WHAT IS THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE?
THE BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS extends a warm welcome to the thousands of Nazarenes who are converging on Dallas, Tex., for what may well be the largest convocation in the history of our church. This General Assembly graphically demonstrates several outstanding characteristics of the Church of the Nazarene.

WELCOME...
to the 19th General Assembly

OURS IS TRULY AN INTERNATIONAL CHURCH
Delegates and visitors will represent the more than 60 world areas where the church has established itself. If full delegations are present from all world missions and overseas home mission districts, they will comprise one-fourth of the total number of delegates. Although all assembly sessions will be conducted in the English language, simultaneous translations will be made into a number of other languages.

We trust that representatives of our church from Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe, the United States, and other world areas will sense that all are important members of the General Assembly and will take full advantage of its privileges and responsibilities. Though our colors and cultures may differ, we are all brothers and sisters in the family of God, and therefore we are one in the bond of Christian love.

WE ARE A GROWING CHURCH
Since the last General Assembly, our denomination has entered eight new world areas. Approximately 200 new churches have been organized. More than 168,000 new Nazarenes have joined our ranks during this quadrennium, the largest number in our history.

To those of this great group who are attending their first General Assembly, we give a very special welcome. You are a part of a dynamic, evangelistic church that is committed to going into all the world and making disciples of all nations.

NAZARENES ARE HOLINESS PEOPLE
Our distinctive doctrine of entire sanctification with its accompanying emphasis upon holy living will be much in evidence during the General Assembly. We will endeavor to find more effective ways to relate our message to our day. Holiness evangelism will be certified as our primary mission.

But we urge you to demonstrate holiness to the people of Dallas personally while we are guests in this great city. As we accept the gracious hospitality extended to us by hotels, restaurants, and other concerns, let us show our appreciation by being generous in our expressions of gratitude (including our gratuities). May the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, and all the rest—be evidenced in our words and actions. Nothing will make a greater impact for Christ and the church.
WE ARE A FRIENDLY PEOPLE
Acts 2:42 tells us that four things characterized the Early Church—"the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayers." Part of the genius of our church has always been its warm Christian fellowship. This has been demonstrated in the local church and at district activities. And General Assembly is no exception. For thousands of Nazarenes it is like "old home week." Many a waitress in Miami in 1972 was heard to exclaim, "These Nazarenes have the best time!" May it always be so. Let our fellowship and breaking of bread at this Assembly be an eloquent witness of our fraternity in the faith.

THE HEARTBEAT OF THE CHURCH IS STRONG
General Assembly is the heart of the church. Every area of church life is represented by lay leaders, pastors, evangelists, missionaries, educators, and district and general church leaders. Best of all, God is with us! His presence guarantees that the public services will be high peaks of inspiration and challenge. Lubricated by the oil of the Holy Spirit, the business sessions will demonstrate unity in essentials and charity in nonessentials. Again we will affirm our dedication to the time-honored doctrinal truths and ethical standards which have justified our existence as a church. With Nazarene songwriter Bill Gaither we say,

"Let the church be the church
Let the people rejoice."

Armed with this fresh certainty of the vitality of the church under the dynamic leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us go from this General Assembly to our worldwide assignments to wage holy warfare to the praise of His glory.

EUGÈNE L. STOWE, Chairman
BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

THE QUADRENNIAL THEME . . .
1976-80
"LIFTING UP CHRIST"

It has become traditional for each General Assembly to adopt a theme for the coming quadrennium. For the past four years we have proclaimed that it was "The Time for Truth." Each of the auxiliaries has emphasized its own particular theme in addition to this general one.

Now something new is about to happen. In the General Conventions and General Assembly the entire church will unite behind one great theme—"Lifting Up Christ." What more compelling task than this? What more basic motivation?

Jesus promised that if He were lifted up from the earth on His cross, He would draw all men to Him. Since He descended from the Cross and has ascended into heaven, He has delegated to His disciples the responsibility of lifting Him up before the world. The uplifted Christ still draws men and women to himself.

Let every department, organization, and agency of the church on the general and district levels commit its full strength to this glorious mission—"Lifting Up Christ."

Let every local church give itself to this fundamental commission—"Lifting Up Christ."

Let every Nazarene minister and layman across the world be caught up in this thrilling privilege—"Lifting Up Christ."
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The Nineteenth General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene represents 586,532 church members, among 1,213,878 church school scholars and constituents, in 6,736 congregations, in addition to 1,371 mission stations and preaching points around the world.

Church government for Nazarenes is representative, combining features of both episcopal and congregational forms of administration. The General Assembly is the governing body of the church, meeting every four years. Being international in character, its members are elected from various geographical districts and world areas.

Half of the elected delegates are laymen and half are ministers. Approximately 25 percent come from outside the continental United States. Visitors at the General Assembly this year number from 30,000 to 35,000.

The General Assembly, as the supreme lawmaking body of the Church of the Nazarene, convenes to elect its general superintendents, general officers (secretary, treasurer, and editor of its official church publication, the "Herald of Holiness"), and a General Board, which administers the affairs of the denomination between General Assemblies.

One of the most rapidly growing denominations, the Church of the Nazarene is evangelical in character, recognizing the Bible as being divinely inspired and therefore the sufficient Guide for doctrine and practice. The church stresses the divine call to holy living and emphasizes the distinctive Wesleyan teaching of entire sanctification.

