There's a Wideness

E. W. Faber

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea;
2. There is welcome for the sinner, And more graces for the good;
3. For the love of God is broader Than the measure of man's mind;
4. If our love were but more simple, We should take Him at His word;

There's a kindness in His justice Which is more than liberty.
There is mercy with the Saviour; There is healing in His blood.
And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.
And our lives would be all sunshine In the sweetness of our Lord.
LIVING FOR HIM—NOT FOR OURSELVES

IN WRITING TO THE CHURCH at Corinth, Paul probes them with the question, “What hast thou that thou didst not receive?” This question finds the Church today, and it is both penetrating and humbling, for it carries its own answer with it.

The redemptive task of the Church follows upon our personal redemption. In a world of corruption Jesus said His followers were salt, and in the midst of the world’s darkness they were light. Having been delivered from sin, we also need to be delivered from self. We can no longer live for ourselves if we would truly live for Him (II Corinthians 5:15).

The Church’s message is based on the sure Word of God. David Livingstone identified the words of the Master as the words of a Gentleman “who never broke his word”; they were of “sacred honor.”

The Church’s task is inescapable unless we change the message of redemption. Archbishop Whately observed, “If our religion is not true, we ought to change it; if it is true, we are bound to propagate it.”

There are perils attending the messengers of truth. They may begin to feel important because of their mission, and their own names may rise to a place of prominence. Luther recognized this menace when he described self as “that great Pope Self.” Also, Augustine had prayed long ago, “O God, deliver me from this lust of always vindicating myself.”

But there is a better way. There is a death to self whereby we are made conformable to Jesus’ death. The resultant life that ensues is lived by faith in the resurrected, victorious Christ. Holy living then becomes healthy living and is radiant and buoyant. From such dedicated Christians the normal answer to the Master’s search for laborers is, “Here am I; send me.” The Holy Spirit indwells these lives by faith and enables them to be effective witnesses to the gospel message.
Back Seat of Tent Revival Introduces Young Couple to Nazarenes

Businessman Asks God For Practical Advice

By J. W. SPIVA
Panama City, Florida

REV. AND MRS. M. L. GARRETT, Nazarene pioneers, came to Panama City, Florida, in May, 1950. They set up a tent and announced revival services. My wife and I attended one night and sat on the back bench. We left before they could get our names after dismissal.

I knew little about the Church of the Nazarene, but the first message began to stir conviction. Later I met Brother Garrett on the street. The first thing he said to me was, "How is it with your soul?" I answered, "Not so good."

A few weeks later I found the Lord as my Saviour.

What a change Christ made in my life! I was truly a new person. When asked to do anything in the church I was afraid to say, "No," for fear Christ would not be pleased. I still feel that way. The next Sunday morning after my conversion, the pastor's wife asked me to lead the singing. She pedaled an old organ and sounded the notes loud. In effect, she led the singing with the organ while I stood before the group. You see, I didn't know any of the songs and had never led a song service before. I was ignorant of things concerning God's work.

When I was twelve, I took an Eversharp from a downtown drugstore. Twenty years had gone by and I had forgotten about the pencil. After my conversion the Lord wouldn't let me rest until I corrected my wrong. I went to see the man one afternoon and asked to speak to him in private. I told him that I recently had found the Lord as my
Saviour and had come to make restitution about the pencil. Tears began to roll down his face. He shook my hand and said he wanted me to put the amount of the pencil into the church missionary program. I could hardly feel the ground under my feet as I left.

In July, 1952, I attended my first camp meeting at Millport, Alabama. One night I went with several laymen and preachers up a hill for a midnight prayer meeting. The moon was shining brightly through the trees as I consecrated my life completely and the Holy Spirit cleansed my heart from inbred sin.

At the time of my conversion I was doing shift-work in a paper mill. Almost every time there was something special at the church I was on the wrong shift and could not attend. I was soon offered a job in a small, new business for half the salary I was making, but this job didn't require me to work on Sundays or nights.

This was the first decision which tested my consecration and sincerity as a Christian. Not only did I give up the securities and benefits that a large company offered, but also years of seniority and opportunities for advancement.

The Lord blessed this move. Within a few months I became manager of the young business. My salary had increased beyond what I had been making at the paper mill. Within a few years I started my own business. As the Lord multiplied the loaves and the fishes, He similarly took my small capital and gave me a profit even in the first year.

I leased an old store building when I started my water pump supply business. I won't forget the first morning. I found an old stub broom and swept the trash from a small area. I knelt and reminded the Lord that I was His and that I had been faithful to Him and that He was to be the Captain of this business and I would be entirely dependent on Him. He heard me.

Now we read the Bible and have prayer every morning with our men before starting the day. We invite customers to join us. I remember one morning a big, rough-talking contractor was there when we opened. He insisted that we go out on his job and service his water pump immediately. I explained about our devotion before we began work and invited him to join us. He didn't much want to take the time but finally agreed. After prayer I noticed tears rolling down his face. He stayed almost an hour after the devotion asking questions.

