.

New Castle, Pa., First Church will celebrate its fifty-fifth anniversary November 6. All former members are urged to contact either Pastor Lorrie J. Lee, 17 E. Oakwood Way, New Castle, Pa. 16105 (412-654-0572), or Mildred Connerly Black, chairman of the anniversary committee, 2009 N. Mercer St. (658-4461), for details. Special speakers and music have been planned in each of the three services that day.

Tulsa First Church will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary October 29-30. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend or send greeting cards. For further information, contact Paul Baker, 2744 E. 12th, Tulsa, Okla. 74104.

Nacogdoches, Tex., First Church will observe its fiftieth anniversary October 30. Dr. W. M. Lynch, Dallas district superintendent and former pastor, will be the special speaker. All former members, friends, and pastors are invited to attend. For more information, write to Box 852, Nacogdoches, Tex., 75961. Rev. Charles E. Jones is pastor.
When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were ... like sheep without a shepherd.

—Matthew 9:36 (NIV)

Denomination-wide Goal—$5,200,000 for World Evangelization

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NEWS
OF RELIGION

NEW EDITOR OF "CHRISTIANITY TODAY." Dr. Kenneth Kantzer will succeed Dr. Harold Lindsell as editor of Christianity Today, January 1, 1978.

Dr. Kantzer, a member of the Evangelical Free Church, is dean and vice-president of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, De Soto, Ill.

"LET THE WORD SPEAK" THEME FOR BIBLE WEEK. "Let the Word Speak" is the theme for this year's National Bible Sunday, which will be observed in most churches November 20.

Rev. Arthur C. Borden, secretary for church relations of the American Bible Society (ABS), said this theme was chosen because "today's world needs to let God's Word speak to its turmoil and obsessions."

The Evangelical Free Church minister pointed out that "the indispensable role of the Bible in evangelism will receive special emphasis in this year's celebration."

NEW OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY BLAMES CRUCIFIXION ON MANKIND. The Oberammergau, West Germany, residents were given a preview of a new version of the village's traditional—and controversial—Passion Play.

The new text blames the crucifixion of Jesus on the sins of mankind, rather than specifically on the Jews—the basis of widespread charges of anti-Semitism leveled at the text that had been used since 1860.

The new production was scheduled to have five dress rehearsals to test local reaction, after which the town council will make a final decision whether to keep the revised version for the scheduled 1980 season or revert to the 1860 script.

REPORT TO CONGRESS CLAIMS SOVIET UNION HAS WORST RECORD FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY. "It is in the Soviet Union that the devout believer encounters the most severe opposition to his religious liberty," a two-volume report to Congress by the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe notes.

"The situation of believers in most East European states is characterized by discrimination but not by active repression (as in the Soviet Union). Churchgoers there, for instance, often find their way and that of their children barred to some higher education and certain professions," notes the report by the commission set up to monitor adherence to the Helsinki accords on human rights.

"Ukrainian Catholics suffer a special hardship—the abolition of religious instruction and the language of instruction in schools. Jews are able to enjoy in other nations, find the path they wish to follow closed by a variety of official and historical obstacles," it states.

In Czechoslovakia, the commission reports, religious freedom is "systematically curbed . . . persons who manifest their religious faith either by word or action lose their jobs or . . . suffer other repressions."

In the area of human rights in general, "Czechoslovakia, quite simply, has the worst record of all," the report asserts. "The persisting trauma of 1968 (when the Soviets invaded Czechoslovakia) explains much of the hysterical overreaction on the part of the state to 'Charter '77,'" the document written by Czech and Slovak dissidents and made public last January.

It is from Romania, however, that the clearest post-Helsinki description of religious repression has come to the commission. □
Our church is small; therefore we have a very small church choir. Many of them do not read music or have very strong voices, but we are doing the best we can, knowing that music contributes to the church service. However, we have two young men who come regularly who can't carry a tune. One gets so loud he throws everyone else off. I am praying that God will show us what to do but thought maybe you could give some suggestions.

Your letter evokes some painful memories! In the little home church where I became a Nazarene, I joined the choir as a young and zealous Christian. Your description of the young man who couldn't carry a tune but sang so loudly as to throw the rest off would have fit me perfectly. I was courting Doris then, and she you describe. Someone must have the rest off would have fit me perfectly. only two possible solutions in the case memories! In the little home church right, which wasn't too often. I can their whole time to the work of caring

Do you think it is a good idea for Christians to donate their bodily organs or bodies upon death?

I do think so. There are people whose lives are saved through such donations. Service to human need is a good thing.

One of my friends in earlier years was U. E. Harding, who served our church as pastor, evangelist, and district superintendent. He received the first cornea transplant ever done in this country. It kept him from total blindness, and he owed his sight to the kindness of a woman who willed her eyes for that purpose.

Such stories could be multiplied by thousands, and I am grateful for all who made them possible.

You may not have the answer to this, but I challenge you to print it for thinking Nazarenes to consider. Our church is a small self-supporting one, so the question is not personal. We feel that there is a great inequality between the pastors' salaries in the small home mission churches and the larger churches. All are doing God's work and should receive at least a living wage so that they do not need to seek weekday employment to care for their families.

You are right, I do not have the answer. Like you, I would like to see some system developed that would permit all of our pastors to devote their whole time to the work of caring for the churches. Whether that could best be done on a district or general level, I don't know. I am sure that other persons, just as concerned as I am, but much smarter, are working on the problem.

Paul, himself, sometimes did what we call "secular" work in order to support himself while preaching the gospel, so that the problem is an old one, and the preacher who is caught in this situation (as most of us have been) is standing in a noble succession.