The General Assembly, meeting in Dallas, will seek for more effective ways to communicate the message of full salvation and to build spiritual bridges to groups and persons who are so finely divided in our broken world.
THE THREE GENERAL OFFICERS of the church, elected by the General Assembly, are amenable to the Board of General Superintendents and the General Board.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY of the church also serves as secretary of the General Board. Duties of the office are varied: preparing journals of the General Assembly and General Board, verifying and recording statistics, preserving all official general church documents, gathering historical material pertinent to the growth of the church, coordinating the arrangements for the General Assembly and General Board meetings, auditing district assembly statistical charts.

THE GENERAL TREASURER of the church also serves as treasurer of the General Board and its several departments. The office keeps custody of all funds belonging to the general interests of the church, provides regular fiscal reports to various boards and departments, secures financial reports from all general institutions of the church, and oversees, with the Investment Committee, all invested funds.

THE EDITOR of the HERALD OF HOLINESS gives oversight to the official publication of the church. This semimonthly publication has a circulation of over 200,000. The periodical is designed to emphasize Christ’s call to holy living, prepare devotional and informative literature which assists personal spiritual growth, and provide news of the growth of the church and items of interest to the Nazarene family and the general evangelical reader.
At 2 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 1908, at Pilot Point, Tex., the union of the Church of the Nazarene was consummated. Keeping the official record at this historic gathering was the secretary of the General Assembly. As responsibilities increased, the secretary of the General Assembly became the general secretary of the Church of the Nazarene.

The general secretary's duties are defined in the Manual. His responsibilities, however, are expanded by direction of the General Board and special assignment from the Board of General Superintendents. Among these duties the general secretary serves as the representative to various religious and civic organizations.

Able men of God have served the Church of the Nazarene as general secretary. Among them have been: E. J. Fleming, 1918-40; C. Warren Jones, 1940-44; S. T. Ludwig, 1944-64; and the current general secretary, B. Edgar Johnson.

As he has played an important role in Nazarene history, the general secretary will continue to fill a vital role as the Church of the Nazarene fulfills her mission of "lifting up Christ" before a needy world.

**OUR CHURCH'S GROWTH** in Historical/Statistical Review

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

**PER CAPITA GIVING**

**NUMBER OF CHURCHES**

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS
Paul Spear

CHURCH SCHOOL
Kenneth S. Rice

EDUCATION AND THE MINISTRY
Edward S. Mann
This board is the official body chosen by the General Assembly to direct the affairs of the church during the quadrennium. Though it is subject to specially called meetings, its annual meeting is held each January, presided over by the general superintendents.

The board is composed of 35 elected members from the 7 geographical zones of the church. Equal representation of lay and ministerial membership is provided. In addition a representative from each of the following interests of the church sits on the board: Ministry and Education, Nazarene Young People’s Society, and Nazarene World Missionary Society.

Eight departments make up the organization of the board: Church Schools, Education and the Ministry, Evangelism, Home Missions, Pensions and Benevolence, Publication, World Missions, and Youth. Each department is administered by an executive secretary, elected by the General Board.

Annually the board hears the reports of the general superintendents, the General Treasurer, and the executive secretaries of the several departments. The board reviews the programs and budgets presented by the various departments and establishes the General Budget upon recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The General Board approves appropriations of Nazarene Theological Seminary and the Nazarene Bible College. It elects three members-at-large on the General Stewardship Commission, a Board of Pensions, and executive secretaries.

The board also elects an executive administrator, who is responsible for coordinating operations at the general church headquarters.
"EVANGELISM, MISSIONS, YOUTH"

"We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure as we have received it."—Dr. P. F. Bresee, founder, Church of the Nazarene.

While this is the mission of the whole church, the Departments of Evangelism, Home Missions, World Missions, and Youth are assigned specifically with the responsibility of fulfilling it. The works of these departments of the General Board, along with the Nazarene World Missionary Society, the Nazarene Young People's Society, and the Servicemen's Commission, are portrayed in this first section.

EVANGELISM IS . . .
NAZARENES IN ACTION WITH A VISION OF THE HARVEST

PREPARING THE SOIL

Prayer Cells
Circles of Concern

SOWING THE SEED

Witnessing
Bible Studies
Public Witness

CULTIVATING AND WATERING

Follow-up
Friendship Evangelism

HARVESTING

Personal Evangelism
Mass Evangelism—Revivals

GARNERING AND REPRODUCING

Baptism
Church Membership
Training—Discipleship

"... The harvest truly is plenteous . . . pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)
OUR MISSION HAS NOT CHANGED

The early leaders of the Church of the Nazarene prayed, fasted, and worked to take the holiness message into every city and wayside place. City and country alike were targets where holiness could be preached and lives changed.

There were 228 churches when we began as a national denomination in 1908. In four years this number had doubled to 576, and nine years later it had doubled again to 1,145. By 1936 our fast-growing young denomination had 4,696 churches and a world membership of 311,199. It was reported in January of 1976 that there were 6,736 churches worldwide, with 5,041 of these located in North America and the related cultures of Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, Britain, and the Republic of South Africa (European).