As a young Christian to have spiritual giants as our pastor and his wife was helpful. Rev. and Mrs. Garrett's sacrificial way of living and giving inspired me to give generously to the Lord's work. I have come near to giving in taxes and offerings what is allowed for deductions by our government.

I thank God for a wonderful Christian family with whom I enjoy a family altar each day.
On October 31, 1517, Dr. Martin Luther nailed his famous ninety-five theses on the door of the cathedral church at Wittenberg and thus began the Protestant Reformation. Dedicated to the twin truths of the primacy of the Bible and justification by faith, the emphasis of the Reformation grows more important with the passing years. The Herald of Holiness calls attention to this significant date with the following article.

Luther Overcame Religious Trivia

OVELLA S. SHAFER

THE NINETY-FIVE POINTS-OF-ARGUMENT Martin Luther hammered to the door of the church that crisp October 31, 1517, would thunder as loud in the ears of Roman Catholic church officials as his pounding did for the church mice hiding in the walls.

The "just shall live by faith" the papers read. They also minimized the need for "deeds of the law."

Anyone who has memorized Luther's Small Catechism—the questions and the Word of God for an answer—realizes that Martin Luther took his "stand on the Word of God alone."

The Protestant Reformation is not complete without remembering Wittenberg, Augsburg, the travail of Smalcald, and the Diet of Worms. Luther's consistent blows made the "priesthood of believers" a distinctive doctrine that we experience today—a direct route to Christ and Calvary with no in-between mediators.

Luther emphasized the Word of God and gave credit to the power of the Holy Ghost. One of the questions in Luther's Catechism is: "What is the fourfold purpose of the Holy Ghost?" Answer: "To call, enlighten, sanctify, and preserve." What better Bible-found answer could have been stated? Today we need to regain the consciousness and constancy of this Third Person of the Deity, the Holy Spirit.

It took courage and faith for Luther to take his stand, but no greater than we need today. When truth is at a premium and when morality seems to be fading, we need new courage and zeal from above rather than sentimental songs or church stunts. This space age in which we live needs the gospel based on the standing authority
of God’s Word.

The Reformation also produced a laity which literally sang its way across the world. The New Testament contains the sound of singing—from the Christmas night angel melodies to the final adoration of St. John the Revelator. Jesus and His disciples “sang an hymn” before He went out to die. The apostles sang in their midnight prison, and Paul tells his members to sing and make melody to the Lord in their hearts. Singing always will remain an integral part of the Reformation—and true Christianity.

A mining crew was trapped in a Pennsylvania coal mine several years ago. A large crowd gathered at the mouth of the mine. For three days rescue efforts were fruitless. Standing amidst this impatient, milling, almost violent mob which was angry at the mine owners was an eleven-year-old girl. She was frightened and pale. Sensing the gravity of the event, with a great effort she started whispering lines of the familiar hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” She gained courage and soon her voice rang out clearly. She was joined by others until everyone was singing the comforting words. Before morning the buried miners were brought up alive. Once again Luther’s “Hymn of the Reformation” sponsored assurance and faith.

IS YOUR PASTOR A HANDYMAN?

By ROBERT ULRICH, Pastor, First Church, Reno, Nevada

IF HE IS, HOW UNFORTUNATE!

Wait just a moment before you hang me in effigy. Hear my side of the story.

I am a pastor who has a struggle with anything requiring mechanical dexterity, even tying my little girls’ shoes or buttoning their dresses straight. I match nuts and bolts in the most unusual manner. A stubborn furnace, leaky roof, or an inoperable church bus leaves me in a state of anxious bewilderment.

By the frank admission of my wife and parish, I am no handyman. But if I were a mechanical genius, I would still contend it is unfortunate to delegate such tasks to the pastor.

A man called of God into the ministry is obligated primarily to build the kingdom of God. It is his responsibility to attempt through the preaching of the Word and visitation to seek the evangelization of the community. Let him pursue this through the avenue of newspapers, radio, television, tracts, and civic duties, but leave the oiling of the hinges and the cutting of the lawn to others.

Any one of the above-mentioned areas could take up the pastor’s time completely; but if he is also expected to be the general “fix-it” man around the church, he must withdraw himself from areas of human service.

Some churches pay their pastor for doing some of the maintenance work on church property and this may be essential to an already overloaded budget. But such should be an exception, rather than the rule.

There are not enough hours in the day to attend to the work of the Kingdom adequately. Is it, then, fair to take your pastor’s time to do routine work that could, to a good advantage, involve a layman’s stewardship?

