Jesus the Nazarene was doubtless the world’s poorest Man. He was born in a stable amid the lowing of the cattle and was cradled in the manger of an ox. There were few things that He ever claimed as His own.

He rode upon a borrowed donkey; He used Peter’s boat; He rested in Lazarus’ home. He multiplied the lad’s lunch, and the tomb in which He was buried was not His own. But Jesus did have a Church—He said: “I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

His Church is not builded of hardwood, pressed brick, or polished stone, but of changed, transformed lives. “Twice-born” men, called, fashioned, and polished by the preaching, teaching, healing ministry of Jesus, furnish the materials from which He builds His Church.

That Jesus loves His Church is proved by His giving himself for it (Ephesians 5:25-27). The Day of Pentecost witnessed the launching of His Church. It was there that the quickening, cleansing, empowering Spirit came upon redeemed lives. This marked a new day for all. Whereas His disciples had been a group of vacillating, cowering, frustrated men before Pentecost, now frustration is ended. Bickering, selfishness, hot flashes of carnal anger and other marks of unclean hearts were all swept away by the purging fire of Pentecost. The disciples became a positive, witnessing dynamic force for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

This “shed-forth” blessing upon His Church came in answer to the sacrifice, triumph, and ascension of Jesus to His mediatorial throne (Acts 2:32-33).

Christ uses His Church today as a clean channel through which He pours living water to the parched, thirsty millions of earth. He uses His Church as a lifted-up candlestick from which shines the light of the gospel: guiding light, cheering light, and healing light for those who sit in the shadow of death.

Christ secures His Church. “The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” The combined forces of evil with their frontal, flank, or prolonged attack shall not be able to crush or silence His Church. She has good news for a lost world.
Rev. Wayne Sears has resigned as pastor of First Church in Birmingham, Alabama, to accept the call to pastor First Church in Norman, Oklahoma.

Rev. C. D. Gadbow has resigned as pastor of the Oak Avenue Church in Duncan to accept a call to pastor the Pennsylvania Avenue Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Rev. S. R. Brannon, retired elder of Plainview, Texas, celebrated his eightieth birthday on November 4, at the Church of the Nazarene in Oildale, California. Relatives and friends attended a reception given in his honor at the fellowship hall of the church, where Rev. Edward C. Garrison is pastor. A cake made in the form of a Bible, outlined with eighty candles, was served to seventy-five guests. Brother Brannon came into the church in 1909, and has preached holiness for fifty-two years. He is still active in his ministry of preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morvee, of 318 N. Chelan Avenue, Wenatchee, Washington, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on November 16. They are members of the Wenatchee Church of the Nazarene, Rev. Robert Spoleder, pastor. They were married in 1907; moved to Wenatchee in 1943; were converted in 1920, and shortly afterward united with the Church of the Nazarene, and have been members since that time. He retired three years ago. They were honored by the church and friends at a reception and presented with beautiful gifts. Also their five living children honored them with an “open house” at the home of their son in Wenatchee. They have five living children, four grandchildren, also two adopted grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren. They would be glad to hear from their friends.

After serving the Waltersburg church on the Pittsburgh District for three years, Rev. Ernest J. Myatt has resigned to accept the pastorate of the church in Newburgh, New York, on the New York District.

God’s faithful ones may suffer reproach and persecution in this life, but one day all wrongs will be righted. The results of disobedience and the rewards of obedience will then appear to Lord, help me always to be obedient to Thee, whatever others may do.—RALPH EARL.
GOD IS WORKING IN BOLIVIA

General Superintendent Williamson

On Tuesday night before the opening of the assembly and conventions, Brother Hunter took me to a service in the Alto Plano Church located on the rim of mountains that surround La Paz. It is our largest church in Bolivia. It has 175 members and a Sunday school that reaches 300. Our week-night crowd was all the church could hold—about 275 people sitting on benches and the floor, plus many standing.

Dr. Reza had gone to visit some churches in the interior before the assembly began, so Brother Hunter translated my message into Spanish and the pastor, Rev. Maximo Vicuna, interpreted the Spanish into the tongue of the Aymara Indians. It was my first experience in three tongues and I was compelled to watch carefully lest I forget the second interpreter. Once I did get ahead of him completely, but he caught up on the next round. In spite of the barrier of using three languages, God blessed the Word. When a call to the altar was given fifty people came promptly. Many were church people walking in the light but there were some new ones among them.

Work among the more educated Spanish-speaking people is progressing more slowly, but victories are being gained. Some time ago a door-to-door visitor for Jehovah's Witnesses visited the house of a wealthy businessman of La Paz and invited him to their hall, which is a stone's throw from our mission headquarters where the services are held for the white people. His heart was hungry and he decided to go. While there he asked about the church on Sixth of August Street; the salesman directed him to the Church of the Nazarene. Soon he appeared at the door of the mission building where the Hunters live and asked if he might attend services there. Mrs. Hunter assured him he would be welcome, noticing the new Bible in his hand. He began coming at once and has not missed a service since. He has testified to salvation with evident sincerity. He and his family have been in every evening service of this week. He prays among the Christians. Last night they brought quite a group of friends with them. One lady among them prayed through to victory, and Mr. Plata's wife gave her public testimony for the first time.

A university professor has heard Dr. Reza preach the last two nights, also, and privately told him he had made his decision but trembled at the thought of saying so publicly. He added, "Maybe I will tomorrow night."

By what unusual providence God directed a man with a hungry heart to the place where light was to be found: the contact made by a worker for Jehovah's Witnesses; a mistaken directive given by a Lutheran; a convert to Christ made for the Church of the Nazarene! Now his family and his friends are also walking in the light. As always, "God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform."

Let all pray for the Hunters and the Vandevelders as they carry the glowing gospel torch in Bolivia. Progress has been made and greater victories are ahead.

His Presence

In thy presence is fulness of joy (Psalms 16:11). Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? (Hebrews 1:14)

When the trembling is the deepest,
Christ is near to hold;
When wayfarers are the weakest,
Then His arms enfold.

When high courage sinks in anguish,
Then His Word empowers—
Strengthening for special crises
Through the midnight hours.

When the path is fraught with danger,
Watchful angels heed;
And Christians find divine resources
Greater than their need!

—Flora E. Breck

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In reading these statements, great orchestral overtones emerge as the leaders express thankfulness to God for the richness of His grace over the past fifty years, resolutions to hold true to the message of holiness, and determination to press on to greater achievements for the Master.

Mingled with great joy over present success are stupendous goals for the future, such as doubling the Sunday school enrollment, “a half million Nazarenes around the world within a reasonable time,” and opening missionary work in seventeen new countries by 1968.

