THE HONORED GUEST IN OUR HOME

He will come only when we make Him welcome.

He will bring rich rewards with Him.

He will stay only as long as His presence is recognized and appreciated.

He will make the conscience sensitive and help keep it clean.

He will listen to every conversation without interruption.

He will keep faithful vigil as we sleep.

He will make routine work a joy and provide special grace in time of crisis.

He will give inspiration and meaning to family worship.

He will make the blessing of every meal true thanksgiving, and partaking of the food like a sacrament.

He will vitalize home religion making it a real experience of fellowship with Christ.

This Honored Guest is the Holy Spirit of whom Jesus said, "He may abide with you forever."

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QUEEN OF THE HOME

It is expedient and well timed for us to give honor to the queen of the home. Frances Willard was called "the uncrowned queen of America." Many a queenly mother has never worn a crown of gold or precious gems, but each of us who has the opportunity can place upon her brow a crown of the beautiful gems of gratitude and praise on this day.

Most of the beautiful things are said to come to us by twos and threes, or by dozens or by bushels. Nature gives us such abundance of things as stars, sunsets, rainbows, waterfalls, roses, forests, and meadows. But the world has given to each of us only one mother. What great qualities she has!

We honor her for her great quality of love. Hers is the one human love that is infinite and eternal. We often use it to illustrate the definition of God's love. It seems to reach into the very chambers of heaven. Nor does it falter for a moment to walk the tortuous pathway of service to bring happiness to its object. There are no waters it shrinks to cross nor heights it is afraid to scale. It never storms or blusters. It is never harsh. It does not censor or scold. In its sweet, low voice a baby sleeps and troubled hearts grow calm and peaceful.

We honor the queen of the home for her great prayer influence also. Hannah prayed for a child, then dedicated him to God in the temple and continued praying for him until Samuel became the great prophet. The mother of John Newton, the hymn writer, prayed for him. Although she died at an early age, he stated he never forgot her prayers. Charles Spurgeon, the great preacher, said of his sainted mother, "I cannot tell how much I owe to the solemn prayers of my good mother as we sat around the table and as she taught us the scriptures; then came the time of pleading with God for us."

Perhaps it is our fondest memory of Mother—on her knees praying. Prayer gave her faith she needed to sustain herself and family. It gave her a song in the midst of distress and disappointment. Prayer gave her an everyday victory over sin and temptation and a practical religious experience that found God everywhere and with people. It gave her patience and a tolerance level almost undefinable in dealing with the complexities of family life.

Modern womanhood is confronted by many complex problems in the varied roles she is asked to fill in this era. Her most distinguished role, however, is still her exclusive place as mother and homemaker. For this vital role she has been especially prepared, and in the fulfillment of this assignment she is rewarded with her greatest source of accomplishment as a woman. No other person or institution can really take her place in the completion of this vital function.

We honor the queen of the home and also dedicate ourselves to assisting her in strengthening our home and family ties to insure a strong church and a stable national character.
The occupation of a mother is one of the most challenging, time-consuming, and frustrating. But it is the most rewarding occupation any woman can have.

A mother must be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. She must be prepared to make unexpected sacrifices and give of her whole being.

Before my first “challenge” arrived, I knew I would be the greatest mother ever. My son would be nothing less than the president. But that first night after Dean was born was one of many doubts that had me petrified.

How would I ever bring up a boy in this fast-moving world? Fast cars, cigarettes, drugs, and liquor! How would I teach a young man the dangers of all these? Could I raise this precious mite of humanity to be loving and pleasing in our Maker’s eyes?

With a great faith in God my doubts disappeared over the years and four more “challenges” were sent my way. In fact, I found these challenges so pleasant that I’ve acquired an extra one through the Welfare Office!

How long does it take you to bake a cake? Ten minutes? It takes me upwards to an hour. Cream the butter and sugar; find a pair of mitts. Add the eggs; tie a cap and fasten a pair of boots. Finally, heaving a sigh of relief and closing the door behind the young fry, I resume my beating and mixing. But before I can get the batter into a pan and in the oven, I hear the muffled knock of a mittened hand at the door. Opening the door, a wee mite announces, “I forgot to use the bathroom.”

Time-consuming? No day is long enough! Frustrating? I have gone to bed “dog-tired” only to be abruptly awakened and have to change no less than three beds from stern to stern between midnight and daylight due to an unexpected bout with the flu. Then I’d awaken next morning all bleary-eyed and find the three flu cases wide-awake and romping as usual. It all seemed like a bad dream, unbelievable and frustrating!

Then again, what occupation can bring the rewards of two chubby arms about your neck and a wet kiss on your cheek? The works of art that hang on my wall hold no comparison to an art gallery. One fine hanging has an Easter bunny with deformed ears and a real cotton, glued-on tail. No money paid in another occupation can ever measure up to this.

The challenges, too soon, become—not presidents—but satisfying members of society. The time-consuming hours eventually become hours of leisure to do as one desires. Frustrations, as time passes, iron themselves out smooth and become amusing memories to reminisce over. As far as I’m concerned, my occupation as a mother is above comparison with all others.
A MOTHER’S REVERIE

These are the gifts that life has given:
A small, plain house, my earthly heaven;
A sense of duty; the will to strive,
Grateful each day just to be alive;
A spirit of wonder that ever thrills
At jeweled rainbows, dreaming hills,
Diamonds flashing in fountain spray,
Sunset’s gold at the close of day;
Love of a man, devoted, good;
Daughters who grace true womanhood;
Son among men who takes his stand;
Grandchildren growing as God has planned;
Flight of a cardinal, scent of a flower;
Hush of the chapel at worship hour;
Sunshine and laughter, shadows and tears—
Mine to remember all through the years!
Mine too, this truth: Whatever else fails,
God’s love will not. And His grace avails!
So I go trusting through days yet to be,
Thankful for gifts life has given me.

Kathryn Blackburn Peck
Kansas City

THESE ARE GOOD DAYS

“These are good days,”
She’ll oft times repeat.
In her philosophical way
She surely routs defeat.

Her hair is a bit silver
And her step is unsteady,
But to tell of His blessings
She always is ready.

She’s not quite as active
As she once was, you see,
For her years of service
Now number eighty-three.

But on the front lines you’ll find her
With a spirit superb,
For the devil’s Goliaths
Her peace can’t disturb.

She settled the question
Many years in the past,
And she stands as a witness
That God’s grace will last.

Dallas T. Hudspeth
Little Rock, Ark.
THE CAROL THAT KNOWS NO SEASON

It was Christmas season of 1969. Earlier in the year we had met two wonderful couples, Earl and Vivian, and Bill and Nell.

The two men worked for the Harrisburg Evening News. Each of the four had church backgrounds where spiritual things were general and vague. Each was involved in a search for reality where the things of God and God himself were real, definite, and personal. They were exhilarating to be around.

On this particular night we met by appointment at Bill and Nell's house. We had agreed to consider the five steps in Life Can Have Meaning.* After much good fellowship, comparing notes on what God had been doing recently in our lives, we gathered around the kitchen table to consider the outline of the plan of salvation.

It was an exciting time. Halfway through, I was stopped with the request that the two women be allowed to make a copy to share with friends. (I was using blank paper and some of my own diagrams instead of a booklet.) After the delay we came to the conclusion. We asked the question, "Is this what you have experienced or haven't you come to this certainty of salvation as yet?"

Earl and Viv said, "You just described what happened to us."

Nell openly declared, "I don't think that it has ever happened for me. At least I'm not sure. And I want to be."

The spotlight moved to Bill. He responded by saying, "I'm not sure if this has happened to me or not. Or even if it has to happen in this way. I need to think about it some more." (Later he acknowledged that he had been trusting Christ as Saviour and this was just a systematic way of explaining it.)

Attention turned back to Nell. She was questioning if she could get "it" by praying now. A closer examination led us to see that she was wondering if she "felt" enough of the Spirit to be saved right there and then.

It was at this point that I remembered the tender and true verse of the old Christmas carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem." I quoted the words of the third verse:

How silently, how silently
The wondrous Gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

We stood around Nell, who used a kitchen chair for an altar. After a short, quiet prayer of acceptance she looked up with the glow of heaven on her face. In a soft voice she said, "Now I know it's real in my life! Thank You, Jesus!"

It was January, 1973. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, the place. Another couple in another kitchen. Again the plan of salvation. Again time for commitment. Again in quietness the Spirit came and was Agent of the new birth. Again there came to mind that verse of the Christmas carol. The Spirit witnessed to our hearts as we quoted it to these "babes in Christ."

Who cares what time of the year it is? That verse of that carol applies every day of every year.

Come, children, it's time for prayer.

The sound of Papa's voice came wafting up the stairway to the attic bedroom, calling us to evening prayers in the downstairs living room. Reluctantly I pulled myself away from whatever I might be doing. Slowly but surely I would go, for Papa had a fail-proof way of enforcing his kindly suggestions.

Sitting still and staying awake during the reading of a long chapter from Jeremiah is not a nine-year-old boy's idea of a great evening of entertainment.

Yet I do not find any resentment from mistreatment or scarring of my adult personality as a result of those every-evening-without-fail family prayer times. On the contrary, they are the source of great strength and courage to me as I think back on childhood days.

By today's standards we never got above the poverty level materially. But if we were poor we didn't know it.

I think the reason for this naive attitude toward our material resources was that we felt rich in spiritual blessings, and the warping of our personalities that might have been done by our patched overalls and feed-sack dresses was canceled out by the richness of the strong family ties welded at these evening family-altar times.

Music was often a part of this evening time together. Piano, violin, mandolin, harmonica, and guitar blended with our voices in singing old hymns as a part of such gatherings.

The call to prayer usually came when we were engaged in something of great interest and pleasure. Time for prayer was quarried out of the rare rock of those few precious moments of leisure time at the close of the long Kansas farm day between late supper and early to bed. The call was insistent until all at home were gathered in one room and all attention was given to the reading of a chapter from the Bible. There were 10 children, so those who came early got the best positions—the softest chairs.

I can remember the warm, musty smell of the sofa as I knelt and buried my nose in the soft-
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ness while I half-slept, half-listened to the prayers of Papa and Mama as they prayed for God’s blessings upon “all our loved ones” and upon “the leaders of our nation” and gave thanks for the good weather and expressed confidence that the bad weather was going to bring some good in spite of what it looked like.

Many phrases flash through my mind as I think of those prayers. Among those most often repeated in my mother’s prayer was this one— “... and we pray for those in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life.” It was a nonpartisan prayer, remaining the same through the administrations of Wilson, Coolidge, Hoover, Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon.