A pastor needs time for prayer, meditation, reading of good books, creative writing, promotional aids to spiritual growth and time to prepare sermons that will inspire and move his congregation to action. He needs time to build men and women.
DURING TWENTY YEARS OF GROWTH

Houston Broadway Church Helps to Sponsor Eleven New Congregations

By DR. ORVILLE JENKINS
Secretary, Department of Home Missions

FOLLOWING A TEXT REVIVAL in 1956, the Houston. Texas. Central Park Church of the Nazarene—now Broadway Church of the Nazarene—was organized. Having been sponsored by laymen from the Houston First Church of the Nazarene, the Central Park Church felt very keenly its responsibility to help sponsor and organize other home mission churches. In the years which have followed, the Central Park Church has taken part in the launching of eleven other churches in that area.

Soon after its organization, Central Park gave members to assist in organizing Galena Park and Goose Creek (now Baytown First Church). Through the next few years members from Central Park helped organize Houston Oakwood, Houston Irvington, and Pasadena First churches.

In 1945, Houston Denver Church was established with some of its new families coming from the Central Park Church. In August of 1951, two or three more good families were given by Central Park to help organize the Channelview Church. In 1954 it actively sponsored the organization of the Houston Lake Forest Church by surveysing the territory, sending out calling groups, and then giving several families as members when the actual organization took place.

By 1955 it was time to help again. Several families were given to begin the Houston Cloverleaf Church (now Houston North Shore Church). In that same year a family or two was given to help organize the Bellaire Church of the Nazarene, and the Central Park Church also helped pay for the building site.

On Easter Sunday morning of 1957, the Houston Belfont Church was organized at the altar of Central Park Church with the parent church giving approximately thirty-five church and Sunday school members to the new organization.

After all of this giving of members and raising of funds across the years, the Broadway Church is stronger than ever. Today the congregation occupies a new church building in a new location. This progress has been made under the leadership of several different pastors during these years. Of course, with several of these new churches the Broadway Church has had only a small part in their organization, for other churches in the greater Houston area have also contributed members and money toward their founding. Yet a lesson is apparent: God blesses a church with a vision and with a missionary outreach.

Are there not at least 100 of our other churches which could and should, on their own, go out and sponsor a new Church of the Nazarene during 1960? God grant that we shall all catch the vision!

Evangelist Upsets New Curriculum

Anglican Urges, “Let’s Stop Backing Graham!”

THE SASKATOON PRESBYTERY of the United Church of Canada has voted against participating in a Billy Graham crusade which is being considered for that city. And a United Church university chaplain has urged his church to “stop backing Billy Graham.”

Writing in the August issue of the Observer, Rev. Ben Smillie of Saskatoon cites several supposed reasons why the United Church should not cooperate with the Graham crusades. The first is that the evangelist’s doctrine is contrary to that taught in the church’s New Curriculum.

“The Graham group contradicts everything we are trying to accomplish through the New Curriculum,” he writes. “They are ventriloquists of the nineteenth century, trying to turn the clock back on theological and Biblical scholarship.”

In the next place Mr. Smillie charges that Billy Graham encourages biblical ignorance. He writes: “Instead of Biblical scholarships, Graham and Ford—Leighton Ford, Graham’s associate in Canada—use the approach, ‘The Bible says,’ and leave it at that.

“Nothing is said about the Bible being composed partly of legend and myth and allegory, and so Christians continue to hear the word of God ignorantly.

“They go on believing in clav-macle man, a floating zoo, an amphibious-footed Jesus, a son of God who demonstrated his divinity as a home brew artist by turning water into wine, and topped it with an ascension that looks like a Cape Kennedy blast-off.” What sacrilege!

Mr. Smillie refers to Billy Graham’s approach. “The Bible says,” as “a type of internal argument (which really excludes argument) which ignores how the Bible came to be written, which fails to do justice to Biblical textual criticism, and leaves the Bible as a closed book.”

Finally, the United Church chaplain lists several problems that arise when their churches cooperate in a Billy Graham crusade. As an example, he relates how one of their ministers had to be “a traffic policeman in the counseling area, trying to guide United Church converts away from fundamentalist counselors in the direction of United Church advisers.”

In conclusion he writes: “Certainly there are churches which support the Graham theological position. These should have every opportunity to support him. But in the name of honesty, the Anglican and United Churches should both get out of this game completely . . .”

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Missionary a Product of Work in Denmark

Second Church in Copenhagen
Now a Distinct Possibility

By ALPIN BOWES
General Stewardship Committee

COPENHAGEN, bustling with business and a major tourist center, is one of Europe's great capitals. As in other major European cities, the Church of the Nazarene is there.

Shortly after settling in Copenhagen in 1960, Rev. and Mrs. Orville H. Kleven began a difficult search for a place to organize the church. After a year's wait, the church purchased an attractive chapel which included an apartment for the pastor. After another year, the church was organized.

The work has grown and the influence of the church has been felt. Already one young person from this church—Miss Bente Carlsen—is under missionary appointment. Hers is a thrilling story (see July 7, 1965, Herald).