The General Superintendents

The statements by the general superintendents are given first, followed by those of other church leaders.

HARDY C. POWERS, chairman, Board of General Superintendents—“In some sense our past should be prophetic of our future. The past should assure us that the holiness message, when preached, possessed, and practiced, is both effective and attractive.

“The church is what it is today because of its faithfulness to that message, and our faithful adherence to this doctrinal position in the future is to be faithful to a proved scientific law which indicates that like causes will produce like results with unvarying constancy.

“With our increase in resources, our past should be able to prophesy today that our tomorrow is the brightest day of all. The church should be in a position to make a greater contribution to American Protestantism than ever before.

“The greatest contribution the church can make, in my judgment, is in helping to keep alive a Protestantism that is worth defending rather than merely in the defense of Protestantism. American Protestantism should be a vital spiritual force in the world—spiritual and evangelistic in character. The church with all of its resources is pledged to this position at home and abroad.”

G. B. WILLIAMSON—“Where do we go from here? What direction and how far? The direction will be determined by our faithfulness to those essential distinctions which justify our existence.

To know and teach others what these signify will require discriminating intelligence, the reality of vital personal experience, and constant cultivation of the interior life together with sincere and selfless dedication to the task of building the kingdom of God in the hearts of men. The distance we cover will be decided by the ‘power pack’ we possess to keep increased machinery operating smoothly and efficiently. ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.’ ”

SAMUEL YOUNG—“The Golden Anniversary of our church gives us a fitting occasion for an earnest (and perhaps agonizing) reappraisal of our progress, resources, and direction as a Protestant denomination. It affords a ‘once in a lifetime’ opportunity to capture the imagination of our people and constituency with reference to the relevance of our message for today, and to reawaken them to the urgency of our world mission.”

D. I. VANDERPOOL—“During our Fiftieth Anniversary year we shall take time for praise and thanksgiving to God for past achievements. We shall note the factors and policies which have made the greatest contribution to our advancement and then devotedly pledge allegiance to the same. We have challenged ourselves with spiritual, numerical, and financial goals which will call for an all-out effort of every department of the Church of the Nazarene and should give it a mighty thrust into the tomorrows.”

HUGH C. BENNER—“Our fifty years of denominational history have proved the possibility of the development of a major group in this
modern day based on a commitment to aggressive evangelism, and to the doctrine, experience, and life of scriptural holiness. The growth, unity, financial strength, balance, training program, and broad, world-wide vision of the Church of the Nazarene give to us a basis for faith that within a reasonable time there shall be a half million Nazarenes around the world.”

Other Church Leaders

HALDOR LILLENAS, composer, author, and a member of the Church of the Nazarene since July, 1908— “The union of several small bodies of Christian believers, in 1908, gave us a membership of nearly 10,000. Since then the growth of the Church of the Nazarene has been amazing.

“With the continued expansion of our organization will come the usual dangers of a drift away from the original New Testament standard of doctrine and practice. Let us fervently pray that we may not fall into this error, but that we may, under God, continue our expansion and effectiveness with the same fervency of spirit and adherence to our original doctrines and practices as in the past.”

JOHN STOCKTON, treasurer— “The financial record in the Church of the Nazarene for the past fifty years indicates that we believe that what we have is not our own. We must account to God, the rightful Owner; and if we continue to serve Him and bring our tithes and offerings to promote the work, we may expect God’s blessings as He promised Israel in Malachi 3:10: ‘Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.’”

S. T. LUDWIG, secretary— “I look upon the fiftieth anniversary as the vantage point from which we pause and reflect for a moment upon what has been accomplished in the past, and then march onward to new achievements according to the will of God. This will mean a time of appraisal and then with renewed commitment the placing of all our resources at God’s command as we present the redeeming message of the gospel to a turbulent yet hungry-hearted world.”

ROY F. SMEE, Home Missions— “The evidence of Protestantism’s effort to return to the fundamentals of our faith—the inspiration of the Scriptures, the deity of Jesus Christ, the supernatural in personal salvation, the return of the Lord, the judgment, and the existence of heaven and hell—makes an open door of the Church of the Nazarene.

“These cardinal doctrines we have always believed and preached. Thus the Church of the Nazarene has become a haven for those who protest the preaching of modern liberalism. Our past growth is sufficient evidence that people desire heartfelt religion, and because our church stands for reality in the realm of personal experience, and because of the swing to fundamental religion, the future for us is bright.”

REMISS REHFELDT, Foreign Missions— “The Church of the Nazarene has won a place of significance because of its emphasis on world-wide holiness evangelism. Thirty-three countries outside of the ‘homeland’ areas is but the beginning. On the basis of past accomplishments, it is within the realm of reasonable expectation to believe that the number will be increased to fifty countries during the next decade if the Lord tarries.”

V. H. LEWIS, Evangelism— “One of the great factors that has contributed to the unusual growth of the Church of the Nazarene has been its emphasis upon evangelism. Our church always has

Ever Forward!

Fifty years for Jesus, ever forward we must press,
United in the conquest for the cause of holiness.
As a moving church victorious—filled with power, cleansed by fire—
We have sought God’s perfect will, for that’s our aim and our desire.
We’re a people separated, from the world and compromise;
That’s what led our loyal leaders to go out beneath the skies.
They believed the scriptural message of a life that’s saved from sin,
And empowered by the Spirit in a cleansing work within.
God had His plan and blueprint, which they followed, and we’ve seen
The rising of the wondrous church we call the “Nazarene.”
May the victories and power and the grace that we have known
Mark the years ahead in conquest ’til we gather round God’s throne.
Then from every land and nation may the church be gathered in
As we praise our reigning Saviour, who has saved and kept from sin.
Give us vision for the future. Keep us faithful, Lord, we pray,
In a world of sin and darkness with the call—
THIS IS OUR DAY!
—JACK M. SCHARN
Pastor, Osawatomie, Kansas
taken seriously the Great Commission, ‘Go ye!’ The winning of souls to a vital relationship with God in conversion and sanctification has been our central task.

“This Golden Anniversary year gives us cause for rejoicing that such has been the case in the past. It also stirs us to a fresh realization of our task and a stronger determination to go ‘all out’ for evangelism in the future.

“We shall seek to promote effectively and well mass evangelism and personal evangelism through every agency of our church. We pledge ourselves to work and pray as never before to advance a mighty spiritual awakening in our generation.”

A. F. HARPER, Church Schools—“From 6,000 to 600,000 members in the first fifty years! That is the record of Sunday school growth in the Church of the Nazarene. One-third of that increase has come in the last ten years.

“If prophecy can be read in history—if the next five decades keep pace with the past—our centennial celebration will see a total of 11,400 local Nazarene Sunday schools with an enrollment of 1,880,000 pupils.”