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Many of us either consciously or unconsciously pray that our lives will be filled with excitement and adventure and great accomplishments. Few of us realize the answer to such a prayer—at least in the manner in which we would like for it to be answered. Here, on the other hand, was a woman who prayed that her life might be quiet and peaceable. To this end she lived and was satisfied when days were common and ordinary.

This was not a selfish prayer. The diaries reveal that this was her prayer for others and not just in words but also in deeds. Her life was one of almost constant and total involvement with the welfare of others. As the mother of 10 children and the wife of a Kansas farmer, there was little chance that it could be otherwise.

Yet because this was her prayer for her own life first. Mother was able to be the instrument of quiet calm and peaceful attitudes to those around her. It was not the quiet and peace of doing nothing. It was the opposite. It was the quiet and peace of industry and daily toil.

There was that aspect of her life which enabled her and her family to weather storms that came to our lives. Be those storms Kansas tornadoes, dust blizzards, depressions, wars, community conflicts, rocky romances, plagues of sickness, whatever—there was always this center of quiet and peace in her life that gave those closest to her the courage to face almost anything that came along with the faith and hope that everything was going to turn out all right in the end and that the present evil was really not as bad as it seemed.

Now, as I face my world separated by decades of time and thousands of miles from that family altar, I am more than ever convinced that the prayer for a quiet and peaceable life is far more important than the prayer for a life of excitement and adventure. Perhaps the greatest satisfaction of all will be realized in the answer to this prayer my mother prayed each evening— “... that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life.”
John Donne painted a word picture of superb beauty when he wrote, “All mankind is of one author, and is of one volume. When one man dies one chapter is not torn out of the book but translated into a better language; and every chapter must be so translated: God employs several translators; some pieces are translated by age, some by sickness, some by war, some by justice; but God’s hand is in every translation, and His hand shall bind us up, all our scattered leaves, again for that library where every book shall lie open to one another.”

John Donne had great faith in the eternal providence of God. He knew the truth of Paul’s bold statement that God is causing all things to work together for good to those who love God and by loving Him are called to His high and holy purpose (Romans 8:28).

To the child of God there is no such thing as an accident in this world. There are incidents that God uses to shape our lives.

Several years ago there were two students at Andover Theological Seminary. One was named Storrs and the other Hall.

On a certain Sunday, Hall was scheduled to preach a trial sermon at the church at Braintree. In splitting wood, Hall’s hat fell from his head and the axe split the hat in twain. It was impossible for him to replace the hat before his engagement, so he arranged with Storrs to go in his place.

Storrs went. His preaching pleased. He received a call to the pulpit and Hall was forgotten. Storrs stayed in the pastorate at Braintree all of his ministerial life and was quite successful in his tasks there.

Hall swallowed his disappointment and was led into a wider ministry. He was Gordon Hall, the first missionary sent out by the American Board. His name became eternally linked with world evangelism.

There is no doubt that it was in the providence of God for Storrs to be stationed at Braintree and Hall to go to India. God used a ruined hat to effect this divine plan. God can use the most trivial experiences that happen to His people in order to work out His will in their lives.

Often we wonder why God permits the various situations of life to come our way. The words of George Mueller help us at this point. He said, “If our circumstances find us in God, we shall find God in our circumstances.”

By Ross W. Hayslip, Tucson, Ariz.

PEN POINTS

Mort Crim, in his recent book, One Moment Please, makes this interesting statement: “If renewal comes to the church . . . it will be because the people demand it—not because the leaders declare it.”

The history of the Church proves Crim’s statement.

The Church has not been short on programs and plans. It has been short on participating and perseverance. It has not been wanting in creeds and contests. It has been wanting in commitment and consecration.

Someone writing in Church Management made this interesting observation: “An alarming weakness among Christians is that we are producing Christian activities faster than we are producing Christian experience and Christian faith.”

When it is all summed up, the seeds of genuine renewal grow best, not on programs and plans, but in the hearts of people who demand more of God, who declare allegiance to His will, and who deny themselves for His way.

Key 73, or any outreach plan of the Church, will fail if it is only declared by leaders to keep the Church busy. Such succeed only where there are causes—demands—within the person that must reach out to witness, to win, to serve.

Your church and mine will have renewal when we want it, and work for it, and will pay any price to attain it. That’s the formula for renewal. It is one of the things time has not changed.

—C. Neil Strait
Uniontown, Ohio
FOR THE e n e r a N H 0 M 6 O U R F A T H E R, we kneel before You this morning as members of Your family. We come to You as children would to their father. We are searching today for some answers to the problems which face our earthly families. Will You lead us with Your clear and discerning judgment of our needs?

Our most glaring need lies within ourselves. Father, it is so hard to keep from feeling we know best. Even when we are trying to be patient and understanding, underneath it all is that tendency to try to get our way. And we know that is wrong.

Help us to see and admit honestly that we are not without error . . . that we too often have cast the stones when the stones should have been heaped upon us.

We know that the secret to a happy and workable marriage and home relationship will be found only when we can get ourselves in line. For one minute now, help us to not look at our spouses, our children, our parents, our brothers or sisters, but help us to look at ourselves. Keep us during this moment from the prayer: “Oh, if she would only listen! If he would only change!”

Let us instead cry out to You for a revelation of ourselves.

O Lord, help me to listen. To hear. To see. Where I have bad attitudes, show me a better way. Where I have steadfastly set my face to do things one way, help me to yield. Where words have flowed out that have injured and hurt, may I pursue a course of healing. Help me not to smugly kneel here proud of my goodness, but let me honestly open my heart and my life to Your searching Spirit. May my attitude toward the rest of my family be right.

But, Father, I am not alone. There dwell in my house others who share this pilgrimage. Increase my love for them. May the only walls that exist there be of mortar and paint. May the only fires be found in the stoves and fireplaces. May there be more to bind us together than flesh and blood.

Teach us how to laugh again. To love anew. To forget easily those little things that could cause the heart to ache.

Help us not to be as interested in our own comfort and happiness as we are in the needs of the other members of our household. May our tongues be silver with honest praise. May those who dwell with us see a divine light shining through us.

And we pray for other homes. For those homes which have slipped. For those families that coexist in a tense truce, where dinner is served in stony silence and television is the only mode of communication. Where each retreats to his own corner to lick his wounds and longs for a different day. Where love is sex, and sex is loveless. Where words and looks scream out. Where the living have died. Where hope is thought to be found only in escape.

In those homes, Heavenly Father, rekindle the flame. Turn the thoughts of those who dwell there away from themselves and to each other. Teach them that, in reaching out to help and to love and to care, they are risking pain and hurt and greater darkness, but they are also walking through the threshold of hope.

Help those children who brood in their bedrooms to see the love-starved mom and dad downstairs. May that husband who has been deeply hurt by a sword of careless rebellion reach out in love to his wife, baring his heart again to attack. May that wife who has tried, and tried, and tried, try once more.

May that couple that is beginning to drift apart put up the sails of unity. May homes where communion one with another has been absent suddenly witness a revival of conversation and caring and concern for each other.

And in these petitions, and in our hearts and our homes we invite You to dwell as the central Theme of them all.

In Your Son’s name we pray. Amen.

By James T. Christy, Evans, Colo.
I have often heard people say, “I thank God I have nothing for which I need to repent.” This seems, on the surface, to be worthy of celebration, to be sure. I fear, however, that further thought will show it to be more worthy of censure than praise.

The Bible says, “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (I John 1:7).

I rejoice today that I have found this to be true. Jesus Christ has made me victor over sin, not through my goodness, but by His grace. I thank God that He can do more for sin than forgive it. He can cleanse a man from sin. In the framework of this miracle of grace I agree with the people I have quoted.

But I still find need and value in repentance though I can testify to victory in Jesus Christ. For the Bible says that God repents, and I am not better than He. I think it was C. S. Lewis who said in one of his radio sermons, “There is no sense in trying to be more spiritual than God.”

I know God does not have to repent of sin. So, obviously repentance means more than just “a godly sorrow for sin.” It must also mean to change the course of direction of one’s action in the light of the outcome or result of that action.

This is why it repented God that He made man (Genesis 6:6). And also why He repented that He made Saul king (I Samuel 15:11). It is being sorry that things did not turn out as one had planned or wished. It is regretting the way a thing one has started finally finishes.

I can understand repentance being ascribed to God in this sense. A good man cleansed by Jesus’ blood and filled with the Holy Spirit will have frequent occasion to repent within this meaning of the word. Things often do not turn out as we had intended or planned. Without any moral implications being involved we can often repent.

Further, a good man will often repent that there is too large a gap between what he is and what he ought to be. While God does not ever need this kind of repentance, even the best of His children do.

Holiness people adhere to the Wesleyan concept of sin as a willful or voluntary disobedience of God’s law. So they would not call such a gap “sin.”

Still a good man knows that the gap exists and he cannot ever think of it lightly. He cannot shrug his shoulders and say, “Well, no one’s perfect.” He knows that he can and should “press toward the mark.”

His side of the gap may fulfill the demands of duty, but the other side beckons as the demand of love. He needs God’s forgiveness, because, as Jesus counselled, he is the unprofitable servant and does only that which is his duty. He wants and will press toward the narrowing of the gap.

A good man, because of his goodness, will frequently repent that his words and actions in relation to his neighbor fall short of adequately expressing the love he feels, which was given him of God by the Holy Spirit. Interpersonal relations often suffer from the failure to properly communicate feelings.

“I am sorry; please forgive me,” are the words a good man will use repeatedly if he keeps the channels open between himself and others. The more godly a person is, the quicker he is willing to own his fault and make amends. It does not reflect on his goodness that he has faults which threaten harmony. It does discredit his claim of goodness if he refuses to admit and correct his faults.

The body of Christ needs the constant healing which confessing one’s faults will bring. Jesus warns us that offenses will inevitably come, but they are not to be accepted as necessary. Woe, He said, unto those who cause them to occur. Unless the one who causes an offense repents, the fellowship will perish. The promise of God’s sustaining grace is conditioned on His children’s willingness to repent and seek His help.

The most heinous of sins is spiritual pride. Helps to holy living.
When one says he has nothing for which he needs forgiveness, he is gravely in danger of this besetting sin. Even if it were for the moment true, he has established a claim and outlined an image which will cost him his intellectual honesty to maintain. He has provided a basis for rationalization and blindness that pride requires.

Jesus said once to a church, “Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.”

Thus even those within the Church are called to repentance.

The promise of God long ago was given that people who humbled themselves would receive blessing and healing. I claimed that promise recently when the call to repentance and prayer was made in preparation for Key 73. I did not find it hard to do.