Property for a second church is now being negotiated. However, costs are similar to those in large cities in the United States. Finances of the Middle European District, of which the Copenhagen churches are members, are limited. This is where part of the $1.7 million Thanksgiving Offering could go—if Nazarenes provide these funds November 21.
A GOOD BEGINNING IS IMPORTANT. Counting the risks involved and calculating the ratio of failure is a prerequisite to any undertaking.

Men do not leverishly "lob" research vehicles into space without first mastering the minute factors involved in "lobbing." A projectile on the launching pad is just the beginning of a massive effort to conquer the elements. Building earthly stairs to the galaxies beyond us involves the genius of a whole generation.

Science is the morning star of the twentieth century. We all, it seems, awaken each morning looking for some hint of another scientific achievement. The danger lies in placing eternal trust in things temporal. An unspoken feeling among the materialistic minds of today is that within another decade or two man won't need God. He thinks he will be able to build his own heaven.

How can a whole generation be wrong? The mind that is molded by science alone worships science. But the soul, saved and sanctified, worships God no matter what the theme of the day may be. His Launching Pad, or Foundation, is Christ. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

The thrust of the Christian is found in the power of the Holy Spirit. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" (Acts 1:8, NEB). The destination of the disciple of Christ is heaven. St. Paul told the church at Philippi, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

From launching pad to eternal home, beginning to end, there is a magnetic pull within the heart of the Christian that keeps him on course when all the rest of the world is swaying under the burden of moral confusion. "God in Christ is calling us upward" (Philippians 3:14, ANT). John Wesley placed great emphasis upon the soul of the single-minded when he said of this scripture, "Pursuing with the whole bent and vigour of my soul perfect holiness and eternal glory."

The course of the Christian is programmed by the whole will of God, and will suffer no malfunction or destruction so long as he keeps himself on that holy path to eternal peace.
LAWFULNESS IS NOT LEGALISM

No one has a kind word for legalism, that stunted and spoiled fruit of a lovely tree. Nor should we. For legalism is a contradiction of everything true Christianity means.

Nowhere is this more clearly seen than in the picture of the Pharisee the Gospels draw for us. Here is the very worst in religious personality—the smug complacency of the supposedly superior, combined with the hypocrisy used to cover the inevitable inconsistencies in such a life.

When Jesus told His famous parable of the Pharisee and the publican, He addressed it to some "which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others" (Luke 18:9). Here are clearly portrayed the two sides to the Pharisaic attitude: self-righteous pride, and judgment of others.

It is no accident that pride and judging are mentioned together. They cannot really be separated. The person who would justify himself, by the same token must despise others. He must rise above those around, not by intrinsic worth, but by pushing others down.

Oswald Chambers, who has left the holiness movement some of its most incisive insights, gave a penetrating analysis of legalism:

"The nature of Pharisaism is that it must stand on tiptoe and be superior. The man who does not want to face the foundation of things becomes tremendously stern and keen on principles and on moral reforms. A man who is hyper-conscientious is nearly always one who has done something irregular or who is morbid; either he is on the verge of lunacy, or he is covering up something wrong by tremendous moral earnestness along certain lines of reform.

"A Pharisee shuts you up, not by loud shouting, but by the unanswerable logic he presents; he is bound to principles, not to a relationship. There is a great amount of Pharisaism abroad to-day, and it is based on 'devotedness' to principles. . . . A disciple of Jesus Christ is devoted to a Person, not to principles."

BUT ONE POINT must not be forgotten. Pharisaism did not start as it finished. Pharisaism originated as a "hold the line" movement against the inroads of foreign culture into Jewish religious life.

The lesson is that reaction can go too far. Regardless of the area or issue, the pendulum may swing so far off center that it actually provokes the swing to the other extreme. The extreme of Pharisaism tends to drive others either into the ranks of the publicans or of the Sadducees, just as Pharisaism itself was a reaction against compromise.

Because legalism builds its case on rigid applications of certain selected parts of the law, some people would do away with the idea of law entirely.

But the point is that lawfulness is not legalism. Paul makes this point unmistakably clear in the last part of the seventh and first part of the eighth chapters of Romans.

The closing verses of Romans 7 picture the inevitable failure of legalism as a basis for the spiritual life. The law fails, not because there is anything wrong with it, but "in that it was weak through the flesh." Essentially, a legalist is a carnal man trying to live a holy life.

The righteousness legalism builds is itself contrary to the very law it professes to extol. For legalism wins its only semblance of success by a combination of spiritual pride and inconsistency. The inconsistencies may be ignored or denied, but they are unavoidable there.

But Paul points out that "what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh,” God has done by the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus—"sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin,” condemning or "dooming" sin in the flesh. And all this is "that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

That is to say that the very purpose of the gospel of grace is to bring the life into conformity with the law of God—not by external demand, but by internal dynamic. The power of the Spirit of life fulfills the righteousness of the law in us in the only way it can really be done, from within.