By multiplying the sowing of the gospel seed, we multiply the harvest. To help accomplish their mission of outreach in today's world, the Department of Home Missions performs a variety of services.

By Dr. RAYMOND W. HURN
Executive Secretary
UNREACHED PEOPLE
World population is now growing at a rate faster than the conversion rate to Christ. With each passing hour we are a world more pagan than we were the hour before.

NEW CHURCHES
Only as Christians reproduce Christians by leading them to spiritual rebirth, and as churches reproduce churches, can we reach the unreached who are our neighbors in nearby communities and around the world.

An older pattern of reproduction has reasserted itself this quadrennium as established churches have reached out in love to establish new congregations on the mother-daughter pattern. This concept, dominant in our earlier years of growth, has taken a new hold the last two years and in 1976—the Year of the New Church—it shows promise of propelling us into totally new dimensions of church growth.

One hundred of our churches should launch satellite outreach units or start churches this year.

(When a new church is born, the Department of Home Missions provides a packet of materials in cooperation with the Nazarene Publishing House. This packet includes record books for the secretary and treasurer, a Pastor’s Program Planner, and 24 Nazarene hymnals among other items needed by a new church organization.)

URBAN MISSION
In Europe and the United States nearly 80 percent of the people live in metropolitan areas where only 20 percent of our churches are located.

Under the direction of Rev. Roger E. Bowman, director of outreach, the Department has sponsored a series of urban ministries conferences in cities such as Chicago, San Francisco, Kansas City, and Washington, D.C., to focus attention on the need and to assist in launching meaningful ministries.

| Percentage of U.S. population who are adherents of a Christian denomination (49.6 percent) |
| Percentage of U.S. population who are confirmed members of a Christian denomination (20 percent) |
| Percentage of Canadian population who are adherents of a Christian denomination (63 percent) |
| Percentage of Canadian population who are confirmed members of a Christian denomination (37 percent) |
| Percentage of U.S. population who live in metropolitan areas of 50,000 or more (75 percent) |
| Percentage of U.S. population Black, Spanish, Other Non-White, and White. |
  - Black (11.5 percent) |
  - Other non-white (15 percent) |
  - Spanish (5.5 percent) |
  - White (81.5 percent) |

Because of differences in national cultures and churches, one chart cannot reflect the situation in every nation. Although this chart reflects conditions in North America, similar comparisons can be made for other areas where such statistics are kept. European countries, for example, generally have not more than 5 percent of their people in attendance at church on Sunday. Nowhere on earth has Christianity reached the saturation point of its penetration of the culture. Wherever there is a needy heart, there is a mission field.
SUMMER MINISTRIES
Teams of Nazarene collegians have given their summer to serve on Christian Action Teams. These teams serve as evangelists, in vacation Bible schools, by construction work, and through cross-cultural ministry.

ETHNIC MINISTRIES
A seven-member Council of Black Churchmen has given advice and counsel, especially to this largest of racial minorities in the United States.

LANDS (LOCATING ANOTHER NAZARENE DEVELOPMENT SITE)
LANDS is an Approved 10 Percent Missionary Special. Gifts of farms, apartment buildings, stores, and other property are received for the LANDS program. These gifts are sold and the proceeds used for grants to new churches for building sites. The grants are matched by the district.

GENERAL CHURCH LOAN FUND
An additional helping hand for new churches is found in the General Church Loan Fund, where new congregations may apply for loans to finance their first units of construction.

Funds for the GCLF come from gifts of concerned Christians and from deposits made in return for interest. In this way the fund does double duty both as a lending institution and as a savings institution. It puts Nazarene dollars to work for Christ on our mission fields at home.

GCAP
The Growing Church Achievement Program encourages every local church, large and small, to be actively involved in the multiplication of the church.
Each year at district assembly two outstanding churches are recognized for their home mission ministry. One award is given for churches of over 50 members; the other for those with fewer than 50 members. A merit award is also given in each category.

**MISSION DISTRICTS**

As new churches are formed and new countries entered, new districts are formed. Pioneer Districts (beginning stage) are Netherlands, Samoa, and Scandinavia. Mission Districts (50 percent or more self-supporting) are Alaska, Australia, Canada Atlantic, Canada Pacific, Hawaii, Middle European, New Zealand, Nevada-Utah, and South Africa.

**BIBLE COLLEGES**

Essential to the evangelization of national groups is a trained ministry composed of ministers from those countries.

Toward this end we have four Nazarene colleges led by spiritually prepared and academically proficient leaders. Areas served are:

- **South Africa**
  - South African Nazarene Bible College
  - Dr. Theodore Esselstyn, president

- **Australia—New Zealand**
  - Australia—New Zealand Nazarene Bible College
  - Dr. R. T. Bolerjack, president

- **Europe**
  - European Nazarene Bible College
  - Dr. William Prince, president

- **Samoa**
  - Samoa Nazarene Bible College
  - Rev. Alvin Orchard, president

The unreached in rural and suburban areas, the cities, the minorities are our mission fields at home. Here the church can bring the healing of Christ.

During the 1976-80 quadrennium, the Department of Home Missions will seek to multiply the church and extend the gospel to “everyone who thirsts.”
INTERNATIONAL CHURCH
Becomes a Reality

Seated (l. to r.) Dr. Jerald Johnson, executive secretary of World Missions; Rev. Alfonso Barrientos; and Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent.