Repentance seemed the only reasonable way to face up to the facts. I knew I must confess to God that I fell short of bearing the fruit He promised His children would produce. I had to repent that I had not led the advance which should characterize the Church of Jesus Christ. I had to repent that I had allowed the indifference of others to paralyze my faith and confidence. I had to repent that I had become busy about the things that matter least, so that I had little time for the things that are of eternal value.

I believe a revival of unexpected dimensions awaits us if we will be faithful to prepare our hearts and speed our feet to the task. If good people who rejoice that God’s grace has accomplished this goodness in them will lead the way, repentance will once again be the doorway to renewal.

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It’s bad enough to see oneself as a grasshopper! But the disaster is doubled when one assumes that others see him as such. It becomes debilitating. That is what happened to the 10 spies. To assume that the Israelites could overthrow the sons of Anak—that grasshoppers could whip giants—was a bit too much for their imagination.

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How quickly they had forgotten the marvelous intervention of God in their recent past—their emancipation from Pharaoh and His parting of the waters of the Red Sea so that they could be on their way to the Promised Land!

The 10 spies were so occupied with visions of their smallness that they failed to remember God’s greatness. Having done so, they brought back an evil report, and so caused God’s people to wander 40 years in the wilderness, a year for each day they were in Canaan.

A vision of our smallness and a lack of vision of God’s greatness can combine to block the work of God in any age. Let us move forward to possess the land and let God take care of the giants. And let us get our view of our worth, not from ourselves, or from others, but from the Creator who made us in His own image.

THE GRASSHOPPER COMPLEX
(Part II)

The 10 spies who brought back an evil report from the land of Canaan felt that it could not be conquered because it was inhabited by giants. They reported, “We were in our own sight as grasshoppers, AND SO WERE WE IN THEIR SIGHT” (Numbers 13: 33).
**CHRIST'S WOMEN'S LIB**

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed (John 8:36).

Women's Lib,” as everyone surely knows by now, is the abbreviation for “Women's Liberation Movement”—a “movement” that hasn't moved far because most people—men and women—have been turned off, not by the movement’s goals, but by its methods.

In his survey of over 11,000 women, Mr. Lou Harris, for instance, found that half of all women are unsympathetic toward the efforts of “Women’s Liberation groups,” with many disillusioned or disgusted by the whole thing—even saying, with Golda Meir, “Women’s Lib is just a lot of foolishness.”

But what do the Betty Friedans and the Gloria Steinems and the Germaine Greers mean by “Women’s Lib”? What are their goals?

These founders of the movement feel that women have been enslaved by men far too long, their rights trampled upon, their personhood denied, their bodies subject to man’s desires, and their minds imprisoned by man’s prejudices. And they point to the “Playboy Philosophy” as an illustration of the degradation of that enslavement.

The only solution, they feel, is to throw off all shackles, snap the chains of man’s domination, assert their rights, and demand total equality of the sexes.

While most women, and most men, would agree that there should be equality of opportunity, with ceilings set, not by sex or color or nationality, but by ability, that right has been clouded and compromised by the flagrant and disgusting behavior of some of those who espouse it most loudly.

Many men, and most women, resent, in fact, the liberation movement's rejection of homemaking as an appropriate and fulfilling role for women. And the majority of both sexes ridicule the movement’s insistence on such things as using Ms. instead of Miss or Mrs. in addressing women. “I like Mrs.,” Mayer John Lindsay’s wife said recently. “It took me long enough to get it.”

“Women’s Lib,” says Dr. Joyce Brothers, the psychologist, “is like most things human, a mixed bag—a combination of lofty rhetoric and petty complaints, of reason and illogic, idealism and sheer vindictiveness. But what it’s really talking about is freedom and free choice . . .”

So that’s what it’s all about!

Well, it is impossible to speak about liberation of any kind, for anyone, without a God-context. And it is impossible to speak of women’s liberation without speaking of Christ. For the Bible says that “there is no such thing as Jew and Greek, slave and free man, male and female; for you are all one person in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28, NEB*).

Everyone, then, is free to choose the freedom to be found in Jesus Christ. This freedom of choice, this freedom to choose one’s destiny is God-given and it is one of the important endowments that lift men above the animals.

But what is life’s most galling slavery? What chains are the heaviest? What fetters the most frustrating?

Are they the shackles of ignorance? Or of unchallenging work? Or of handicap or sickness or family or sex or color?

No. Life’s most unbearable slavery is the slavery of sin. To be bound by chains of our own forging, enslaved by habits of our own forming, bound by our own rebellions, fettered by the frustrations of our own wrong choices and false goals and distorted values—that is the worst slavery, and that is exactly where Christ liberates most completely and where His freedom is most exhilarating.

In His first sermon, Jesus took the scroll and read from Isaiah: “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, to set at liberty them that are bruised” (Luke 4:18). And then He said, “This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.”


**RADIO SERMON OF THE MONTH**

By C. William Fisher
So it is in Jesus that true liberation is found; it is in Jesus that real freedom is experienced. And no one, man or woman, knows what those words really mean until he or she finds their definition at the foot of the cross of Christ.

For in His blood the chains are melted. At His command the shackles are snapped. And the greatest Emancipation Proclamation the world has ever heard is the one that proclaims, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Freedom is His business. And he has been engaged in it from the beginning, and women, by the thousands, have been liberated, freed—freed from their past, and freed for a joyous future.

The woman, for instance, out of whom Christ cast seven devils.

Or the woman caught in the act of adultery who found forgiveness in Christ and experienced that strange feel of freedom as Jesus said, "Go, and sin no more."

Or the modern woman in Texas who wrote, "I've been a liberated Christian woman for years. Christ set me free."

Or those other thousands of women through the years who have been enslaved by their own wrong choices and evil habits and hateful attitudes and rebellious, riotous living—and yet who have come to marvelous liberty in Jesus Christ and have gladly sung—with other liberated women, and men:

_Glorious freedom! Wonderful freedom! No more in chains of sin I repine! Jesus, the glorious Emancipator! Now and forever He shall be mine._

Talk about Women's Lib—that's it! And you don't have to join a club or a church or a movement, or wave a flag or march in a protest parade to experience it.

All you need to do is to fall on your knees at the foot of the Cross and confess your sins, and forsake them, and look up in faith, and Christ will break your chains and set you free. And you—whether you are a man or a woman—will be a liberated human being, free to explore your full potential as a child of God.

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**PEN POINTS**

**BIGGER AND BETTER RATTLESNAKES**

Somehow, someway, we have got to get the message across that Christianity is not some kind of "insurance policy" to turn to in time of trouble or some kind of "fire escape" to keep us out of hell when we die.

We need Jesus Christ here and now and always. We may make a living, but we can never make a life without Him.

Turning to God as a "last resort" is foolishness. It represents a complete misunderstanding of what Christianity is all about. It is perhaps best illustrated in an old story that you may very possibly have heard before.

It seems there was a farmer who had three sons, Jim, John, and Sam. No one in the family ever attended church or had any time for God. The pastor and others from the church had tried for years to get the family interested in the things of God, but all to no avail.

Then one day Sam was bitten by a rattlesnake. The doctor was called.

He did all he could to help Sam, but the situation looked very bad indeed. So the pastor was called and apprised of the situation. The pastor came and began to pray as follows:

"O wise and righteous Father, we thank Thee that in Thy wisdom Thou didst send this rattlesnake to bite Sam. He has never been inside the church and it is doubtful that he has, in all this time, ever prayed or even acknowledged Thy existence. Now we trust that this experience will be a valuable lesson to him and that it will lead him to genuine repentance.

"And now, O Father, wilt Thou send another rattlesnake to bite Jim and another one to bite John and another really big one to bite the old man. For years we have done everything we know to get them to turn to Thee, but all in vain. It seems, therefore, that what all our combined efforts could not do the rattlesnake has done. We thus conclude that the only thing that will do this family any real good is rattlesnakes; so, Lord, send us bigger and better rattlesnakes. Amen!"

Well, the story has a point. But one wonders if turning to God because of a rattlesnake bite is the proper motive or if it would, after recovery from the bite (provided there was recovery), have a lasting effect.

If so, then by all means let us pray for bigger and better rattlesnakes. If not, then let's straighten out our theology and see that Christianity has much more to offer than a "place to turn" when all else has failed.

Instead of making it a "last resort" sort of "crutch," let's make it the first avenue of approach as we live our lives. That's what Jesus advocated when He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God . . ." Everything else falls into proper perspective then.—KENNETH DODGE, Richmond, Calif.
One night a little five-year-old girl was being tucked into bed. As the mother leaned over and kissed her on the cheek, the little girl looked up and said thoughtfully, "Mommy, you must be God's baby-sitter."

The little girl was right. Parents are baby-sitters for God. We do not own our children. They are given to us for a time; then almost before we realize it, they are gone from beneath our roof.

In a bit of wisdom, the writer of Proverbs writes, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

The last time Babe Ruth appeared at Yankee Stadium, he was led to a platform at home plate by Mel Allen. The Babe was a very sick man. He stood at that home plate many, many times, and "boomed" a home run over the wall. Now his voice was only a faint whisper, and he was forbidden to talk at all. Mel Allen said, "Babe, do you wish to say anything?"

"I must," Babe said, and a mighty hush prevailed over the stadium as the Babe spoke his last words there. "Take care of the children! . . . Take care of the children."

Somebody asked an animal trainer one time, one of the greatest animal trainers in this country, "What's the secret of your success in training animals?"

He answered, "Simple enough: I get them when they are young. You can take a whelp, you can take a kitten, a little snake, or anything else and when you get it young enough you can do almost anything you want."

But the tragic thing about the home of today is that parents are starting too late.

When a nursery plants a sapling, it does not leave the little tree to itself. Often it braces the sapling with wires to hold it upright while it develops strong roots. The tree is braced on three sides and this keeps it growing in a single direction.

There are three "wires" to brace the lives of boys and girls—home, school, and church—and if all are doing their part the young "tree" will grow straight and strong.

Training involves kind but firm restraint. It requires skillful discipline. Chanak, the Hebrew word for "train," means to narrow, to initiate, to discipline, to educate, to train up—an exacting and continuing process. Child training requires love, patience, and courage to overcome many discouragements. But the Lord has promised that, if we will "train up a child in the way he should go," "when he is old, he will not depart from it."

We must not wait until he is half-grown—we must train him in his very earliest years. Some friends who called on a famous maker of figurines wondered why he kept them waiting so long at the door. When he appeared he apologized and said, "I heard you ring the bell, but I could not leave my work just then. You see, in the making of my little figures, every second of the moldable stage counts. Once the clay hardens, nothing much can be done."