THE LAW, THEN, HAS VALUE for the sincere child of God. Perhaps we have been too prone to forget that the Old Testament word for law meant more than legislation or requirement. It also meant teaching or instruction.

"The law of the Lord [for the Christian as well as the Old Testament saint] is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the
Lord are true and righteous altogether” (Psalms 19:7-9).

It is still true that the man most truly blessed is one of whom it may be said, “His delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night” (Psalms 1:2).

The law of the Lord, for the child of God, is not the rigid compulsion of an unwanted limitation. It is the road map and guide to be followed with love and joy. The true Christian fulfills the law, not as the basis of his salvation, but as the fruit of it. The lawfulness of his life is his love offering to his Lord.

Harold J. Brokke of the Bethany Fellowship recalls a story which illustrates this truth. A woman was married to an austere, demanding, and loveless husband. He made her life a thing of misery, each morning giving her a list of duties for the day and checking in the evening to see that they were performed. He even wrote and posted a list of ten rules for the house which she must obey. The love she had for him was soon quenched.

Then the man died, and the wife was released from the demands of her husband. Eventually she married again. Fortunately, this time her husband was a man of consideration and kindness, and love reigned in the home.

One day the wife came across her former husband’s list of rules. To her amazement, she found that she was keeping every requirement, not out of duty, but out of love.

However defective the illustration may be, the point is well made. Love is its own law. But it is law with a difference. As John wrote, “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” (1 John 5:3). In this we have lawfulness without legalism.

**MINISTERIAL SALARIES**

A recent study released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that the salaries of ministers in the United States place 245th among the 321 occupations listed. This is slightly better than the average received by bartenders, but some less than the income of truck drivers.

There are some who have held that “fringe benefits,” such as parsonages and perhaps utilities, make up for the glaring disparity such figures reveal. What may be missed here, however, is the fact that the same U.S. Department of Labor report shows that “fringe benefits” received by workmen in the United States now averages an additional $1,450 a year per employee.

Another factor which must be considered is the cost of owning and operating an automobile for professional use. A survey among ministers reports that the average American pastor travels 13,500 miles per year in the course of his work alone, at an average cost of $1,200.

It should be borne in mind that these figures are for all ministers of all denominations throughout the country. It is to be suspected that ministers of the Church of the Nazarene receive considerably less in the way of salaries than their counterparts in some older and larger churches. It is also to be suspected that they spend more for transportation than their ministerial brethren in other denominations.

These facts merit serious consideration in face of the unfilled demand for ministers of the gospel in today’s world. It is, of course, entirely true that no man in his right mind would go into the ministry for the money he might receive therefrom.

The compensations of the preacher of the gospel can never be reckoned in terms of dollars and cents. There are satisfactions, here and hereafter, that far outweigh the privations involved.

**YET HAVING SAID THAT,** let us not dismiss the matter with a “God bless you, Brother; you’ll have your reward in heaven.” He will indeed have his reward in heaven, but the stubborn fact is that here on earth God’s Word is true and “the labourer is worthy of his hire.”

I am convinced that our basic problem is not stinginess but thoughtlessness and ignorance. There are, no doubt, many churches doing their absolute best in the support of their pastors. There are many others that could do better if they would sit down and appraise the situation objectively.

Our ministers by and large have no one to speak for them. They are not organized into unions. They have no bargaining sessions with church boards. They are dependent on the thoughtfulness of the elected board of the church.

Nor do our ministers seek salaries necessarily comparable to the other professions. They are willing to make the necessary sacrifices. The point is, their sacrifices ought not to be more than are necessary.

No pastor should be asked to subsist on less than the general average of the congregation. If we esteem his office as Scripture does, it ought to be evaluated at the top rather than at the average. And whether we like it or not, one of the measures of our esteem for the office is the support we provide for it.

These words are not written in any sense of complaint. The church has always given me more than I felt I was worth. But facts are facts and should be faced. They do not change by being ignored.

If you are a member of your local church board, how long is it since you have candidly evaluated your pastor’s economic position? No one would ask that you do more than is possible. No one should excuse you for doing less.
DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Forty Joplin Churches Pay Bethany Educational Budget

Rev. Riley Archer, pastor of Springfield (Missouri) Grace Church, received the Joplin District Small Church Achievement award, forty churches paid their educational budgets, and Rev. Dean Baldwin, district superintendent, brought a "challenging report" during the eighth assembly, September 14, according to Reporter J. R. Smith.

Dr. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent, presided over the sessions, which were conducted in the new Carthage, Missouri, church.

Funds were raised in a home missions service to purchase property to build a church at Warsaw, Missouri.

Dal R. Newberry and Ken E. Stephens were ordained by Dr. Williamson during the sessions.

Delegates and friends pledged $1,200 towards a world tour for the district superintendent, who is serving the second of a three-year call.