S. S. WHITE, editor, “Herald of Holiness”—“Above all, we should get closer to God during 1958. We can realize this purpose only by cooperating with the program of the church as outlined by its various leaders and departments. Also, there must be a spirit of thankfulness for what God has done during the past fifty years. Along with this there must be a facing up to the future with its many opportunities. Finally, we must remember our world-wide mission—the spreading of scriptural holiness, entire sanctification, as a second definite work of grace. If we forget this, there is no excuse for our existence.”

T. W. W ILLINGHAM, Radio League—“Young church organizations, like growing children, have growing pains and are subject to various childhood diseases. While we are glad to report our normal share of growing pains, we are grateful to announce that throughout our entire history of fifty years we have had no serious diseases.

“There has been oneness in doctrine, harmony in action, and we greet the future in unity of purpose to pursue the same course with increasing tempo.

“Our gains have been made by the help of a kind and loving God, the wise leadership of capable men, and the loyalty of a happy people.”

L. T. CORLETT, Seminary—“The pioneering fathers were definite in the proclamation of holiness, certain of the God-given task committed unto them, and unerring in their efforts to fulfill the divine expectation. With such a foundation, the future holds many alluring possibilities. The Seminary is not only committed specifically to carry on, but also to join in the greater advance on all lines. The emphasis is for a clearer presentation of Biblical truths, a deeper loyalty to the doctrine and experience of second-blessing holiness, and a stronger purpose to fulfill the demands of the Great Commission at home and abroad.”

M. LUNN, Publishing House—“Were we living in the Old Testament times, I should want to commemorate the Golden Anniversary of the Church of the Nazarene with a fitting marker or memorial, as did Samuel. And I would repeat the words of that prophet: ‘Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.’

“Thinking particularly of the Publishing House, I am constrained to exclaim: ‘What hath God wrought!’

“The past would mean little did it not spur us on to greater achievements for God. And for that unknown stretch of years ahead, I pray and trust that the motivation of the church in all of its activities will be based upon the admonition of the Apostle Paul: ‘Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.’”

What?
Article Two on “The Promise of the Father”
By JOHN W. MAY
Pastor, Elk River Church, Charleston, West Virginia

Definitions of sanctification are usually elements of its character; that is, we define the experience by what it means to us. As our personalities are different, and the experience does not alter our essential personalities, the definitions are varied. They denote, however, the same experience of entire sanctification.

One of these terms is used by the writer to the Hebrews, who exhorts believers to go on unto perfection. Difficulty often arises in varied definitions of perfection. A seed that grows is perfect in the seed form even though it is not a full-grown tree. The perfection is in quality and not in quantity: in life, not in age. The perfection of life is an illustration here. Others may have talents which appear to make them love God more but they cannot love Him better than those with lesser talents.

One man buys orchids for his wife: another, because of limited buying power, buys roses. Who can say that the love of the first man is more perfect than that of the second? Christian perfection cannot be defined in amount but in quality. At times the main difficulty appears to be that
we endeavor to measure the standards of heaven with a human yardstick, which it is impossible to do.

Heart purity is another term which is used to designate the experience which results as the fulfillment of the promise of the Father. It describes a heart in which everything foreign to the nature of God is removed. Clean hands are obtained in regeneration and a pure heart in sanctification. The Psalmist sets these up as standards by which we are qualified to ascend the hill of God and stand in His holy place (Psalms 24:4).

James exhorts sinners to cleanse their hands and the double-minded their hearts (4:8). He first speaks of deeds, then the condition that prompted those deeds. A pure heart is one in which selfish motives are removed. Such a heart is filled with love for God and consecrated to do His will. There is no blot or stain in it. Unashamedly one in such a state may enjoy the piercing searchlight of God which reveals every hiding place.

Empowerment is a clear definition of this experience. Tarry for power was the command of Jesus. It is power from on high and outside ourselves. It is not the recharging of latent powers in the soul but the incoming of a new and fresh power that possesses and charges the individual through and through. Herein is power to overcome the world, power to live clean and holy, power to make one's witness count. Power has real meaning to us today. It is stamped indelibly on our minds by the periodic explosions of atomic energy.

The spiritual empowerment is God in us enabling us to do His will. It is His hand in ours guiding us in the right direction. It is His mind making our tongues "the pen of a ready writer." It is His grace helping us to overcome. It is His presence on the throne of the soul leading, guiding, directing, checking, enlightening, and charging for life and service.

Crucifixion is a strong term used to express the experience. Paul speaks of the evil nature being crucified in Romans 6:6. Neither suppression or suspension can be made to conform to this verse of scripture. The old man suppressed at an unguarded moment will overpower us; or he may from suspension come to life stronger than ever. Eradication fits the meaning here. The carnal nature is destroyed, removed. It is driven out of the soul. As Jesus cleansed the Temple we may expect that the soul will be cleansed from its enemy inhabitants. Then truly the soul will be the temple of the Holy Spirit.

(To be continued)

According to the Yale University Center for the study of alcohol, there are 4,589,000 alcoholics in the U.S. today, of whom 705,000 are women. —Wesleyan Methodist.
Pioneer Days:

Even angry words did not daunt

Early Nazarenes at a Riverside Service

It was Sunday afternoon in the thickly wooded hills of western Oregon when the old Model-T of 1917 vintage chugged to a stop at the crossroads schoolhouse where my father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. Albert H. Smith, regularly conducted Sunday afternoon services. Today they were to lead this newly organized group of Nazarenes in a baptismal service.

We youngsters were disturbed because word had been received that a certain group of men were going to stop the riverside services. After the candidates had been instructed for the rite of baptism, the hill-country Nazarene congregation followed my father and the candidates to the river.

A spokesman for the opposing group stepped forward to angrily remonstrate with my father, saying, "Nazarenes do not use the proper mode of baptism and this doctrine of sanctification is heresy." But my father signaled to his flock to sing "Shall We Gather at the River?" and they did sing, in "volume strong." Then without further preliminaries the fearless pastor took his text, "Bring forth . . . fruits meet for repentance"—and I shall never forget how he at once warmed to his sermon. His eyes were like glowing coals of fire.

Not one of either side could miss a word as he cried out like a second John the Baptist against sin and religious hypocrisy and then began to exalt "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." All at once I was afraid no longer, for God seemed to be there with quiet assurance. The disturbance subsided and the candidates were baptized amid testimonies of praise and songs of victory.

As we chugged homeward that Sunday evening, hurrying to the next service as fast as the Model-T could bump over those trail-like roads, I wondered at the God of miracles. With this Sunday experience in my mind I vowed to know something of the same spirit that characterized the riverside preacher and his loyal wife of like evangelistic zeal. They were blazing a trail for the Church of the Nazarene!