REGULAR DISTRICTS
100% Self-supporting
Guatemala Northeast
Peru North

MISSION DISTRICTS
50% Self-supporting
Argentina
Barbados
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Cape Verde
Central Africa, Rhodesia
Central Africa, Zambia
Coloured and Indian, Northern, Africa
Cuba
Japan
Korea, Central
Korea, South
Mexico Central
Mexico Northeast
Mexico Northwest
Mexico Southwest
Mozambique, Limpopo
Mozambique, Maputo
Mozambique, Mavengane
Mozambique, Tavane
Nicaragua
Philippines, Luzon
Puerto Rico-Virgin Islands
Republic of South Africa, South-Western
Swaziland, Northern
Taiwan
Trinidad/Tobago
Central Latin America
Eastern Latin America
North American Indian
Western Latin America

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH
BECOMING REALITY

Rev. Alfonso Barrientos, district superintendent of Guatemala Northeast, arrived in Kansas City, July 9, for a visit sponsored by the Department of World Missions.

Guatemala Northeast is the first district under the Department of World Missions to attain Regular status according to the regulations set by the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. Barrientos was given tours of the Nazarene Publishing House, Headquarters, and the seminary. He also met with various general leaders of the church and luncheoned with several executive secretaries.

The purpose of his visit was to acquaint Rev. Barrientos further with the workings of the general church, and to expose him more thoroughly with the structure of regular districts.
A Quadrennium of Growth 1972-76

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New Fields Entered

- Hong Kong
- Indonesia
- Dominican Republic
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Bahamas
- Leeward Islands
- French Antilles
- Windward Islands
- Portugal
District Superintendents

Argentina
Rev. Alejandro Adolfo Medina
1954 ordained
1972 appointed
by Dr. George Coulter

Barbados
Rev. Clyde Carlton Greenidge
1962 ordained
1971 appointed
by Dr. Edward Lawlor

Belize
Rev. Alvin Leopold Young
1958 ordained
1970 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe

Brazil
Rev. Nolberto Vicuña
1970 ordained
1976 elected

Cape Verde
Rev. Francisco Xavier Ferreira
1967 ordained
1975 appointed
by Dr. Edward Lawlor

Cuba
Rev. Hildo Morejon

Eastern Latin-American District
Rev. José Cardona
1958 ordained
1970 appointed
by Dr. George Coulter

Guatemala Northeast District
Rev. Alfonso Barrionuevo
1958 ordained
1970 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe

Guyana
Rev. Joseph Poonsamy Murugan
1967 ordained
1971 appointed
by Dr. Edward Lawlor

Haiti—North District
Rev. Delano Pierre
1972 ordained
1974 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe

Haiti—South District
Rev. Florentin Alvarez
1969 ordained
1974 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe

Barbados
Rev. Clyde Carlton Greenidge
1962 ordained
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Haiti—South District
Rev. Florentin Alvarez
1969 ordained
1974 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe
World Mission Districts

Central Africa—Malawi South
Rev. Albert Mphanda
1973 ordained
1976 appointed
by Dr. George Coulter

Central Africa—Rhodesia District
Rev. D. Ignatius Chavunduka
1969 ordained
1970 elected

Central Africa—Zambia District
Rev. Nicholas Chimba
1956 ordained
1975 appointed
by Dr. George Coulter

Central Latin America
Rev. H. O. Espinoza
1961 ordained
1973 elected
by Dr. George Coulter

Coloured and Indian, Africa—Northern District
Rev. George Taylor
1958 ordained
1972 appointed

India—Washim District
Rev. Dayanand M. Kharat
1964 ordained
1974 appointed
by Dr. Edward Lawlor

Japan
Rev. Tsutararo Sakurai
1942 ordained
1976 elected

Korea—Central District
Rev. Moon Kyung Cho
1959 ordained
1973 elected

Korea—South District
Rev. Jong Ilwan Oh
1959 ordained
1973 elected
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe

Mexico—Central District
Rev. Moises Garces
1950 ordained
1972 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe

Mexico—Northeast District
Rev. Moses Esperilla
1958 ordained
1972 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe

Nicaragua
Rev. Luis Ernesto Bello H.
1966 ordained
1973 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe

North American Indian District
Rev. Julian Dunn
1961 ordained
1974 elected

Peru, North District
Rev. Alberto Zamora L.
1957 ordained
1975 elected

Philippines—Luzon District
Rev. Andres C. Valenzuela
1958 ordained
1968 elected

Philippines—Visayan District
Rev. Wilfredo A. Manaos
1957 ordained
1974 appointed
by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe

R.S.A. South—Western District
Rev. Alfred Selepe
1963 ordained
1974 elected

Swaasiland—North District
Rev. Leonard Clement Sibandze
1961 ordained
1969 elected

Trinidad and Tobago
Rev. Farrell Chapman
1962 ordained
1975 elected

Western Latin America District
Rev. Juan E. Madrid
1945 ordained
1963 appointed

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THE NWMS IS AN AUXILIARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORLD MISSIONS. ITS PURPOSE IS TO ENLIST AND ENCOURAGE MEMBERS:

(1) to pray for the missionary work of the church.
(2) to study the salvation needs of the world and to promote a wider knowledge of the mission fields of the church.
(3) to inspire and challenge the youth to keep willing hearts to answer God's call to the mission field.
(4) to help raise funds to carry on the missionary work of the Church of the Nazarene.