Five Churches Organized On Indianapolis District

Per capita giving increased from $193 to $215, five new churches were organized, and 393 members were added to Indianapolis District churches during the assembly year, according to the report of District Superintendent Remiss Rehfeldt, August 18, to the fortieth assembly.

Dr. Hardy C. Powers was the presiding general superintendent over the sessions held at the district center near Camby, Indiana.

The assembly marked the close of Dr. Rehfeldt's first term as superintendent. Delegates voted him a four-year call.

Total funds raised by district churches reached $13,318, or which nearly $10,000 was given for general interests, according to Reporter Danie Landreth.

Mrs. Remiss Rehfeldt was elected N.W.M.S. president; Rev. Amos Bann, N.Y.P.S. president; and Rev. J. E. Childress, church schools chairman.

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Ohioans Hear Spiritual Laws

Gordon Walker, a member of Campus Crusade for Christ and Superintendent Harvey G. Galloway recently spoke to 280 Central Ohio young adults during their sixth annual Young Adult Fellowship retreat at the district center near Columbus.

Walker and Galloway present the four spiritual laws, thirty couples put them into effect on a Saturday afternoon in a nearby housing development.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

Ross Lee, Rev. Landreth, Homer Maddox, and Ray Marlin were named to the advisory board. Rev. Joe Bean is secretary and Rev. Murrel Deckard is treasurer.

Dr. Powers ordained into the Christian ministry Donald C. Gailbow and Orville Hall, Jr.

During the camp meeting held currently Rev. Daniel Stafford was the evangelist, and Warner Tippit music director.

Ohioans Hear Spiritual Laws

Reports of victories in fall revivals have come from Amarillo (Texas) North Beacon Church; Bay City (Texas) First Church; Hungarian (Ohio), Tovarka, Arkansas; Pioneer, Ohio; Logan, West Virginia; Scottsbluff (Nebraska) First Church; Sculp Level, Pennsylvania; and Sledge (Robinson Chapel), Mississippi. Six persons found spiritual help in one of the meetings.

Rev. C. T. Corbett, who recently evangelized in Brazil, reports that the Nazarenes have established twelve churches in the six years the church has functioned there. "Brazil has its doors wide open to the gospel," Mr. Corbett said.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred G. Stockton ask the assistance of Laymen to help reestablish a church in Pecos, Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert O. Jackson, pastors in Emmett, Idaho, have recently returned from a three-and-one-half month visit to Africa, Jordan, and Israel.

In the case of the Walnut, California, church were conducted recently with Rev. David Reed, a recent seminary graduate. The Los Angeles District has purchased property for a building on which construction will start this month.

Rev. and Mrs. A. S. London, Sunday school evangelists, have recently completed a tour of the Northwest Oklahoma District with Superintendent Jer ald R. Locke and other district leaders.

Oklahoma City (Oklahoma) Trinity Church broke the all-time Sunday school record, September 26, with 1,698 in an early fall tally.

THIS SUNDAY'S LESSON

Brian L. Farmer

Topic for October 31:
Samson: Misusing God's Gifts (Temperance)


God's Text: He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city (Proverbs 16:32).

Once upon a time a woman moved out of doors. She lamented her infer-
It was some time before he wanted to marry a godless girl about whom his parents had reservations, to say the least. As often happens, youth had its way. It was an unhappy match; in fact it was doubtful whether the union was ever actually consummated, but it certainly led Simson into some unde­irable associations.

While Simson's relationships with the pagan sects after his war were less than could be desired, a wise Providence worked through it all. But there followed a whole series of experiences involving his country's enemies, the Philistines, which served to weaken his moral resolve.

It wasn't until later that this insidious rot became apparent. Simson became infatuated with a woman called Delilah. She was a real temptress. Never before had Simson revealed to anyone that the secret of his superhuman strength lay in his commitment to God and its outward symbol, his unshorn hair. Delilah, however, with an adroit mixture of pleading, pouting, and withheld favors wasn't long in extracting the information, which she promptly passed to Simson's enemies. They treated him shamefully, first blinding him and then throwing him into prison. Yet as Samson's hair grew, his heart turned back to the God he had forsaken. God did not let him down. In fact, on the last day of his life Simson dealt a deadlier blow to his enemies and the enemies of God than in all his previous years.

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General Superintendent

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Charleston. The sanctuary, which serves the Kanawha City section of West Virginia District Superintendent Harvey Hendershol. The church, nearly a quarter-million dollars, which now has property valued at remodeling on the Charleston (W.Va.)...
On October 27, 1965, Rev. John G. Rupp, John G. Box 190, Modesto, Calif. 95353;
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Lewis to Keynote Tenth Educational Conference

General Superintendent V. H. Lewis will give the keynote address Friday (October 29) to the tenth biennial educational conference when representatives of U.S. and Canadian Nazarene colleges meet in Chicago to discuss problems relating to teacher education. The accreditation of teacher education curricula will be of major interest in the two-day meeting, according to Dr. Willis Snowberger, education secretary. The National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) has recognized the curriculum of one Nazarene college, and is expected to recognize another—Olivet Nazarene College—next this fall.