Reflection upon that riverside service has often injected a new purpose to be true to the New Testament message—the baptism unto repentance and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire.

May this jubilee year be marked by the same twofold emphasis by Nazarenes everywhere!

—HERMAN L. G. SMITH
Pastor, First Church
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

I Walked Today
On Sacred Ground

Union Convention, October 10, 1907
Association of Pentecostal Churches of America
and the Church of the Nazarene

It was dark when I got there. The house numbers were barely visible as I walked down Eggleston Avenue, but there it was—5417. It was just another house now in a neighborhood fast deteriorating. Nothing distinguished it from the other dwelling places around it; and no one was particularly noticing it, except for a few Nazarenes who remembered.

But fifty years ago on this day, Thursday, October 10, the scene was quite different. The site was occupied by a church then—not a large church, but a very significant one. Fifty years ago today was Thursday, October 10, 1907. It was a momentous day in the history of that church—the First Church of the Nazarene, Chicago, Illinois.

Rev. C. E. Cornell was the pastor then, and he and his church had spent $1,000 to prepare the building for this occasion, for they fully realized its importance. The East and the West were finally to be united. The Association of Pentecostal Churches of America, J. H. Norris, moderator, and the Church of the Nazarene, P. F. Bresee, general superintendent, were to become the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene at the conference which began on this day, October 10, 1907.

The church, they say, was already crowded at
the 9:00 a.m. service when the delegation from the East marched in singing “We’re Marching to Zion.” From that moment on, the scene was characterized by “holy joy.”

Eyewitnesses said: “When the songs of nearly 1,000 people pealed out of sanctified hearts and nearly 1,000 handkerchiefs waved over the same number of shining faces, it was a sight that beggars description. . . . The flood of holy joy that swept on during the opening service was a tide of blessed triumph. . . . I have attended big conventions, councils and assemblies, up and down this country for the past twelve years but I am free to confess that this was the greatest of them all.”

How fifty years had changed things! As I stood on this sacred spot, however, I sensed anew the presence of the Almighty which had characterized that meeting of fifty years ago. And I recalled the words which Dr. H. F. Reynolds reported had been spoken to him by a local attorney at the time of the meeting, “I never knew before of a church which had not originated in the mind of some individual, but surely this church must have been conceived in the mind of God.”

An inebriate stopped his meandering to puzzle over the sight of a grown man, standing with head bowed in front of a run-down building, on an insignificant side street on Chicago’s rough south side. He little dreamed what a sacred moment that was. As I stood I made a pledge for myself and my 6,400 brothers in the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene who stand in direct succession to the divinely inspired men that were gathered on this site fifty years ago. A pledge I say, and yet more of a prayer, that the God of the yesterdays might also be the God of the tomorrows, and that we all might be faithful to the great heritage which is ours, and make something of the same impact upon the world for God and the Church that those mighty men of God were enabled to make.

Following the convention, Dr. Bresee was quoted as saying: “The great General Assembly of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene for 1907 has gone into history. Not to be laid away upon the shelf, and dry up like a mummy, and be forgotten, for, though past, it lives, and will live forever.” So it has, and so might it continue to live through our efforts down through the decades ahead.

—Russell L. Carlson,
Pastor, Des Plaines, Illinois

A PERFECT SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD. Pamela Cole missed Sunday school the first Sunday of her life, but she has never been absent since. Last week she was belatedly awarded her four-year Nazarene Cross and Crown Pin, which she is wearing. Pamela is a third-generation Nazarene. Her father, Paul Cole, is employed at the Nazarene Publishing House, and her grandfather is Rev. George Cole, of Sebring, Ohio.

AN OLD QUESTION

QUESTION: Can I be a Christian without joining a church?

ANSWER: Yes, it is possible. It is something like being:
A Student who will not go to school;
A Soldier who will not join the army;
A Citizen who will not pay taxes or vote;
A Salesman with no customers;
An Explorer with no base camp;
A Seaman on a ship without a crew;
A Businessman on a deserted island;
An Author without readers;
A Tuba Player without an orchestra;
A Parent without a family;
A Football Player without a team;
A Politician who is a hermit;
A Scientist who does not share his findings;
A Bee without a hive.

—Copied
Wesleyan Christian Advocate, July 18,
(First Methodist Bulletin, Atlanta)
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## GENERAL STATISTICS FOR 1957

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—S. T. Ludwig, General Church Secretary
Stimulating the minds and hearts of Nazarenes everywhere, the first international religious retreat for members and friends of the denomination in the military service evidently holds great promise for the work of the church and the Kingdom.

The time and place are well known by now: March 17 to 21, at the General Walker Hotel in Berchtesgaden, Germany, high in the Bavarian Alps, not far from Hitler’s fabled “Eagle’s Nest” retreat.

Initial announcement of the five-day retreat brought registration of more than two hundred persons. With about fourteen hundred Nazarene service personnel, including families, in the European area, the number participating may exceed all expectations.

The Berchtesgaden military retreat will be one of two special events sponsored during this Golden Anniversary year by the Nazarene Young People’s Department, of which Rev. Ponder W. Gilliland is secretary.

The second will be the International Teen-age Institute, at Estes Park, Colorado, July 15 to 21. Attendance at this will be limited to delegates elected by districts in the church, and a total of about seven hundred young people and youth workers from around the world is expected.

Several special features will highlight the retreat at Berchtesgaden, Germany, which has been made possible by the U.S. military administration, the Nazarene Board of General Superintendents, the Nazarene General Board, and the Nazarene Servicemen’s Commission, of which Rev. Ponder W. Gilliland also is secretary.

Especially favorable rates for first-class hotel lodging and meals have been arranged. Wives and children are welcomed, and children under twelve will be accommodated at half price. Attendance at the retreat will not be deducted from regular leave time—another notable feature.

The daily program will include devotional services and time for prayer and private meditation; recreation and fellowship; and guided tours to places of interest in the vicinity.

In addition to Mr. Gilliland, who will serve as chairman for the program, other widely known Nazarene leaders are expected to take part. These will include Mr. Paul Skiles, prominent West Coast youth leader and musician.

The retreat will seek to accomplish several goals, each bound up in the general aim of deepening the spiritual life of the individual. The way of full salvation through Jesus Christ will again be explained, delineated, and italicized.

The retreat also may fairly be described as in the interest of a more effective Christian witness by Nazarene service men and women among their friends in the armed forces.

Attractive mailing pieces, with return envelopes, were mailed in November to some fourteen hundred servicemen with an APO or FPO, New York. Nazarene pastors and laymen can help by encouraging their service people in the European area to take advantage of the retreat program and “bring home a report and a blessing.”