So it is with children. We must mold their lives in the pliable years to make them vessels for the Master's use.

A story is told of a young man who stood at the bar of justice to be sentenced for forgery. The judge had known the young man from childhood, for his father had been a famous legal light and his work on the law of trusts was the most exhaustive work on the subject.

"Do you remember your father," asked the judge sternly, "that father whom you have disgraced?"

The prisoner answered, "I remember him perfectly. When I went to him for advice or companionship, he would look up from his book on the law of trusts and say, 'Run away, boy; I am busy.' My father finished his book, and here I am." The great lawyer had neglected his own trust with awful results.

They pass so soon, the days of youth; The children change so fast. Quickly they harden in the mold, And the plastic years are past. Then shape their lives while they are young; This be your prayer, our aim— That every child we meet shall bear The imprint of His name!

Morris Chalfant, New Castle, Ind.

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MORROW GRAHAM

Billy Graham has said that the road to hell is blocked with many godly interferences. In a sermon entitled “God’s Blockade,” he said of hell, “Before a person can sink there, he must climb over the Bible, a mother’s influence in prayer, the Holy Spirit, the mountains of reason, and the cross of Christ.”

His reference to “a mother’s influence in prayer” is clearly understood when we observe the life of his mother, Morrow Graham.

She was born February 23, 1892, in North Carolina and given her unusual name by her father, Ben Coffey, who wanted that particular family name to be given to the last child born to him. Since his wife was 42 years old when Morrow was born, Ben assumed that she would be the last child. He wouldn’t even allow her a middle name.

From early childhood Morrow had an insatiable desire for the Bible. Her Christian parents encouraged her interest, and while she was a young girl, she memorized much of the long one hundred nineteenth psalm as well as many other passages of Scripture.

She married Dairyman Frank Graham in October, 1916, and gave birth to William Franklin, Jr., on November 7, 1918. Billy was the first of four children to bless the Graham home.

The Graham family life was organized pretty much around the workings of the dairy and church. Faithfulness in church attendance was emphasized, and Morrow recalls that Billy, much to her chagrin, relieved the long hours of sitting in church with heel-kicking and knuckle-cracking.

She believed in teaching the children to share in the responsibility of the home, and when they were old enough, they also shared in the farm work, rising every day at 2:30 a.m.

Each morning after breakfast, Frank Graham opened the Bible and practiced memorizing scripture with the children. They were expected to memorize a verse a day. Billy admits today that those instructional periods as a young boy were some of the most important of his life. In preaching, he quotes from passages and verses he learned at the breakfast table.

The family gathered again in the evening for Bible reading and family prayers. “They prayed for their dogs, cats, everything—but they were learning to pray,” Morrow remembers.

Morrow herself studied the Bible independently and methodically. She attended weekly Bible classes and it was there that she came to understand that the Holy Spirit indwells a Christian’s heart.

In 1934 the Grahams’ pasture was the site of a revival meeting conducted by a fiery Southern Baptist evangelist named Mordecai Ham. Fifteen-year-old Billy accompanied his parents to the meetings. Morrow recalls, “We saw Billy walk down that sawdust aisle and knew he was doing a wonderful thing: but my emotional experience about that came when we got home. Billy was in the breakfast room pretending to make a sandwich. He came and threw his arms around me and said, ‘Mother, I’m a changed boy!”

In assessing her role as a mother, Mrs. Graham says, “What would I have done without the Book of Proverbs?” She relied on such passages as: “Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him”; “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it”; “He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.”

What does Mrs. Morrow Graham say about the homes of today? “I believe that if Deuteronomy 6:4-7 were practiced by parents, we would see far less unrest and problems in the country. The entire sixth chapter... was most important in my life in bringing up our children.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 reads like this: “Hear... the Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

“We try—as mothers we try. Yet there is so much of weakness and failure in our own lives,” says Mrs. Graham, “we just wonder how God overlooks all of this and brings good out of evil. We had such long hours and hard work, but we surely did read the Bible and pray.”
Ten Commandments for Parents

Lists of "ten commandments" about this, that, or the other are always coming along. This in itself is a testimony to the fact that the undergirding principles of life are not many in number.

Michael Daves has proposed 10 commandments for parents. Some of us might want to add or delete, but each is important in the Christian home. The commandments are Mr. Daves'. The comments are mine.

1. "Thou shalt start with thyself."
   Example is more powerful than precept.

   We may talk but never teach
   Until we practice what we preach.

   The most important aspects of Christian nurture are caught more than taught. The all-but-unconscious attitudes of the parents are more often than not reflected in their children.

2. "Thou shalt be more concerned about relationships than rules."

   Rules are important when they are few and basic. But relationships are all-important.

   In more cases than we are apt to realize, rebellion about moral standards is the result of alienation from persons. "If the child knows he is loved and respected as a person, he is less likely to rebel against ethical standards."

3. "Thou shalt impart the faith."

   The church and the Sunday school can never take the place of the parents as the child's first guides toward God.

   Not only do parents teach unconsciously; they must teach the Word of God to their children on purpose. "These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

4. "Thou shalt learn to listen."

   Never in history has it been more important that parents learn the art of "listening love." Real communication is always a "two-way street."

5. "Thou shalt spend time with thy children."

   This is implied in some of the commandments already given, and will be involved in others to come. Yet it is well to give it prominence.

   The chief danger parents face in such a world as this is that they give their children everything but themselves. Those concerned about the "fractured family" of the present point to preoccupation with other interests as the major peril the home must survive.

6. "Thou shalt acknowledge thy faults as a parent."

   When we fail to recognize our own faults, we end by blaming all our difficulties on others—either the spouse or the children or both. But the chief cause of our troubles is generally the person who wears our hat and walks in our shoes.

7. "Thou shalt keep a sense of humor."

   Nothing so quickly lightens the burdens of life as a good laugh. Humor is one of God's good natural gifts, and one to be cultivated. To laugh with others, not at them, is the difference between real humor and the sarcasm that always destroys good relationships.

   "Sour godliness," said John Wesley, "is the devil's religion." It certainly isn't the religion of the One who spoke about people straining out gnats and swallowing camels.

8. "Thou shalt treat thy children equally."

   This does not mean in exactly the same way. Children are unique personalities, and each has special needs. But each is of equal worth and that worth must be respected.

9. "Thou shalt use discipline."

   Much confusion arises here. Discipline in the family is often defined in terms of punishment. But it implies merited approval fully as much as correction.

   "Chastening" is a Bible word that means the whole course of child training. It is the surest proof of parental love (Hebrews 12:6). Lack of wholesome discipline in the home is more often a sign of indifference than of true affection.

10. "Thou shalt know when to let go."

   Last in number, but certainly not least in importance. Some parents do real disservice to their offspring by prolonging the normal dependency of the young.

   Sooner or later the "apron strings" must be cut. Blessed are the parents and their children who do it neither too soon nor too late.
Blessed is the person who goes into battle with temptation armed with some principles that are nonnegotiable. There some convictions we cannot compromise. Adjustments in methods we can and must make. The sovereignty of the Spirit demands it. But the great biblical principles of truth and holiness must never be surrendered.

Not for Sale

From the American Civil War comes an account of a riverboat captain asked to accept a shipment of cotton by a merchant engaged in the smuggling trade.

“I’ll give you $300 to take these bales,” urged the merchant.

“No,” the captain replied, “I’m not about to get mixed up in something illegal.”

“I’ll make it $1,000,” said the other.

Again a firm reply, “Not on your life.”

Persistent, the smuggler came back, “$3,000!”

The riverman pulled a pistol from his belt.

“You get off my boat!” he ordered. “You’re getting too close to my price!”

The sad fact of life is that most people have a price. In many cases, it isn’t very high.

The “price” is the point at which the pull of temptation sways the will to compromise and consent.

That price may be in terms of dollars and cents. Money holds such fatal fascination for some that they will do almost anything to get more.

Usually, the price is in terms of some other sort of advantage. It may be the satisfaction of a desire that in itself is entirely right. The genius of the Tempter is nowhere better seen than in his ability to use right ends to persuade people to accept wrong means.

The temptations of Jesus vividly illustrate this point. Hunger after a 40-day fast is the most natural thing in the world. There was no sin in desire for food. The sin would have been in accepting Satan’s challenge to prove a divine mission by a miracle, and satisfy a legitimate hunger by using power given to help others for a personal benefit. This, Jesus always refused to do.

At least, the riverman knew his price. How much better it would have been if he had been able to say, as men of God have throughout the ages, “I have no price!”

Two young men graduated from college in the same class. They were close friends, and by providence both went into overseas service; one as a missionary, the other as an employee of an American oil company with large interests in the same country.

Friendly correspondence and occasional visits between the two continued for some 10 years. Then a crisis rose in the affairs of the oil company. There was urgent need for a troubleshooter who knew the language and the people, and whom the people would trust.

The businessman immediately thought of his missionary friend.

“I know just the man,” he told his associates. “He’s a college friend of mine, he speaks the language like a native, and the people love and respect him.”

“Fine,” was the reply. “Contact him and put him on the payroll.”

The businessman went to the somewhat remote mission station. Calling his friend by name, he said, “I’ve come to hire you as our representative in this area. It’s a good job with a good company, and really a once-in-a-lifetime deal.”

“No,” the other said, “I’m a missionary, in bigger business than any other on earth.”

“But we’ll pay you $1,000 a month and all your expenses,” the businessman said.

Again, “No, thanks. I appreciate your thinking of me, but I’m really not interested.”

“We’ll make it $1,500 a month—and you’d have your weekends free.”

The missionary seemed to pause a moment in thought. Then he said, “Old friend, you just don’t understand. The truth is just simply that I’m not for sale!”

Not for sale at any price! This is more than a fancy phrase. This is the secret of a victorious Christian life.

Blessed is the person who goes into battle with temptation armed with some principles that are nonnegotiable. There are some convictions we cannot compromise. Adjustments in methods we can and must make. The sovereignty of the Spirit demands it. But the great biblical principles of truth and holiness must never be surrendered.

He who has a price is always in danger. Sometimes, somewhere, someone or some circumstance will offer that price. He only is safe who can honestly say, “I have no price. I am not for sale!”

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This is prime time on your district for blessings and inspiration as the victories and achievements under God are reported and reviewed by church leaders, pastors, and people.

Goals and objectives for the new assembly year are prayerfully planned and programmed. This is Key 73 year and the first full assembly season of our new quadrennium, making our theme, “The Time for Truth,” a living reality.