NWMS HIGHLIGHTS

1913—"Other Sheep" published (20c per year)
1915—Officially organized as Women's Foreign Missionary Society
1919—Memorial Roll funds for medical aid and retirement
1921—Box work for missionaries
1925—Prayer and Fasting League officially began
1949—Alabaster—for buildings on the fields
1952—Became Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society
1953—Latin Language Broadcast
1955—Fortieth anniversary—opened work in New Guinea
1964—Became Nazarene World Missionary Society
1965—Fiftieth anniversary—hospital built in New Guinea
1974—Alabaster twenty-fifth anniversary year (over $1.24 million given for Alabaster in this one year)
1975—Sixtieth anniversary—special emphasis on Easter and Thanksgiving offerings, and on the General Budget, the missionary lifeline of the church.

STANDARD ☐ SEVEN POINT ☐ STAR AWARD SOCIETIES

To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!
1976 . . . . .
WE BEGIN A NEW DECADE . . . . .
OF . . . . .

LIFTING UP CHRIST

NWMS
1976-80

. . . THAT ALL MAY HEAR . . .
AND UNDERSTAND . . .
AND BELIEVE . . .

that “God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

4,724 LOCAL NWM SOCIETIES WITH 320,041 MEMBERS
81 DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. L. S. OLIVER
General President

Mrs. WANDA KNOX
Executive Secretary
THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH provides ministry to and for Nazarene young people. It supervises the development and evaluation of most of the church’s youth materials.

The Department sustains a close relationship with the General NYPS Council, especially through its executive secretary, who is a member ex-officio of the Council.

Department Objectives

Our task is to be giving agents of the gospel which calls young people to affirm Jesus as their Lord and brings them:

— to a life-changing encounter with Christ (Relationship);
— from conversion to mature disciples (Life-style);
— to a better doctrinal understanding (Belief);
— to an investment of their energies in Christian service (Mission).

SUMMER MINISTRIES

The ministry of Lost and Found, a music, outreach, and drama group (Discovery Players) is sponsored by the Department of Youth. The group is made up of college students who invest their summer in an aggressive, faith-building ministry. The group conducts leadership training workshops and performs musical concerts throughout North America.
CAMPUS MINISTRIES

The Department of Youth has recently invested its ministry resources in the secular campus. Strategies are being developed that will enable students to be involved in discipleship on the secular campus. This strategic new effort is under the leadership of Ernie McNaught, general director of Campus Ministries.

PRINTED MATERIALS • There is a strong emphasis placed upon printed materials for Nazarene young people. The Department produces feature magazines, resource packets, leadership guides, study and discussion outlines, and reading packets for children, youth, and young adults.
NAZARENE YOUNG PEOPLE’S SOCIETY

The NYPS is the extension of the Youth Department’s ministry to the district and local church. Responsibility for NYPS programs and emphases rests largely with the General NYPS Council and its officers.

The Society has three divisions of ministry: Nazarene Junior Fellowship, Nazarene Teen Fellowship, and Nazarene Young Adult Fellowship. These three age-group divisions have directors at the local, district, and general level.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Youth Week
Bible Society Offering
IMPACT
Bible Quizzing
Youth Camps
General Convention
District Convention
World Youth Conference
Regional Youth Leadership Conference

NAZARENE SERVICEMEN’S DIVISION

Ministry to chaplains and those in military service is the responsibility of the Nazarene Servicemen’s Division. The Division maintains contact with chaplains by regular correspondence, personal visits, and group conferences. Annual servicemen’s retreats are scheduled in Europe for military personnel and their families. A Far East Retreat is held periodically.
YOUTH DEPARTMENT STAFF...

YEOUTH MINISTRIES
Dan Ketchum

SPECIAL MINISTRIES
Lane Zachary

RESOURCES FOR YOUTH MINISTRY
Mickey Cox

BIBLE QUIZ MINISTRIES
Eddy Hall

YOUTH MINISTRIES
Nazarene Teen Fellowship
- "Bread"
- Lost and Found
- Youth Camp Curriculum
- "Total Youth Program Service"
- Teen Bible Quiz
- Junior Bible Quiz
- "HELPS"
- Nazarene Young Adult Fellowship
- "Young Adult Discussion Outlines"
- "Etcetera"

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES
J. Paul Turner

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
Bill Young
DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH SCHOOLS

The Department of Church Schools is headed by an executive secretary and an executive editor.

The executive secretary is responsible for worldwide church schools program and promotion. The executive editor supervises the work of 18 curriculum and story-paper editors, producing 27 periodicals with a total circulation of over 6 million.

Nazarene Sunday school enrollment currently stands at 1,213,878, with an average weekly attendance of 636,971.

The Department sponsors a church-wide convention each four years immediately prior to the General Assembly.

“CHRISTIAN EDUCATION”
Jesus said, “Go... teach.”

The Church lifts up Christ in carrying out this divine command. People must be converted. But they must also be “discipled,” trained to serve.