Unsaved friends of Nazarene service personnel may attend the retreat and the services could be a time of great spiritual harvest.

Some churches are underwriting the nominal costs of the retreat, which are $13.85 for enlisted men and $16.85 for officers. This price covers both room and meals for five days.

Nazarene laymen are asked to send in addresses of their loved ones in the military services to the Nazarene Servicemen’s Commission. If they are not already listed, the names will be added and the service people contacted by mail.

Special prayer for the retreat program also has been urgently requested. Will you pray today—this week—and next week?
A Saint’s Bible

Did you ever look through the Bible of a saint—a person who has been a Christian for years? That there is a very close bond between that Book and its owner is seen on almost every page. My mother was in this class. She couldn’t have made a speech on the benefits of reading the Word, but she was acquainted with them through experience. She knew that the reading of the Word of God had enriched her life. Companionship with the Bible helped her to victoriously meet the varied situations of life.

In the Golden Anniversary year of our church (1958), January is to be Bible-reading month. Every church is asked to read the Bible through during January. This can easily be done by dividing up this Book and giving it out in certain sections to be read. There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible. If only ten members take part, the whole Bible can be finished during the month by each one reading 4 chapters a day; in larger churches, several people can read the same scripture divisions. Thus some of the churches, no doubt, will plan to read the Bible through, not just once, but two, three, four, or more times during January.

There is power in the Word of God, as my mother knew, and as every experienced Christian knows. This fact is clearly indicated by two of the greatest passages in the New Testament. They read as follows: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works” (II Timothy 3:16-17). “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).

The Bible quiets and rests the saint who reads it. In all the hurry and rush of this life there is much to weary and confuse. However, there is nothing which can so drive away or expel that which disquiets as the reading of the Word of God. No Christian can afford to pass by this blessing. Many of us have not read the Word, day by day, as much as we should have, but we have read it enough to know that there is nothing else which can so ease the tensions of life. If you don’t believe this, just read or repeat to yourself Psalms 1, 23, 91, and First Corinthians 13 and 15. These are but a very few of the outstanding passages which do more than anything else to bring peace and quietness to the fevered soul of the people of this age.

Again, the Word brings comfort. What has been said about the rest and comfort which the Bible provides for those who read it naturally leads to the third truth which should be stressed. The Bible strengthens us. It enables us to face the problems and battles of life with new courage and determination. There are those who are trying to find the way to rest, and comfort, and strength by means of psychological tricks; but reading the Word of God is far better than psychology, however good it may be. It will strengthen you with the promises, hopefulness, and optimism which are always to be found in its pages.

The Bible faces life as it is. It doesn’t cover up the fact of sin and its terribleness. Nevertheless, it is not a pessimistic Book, filled with hopelessness, and concentrated at last only upon the failures of men. It is a Book which looks away to the all-powerful, all-wise, all-loving God, who has saving grace for those who follow Him. The Bible enlightens its readers. If you want to grow in grace, you must receive more light to walk in; and if you want more light to walk in, you must read the Word of God. It is God’s revelation to us, and it will enlighten those who fellowship with it, walk along its pathways, and become familiar with its teachings. There is light in the Word of God, light to direct us in the tasks which confront us. Do you want to face the day with understanding? Then be sure to keep in touch with the Word of God. It will truly be a Lamp unto our feet and a Light unto our path (Psalms 119:105).

Bible reading will stir us to action. It will stimulate us to go out and do exploits for the Master. Visitation evangelism will be easier for him who keeps in touch with the Word. Also, companionship with the Bible will make it more natural for him to talk to someone about Jesus while he travels.
on the train, the bus, or elsewhere. It will break down barriers and open up ways to help those about us who have need of Christ. If we are to be workers together with God for the salvation of the lost and the sanctification of the believer, we must keep in touch with the Word of God.

Not a Month of Talking About Prayer

In the Golden Anniversary program for 1958, January is not only to be a Bible-reading month; it is also to be a praying month, a time when prayer will be organized and promoted by the districts. This does not mean that we are to make January just "a month of talking about prayer." I have attended conferences on prayer, and even prayer meetings themselves, where most of the time was spent in addresses about praying rather than in praying. What was said as to the good which results from praying was A-1. Nevertheless, the best way for our church to make January a month of prayer is not by spending all, or even the major portion, of the time set aside for prayer in talking about the good that comes from praying. What we must do is to pray much alone and in groups, privately and in public. January has not been set aside as a month for talking about prayer, discussing prayer, or making plans for praying. January is to be a month of prayer in the Church of the Nazarene. Every loyal member of the church will at least help some to realize this objective.

Let us pray with open hearts, hearts which have been laid bare before God. The words of the Psalmist should be remembered in this connection: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalms 139:23-24). God knows everything about us! We need to become more conscious of this fact, and also more ready for God to reveal to us what He knows about us. Prayer, real prayer, genuine prayer, will help us to lay bare our hearts before God; it will also make it possible for us to be more ready to listen to His voice as to what our shortcomings and needs are.

Let us pray with willing hearts, ready to obey God. It is not enough for us to have our needs revealed as we pray; we must be ready and willing to let God meet them. We should pray thus: "Lord, I want to know where I am spiritually, fully, truly, and, more than that, I promise Thee now I'll move up wherever I am behind; by Thy grace I will do Thy will completely." We must pray for hearts which are truly given over to God's pattern for our lives.

We should pray with burdened hearts. If ever there was a time when God's people should be burdened over the condition of the world, it is today. Humanity stands on the brink of destruction in the present as it never has before. This isn't due so much to Russia's growing military might as to the weakness of our own nation and its allies before God. Integrity and righteousness make more for real strength than anything else. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). And it is not only a reproach; it is also the means of final destruction. Nations of the past haven't ceased to be because of their external enemies—they have been overrun by their foes only after they have been conquered by sin on the inside. These facts should burden us as Christians as never before.

We need to pray during January, not only with open and willing hearts, but with hearts burdened because of the destruction which threatens mankind on every hand. We must become desperate in our praying. We must let God know that we will not be denied; we must be ready and willing to stand in the breach in order to do our part to save the world. Prayer is the mightiest power within reach of the Christian. We can be strong and powerful in the work of the Kingdom only as we learn how to pray as we should. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).
Pentecost—the Church’s Power


Golden Text: Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

It’s easy for us to allow the sacred to become commonplace. And what should be both disturbing and cataclysmic becomes just ordinary and unchanging. Such is the peril we face. When we hear repeatedly about the work of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we must guard against the temptation to let it be historic rather than personal. We must watch lest we merely defend the doctrine and then weakly demonstrate the life.