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OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

THE DUXBURY (MASS.) ST. PAUL'S CHURCH held an open house at the time of its parsonage dedication. The home built by Pastor K. G. Rowlett, assisted by laymen from the church, is valued at over $50,000. It was built with an indebtedness of only $5,000.

GREENFIELD (IND.) STRINGTOWN CHURCH became a recipient of the Rural Church Improvement Award presented at the Indiana Farm Bureau Women's Conference in Indianapolis during February. Ruth Lewman, representing the organization, presented a check for $25.00 and a plaque to Pastor Raymond Hann.

The Stringtown church was one of 10 district winners announced at the state conference.

PASTOR DAVID HAGE, Henderson, N.C., has been elected president of the Henderson-Vance County Ministerial Association for 1973. The association is comprised of approximately 50 churches and 75 ministers. The group keeps an active voice and role in community programs and in dealing with community problems.

TERRY KIRK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Kirk, was a recent recipient of the God and Country Award. Terry is an active member of the Floydada, Tex., church. The award was presented in a public service attended by most of the members of his scout troop. Herb Els is pastor. Mr. Ron Hilliard is scoutmaster. Hilliard is assisted by Mr. Bill Bennett.

Dr. Glen Jones is district superintendent. Rev. S. Roy G. Hall is Sunday school superintendent and Robert Harris is pastor.

THE EAST TENNESSEE DISTRICT Preachers' Meeting was held March 19-20 at Henry Horton State Park near Chapel Hill, Tenn. General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland was guest speaker. Dr. Glen Jones is district superintendent.

A MIDWINTER REVIVAL EFFORT was sponsored by the Triple Cities Holiness Association for participants of Binghamton, N.Y., and its environs. Thirteen congregations participated in the February 20-25 meeting.

Dr. William S. Deal, Wesleyan evangelist from El Monte, Calif., was speaker and Rev. Thomas Ryan of Washington, Ind., directed the music.

A UPI NEWS RELEASE from Galveston, Tex., recently told the story of the dual services of Rev. Charles Monty Willis. Willis serves five days a week as a rookie policeman and patrols the high-crime district of Galveston.

On Sunday the blue uniform, silver badge, and .38 caliber police special are changed for an appropriate business suit and Rev. C. Willis, 26, steps into the pulpit at Galveston First Church. He has found an effective dual role as an ordained Nazarene minister and a commissioned police officer.

Willis admits that he has a tight schedule and finds it difficult to get all his work done. He enjoys both jobs and feels he has been successful in two very important areas of duty. His congregation was informed of his plans before he joined the police force.

EILEEN AND JOAN BECK of the North Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, Guildford Church received attendance bars for eight years of perfect Sunday school attendance. Mrs. Dorothy Beck, mother of the girls, is assistant superintendent. The girls received their awards at a Valentine banquet.

Ninety people attended the Guildford Church banquet, which also celebrated a goal of 115 in Sunday school reached on the Sunday prior to Valentine's Day. Harold Jones is Sunday school superintendent. Rev. S. Roy G. Hall is pastor.

PASTOR ROSS COWHERD from the Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, church was recently called upon to share Bible teaching on the Second Coming with students in a high school "Family Life" class. The group had been studying "Religious Changes in Society." After some discussion, one of the teen-agers stated, "I don't know whether any of these arguments and facts have much meaning because I believe in the near return of Christ."

The teacher, a Christian, responded by offering to have a clergyman speak to the class on the subject of Christ's return. The teen-ager recommended her Nazarene pastor. Rev. Ross Cowherd

MRS. MARY NICOSON, from the Tinley Park, Ill., church, has completed a total of 63 Christian Service Training credits in the past two years. She has received Certified Teacher and Certified Sunday School Superintendent certificates.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Nicoson as CST director, her church also reports 17 Registered Teachers, three Qualified Teachers, and two Registered Sunday School Superintendents. A total of 178 credits have been earned within the last 12 months. Edna Roach is Sunday school superintendent and Robert Harris is pastor.

Pastor Herb Els congratulates Terry Kirk.

Rev. Robert Harris presents CST certificates to Mrs. Mary Nicoson
spent 45 minutes one day in explaining eschatological truths.

WILLIAM D. BEACH, member of Marion (Ohio) First Church, received a 1972 Regional Community Service Citation in recognition of community involvement. The presentation was made by General Telephone and Electronics Corp. Data Services, Inc., in recognition of Beach’s “service and dedication to the welfare and betterment of Marion.”

Community involvements for William Beach include work with boy scouts, work in the Nazarene Caravan program, treasurer of the George Washington Elementary School PTA, and for activities in fund-raising projects that assisted in buying playground equipment, library books, and other essential supplies.

Since 1970, Mr. Beach has served as a systems analyst with GTE’s divisional data center in Marion. He and his wife, Beverly, and their four children are all members of Marion First Church.

A SUMMER CAMP FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN has been announced by Rev. (Mrs.) Frances M. Welch, pastor of the Danville (Ill.) Douglas Park Church, located at 601 Commercial, Danville, Ill. 61832. She reports that, since 1966, the Chicago Central District has backed the one-week summer program held in August.

Campers from eight years of age and older are welcome regardless of race, color, or creed. The six-day program includes a diversified program of crafts, games, entertainment, and activities. The camp is limited to 40 campers.

When the special summer camp was organized, Mrs. Frances Welch was appointed director. In addition to her pastoral duties, she has served as chairman of the Trainable Mentally Handicapped Department for School District No. 118 in Danville. Mrs. Welch said the camp will be conducted from July 30 to August 4 this year and she would be happy to share information with interested parents.

A BUS EVANGELISM CONFERENCE was held at the Dover (Del.) Calvary Church, March 26-27. Dr. Michie Proctor, director of bus ministry and children’s churches from the Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va., was speaker. His wife held sessions for children’s church workers.

The church attended by the Proctors averages 8,000 in Sunday school. They challenged pastors and laymen of various denominations who participated in the conference from four state areas with their call to commitment. Dr. Proctor directed attention to procedures for starting and maintaining a bus ministry as a means of soul winning.

Pastor Wayne L. Musatics said, “The sponsoring church was tremendously inspired and moved to reach beyond the small church (400 or fewer) concept.”

The Sunnymead, Calif., church was dedicated by Superintendent Nicholas A. Hull, Southern California District. It is the first of the “SPACE” churches to be completed under the district’s new home missions program. The district purchases land, gives it to the congregation, loans money to build, and pays the salary of a pastor until the church reaches sufficient strength to assume its own financial obligations.

The “SPACE” program enables new churches to begin from positions of strength instead of weakness and puts them ahead in their rate of growth. This church is already running over 100 in Sunday school, has a strong membership, is winning new people to the Lord, and promises to be one of the strong churches on the Southern California District.

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LEIPSIC, OHIO, CHURCH DEDICATED

The Leipsic, Ohio, church was dedicated January 7 with Dr. C. E. Shumake, then superintendent of the Northwestern Ohio District, preaching the dedicatory message. A one-floor structure, the new church gives 5,280 square feet of building space. The sanctuary will seat 300 and there is Sunday school space to accommodate the same number.

New facilities are valued at $75,000. It was built at a cost of $35,000 with numerous hours of donated labor from the pastor, members, and friends. Rev. Paul J. Miller of Celina, Ohio, supervised the construction. Rev. P. J. Miller is a retired pastor.

Rev. Curtis Randolph has pastored the church for the past four years. He has seen the average attendance climb from 41 in 1969 to 96 in 1972.

SPOKANE (WASH.) FIRST TO BUILD

The Spokane (Wash.) First Church congregation shared in ground-breaking ceremonies on March 4. Their new church is to be located on Country Homes Boulevard. Work was expected to start immediately on the projected $325,000 project.

Pastor James Tapley announced that over $110,000 has been raised in cash and pledges. The present property has been sold. It is expected that the church will occupy its new facility by Christmas.

NEWS OF REVIVAL

THE SPRINGFIELD (OHIO) ERIE AVENUE CHURCH reported a revival with Charles Davidson from Fremont, Ohio, as evangelist. Several seekers found victory. Pastor L. B. Miller said the church was encouraged to press on in its soul-winning outreach.

BELL GARDENS, CALIF., CHURCH concluded a revival February 4 with Evangelist Clive Williams. Over 30 individuals were saved, reclaimed, or sanctified during the meeting.

A group of new members was received at the end of the revival. The Sunday school attendance increased to 123. Marvin M. Lumley is pastor.

REV. AND MRS. H. T. EASTMAN of Colorado Springs held a Sunday-through-Sunday meeting, February 4-11, at the Holly, Colo., church. There were 30 seekers at the altar. David Bentley is pastor.

TWO STUDENTS FROM PASADENA COLLEGE, Pasadena, Calif., conducted a youth revival at the Simi Valley, Calif., church. Under the ministry of Les and John Moore, both youth and adults found Christ as Saviour.

Pastor David J. Wendling reports a spiritual renewal in the Simi Valley church resulting from the meeting.

AT MARION (OHIO) FIRST CHURCH, average evening attendance reached 225 during a recent
revival with Evangelist Gary Bond. Seekers lined the altars. People were healed in a Saturday night healing service. Glenn W. Flannery is pastor and William Cole is associate pastor.

A REVIVAL AT THE CLE ELUM, WASH., CHURCH was conducted by Rev. Dick Martin. Pastor Robert Premus reports—"Souls were saved, born-again Christians experienced heart cleansing, burdens were alleviated. Good people were made better, professing Christians emerged from lukewarmness to fervency in stewardship responsibilities."

PASTOR S. E. TATE, SAN ANTONIO EAST TERRELL HILLS CHURCH, reports the following: "A revival spirit has been on for several months with people praying through in regular services. During a revival, February 19-25, with Rev. Joe Norton as evangelist, several came forward for salvation, others to be reclaimed or sanctified, and some to be healed. There were many victories around the altar throughout the revival.

"The church was greatly encouraged and faith was strengthened. Plans are being finalized to receive a group of new members and the church is planning a baptismal service."

NORTH LITTLE ROCK (ARK.) GRACE CHURCH held a successful revival campaign in March with Jimmy Dell of Phoenix as singer and evangelist. There were 50 seekers at the altar during the meeting. Bob Calvert is pastor.

ROCK HILL (S.C.) FIRST CHURCH enjoyed a Monday-through-Sunday meeting, February 12-18, with Evangelist Ed Irwin of Harrison, Tenn. Irwin directed the music for the campaign. Eleven people claimed spiritual victory in salvation or sanctification. Many young people rededicated their lives and pledged their talents to God's service.