The Department of Church Schools, the Department of Education and the Ministry, and the Christian Service Training (CST) Commission—each in its own way seeks to equip persons to minister.
AVAILABLE FOR YOU:
Books, courses, and resource packets
Brochures and helps for—Bible memorization, Bible studies (nursery through adult), Caravan, children’s church, Christian Family Life, Cradle Roll, evangelistic bus ministry, Senior Adult Ministries (including Home Department), Sunday school administration, teacher self-improvement, vacation Bible schools, visitation and outreach, etc.

SERVICES ON LOCATION
• Clinics
• Conventions and Workshops
• Curriculum Research Seminars
• Building and Planning
• Speaking
• Training Classes
LIFTING UP CHRIST

with an HONOR SCHOOL

5% GAIN IN ENROLLMENT
5% GAIN IN ATTENDANCE
5% OF AVERAGE ATTENDANCE RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP BY PROFESSION OF FAITH

START THE FALL WITH THE 3 Bs

BUILD ENROLLMENT IN SEPTEMBER

BOOST ATTENDANCE IN OCTOBER

BE EVANGELISTIC IN NOVEMBER
NEW MATERIALS

COMING SEPTEMBER, 1977

NEW ADULT CURRICULUM

Nazarene
Enduring
Word
Series

All NEW—not related in any way to the Uniform Lesson Series
• Bible-centered • Thoroughly Wesleyan • Relevant and innovative • Two tracks—adult and young adult courses

DEVELOPED BY NAZARENES FOR NAZARENES

NEW THIS QUADRENNIUM
Dialog Series—1972
Probe—1974
Middler Curriculum—1975

NEW BOOKS FROM OUR DEPARTMENT
Because God Made Me, by Elizabeth B. Jones
Bus Ministry Manual, by Harold C. Davis
Vacation Bible School and Exciting Summer Ministry Options, by Jeannette and Melton Wienecke
Helping Senior Highs Learn, by Roy F. Lynn
How to Teach Adults Without Really Suffering, edited by Wesley Tracy
Teaching Today’s Junior Highs, by Donald G. Whitlock
The Best of Discoveries, compiled by Ruth Henck
The Christian Family: Love in All Dimensions, edited by John Nielsen
That’s Enough for Me (a junior fellowship book), by Ethel Bailey
NAZARENE HIGHER EDUCATION

Twelve institutions of higher education are affiliated with the Department of Education and the Ministry.
Nazarene Theological Seminary and the eight liberal arts colleges are all fully accredited by their respective accrediting associations.

Mid-America Nazarene College and Mount Vernon Nazarene College were accredited in March, 1974, in the least number of years in which a college can attain accreditation.

During the quadrennium, Canadian Nazarene College became an approved teaching center of the University of Manitoba.

In the fall of 1975, enrollment at Nazarene institutions of higher education reached an all-time high of 10,789, a 10 percent increase over the preceding year.

Approximately 600 highly trained educators are serving our institutions of higher education as administrators and faculty members.

Nazarene support of higher education in 1974-75 reached an all-time high of $5,982,267—an average of $13.22 for each church member.

Total church support of Nazarene higher education during the quadrennium amounted to $20,980,945.

The assets of the 12 institutions affiliated with the Department of Education and the Ministry totals $102,808,139, with a net worth of $50,950,926.
THE CST COMMISSION

The Christian Service Training work is inter-departmental and is guided by a Commission composed of the executives of the various departments of the General Board. The members of the CST Commission are:

Charles H. Strickland, General Superintendent
H. T. Reza, Latin Division, Chairman
Donald J. Gibson, Evangelism
Raymond W. Hurn, Home Missions
Jerald D. Johnson, World Missions
Wanda Knox, NWMS
M. A. Lunn, Nazarene Publishing House
Melvin McCullough, Youth
Edward S. Mann, Education
Donald S. Metz, Church Schools
OFFICE STAFF

Earl C. Wolf, Executive Director
Sylvia Frank, Office Manager
Secretaries: Jeanne Bailey, Connie Cochran, Cathy Glinn, Pamela Taylor, and Karen Turner
Home Study Graders: Aletha Miller, Edith Rice, and Mildred Wolf
Printed, radio, and visual instruments are tools to be utilized in lifting up Christ. The Nazarene Publishing House, Latin Publications, and the Communications Commission continue to use these means in spreading the good news of God's love.
The Church of the Nazarene has not been unmindful of the importance of printer's ink. When the church was formed at Pilot Point in 1908, one of the first concerns was to establish a publishing house to publish a church paper and to print periodicals for use in our Sunday schools and books for the edification and guidance of our people.

Your Publishing House intends, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, to be faithful to the teachings of God's Word and the principles and practices which have characterized the church since its inception of its ministry by the printed page.
INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS BOARD

—satisfying the spiritual thirst of the Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian world through the media of the printed and audio word.

30 years of service to the Spanish-speaking world.

4 years of publications in the Portuguese language.

Initial work begun in Italian.

Plans for extension into other Latin languages.