The Church’s power is not only in the promise; it must be in the possession of that promise. We too must tarry “until ye be endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49). Let us consider these three passages of scripture.

John 16:1-15—Here we are reminded that the concern of our Christ was one of relationship. The Holy Spirit was to be the Guide of their lives, the Controller of their desires, and the Master of their wills. Such a dynamic relationship would bring the glory of the presence of Christ, maintained through constant obedience to His will.

Acts 1:1-14—May we learn from this historic happening that Pentecost came, not because the disciples sought Pentecost as such; rather, it came as they waited in obedience to Christ. Thus Pentecost was an attestation of their complete surrender to the will of God, the seal of His presence to their waiting.

Acts 2:1-41—Here we see that Pentecost is not for selfish exploitation, not a power we may use, but a Power to use us—a Power both to be and to do. Would we lose sight of the source of our power? Would we forsake the searching, purging, empowering work of the Holy Spirit? Must we seek inner satisfaction as our ultimate aim? Let us seek full commitment to the will of the Holy Spirit in His saving and sanctifying work, and let our living be “in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power” (1 Corinthians 2:4).

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Servicemen's Corner

A Note of Thanks:

“Just a word to say how much I enjoy the Herald of Holiness, the Other Sheep, and Conquest. I have intended to write for some time to let you know how effective and meaningful these publications have been (and are) in keeping me in close fellowship with our Saviour.

“I appreciate all the efforts of my Nazarene brothers and sisters to keep me in spiritual victory. Although I cannot write to my congressman while in military service, I think the article ‘Your Morals’ should be continued, and if we aren’t taking advantage of its possibilities, may God awaken us to our obligation to do so!

“God is blessing me overseas and I would not close without praise to Him for His faithfulness everywhere I go, and the abundance of grace and joy from Him. Praise Him!”—JOHN P. KIGER.

From a Returning Serviceman:

“For the past three years, I have been receiving the Herald of Holiness, the Conquest, the Other Sheep, and Come Ye Apart through the Servicemen’s Commission. I thank the Lord for a church and Christian people that are concerned about the spiritual well-being of their boys in the service. The magazines have been a real source of blessing to me down through the months and I praise God for them.

“I am thankful that God has had His hand on my life throughout my three years in the army. I’m glad that God made possible my coming to Alaska. I have appreciated so much working with the wonderful Nazarenes here in Fairbanks for the past sixteen months. Under the ministry of Rev. Robert Sheppard, the pastor here, the Lord has sanctified me and called me to prepare for the ministry. I am leaving Alaska and going back to the States for separation, and then on to Northwest Nazarene College in January. I praise God for a personal salvation and a real meaning to life.

“Thanks so much for the wonderful Christian literature and for your interest in our Nazarene servicemen. God bless you in your service to Him.”—SGT. WILLIAM E. DOFFLEMYER.

Spanish Library Growing

By EUNICE BRYANT, Guatemala

Our young people join us in a hearty expression of their appreciation for the new books we have been able to add to our Bible school library. They are thrilled over every new book.

If you could put yourself into the shoes of a Bible school student and realize what it would be like to live in a country that must depend upon translators to bring them the wonderful wealth of Christian literature which you and I have always taken for granted, you might imagine some of the thrill each new translation of our holiness literature brings them.

Until recent years our preparing ministers had to depend upon translators who did not believe in holiness and sometimes wrote against it. We had to caution them not to believe what was there just because it was in print. But now we are able to purchase superior texts, translated and published by our own Spanish Department in Kansas City, and we are stocking our shelves with sets of classroom texts, little by little, as our funds permit.

God granted us a fine group of eleven graduates this year—young men and women who show signs of being a great blessing to the district.

Thanks to everyone who has helped us to secure the good literature with which we are equipping our Bible school library. This will help us immeasurably in turning out students who are well grounded in holiness.

Greetings from the Orange Free State

I am presently visiting our men in the mine compounds in the Orange Free State. God is blessing. It was a special joy a few nights ago, to see a number of

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A CHURCH A DAY / ORGANIZED
DURING OUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YEAR

365 NEW CHURCHES
IN 1958

Our Opportunity...

- New suburban communities springing up.
- 139 cities above 25,000 population without a Church of the Nazarene.
- 350 towns 10,000 to 25,000 population, we have not entered.
- U.S. population increasing 7,000 a day. Who will reach them for Christ?

Every NAZARENE CAN PARTICIPATE

- Help start a branch Sunday school.
- Boost your pastor in sponsoring a new church.
- Support your district Home Missions budget.
- Help start a church in your community.
- Pray for Home Missions.

FORWARD IN HOME MISSIONS
heathen men come forward for prayer. This was a Shangaan meeting, but a number of these heathen were men from Nyasaland. Praise the Lord for His blessings!

A few days ago our men who live in the Transvaal compounds and one of our Nazarene evangelists had services each night with the Shangaan heathen men in that compound. We were not able to be there, but are praying for good results.

Will you join your prayers with ours for our all-out effort during the first three months of 1958? We plan to set these months aside as a special time of winning heathen to Christ. Please help us pray it through.—Paul Hetrick, Africa.

Used Clothing Needed

Lightweight used clothing is urgently needed in Trinidad—men’s summer suits, women’s and children’s summer weight clothing of all kinds. Be sure it is lightweight. This announcement also appeared in the December Other Sheep. If you are mailing boxes of used clothing please note these changes: Send to: Mrs. Therma Brunt
Box 444, Port of Spain
Trinidad, B.W.I.

The first announcement gave the name of Mrs. Sayes, and if you have sent boxes there, they will arrive all right, but will save delay if future boxes are sent to Mrs. Brunt.

Also: BE SURE to mark all boxes plainly: "USED CLOTHING FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION." This will save payment of duty.

Thank you for your help.

Thought for the Day

by BERTHA MUNRO

"The Open Threshold, The Slammed Door"

Monday:
The phrase stayed with me, from the story of a woman who deliberately closed her mind to some years of her life which she was unwilling to remember. The slamming of this door to the past led to insanity. We can slam to shut the door of God’s will for our future, but we slam it in our own faces; we suffer and experience the consequences.

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give ourselves over to spiritual schizophrenia, depression, reckless self-intoxication. God wills for us "a sound mind." (II Timothy 1:7.)

Tuesday:
That threshold of God's will opens wide to all that is meant by the Christian's new year. There are suffering and testing in view, there are threats of war and disaster; but still the prospectus is,

*A land of corn and wine and oil,*
*Favored with God's peculiar smile.*

No need to slam the door in fear. It opens to rest at the heart of storm, to Christ's own joy in the shadow of the Cross. (Joshua 1:2-3.)