The church held an all-night prayer meeting on Friday night. On the final Sunday, five people were received into membership and eight were baptized. William A. Hamilton is pastor.

THE REDWOOD ZONE on the Northern California District conducted a teen revival early this year. Rev. Marshall Pryor, evangelist, stressed the need of love and compassion for another in the church. He challenged his audiences to be aware of the value in witnessing.

A record of attendance was kept nightly. Participating churches were Eureka, Arcata, Fortuna, McKinleyville, Crescent City, and Willow Creek. A perpetual trophy is presented to the church with the highest total attendance.

The Arcata church became this year's recipient of the trophy, which was received by Mrs. Louise Freeman, NYPS president. Ron Plies is Redwood Zone NYPS president and Dave Fox, reporter, is NYPS vice-president.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Eugene Denney (top center) of Lemmon Valley, Nev., are pictured with their Sunday school group on a recent Sunday morning. The picture was taken in front of the Denneys' double mobile home, where the new church meets. Each Sunday the Denneys convert the front part of their mobile home into a church. They conduct a full schedule of services. Pastor Denney feels called to support himself, organize, and establish churches, and then move somewhere else. He is a schoolteacher.

Rev. W. Lee Gann, district superintendent of the Nevada-Utah District, reports that the property for the Lemmon Valley church was secured through a L.A.N.D.S. grant (Locating Another Nazarene Development Site). Without this grant, he points out, this large group would have had no place to meet. The funds for L.A.N.D.S. are raised through contributions from Nazarenes everywhere. L.A.N.D.S. is an approved 10 percent missionary special.
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION


N.W. OHIO DISTRICT HONORS LEADERS

A crowd of 885 Nazarenes banqueted at the UAW Hall in Lima, Ohio, March 32. The occasion was the 1973 Northwestern Ohio District Young Adult Banquet, directed by Clifford Rife.

The function served also as a "changing of the guard" for district Superintendents. Dr. C. E. Shumake, retiring superintendent, introduced Rev. and Mrs. James Blankenship of St. Louis, as new leaders of the district.

Highlighting 28 years as a successful district superintendent, two-and-one-half of which were spent at the Northwestern Ohio District helm, the Shumakes were presented a Bible as a gift from the Board of General Superintendents. The presentation was made by J. Ted Holstein, advisory board member and pastor of the Springfield (Ohio) East High Street Church.

The district churches gave their retiring leader a love offering. Well-wishers gave the retiring superintendent and wife a thunderous ovation.

Clyde Lotridge, Jr., of the Wapakoneta, Ohio, church was presented the "Young Adult of the Year" Award. Gene Braun and Steve Adams gave a gospel concert.

Because of tornadoes and cancelled flights, Speaker Gerald D. Oliver was late arriving. The Union Hall setting prompted Oliver to address the crowd as, "Members and friends of Local 106." He told the banqueters, "Think BIG. THINK BIGGER."

Rev. Ron Emptage, district NYPS president and pastor of the Toledo (Ohio) Manhattan Church, announced plans for next year's banquet.

Ted Holstein presents Bible to Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Shumake on behalf of the Board of General Superintendents.

OHIO CHURCH PLANS MAJOR DEVELOPMENT

In March, 1971, the Dayton (Ohio) Knollwood Church purchased 58 acres for future development. Concepts have been defined and master plans prepared.

The master plan calls for a church center with facilities adequate for 3,000 people, a recreational area for camps and retreats, and provisions for other related Christian ministries.

The target date for groundbreaking is August, month when the church will celebrate its twentieth anniversary. The initial church unit will provide space adequate for 800 and is designed for worship, education, administration, and fellowship. Other areas of development will be scheduled in phases.

Pastor Donald King stated that the development program is expected to take 15-20 years for completion.

"SPOKESMEN" PLAN 2,000-MILE TRIP

The "Spokesmen," group of selected teen bicyclists, are planning a 2,000-mile trip from Houston, Tex., to Winnipeg, Canada, beginning June 4. In April, an announcement was made that there were five openings yet available to both boys and girls of the church wishing to participate.

A number of Nazarene teens from across the nation have included the trip in their summer plans. Interested applicants were advised to contact "Spokesmen" in care of Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla. 73008.

The trip is scheduled to be completed in Winnipeg on Wednesday, July 4. An itinerary has been carefully worked out by tour organizers—Larry Mills, Loren Gresham, and David Baker.

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Paul Martin has the unusual talent to pick up an ordinary subject and display it in a way that makes it exciting and alive. His book *Have a Good Day* is a case in point.

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REV. RUDOLF QUIRAM TO VISIT U.S.

Rev. Rudolf Quiram was born in Bessarabia, Rumania, in 1935 and at the age of five years was forced, with his parents, into a refugee camp in Germany. Later his father was drafted into the German army and sent to the Russian front. After one brief visit home he was sent back to the Russian front and was not heard from again.

As the Russian armies advanced toward Berlin, Mrs. Quiram took her family and headed westward, using side roads and nighttime to cloak their flight across the ice and snow beneath the waves of Russian bombers and opposing armies. After two months they arrived in Godesdendorf near Bremen, Germany. It was here that young Rudy, as a teen-ager, gave his heart and life to Christ.

The family then immigrated to the United States, living first in New York and then in Portland, Ore., where Rudy became an active lay preacher in the Congregational church. During this time he met and married an American girl, Nancy Denman. When one of his best friends, Rev. Gary Thompson, was killed in a plane crash in 1960 on his way to General Assembly in Woodland, Wash., Church of the Nazarene, where Rev. Gary Thompson had pastored. This began his affiliation with the denomination.

After attending Pasadena College, Pasadena, Calif., Rudolf Quiram and his American wife answered the call of God to return to Germany, where they have since pastored churches in Kaiserslautern, Berlin, and Frankfurt. He has now accepted a position as resident professor at European Nazarene College, Pasadena, Calif., Rudolf Quiram, where Rev. Gary Quiram and his American wife answered the call of God to return to Germany, where they have since pastored churches in Kaiserslautern, Berlin, and Frankfurt. He has now accepted a position as resident professor at European Nazarene College, Pasadena, Calif., Rudolf Quiram.

Rev. R. Quiram's life story is told in the missionary reading book They Stand Tall (1972), by Ella Finkbeiner.

SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS ON MISSION AND EVANGELISM

The port city of Durban, South Africa, was the setting for the South African Congress on Mission and Evangelism. It was a first for South Africa, as delegates of more than 60 denominations and of all races arrived from all of southern Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique, Malawi, Switzerland, Europe, and the United States.

Among the many speakers from around the world were: Dr. Hans R. Weber, Switzerland; Canon Michael Green, Britain; Rev. David DuPlessis, U.S.A.; Dr. Ted Engstrom, executive vice-president of World Vision; Dr. David Hubbard, president of Fuller Theological Seminary; Dr. Leighton Ford; Dr. Clate Risley; Rev. Cliff Barrows; Dr. Sherwood Wirt; Dr. Billy Graham; and many others.

The Church of the Nazarene was invited to send official delegates to the Congress and they were: Dr. Bruce Taylor, district superintendent of the South Africa European District; Rev. J. Marks, pastor, Durban; Rev. T. van Rensburg, pastor, Pietermaritzburg; Rev. S. S. Ndlovu, pastor, Umbali, Natal; Rev. W. Marais, pastor in Cape Town; Rev. D. White, president, S.A. European Bible College in Johannesburg; Rev. A. Dulli, Bantu Missions, Mozambique; Rev. R. Emshr, council chairman, Coloured and Indian work; Rev. D. Schmelzenbach, Bantu work, Natal.

At the plenary sessions, speakers preached on various subjects pertaining to evangelism. It was a time of sharing, of burden lifting, and of renewed dedication for the supreme task of the Church, world evangelization. — Rev. D. Schmelzenbach, reporter.


The two officers met during the Chaplains' Conference held at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala. Hwan is Chief of Chaplains of HQ Republic of Korea Air Force, Seoul, Korea. In the course of conversation, Chaplain Woods learned that his new friend held membership in the Korean Holiness Association and was acquainted with Nazarene work in Korea. Chaplain Hwan has had fellowship with Nazarene missionaries.

Bill Killingbeck, children's church worker at Westland (Mich.) First Church, has introduced a new robot character, "Smiley Smart." For weeks, Bill worked in planning and securing parts so that "Smiley" could be made to walk, talk, and flash multicolored lights. Bill and "Smiley" are shown with Pastor Richard Lashley. Bill Killingbeck uses his new robot to assist in lesson presentations along with techniques of magic and the use of puppets.
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Two retiring Sunday school teachers were honored at Collinsville (Ill.) First Church. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Pastor John B. Bryan; Mrs. Bertha Moore, honored for 27 years of service; Mrs. Neva McFarland, honored for 21 years of service; and Fred Kirksey, Sunday school superintendent. Absent because of illness was Mrs. Gussie Bonham, who has served for 19 years.

Joan Marie Hepworth and Wesley Walker received highest Caravan awards in presentations at the North Surrey, British Columbia, Guildford Church. Joan is the daughter of Director Frieda Hepworth and Roy Hepworth. Wesley’s mother is a Caravan guide. The Guildford Tribe has won the “Big Chief” award on the Canada Pacific District for the past three years.

On March 4, Rev. Bob Calvert, North Little Rock (Ark.) Grace Church, issued local preachers’ licenses to a father and son who are members of his congregation. Rev. Bob Calvert (left) had given license to Edward Money, Jr., son (center), and is shown handing license to Mr. W. E. Money.

Mr. William Barr is shown receiving a bronzed plaque in recognition for 55 years of service as a Sunday school teacher. Mr. Barr was honored at the Winchester (Ind.) First Church. Barr was saved as a teen-ager and has lived a consistent Christian life. He and his wife, Lula, celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary last December. Rev. Lorne MacMillan (left) watches as the plaque is presented by Mr. Virgil Baldwin, Sunday school superintendent.

Members of the Boulder (Colo.) Palo Park Community Church celebrated “President’s Day,” February 18, with colonial dress, cherry pie for everyone, and lots of picture-taking. Judges to pick the best “George and Martha Washington” included Boulder Fire Chief Ringleman, Boulder Police Chief Vendel, Attorney Lloyd Summers, and Superintendent of Placement of Boulder Valley Schools Jensen. Co-winners of best “Martha Washington” were mother and daughter, Mrs. Pat Cook and Miss Dena Cook. Winning couples were Sunday School Superintendent and Mrs. Joe Trantham and Rev. and Mrs. John Peck, outreach pastor. Pastor of the Palo Park Church is Rev. Harold Hughes.