A Diversified Ministry:
- Periodicals
- Sunday school literature
- Books
- Music
- Records
- VBS material
- Church aids

SALES GROWTH

11,417
52,185
79,248
170,689
318,129
440,907
661,881

'48 '52 '56 '60 '64 '68 '72 '76

SALES GROWTH
Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.
—Proverbs 5:16
NAZARENE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

With an executive and staff dedicated to delivering the denomination's message of full salvation, Nazarene Communications works with each of the General Board departments to produce films, filmstrips, slide productions, recordings, videotapes, news releases, and the other tools so vital in reaching the contemporary world. The media produced has communicated in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French.

The Communications Commission, advisory group to the Department of Communications, is composed of General Secretary B. Edgar Johnson; executive secretaries Jerald Johnson, Raymond Hurn, Donald Gibson, M. A. Lunn; and General Board members Bennett Dudney (secretary), C. William Ellwanger (chairman), Bennett Dudney (secretary), C. William Ellwanger (chairman), Jack Morris, Morris Wilson, and General Superintendent sponsor Eugene L. Stowe.

Dr. Ted Martin, director of Nazarene Information Service and "Showers of Blessing" speaker, has summed up the stance of Nazarene Communications in this way:

"The electronic breakthroughs that multiply by the day are challenges to the church. Using them, we must portray the gospel which brings men to see Jesus, the Man for today."

Nazarene Information Service, under the direction of T. E. Martin (left), includes the print media and the 24-hour call-in phone news. Director of Photography Dave Anderson (below) is responsible for filmstrips and all other still photo productions.

Film and recording studios have become natural habitat for Nazarene Communications.

Executive Director Paul Sk...
The challenge of television is one of the assignments for Mel Schroeder (left photo), director of media research and utilization. In cooperation with CST, six 30-minute video cassette installments of two texts have been produced. The production shot above shows a panel discussing Samuel Young's (left) *Giving and Living*. CST Director Earl Wolf (right) and resource person Howard Hamlin (second from right) join moderator Paul Miller in conversation.
The "Showers of Blessing" ministry commands the talents of engineer-music director Gary Moore (left). He is also the program's baritone soloist. Ted Martin (center) became the preaching voice of "Showers" in 1975 following William Fisher's (right) eight years of ministry.

Ray Hendrix (far left) is director of Latin Language Communication Media. His work relates to Spanish, Portuguese, and French radio and TV, and the development of audiovisuals. Writing and direction for films and radio is Paul Miller's (left) assignment. His voice is heard each week as the "Showers of Blessing" announcer.

A secretarial staff of six keeps office operations in motion. Pictured to the left are (left to right) Mary Alice Medley, Clara Rogers, Lucille Hudson, Sandi Miller, Mary Orjala, and Betty Zurcher.
French, Spanish, and Portuguese radio are represented by speakers (left to right) French-Canadian Adrien Robichaud; Latin American “Ambassador” H. T. Reza; and Cape Verdian Jorge de Barros. Serge LaPalme preaches for the Canadian French broadcast.

NAZARENE COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY
MEDIA RELEASED 1972-76

10 16-mm. films
15 sound filmstrips
4 multiscreen slide programs
7 slide programs
21 30-minute complete video cassette productions
4 30-second TV spots
1 30-minute TV special: “My Little Corner of the World”
6 30-second radio spots
150 audio cassette productions

“Showers of Blessing” program is heard on 608 stations
“La Hora Nazarena” (Spanish) is heard on 552 stations
“A Hora Nazarena” (Portuguese) is heard on 57 stations
“L’Heure du Nazareen” (French-Haiti) is heard on 11 stations
“L’Heure du Nazareen” (French-Canada) is heard on 5 stations
5 Spanish radio spots
6 French radio spots
1 Spanish 30-minute TV special: “La Hora Nazarena”

2 Spanish personal evangelism lesson tapes
12 Spanish 5-minute Bible studies
6 Spanish 5-minute experimental radio programs

PLANS OF THE NEW QUADRENNIUM
★ Produce television specials
★ Experiment in additional radio formats
★ Produce video cassettes to enhance curriculum and study materials produced by CST, Youth, Church Schools, and other departments
★ Upgrade 16-mm. motion picture and filmstrip production.
★ Provide church news and information by innovative methods that will shorten the span between an event and its reporting.
★ Make the local church more aware of media opportunities and possibilities at their disposal.
★ Discover more creative methods to communicate the Good News.
★ More closely align itself with the media needs of the local church through district directors who represent all church interests.
★ Further develop and encourage indigenous radio ministries in Italian, Korean, and major African languages.

The many services of Nazarene Communications include film previews (left) for editors and church leaders, as well as the production of audiovisual materials for lectures and workshops.
“STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE”

Christ is exalted by the proper use of our time, talent, and treasure. Accountability is big in Kingdom business.

The office of the General Treasurer, the General Stewardship Commission, the Department of Pensions and Benevolence, and the Division of Life Income Gifts and Bequests assist in preparing us to give an account to our Lord at the Last Day.

As custodian of all funds of the general church, the General Treasurer receives and disburses approximately $20 million annually in funds used for the work of the general church around the world and, in cooperation with the Investment Committee of the General Board, supervises the investment of trust and reserve funds. An audited financial report is presented annually to the General Board and every four years to the General Assembly.