Wednesday:
The threshold is open to exploration of God's best thought for you personally, to discovering that for which you were made, to rounding off one particular stage of His pattern. This opportunity, once let slip, can never be fully recovered. (Philippians 3:12.)

Thursday:
The threshold opens on developing strength to share, on tests that, met honestly, will make you a tower of strength for others. It opens on fellowship with Christ yet undreamed of, on fresh ways—and days—of service to the Lord you love: new every morning are both His mercies and His (voluntary) assignments. (John 14:12, 20.)

Friday:
The threshold is open to unknown enemies and obstacles: "a great door and effectual... and... many adversaries." If enemies, then victories; and if victories, the courage and confidence—and the adequacy—for fresh conquests. To slam the door on difficulties is to choose to be weak. (I Corinthians 13:11-12.)

Saturday:
We have not slammed the door; we have let the threshold become cluttered, uncrossable, obstructed by fears of failure, by backward looks of remorse, by "busyness here and there," by simple neglect or procrastination. Whatever the cause, the fact is the same: insult to our best Friend and bitter loss to ourselves. Only His Spirit will help us clear away the rubbish. (Romans 13:11-12.)

Sunday:
On the open threshold of a new year, we could hesitate. Safety lies in slamming resolutely, by heavenly help, all other beckoning doors: door to the past with its successes and failures, door to popular opinion even of "religious people," door to moods and discouragement and self-indulgence. Then obedience to the last clear word from God; and the next, and the next. The path of His love will open into ever fuller and wider reaches. (Revelation 3:7-8.)

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| **CENTRAL ZONE** | | | |
| Northeastern Indiana | 10,002 | 10,234 | 232 |
| Indianapolis | 10,254 | 10,464 | 210 |
| Chicago Central | 5,923 | 6,041 | 118 |
| Wisconsin | 2,237 | 2,092 | -145 |
| Michigan | 8,761 | 8,483 | -278 |
| Illinois | 8,919 | 8,466 | -453 |
| Iowa | 6,443* | 5,801 | -642 |
| Central Ohio | 14,279 | 13,589 | -690 |
| Western Ohio | 15,068 | 14,368 | -700 |
| Southwest Indiana | 9,743 | 8,747 | -996 |
| **DISTRICTS NOT REPORTING:** | | | |
| Eastern Michigan, Northwestern Illinois, Missouri, Northwest Indiana |

| **SOUTHEAST ZONE** | | | |
| Florida | 8,228 | 8,804 | 576 |
| Kentucky | 5,787* | 6,078 | 291 |
| Mississippi | 2,876 | 2,910 | 32 |
| Virginia | 3,210 | 3,150 | -60 |
| Eastern Kentucky | 4,997 | 4,652 | -345 |
| East Tennessee | 5,962 | 5,433 | -529 |
| Alabama | 7,301 | 6,754 | -547 |
| Georgia | 5,935 | 5,338 | -597 |
| Tennessee | 8,569* | 7,670 | -999 |
| West Virginia | 11,339 | 10,583 | -756 |
| **DISTRICTS NOT REPORTING:** | | | |
| North Carolina, South Carolina |

| **EASTERN ZONE** | | | |
| New York | 2,034* | 2,274 | 240 |
| Albany | 3,335 | 3,414 | 79 |
| Pittsburgh | 8,938 | 8,888 | -50 |
| Akron | 12,403 | 11,940 | -463 |
| Washington | 5,245 | | |
| **DISTRICTS NOT REPORTING:** | | | |
| Philadelphia, New England |

| **BRITISH COMMONWEALTH** | | | |
| Canada West | 3,975 | 4,260 | 285 |
| Canada Pacific | 1,168 | 1,258 | 90 |
| Australia | 767 | 783 | 16 |
| Maritime | 955 | 864 | -91 |
| **DISTRICTS NOT REPORTING:** | | | |
| British Isles South, Canada Central, British Isles North |

| **SOUTHERN ZONE** | | | |
| Northeast Oklahoma | 4,008 | 3,940 | -68 |
| Northwest Oklahoma | 5,912 | 5,665 | -247 |
| Houston | 3,901 | 3,590 | -311 |
| Nebraska | 2,612 | 2,251 | -361 |
| Abilene | 5,878 | 5,456 | -422 |
| Kansas | 8,097 | 7,670 | -427 |

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Pastor Carl W. Gray, Jr., sends word from Charleston, West Virginia: "At a special pre-Thanksgiving service, Sunday, November 24, the Cross Lanes Church launched a building program that would set the total assets of the church sanctuary at fifty thousand dollars. Dr. Edward C. Oney, district superintendent, was the guest speaker, with Song Evangelist Ernest A. Surface in charge of the music. Construction is scheduled to begin in early spring. This is the first unit of an expansion program. God's blessings are upon the fine people of our church and Sunday school."

Rev. Arthur P. Fisher reports: "October I marked the twenty-fourth month since I retired from pastoral work, and during this time I have performed some special service (mostly preaching and singing) for twenty-five different churches in five different states; have returned to some of these churches several times. For several months I served as music director in one church. God has richly blessed my ministry, and I have found Him in victory. I have been in the holiness ministry for a total of thirty-five years, and now nearly twenty-three years as a Nazarene minister. I am glad to serve our churches and pastors in publicity work. Write me, 7609 Alexander Avenue, Hammond, Indiana."

Evangelist Ray Harrison writes: "I will be attending the Evangelists' Conference in Kansas City, January 6 to 8, then have open time from January 15 to February 9. Would be glad to slate some time in that vicinity or on route home—Neotsu, Oregon (Box 57). Will be in a meeting in Oregon beginning February 16."

Lansing, Michigan—In November the Mount Hope Church had a successful and inspiring revival under the Spirit-anointed preaching of Rev. Lorne J. Lee. Many new souls were born into the kingdom of God, and the church has felt a new awakening. We give God praise for all that has been accomplished.—LOWELL M. MALLETT, Pastor.
South Arkansas
N.Y.P.S. Holiday Rally

The annual South Arkansas District N.Y.P.S. holiday rally was held at the West Memphis Church on November 29, with Rev. Wade Powers as host pastor. About two hundred young people attended the rally, the majority of this number being teen-agers.

Rev. Ponder Gilliland, general N.Y.P.S. secretary, was the special speaker, with Rev. Bob Lindley, district N.Y.P.S. president, in charge of the program.

Some interesting features of the rally included a brief period of worship, followed by a very profitable discussion period conducted by Brother Gilliland on the new “Programs with a Purpose.” Various phases of the N.Y.P.S. activities, including the discussion of the PAL program, by Rev. Dick Kellogg, was the special speaker, with Rev. Roy Baker, chairman of the program, in charge of the program.