BROADCAST BREAKTHROUGH

Dr. H. Dale Mitchell, executive director of the Communications Commission, reports that this first Easter season of the Portuguese broadcast the program was aired on 78 radio stations for Palm Sunday and Easter.

The listing shows: six stations in the United States; 45 stations in Africa, including 32 in Angola, five in Mozambique, three in Portuguese Guinea, and five in the Republic of South Africa; one station in Timor; two in the Portuguese Azores; two in Madeira; and 17 in Portugal. These are in addition to five stations which carry the Portuguese broadcast regularly each week—two in the United States, and three in the Cape Verde Islands.

Because of technical problems, the broadcast has not been offered as yet to Brazil. It is hoped that this situation will be resolved very shortly.

The Spanish broadcast, “La Hora Nazarena,” was on 1,046 stations during the Easter season,
and the “Showers of Blessing” broadcast was on 1,117 stations, making a grand total of 2,241 stations for the Lenten season.

NPH BRAILLE CONSULTANT DIES AT 82

Rev. Paul J. Smith, 82, died March 29 in a Carthage, Mo., hospital where he had been a patient four days. Memorial services were conducted at Carthage (Mo.) First Church on Saturday, March 31. Pastor B. J. Garber and Rev. Milton B. Parrish officiated.

Mr. Smith retired from the pastoral ministry 20 years ago. His last pastorate was at Seeley, Calif. He resided in Carthage for the past 12 years.

At the time of death, Rev. P. J. Smith was editorial consultant for the Braille work of the denomination. The Braille program is a free service provided to the visually handicapped.

Last January, Smith was honored at the annual meeting of the General Board in Kansas City. Words of appreciation for his assistance with the Braille program were expressed by M. A. (Bud) Lunn, manager of the Nazarene Publishing House. An appropriate gift was also presented to the 82-year-old consultant.

Mr. Smith had published two booklets for the church—"Philosophy of Life That Works and Wins" and the "Showers of Blessing" for the past 12 years. The NPH Braille program has been supported by the "Showers of Blessing" for many years. They carry the program of preaching, singing, and children's work. They can be contacted at 8805 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46231 (phone: 317-241-8798).—Ross Lee, Indianapolis district superintendent.

EVANGELISTS' OPEN DATES

Bob Mickey, 504 N. Sixth, Lamar, Colo. 81025, is now slating revivals and children's crusades for this summer; also has open dates in 1974.

MOVING MINISTRIES

Kenneth Bean to Bangor, Pa.
John Briscoe from Burr Oak, Kan., to Natchitoches, La.
Marvin H. Carlson from Beatrice, Neb., to Cushing, Okla.
R. Earl Cotton from Lufkin (Tex.) First to Port Arthur (Tex.) First.
Paul Danner to Franklakoy, Mo.
C. C. Fulton from Kansas City Highland Crest to Houston North Shore.
Darrell G. Grant from Oswego, Kan., to minister of visitation and children's pastor at Parsons, Kan.
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Jack Kinton from Atlanta Brookhaven to Mount Olive, Ga.
W. M. Hodge, evangelist, Science Hill, Ky.
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Larry D. Holmes to Big Spring Tex.
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James Ingalls from Los Angeles First to Kansas City.
Virgil J. Keena to Albany, Calif.
Myron J. Kersten to Macon (Ga.) Shurlington.
Gerald E. Manker from Lodi, Calif., to Redding, Calif.
Arthur Moore from Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to Toms River, N.J.
Mary Peed from Americus, Ga., to Thomas, Ga.
Gary Reid from Mineola, Tex., to Columbus, Miss.
Bobby Robison from Webb City, Mo., to Betton, Mo.
Herbert L. Rogers from Kansas City Nall Avenue to St. Louis Webster Groves.
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M. H. Rozzell from Americus, Ga.
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Bob Stoval from Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to Russellville, Ark.
Earl Teague from Winnboro, La., to Ozark, Ark.
John Yergan to Youngstown (Ohio) Boardman.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

JOHN E. GLASS, 83, died Mar. 26. Funeral services were held at Lake Worth, Fla., and in Columbus, Ohio, with interment in Chesterville, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Florence; three sons, Wendell, Ronald, and John W.; two daughters, Eleanor Reese and Mary E. Lory; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

MRS. CERISE HARWELL, 81, died Feb. 11 at Bossier City, La. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Larry Hoffpour. Surviving are two daughters, Evelyn Warren and Kathryn Slater; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

REV. H. LAVERN SMITH, 57, died Mar. 31 at Iowa City, la. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Homer Max and Rev. Forrest Whitlatch at Knoxville, la. He is survived by his wife, Eunice; three sons, Larry, Wesley, and Bruce; two daughters, Mrs. Robert Irvin (Lynnette) and Mrs. Warren R. (Janet); three grandchildren, his mother, and one sister.

SARAH VAN RYN CARTER, 96, died Jan. 11 in El Cajon, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Cecil Burns and Rev. Milton Poole. Surviving are two sons, Edward and Rev. John Van Ryn.

MRS. FLOSSIE ROGERS, 76, died Feb. 7. Funeral services were conducted in Wichita Falls, Tex., by Rev. Allen H. Clason, with interment in Petrolia, Tex. Survivors include two sons, Don W. and Linda D. Detmers; Mrs. H. E. Green, Mrs. G. F. Campbell, Mrs. Glenn Antwine, Mrs. C. M. Campbell, Mrs. R. K. Reynolds; 27 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one sister.

MRS. RUBY JERALDINE KING, 46, of Bethany, Okla., died Oct. 4 at Fort Worth, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Randall Wyles, interment was at Waurika, Okla. She is survived by one son, Karl G.; one daughter, Mrs. Karen Cariberg; two grandchildren; and one sister.

REV. JOSEPH ADAMS, JR., 43, of Philadelphia, Pa., died Feb. 26. Services were conducted by Rev. Paul M. Berger and Rev. Paul K. Rayman, Sr. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and two daughters, Kay Carter and Bonnie McDowell.

MRS. RUTH ALTA IRENE (BOTTENS) ROWE, 49, died Jan. 27 in Savannah, Mo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Leonard K. Williams, interment was at his husband, Dr. Chester H. Rowe; two sons, Robert Howard and Kenneth Wayne, her mother and father; five sisters; and two brothers.

GEORGE W. KEEL, 53, of Auburn, Ill. Services were conducted by Rev. James M. Hall. He is survived by his wife, Emily; two daughters, Mrs. LaVerna Nettles and Mrs. Dorothy Lovejoy; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

MRS. WARREN LANNING, 75, died Oct. 21 at Metamora, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul M. Berger, Science Hill, Ky. Ind. Surviving are her husband, Warren; a daughter, Mrs. Roxie Reese; one son, Albert; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and five brothers.

MRS. STELLA L. JERGER, 74, died Mar. 22 at Washington, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Lowell Will. She is survived by two sons, Raymond M. and Joseph E.; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one brother; and three sisters.

MRS. LENA WATKINS, 77, died Dec. 1 in Edwardsport, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James M. Austin and Rev. William Caple at Bicknell, Ind. Surviving are her husband, Joseph B.; one son; Harold; seven daughters; Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. Carl Allen, Mrs. Morris Smith, Mrs. Paul Swing, Mrs. James Devine, Mrs. Walter Smith, and Mrs. Edward Frisz; 37 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one sister; and one brother.

GEORGE W. ARNEY, 85, died Jan. 30 at Washington, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. David Clark at Odon, Ind. Surviving are his wife, Virginia; three daughters, Mrs. Lucy Skomp, Mrs. Mary Galloway, and Mildred Arney; seven sons, Ermel, Howard, William, Ira, Mayo, Foster, and Emerson; 17 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

MRS. MABEL KING, 79, died Feb. 16 at Washington, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Arthur Friesen. She is survived by her husband, Ray; two daughters, Mrs. Dwayne Foster and Mrs. Melvin Vandever; one son, Ray King, Jr.; four grandchildren,
BAPTIST ASTRONAUT JAMES B. IRWIN HOSPITALIZED AFTER HEART ATTACK. Apollo 15 Astronaut James B. Irwin suffered a heart attack at Denver while playing handball at Lowry Air Force Base.

Doctors said the Baptist evangelist, who organized “High-flight” in Colorado Springs to support his preaching church, was resting comfortably after the seizure.

Irwin, 43, was lunar module pilot and spent two days and 18 hours exploring the moon with David R. Scott during their July-August, 1971, mission.

TWO MISSIONARIES AMONG RETURNING POWs. A 6:30 a.m. trans-Pacific phone call from Clark Air Base, Philippines, on March 28 to his parents in Centralia, Wash., announced the good news that Missionary Samuel Mattix had been released with a contingent of POWs, along with a fellow missionary, Lloyd Opel of British Columbia. Both had served in Laos with the Plymouth Brethren.

The men were seized October 26 by Communist soldiers. One of the Pathet Lao quickly took away Sam’s glasses. “My comrades don’t have these; you won’t have them either,” he said.

While the prisoners were chained to a fence the Reds began digging in for battle, but the missionaries thought they were digging their graves and would shoot them. Laotian Christians, at great personal danger, came to minister to them.

Mrs. Mattix said because of her son’s love for the Laotian people he expressed a desire to return to his work among them.

ROBBER SNORES, DISTURBS CHURCH. A youthful church burglar went to sleep in an area of the sanctuary and was found when he began snoring loudly during the church service into which he had crept.

Pastor Thomas Pheland told police he noticed two youths prowling around Christ the King Church in Seattle at about midnight but chased them off. At 1 a.m. he found a door propped open but no damage had been done.

The break-in was all but forgotten until 8:20 a.m. when early services were interrupted by “heavy snoring.” Police awoke the youth, who was sleeping on the floor between the seats and arrested him on suspicion of burglary. Deep sleep was induced by an overdose of drugs.

CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NOW OPERATES DALLAS TV UNIT. KTTX-TV, Channel 33, Dallas, began operating as a Christian television station in April.

It is the fourth television station owned by the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), and the first in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. CBN’s other stations are WYAH-TV, Channel 27, in Norfolk-Portsmouth, Va.; WWAH-TV, Channel 46, in Atlanta; and WXNE-TV, Channel 25, now under construction in Boston.

In addition to these four, the network has affiliated commercial stations in Houston; Detroit; Baltimore: Charlotte, N.C.; Roanoke, Va.; Hartford, Conn.; Greenville, S.C.; and two stations serving central California from Sacramento to Bakersfield.