Among the Nazarenes it has always been easier to raise money for overseas work than for "home" missions. Somehow the work we do at a great distance and in a different culture has an emotional appeal which work closer at hand lacks. When we mature enough to perceive the unity of our mission, our support for all vital phases of it will be easier to increase.

Meanwhile, I join you in prayer that the inequities will be remedied somehow.
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A view of Nazarene missions around the world
We had been in the church for 48 hours straight and no one wanted to leave. It was football season in Boise. The usual Friday night gathering place was the stadium, not the church. However, we had company in our church.

Our visitors were a lay witness team, ordinary people who pursued common vocations—schoolteachers, housewives, businessmen, secretaries, and bookkeepers. Not one had special training for this unusual ministry. They walked into our church Friday afternoon and by Sunday noon we were left with a new church. People were alive. I couldn't believe the love that I felt and the radiance that I saw on so many faces.

What had happened?
The old timers said, "It is even better than 'the good old days.' The Holy Spirit is upon us."

These jet-age disciples came to my church from California, Washington, Oregon, Texas, and Oklahoma. They used their own dollars and left families and jobs to come say "God loves you and I love you." Now that may not sound profound, but they dared to share themselves in such a way that the reality of God's love came alive. They possessed a boldness in which they could look me straight in the eye and ask me if everything was committed to my Creator.

Perhaps it was because they came neither to win friends nor to make an impression that they could exert the directness of Christ himself. They came only to do the will of the Father.

The love that spilled over during the weekend continued to flow through our church and on to our neighbors and friends.

When Chuck and Sue walked in at their usual late hour the next Sunday, Chuck said, "Why didn't someone tell me this would happen? I could have been here. I have been left out. I have been cheated."

Wally and Marian had been attending church off and on for the better part of two years. Their comment a few weeks later was, "What has happened to these people? We can't stand being here and yet we can't stay away." Inside four weeks they knelt at the altar to surrender their lives to Christ. Today they are happy Christians and busy sharing Christ's love through responsible positions at work and at church.

In a neighborly chat over the back fence Jim shared Christ with the man next door. Together they prayed—a new beginning for another beautiful family.

Two years later on a Sunday evening Joe bowed at the altar to accept Christ. His testimony was, "I watched Bert's life the past couple of years. He has really changed. I want my life to change too."

The Holy Spirit came. The result has been genuine love, and a boldness to be witnesses for Christ.

It is strange how God uses ordinary humans to spread His good news. As Jesus selected his 12 and as the Holy Spirit was first poured out upon the 120, today seems to be a day for lay renewal. That means me, too. When I walk down the hallway at school or stand before the bank teller, I can possess a boldness for Jesus Christ. I have a responsibility to say to those I meet, "How is it with you spiritually today?" Why, I can even say "God loves you and I love you."

"By All Means... Save Some"
HUBBERT ADDED TO STAFF OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Ford W. Hubbert, Jr., of Lakewood, Colo., has accepted a post in the Department of Children's Ministries. Mrs. Miriam Hall, executive director, said Hubbert would be director of special ministries such as Caravans, camps, and Quizzing. A graduate of Oklahoma City University with a major in journalism, he received his master's degree in communications from Southern Methodist University.

Mr. Hubbert has had wide experience as a writer and editor, with his most recent assignment that of associate editor of the Rocky Mountain Construction magazine in Denver, Colo.

He has been active in church work as Sunday school teacher, youth director, Caravan guide, and children's choir director. He has been involved in multimedia productions and Bible Quizzing activities in Texas and Colorado.

Mr. Hubbert is married. He and his wife, Ernestina, have two daughters, Anne Marie, 9, and Julie Anne, 6. He began his new assignment in September.

COMMUNICATIONS ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN MULTI-LANGUAGE BROADCASTS

There will be a new voice on the Spanish radio broadcast. Dr. Ismael Amaya, professor at Point Loma College, San Diego, Calif., was in Kansas City in September recording sermons for "La Hora Nazarena." They will be aired beginning the first week in December, 1977.

The concept of multiple speakers is part of a plan for radio programming approved by the General Board and introduced on "Showers of Blessing" in January, 1977. In addition to Dr. Amaya, other speakers representing several Latin American regions will be featured.

Paul Skiles, executive director of the Department of Communications, cites the outstanding contribution of Dr. H. T. Reza, executive director of the International Publications Board, who provided timely initiative for the launching of "La Hora Nazarena," and served as speaker for the nearly 25 years of its history.

Beginning November 1, 1977, the French radio broadcast, "L'Heure du Nazareen," will be produced in Canada at the studios of Station CFMB in Montreal, Quebec. Rev. Adrien Robichaud will be the speaker and producer, under the direction of Rev. Roy Fuller, district superintendent of the French Church of the Nazarene in Canada. "L'Heure du Nazareen" will be aired in Martinique, Angola, and on Station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, as well as in Canada.

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Retired District Superintendent Dies

Dr. Gene E. Phillips, 75, of Scipio, Ind., former district superintendent, evangelist, and pastor, died September 14, of an apparent heart attack.

Ordained in 1927, he pastored Ashland, Ky., First Church for 9 years. He pastored Indianapolis First for 1 year prior to becoming superintendent of the Indianapolis District. After 4 years he accepted the superintendency of the Iowa District, where he served for 22 years until his retirement in 1970. He was an evangelist for the remaining 7 years of his life.

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He is survived by his wife, Peggy Dobson McGraw, and a son, Lee, of Kansas City. His son James preceded him in death in 1966.

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