The closing service Brother Gilliland directed the young people of the South Arkansas District to make Christ King of Kings and Lord of Lords in their hearts.—WAYMAN DAVIS, Reporter.

San Antonio District
Preachers’ Meeting

The San Antonio District preachers’ meeting was held November 18 to 20 in the newly completed church in Sinton, Texas. Dr. Hugh C. Benner was the principal speaker, and the sessions were directed by District Superintendent W. H. Davis.

Dr. Benner’s messages were challenging, informative, and inspiring, and were used of God to set the pace for spiritual growth throughout the week. A full and practical program was arranged by Brother Davis, advocating a balanced program with a world-wide mission. The messages were so practical and the papers and talks to the points that the laymen and preachers were encouraged and strengthened. Fellowship and unity were evident.

The opening service of the convention was a dedication service for the newly completed church building. Rev. George C. Mullins and his good people, with the blessing of God, have performed the unusual. The new church is of solid masonry construction, beautifully finished inside. It includes a sanctuary, Sunday School rooms, and a five-room annex, now being used for the parsonage. The sanctuary is air-conditioned and furnished with beautiful hardwood furniture. The dedication service was indeed a high light of the convention.

The pastors and laymen joyfully paid for a new hat as a token of appreciation for the ministry and leadership of General Superintendent Benner among us, and all returned to the various churches determined to do better service for Christ.—T. A. BURTON, Reporter.

Kingfisher, Oklahoma—In our fall re-vival with Evangelist J. V. Langford our church experienced some wonderful results. Brother Langford’s inspirational messages were anointed of the Holy Spirit, and were dimmed with souls praying through to God for pardon, reclamation, and entire sanctification. Five new members were received into the church, four by profession of faith. The church has a high spiritual tide during the convention, which has been strengthened, and pastor and people give God praise and look forward to greater success in our Golden Anniver­ sary year.—MERRILL M. MORGAN, Pastor.

Henrietta, Oklahoma—First Church recently had a gracious revival with Evangelist Geo. J. Brawley. A specially trained Sunday School worker. God blessed the ministry of Brother Fisher in this united Crusade for Souls campaign. There were more than one hundred seekers and happy finders at the altar for reclamation, re-dedication, and entire sanctification. God is leading this great church forward under the banners of full salvation.—DAVID F. KRICK, Pastor.

The forty-second annual convention of the Metropolitan Holiness Association (South Arkansas District Convention) was held at First Church of the Nazarene, Richmond Hill, New York. Captain Clifton Siple of the Salvation Army brought some excellent messages on holiness, and quite a few people bowed at the altar seeking God for pardon and heart purity. Dr. Lela G. McConnell and a group from her school in Kentucky had charge of several of the praise services. God stirred the hearts of the people during the missionary service, and some were definitely healed in answer to believing prayer in the healing service. The writer was elected to serve as chairman for the ensuing year, with four other vice-chairmen as assistants.—CLIFTON T. MATTHEWS.

Deaths

ADRIAN EUGENE DYSON was born November 26, 1902, in Mobeetie, Texas, and died August 24, 1957, at his home in Sinton, Texas. He had suffered for many years from diabetes. In spite of much affliction he bore his sufferings with grace and faith in God. He was converted on December 23, 1956, and became a member of the Vista Church of the Nazarene in May of 1957. From the date of his conversion he testified constantly to the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dyson, of Carlsbad, a brother, Edward; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dyson. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. H. Davis, assisted by his pastor, Rev. Velva Cruzan, with interment in the Eternal Hills Cemetery.

HERBERT (Bert) SHULL was born September 22, 1883, and died suddenly at his home in Sylvia, Kansas, on September 14, 1957. He was a charter member of the Pleasant Hill Church of the Nazarene, Sylvia. His death is a great loss to the Lord and His people. He is survived by his wife, Rose; and four daughters, Mrs. Ralph Snow­ gar, Mrs. Melva Knauff, Mrs. Earl Anneler, Mrs. Luther Marshall, Miss Lula Hudson of Kansas City, Missouri, and Miss Hazel Shull, of Brighton, Colorado. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. E. M. Walden, assisted by Rev. T. E. Emmert, pastor.

MRS. INEZ R. SMITH, age seventy-three years, died September 7, 1957, in Pasadena, California. She had been a faithful and loyal member of Bress Avenue Church since 1937, and was a charter member of Missionary Church in 1945. She was married to Rev. Paul J. Smith; and two daughters, Mrs. Alpin P. Bowers and Mrs. Margaret Horton, both of Kansas City, Missouri, also six grandchildren.

ROY A. BAKER, prominent layman of First Church of the Nazarene, Tucson, Arizona, died May 7, 1957, in Pasadena, California. He was born in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, on September 7, 1908, and was killed instantly in an automobile accident on September 16, 1957, in Sacramento, California. Alman Snyder spent most of his life in the Lodi, California, area, and was a member of a number of churches. Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife, Miss Dorothy Richey. Funeral service was held in Lodi, California, with Rev. Mark Smith, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Long Beach, officiating. Interment was in Sunny Side Memorial Cemetery in Long Beach.

ALIOUS SHINES died October 2, 1957, at age sixty, at his home in Sinton, Texas. He was born May 6, 1897, in Durant, Mississippi. He is survived by his wife, Easter Bell; two daughters: Mrs. Ethel Howard, of the town of St. Paul’s, and Miss Karen Pomeroy, of Bethany, Oklahoma. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Alvis James, pastor of Sinton Church, with interment in the Mount Lebanon Cemetery.

Announcements

WEDDING BELLS
Miss Linda Hudson of Kansas City, Missouri, and Rev. Bernard Archer, pastor at Goshen, Nebraska, were united in marriage November 2, 1957, at the Nazarene Theological Seminary chapel in Kansas City, Missouri, by Rev. T. E. Emmert, pastor of the district advisory board and other district boards for years. Brother and Sister Baker celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1956. The children are Leroy and Leland, Mrs. Violet Cary, Mrs. Gladys Schott, Mrs. Adeline Ponsford, and Miss Lula Hudson.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. M. L. Mann, district superintendent, with interment in the new mausoleum at South Lawn in Tucson.

A/C CURTIS DALE SNYDER, son of Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Snyder, was born October 31, 1934, in Los Angeles, Kansas, and was killed instantly in an automobile accident on September 16, 1957, in Sacramento, California. Alman Snyder spent most of his life in the Lodi, California, area, and was a member of a number of churches. Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife, Miss Dorothy Richey. Funeral service was held in Lodi, California, with Rev. Mark Smith, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Long Beach, officiating. Interment was in Sunny Side Memorial Cemetery in Long Beach.

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Revival Date Service

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