CBN also owns and operates a five-station radio network in New York state and an FM affiliate in Norfolk.

POT USE UP 10 PERCENT, SURVEY SHOWS. A new survey of drug-use patterns indicates that 8 percent of all Americans 12 years of age or older consider themselves “present users” of marijuana.

The figure, representing a rise of nearly 10 percent in the use of pot compared with last year, is contained in a study made for the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, Washington, D.C.
We lost what would have been our first child through miscarriage. The sorrow has had the effect of bringing us closer to the Lord and our fellow Christians in the church. But one question nags us: Will we find a full-grown child waiting for us in heaven?

I do not believe so.

There is only one incidental reference in Scripture that bears on this in any way, and that is the passage in Exodus 21:22-24 that indicates a distinction between a fetus lost through miscarriage and a child whose birth has occurred.

This, however, would not be conclusive, and I hesitate to be dogmatic.

I am grateful, however, that your sorrow has already borne fruit in your spiritual life. Perhaps this is all one could ask in such a situation.

What is self-denial? Jesus "pleased not himself." Explain.

In its biblical meaning, the denial of self is "setting oneself aside" as the center of life and wholeheartedly accepting the will of God.

Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24; cf. 10:38-39; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23).

The term translated "deny" (areomai) literally means, "to say No to," to abrogate, forsake, or renounce, to disregard.

In this, as in all else, Jesus is our Example. "Even Christ pleased not himself" is the reason the Apostle Paul gives that strong Christians should bear the infirmities of the weak (Romans 15:1-3).

Can you give me any scriptural reassurance for a child going to heaven before the age of accountability?

Everything the New Testament tells us about "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" would show that He will not turn away those who die before they are old enough to make a choice about Him.


Romans 5:18; 11:32; and II Corinthians 5:14 teach that the atoning death of Christ avails for all who do not reject it by turning from God's moral law in responsible ethical choice.

There was an older theology that pictured "infants a span long" burning in hell. But as John Wesley is reported to have said to one holding such views, "Your god is my devil."

You made a statement to explain away God filling John with the Holy Spirit before birth ("Answer Corner," January 17, 1973). God has bothered me with this since I read it. You are really off on this and it feels it needs correction.

One minor point first: the Scripture says John was to be filled with the Holy Spirit "even from his mother's womb" (Luke 1:15), not "in his mother's womb."

My mistake was not printing in full the reference I gave for my statement that "the distinctive New Testament work of the Holy Spirit did not begin until after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ Jesus."

That reference was John 7:39, "But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified."

Add to this what Jesus himself said: "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7).

Peter on the Day of Pentecost said, "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear" (Acts 2:33).

I certainly did not mean to "explain away" God filling John with the Holy Spirit from birth. I believe this is exactly what happened.

The point is, this filling—as in the case of Zacharias (Luke 1:67) and Simeon (Luke 2:25)—was not "the distinctive New Testament work of the Holy Spirit," or else Jesus, John the Beloved, and Peter were all mistaken.

It was John's anointing for a great ministry in "preparing the way of the Lord," introducing Jesus the Messiah.

It is in light of the greater privilege of New Testament Christians that we should read our Lord's statement about John: "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (Matthew 11:11; Luke 7:28).

I realize there is a folk theology that sees no difference at all in God's dealings with man before Christ and after. But if you will please excuse me, I'll stay with the writers of the New Testament at this point (see, in addition, Galatians 3:13-14; 4:3-6; Hebrews 11:39-40; and I Peter 1:10-12).
NAZARENE CAMPS


July 20—29—CENTRAL OREGON. District Center, 2708 Morse Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43229. Ralph Eyer, Forrest McCullough, evangelists. Wally and Ginger Laxson, singers. Donald J. Gibson, district superintendent.


July 23-29—EASTERN KENTUCKY. Mount Hope Campground, Rte. 1, Flemingsburg, Ky. John A. Knight and Luther Cantwell, evangelists. Paul Qualls, singer. Lawrence B. Hicks, district superintendent.


August 3-12—SOUTH TENNESSEE. District Campground, Louisville, Tenn. M. L. G. Smith, district superintendent. Curtis Smith, singer. Alex Deasley, district superintendent.


August 21-26—MINNESOTA. Assembly Grounds, Lake Karonia, Paynesville, Minn. 56362. L. S. Oliver, evangelist. Dr. and Mrs. James Main, singers. Norman W. Bloom, district superintendent.

The Keokuk, la., church broke ground for its new sanctuary and educational unit April 1. The new facility, complete with furnishings and parking, is expected to cost about $130,000. Civic and church officials participating in the ceremony were (l. to r.): Richard Bishop, Security State Bank president; Mayor Charles F. Eppers; Dave Sprunger, building committee chairman; Rev. Forrest E. Whitlatch, Iowa district superintendent; Joe Shaffer, developer from Des Moines; Pastor Don Kelly; Keith Coover, chairman, board of trustees; and Jerry Baker, building finance committee chairman.
HE CAN HEAL A MARRIAGE

SANDY EHRET left her home in confusion and desperation one Sunday morning with her two lovely little girls. She was brokenhearted, despondent; but determined to find help, to find God. She drove around looking for a church and by the providence of God ended up at the Sandia Church of the Nazarene.

The next week I called in the Ehret home. David, Sandy’s husband, promised to attend the following Sunday. He was 29 years old and very close to being an alcoholic.

David really wanted to straighten out his life before he lost everything of real value. He had tried many things, but so far nothing had helped. He visited our church as promised and indicated he would return the next Sunday. However, on the Saturday night before, he got into a barroom brawl and wound up in the hospital with both jaws broken.

On my knees in prayer for two days, I could not get the Ehrets off my mind. God said, “Go to them,” while the devil said, “You’ve already been several times, and if you return again, you’ll drive them away for sure.”

God kept the pressure on me and finally I blurted out, as I drove the old church van across Albuquerque, “All right, Lord, I’ll go.” I whispered a prayer and felt His calm assurance.

I turned around and drove as fast as I could to their home and found Sandy and the two children at the end of their rope. She shared with me that she and David had decided to go their own ways; that David was hopelessly and helplessly an alcoholic and would never change.

I spoke to Sandy about God’s love and transforming power and her heart grew very hungry until she responded and surrendered herself to the Lord.

Suddenly the door flew open and David walked in. It was plain to see that he was under deep conviction and tired of living a life of sin.

I shared the plan of salvation with him while tears rolled down his face. Finally I said, “David, do you want God to change your life, your heart, and your home? Will you receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour right now?”

He nodded his head and that athletic guy, who had never known anything but fighting, swearing, and drinking, knelt beside a black leather couch and stained it with tears of repentance.

In a moment, I saw a new creation; old things had just passed away and all things had become new.

He hugged his wife and children; together they wept and rejoiced. It was the most beautiful sight this side of heaven! Two new names written down in glory, a man set free from the craving for alcohol, and a marriage healed in an instant!

The next Sunday we were singing,

*I will serve Thee, because I love Thee,
You have given life to me...
Heartaches, broken pieces, ruined lives
are why You died on Calvary.
Your touch was what I longed for,
You have given life to me.*

Their faces were aglow with a light not of this world.

What about now, some three months later? David and Sandy are faithful in their church attendance and have both found places of responsibility. They are preparing for church membership.

Often they say to me, “Thank you, Pastor, for coming that day when God, in a moment, healed our marriage.”

—Ron Greeno
Albuquerque, N.M.

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PAUL MCNUTT RECEIVES FREEDOM FOUNDATION AWARD

The Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., has presented its honor certificate award to Mr. Paul McNutt, baritone, in recognition of his patriotic activities during the past year.

The Freedom Foundation was formed during the Eisenhower administration by concerned citizens to encourage patriotism and to further the ideals of freedom at the grass-roots level of the nation. Some awards are given annually and some semiannually to worthy citizens and are presented by members of the Chamber of Commerce in each city across America.

Paul McNutt has presented his patriotic concert 120 times this year with an itinerary which included all the major cities of the nation. On July 1, he will give the concert in Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C. For the past four years he has circled the nation singing 250 concerts annually.

On April 25, Mr. McNutt presented his patriotic concert at Kansas City First Church. At the end of the concert, the Freedom Foundation Award was publicly presented.

KONA

Rev. V. K. Grover also reported on the new church to be organized at Kona in Hawaii. This church has a large Bible study group. It is likely the group will form the nucleus for a Nazarene church soon.

ALBUQUERQUE

Rev. Harold Morris, New Mexico district superintendent, reports that the new church in Albuquerque received 12 new members by profession of faith during a 10-week period.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Rev. Roy Carnahan, Washington district superintendent, reports that the Melwood Church has again voted to give $10,000 to the integrated church known as Washington (D.C.) Grace Church. This church grew out of a merger of Faith Church and Grace Church. One section of the two congregations moved into new facilities in the suburbs and a portion of the congregation remained in the Grace Church property to reach the inner core of Washington, D.C. The church is about 65 percent black. The pastors of the Melwood Church are Rev. A. Ralph Montemuro and Rev. Kenneth L. Kern.

H.M. ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. H. S. Palmquist, pioneer New Zealand district superintendent and professor in the Australian Nazarene Bible College during the past quadrennium, is now on furlough in the United States with his wife, Frances, and their two children, Arlene and Charles. They may be reached in care of Mr. Robert Garst, 3446 Ave. B, Council Bluffs, Ia. 51501, for deputation services. Their stay in the United States will be for about 60 days. They will then return to the field for another term of service in the college.

NAZARENE TAKES U.S. POST

The Evening Times, Trenton, N.J., announced April 10 that Richard F. Schubert, 36, native of Trenton, had been nominated by President Richard M. Nixon to the post of U.S. undersecretary of labor. The nomination called for Senate confirmation.

In 1971, Schubert was named solicitor of the Labor Department. One year earlier, he served as executive assistant to the secretary of labor.

Following graduation from Yale University’s Law School in 1961, Schubert worked nine years for Bethlehem Steel Corporation, a post to which he returned last January.

Mr. Schubert was raised in the Trenton (N.J.) First Church and has more recently held his membership in the Easton, Pa., church and at Washington (D.C.) First Church.

He is a 1958 graduate of Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Mass. He has served as a trustee of ENC and as president of the executive board of the ENC Alumni Association. Mr. Schubert was listed in the 1970 edition of Who’s Who of Outstanding Young Men of America.

Schubert is the son of Yaro and Frances Schubert of Pennington, N.J. He is married and has two children: Robyn Denise, 11; and David Mark, seven. His wife is the former Sarah Jane Lockington of Trenton.
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