Dr. C. Harold Ripper, academic dean at Bethany Nazarene College, which was recognized by NCATE, will speak on the general subject of teacher education accreditation. To students, their college being recognized by this group means that an increasing number of state education boards will certify them as classroom teachers without having to take additional college work.

Representatives from all Nazarene colleges will participate in a panel discussion of the NCATE standards. Dr. Bev Moody, a Nazarene professor at Northern Illinois University, will discuss “Major Developments in Teacher Education.” Dr. Dillman is teaching part-time at Olivet.

Toronto Paper Probes
Article on Movies

A recent article in Conquest, Nazarene youth magazine, regarding movies prompted an investigation by the Toronto (Ontario) Telegram, which resulted in a news feature airing the church’s views on movies.

Later, a Toronto radio program also discussed the church’s stand.

The Telegram quoted Rev. Dexter Westhafer, pastor of the Toronto St. Clair Church, who said that Hollywood had contributed to a breakdown in modern morality. “The movies show sex in a flagrant way and the lives of the actors and actresses are very low as far as spiritual values are concerned,” the pastor said. He added that his congregation watched television, “but there’s a knob on it and they know when to turn it off.”

The Telegram religion editor, Aubrey Wire, was prompted to call the pastor after reading the article “Movies and You” by J. Grant Swank, Jr., in the September Conquest.

The Swank article said the boycott wasn’t because the church is puritanical, old-fashioned, eccentric, straight-laced, and provincial, but that the position “is one of the most significant social stands against projected smut in this century.”

... Of People and Places

E. H. (Bob) Steenbergen, a lay member of the General Board who early in the year suffered a heart ailment, says his doctor has given approval for him to return to full activity and express his thanks to people “all over the United States for their words of encouragement.”

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of Christianity Today, will speak December 7-8 at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Isaac Amaya, wife of the editor of Spanish church schools periodicals, underwent an operation for the removal of a tumor.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Dudley Powers, medical missionaries to New Guinea, where a new hospital is under construction, left New York by plane October 6 for London, and will travel from there to their new charge by boat.

Rev. Champ Tavlor, former pastor of the San Mateo, California, church, has been appointed chaplain in charge of student counseling at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, according to Pastor Donald Farrand of the Palo Alto church.

On the fourth anniversary of the Church of the Nazarene in Panama, October 3, Rev. Elmer Nelson, missionary, said 500 were in attendance for a service “that was gloriously blessed of God.” The church began with 220 in Sunday school.

Mrs. Walter Mirache, wife of the pastor at Ottawa, Illinois, and the mother of three young children, died October 4 as the result of a fall when she backed off a stairway. She did not regain consciousness during the three days she was hospitalized. She was buried October 6 in Indianapolis.

Evangelist Injured in Mishap

Evangelist Carl W. Brockmiller was seriously injured in a head-on automobile collision near Bozeman, Montana, Saturday, October 2, while en route to a revival meeting at Laurel, Montana. He is hospitalized in the Dearoness Hospital at Bozeman with a crushed right leg and severe cuts and lacerations. Doctors estimate that it will be at least six months before he can resume his preaching, according to Superintendent Alvin McGraw of the Rocky Mountain District.

Missouri Pastor Stricken

Rev. L. Lloyd Brown, pastor at the Dexter (Missouri) Southwest Church and Missouri district N.Y.P.S. president, underwent an operation Sunday, October 3, for a brain tumor which doctors found malignant. Mr. Brown, thirty-six, and his wife have four children.

Powers to Argentina

General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers is scheduled to leave New York, November 12, to visit Nazarene mission work in Argentina and Uruguay. He will speak in several churches, conduct preachers meetings, and meet with the mission councils of both fields. Dr. John Cochran and Rev. John Armstrong, field superintendents in Argentina and Uruguay, respectively. Dr. Powers will return early in December. This will be his third visit to Argentina.

Graham’s Condition Good

Richmond, Miss. (EP)—Evangelist Billy Graham continued in “good condition” following his second operation within a week by Mayo Clinic surgeons. “He’s just fine and there’s nothing to worry about,” a clinic spokesman said after surgery to stop postoperative bleeding.

Maxo surgeons operated on Mr. Graham’s prostate gland on September 9 at Rochester Methodist Hospital. His release had been expected September 12, but he remained hospitalized because of bleeding and postoperative spasms.

The Houston Crusade, scheduled for the Astrodome, October 8-17, was postponed one week. New dates for the meeting were October 15-21.

President Lyndon Johnson planned to attend the crusade.

Editor Hits Pope’s Visit

Pittsburgh, Pa. (EP)—Pope Paul VI’s trip to New York has been described by a well-known Lutheran editor as a public relations move conceived to “strengthen his image” and divert attention from the collapse of the Second Vatican Council.

Dr. G. Elson Ruff, editor of the Lutheran, biweekly of the Lutheran church, in the September 29 issue said that he “can’t imagine what Pope Paul may say at the United Nations assembly that will be worth the price of an airplane ticket from Rome.”

While the Pope’s words should be “heeded respectfully by persons of even faith or no faith,” the editorial said, they will have “no relevance to the rough power struggles that are the reality of world politics.”
The Superior Righteousness

ACCORDING TO JESUS, the righteousness of the Christian is to be superior to that of the scribes and the Pharisees (Matthew 5:20). Their righteousness was genuinely their own, for it consisted mainly of that which they were able to attain through their own ethical striving. The kingdom of God, in contrast, requires a righteousness which surpasses all human sufficiency, indeed one that is the absolute denial of such.

The Apostle Paul, once the personification of religious self-sufficiency, now transformed by the vision of Jesus Christ, testifies to this as the touchstone of his life: “I count all else in life as loss... that I may receive Him as having a physical body, and our neighbor as ourselves. It is love of God given us by the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who are living in obedience to Him” (Acts 5:32).

Our righteousness must exceed us; it must go beyond that which we are to Him alone “who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification” (Romans 4:25). Our fitness for God’s kingdom depends on the “Spirit of life in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:2), the Holy Spirit, “whom God has given to those who are living in obedience to Him” (Acts 5:32).

The superior righteousness transcends every human attainment by an utter reliance on the sufficiency of God in the living Christ. “My power is perfected in your weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9) is God’s principle of sanctifying grace for us.—Frank G. Currer, Pasadena College, Pasadena, California.

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Why do so many ministers leave the impression that a sanctified person is almost perfect in every way? My minister recently said that when one is sanctified the person’s motives and ideals are changed, but temperament and basic personality are not.

You have a wisetaster. Any truth may be defended by overstatement as quickly as by understatement. It must be said over and over that what is called evangelical or Christian perfection is essentially perfect love. “Perfection is nothing higher and nothing lower than this,” said John Wesley “the pure love of God and man: the loving God with all our heart and soul, and our neighbor as ourselves. It is love governing the heart and life, running through all our intentions, words, and actions.”

This in no sense minimizes the victory which transforms motives and ideals. It does recognize that in every area except the love of God given us by the Holy Spirit, we are very imperfect human beings and need everything growth and discipline can do for us.

Entire sanctification will not solve all your problems, but it will put you in a position to meet them without the handicap of having less than the grace of God can do for you.

I believe God has a physical body since the Bible speaks of Him walking in the Garden of Eden, and says He has a face, form, back, hands, fingers, mouth, feet, eyes, ears, etc. Yet my pastor made the statement that he did not believe God has a physical body.

Why would a man of God make such a statement? Because it is true. God does not have a physical body. He is Spirit (John 4:24; II Corinthians 3:17). What the Bible says about the “unimpassionedness” of God would make it impossible to conceive of Him as having a physical body in any natural sense of the words of Kings 8:27; Psalms 139:7-10; Isaiah 66:1; Jeremiah 23:24, etc.).

You have been confused by the figures of speech which Bible scholars call anthropomorphisms—that is, attributing the form of man to God. There are many more than you mention.

That they are not to be taken literally is seen in the fact that other Bible references speak of God as a lion, a panther, a she-bear, an eagle, and speaks of His wings and feathers.

These ways of describing God are very important. They emphasize that He is the living God, who loves and cares for His people and is available to them in their time of need. But you must recognize that they are concessions to our human limitations, and not technical descriptions of the nature of God.

If you are interested in delving into these matters, I recommend that you buy Dr. H. Orton Wiley’s three-volume Christian Theology and go to work.

Why do the Nazarene and other holiness churches say they are Arminian in theology? This is evidently important, but I have never heard it explained. I imagine there are books on this subject. Probably you can tell me what one is.

The term “Arminian” comes from the name of James (Jacobus) Arminius, a Dutch theologian of the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. Arminius and his followers protested against the Calvinistic view that God predestinates certain men and angels to eternal life and others to eternal damnation quite apart from any choice on their part.

Included in this major doctrine of “unconditional election,” as it is called, was Calvin’s view of “the perseverence of the saints”—now more popularly known as “eternal security.” Arminians hold that God predestinates to eternal life all those and only those who receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, not that He selects those whom He will save and damn the rest by His eternal decree.

Arminians also hold that final salvation is not obtained by a single act of saving faith, but through a continuance in obedient faith all through life.

There is a good book which will explain these and other differences between Arminians and Calvinists. It is entitled Where Two Creeds Meet, by O. Glenn McKinley. It is published by the Nazarene Publishing House, is 128 pages in length, and sells for $1.25, paper.

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