NORMAN O. MILLER
General Treasurer

Remittances from local churches are checked in Accounting Division of the General Treasurer’s Office. The remittance forms are then delivered to the computer room for processing.
### Quadrennial Receipts for World Evangelism

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<td><strong>$13,019,429.54</strong></td>
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Key-punch operators provide input to the computer to print a receipt for the local church. More than 60,000 receipts are processed annually under the supervision of James R. Davis.
Stewardship involves more than money—much more. And the General Stewardship Commission is concerned about more than raising budgets. Its purpose is to promote the many aspects of Christian stewardship—including such concerns as proper use of our time, environment, intelligence, and, of course, financial resources.

The Commission emphasizes Christian stewardship through books, periodicals, program materials, tracts, and an annual Stewardship Kit for pastors. Membership in the Commission includes representatives of all departments and interests of the denomination. Each year the Commission plans publicity for the major offerings for world evangelization and provides continuing emphasis on the many stewardship responsibilities that we all carry.

### Per Capita Giving Since 1965

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Easter and Thanksgiving
Offerings since 1971

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<td>3,982,405</td>
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<td>1975</td>
<td>4,254,895</td>
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Congratulations to these churches which have been 10 percent givers for 25 or more consecutive years, including the 1974-75 church year:

Alexandria, Ind.
Anderson First, Ind.
Beardstown, Ill.
Bethel, Ill.
Britt Zion, Ia.
Chattanooga First, Tenn.
Columbiana, Ohio
Council Bluffs First, Ia.
Elkhart First, Ind.
Harris Chapel, Ind.
Kansas City First, Mo.
Marion First, Ohio
Monongahela, Pa.
Mount Hope, Ind.
Nampa First, Ida.
New Brighton, Pa.
New Rockford, N.D.
Sublette, Kans.
Warren First, Ohio
Winchester, Ind.

Members of the General Stewardship Commission:
Charles H. Strickland
   – General Superintendent Sponsor
Robert Crew
Donna J. Gibson
Raymond Hum
B. Edgar Johnson
Jerald D. Johnson
John A. Knight
Wanda Knox
M. A. Lunn
Edward S. Mann
Ted Martin
Melvin McCullough
Donald S. Metz
Norman O. Miller
H. T. Reza
Kenneth S. Rice
Paul Skiles
Dean Wessels
Earl C. Wolf

Members-at-large
Paul Cunningham
James Ingalls
Milton Parrish

Office staff of the General Stewardship Commission
Earl C. Wolf, Executive Director
Karen Turner, Office Secretary
Donald Wilde, Office Assistant
• Ministers become eligible to participate in Social Security (1955).
• Primary Group Term Life Insurance begins for ministers participating in Social Security. Coverage: $1,000, reduced to $500 at 65.
• Maximum allowable NMBF benefit: Couple, $600 per year; widow, $360 per year.

1956
• NMBF monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, $900 per year; widow, $540 per year.

1957
• NMBF monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, $1,200 per year; widow, $800 per year.

1960
• Supplemental Group Term Life Insurance program initiated: Maximum coverage, $4,000.
  • NMBF monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, $2,100 per year; widow, $1,500 per year.

1962
• Supplemental Retirement Program (Tax-sheltered Annuity) inaugurated: 4 percent interest annually.

1963
• Supplemental Retirement Program (Tax-sheltered Annuity) rate of interest increases from 4 to 4 1/2 percent annually.
  • NMBF monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, $2,400 per year; widow, $1,800 per year.
  • Emergency Medical Assistance increases from $300 to $500.

1964
• Supplemental Retirement Program (Tax-sheltered Annuity) rate of interest increases from 4 to 4 1/2 percent annually.
  • NMBF monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, $2,700 per year; widow, $1,920 per year.

1965
• The Double Coverage benefit added to Primary Group Term Life Insurance on districts reaching 90 percent of their NMBF budget.

1967
• Supplemental Retirement Program (Tax-sheltered Annuity) rate of interest increases from 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 percent annually.
  • Supplemental Retirement Program (Tax-sheltered Annuity) rate of interest increases from 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 percent annually.
  • Supplemental Group Term Life Insurance maximum coverage raised from $4,000 to $5,000.

1968
• All ministers must automatically participate in Social Security.
  • NMBF monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, $2,700 per year; widow, $1,920 per year.

1969
• Supplemental Retirement Program (Tax-sheltered Annuity) rate of interest increases from 4 1/2 to 5 percent annually.

1970
• Supplemental Retirement Program (Tax-sheltered Annuity) rate of interest increases from 5 to 5 1/2 percent annually.
  • NMBF monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, $3,000 per year; widow, $1,920 per year.
  • Supplemental Retirement Program (Tax-sheltered Annuity) deposits reach $500,000
  • Supplemental Group Term Life Insurance maximum coverage raised from $5,000 to $10,000.
1971 • "BASIC" PENSION INAUGURATED AT $2.00 PER MONTH PER SERVICE YEAR—MAXIMUM $80.00 FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE.
  • Supplemental Retirement Program (Tax-sheltered Annuity) rate of interest increases from 5½ to 6 percent annually.

1972 • NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENCE CHANGED TO DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE.
  • Supplemental Retirement Program (Tax-sheltered Annuity) rate of interest increases from 6 to 6½ percent annually.
  • "Basic" Pension increase from $2.00 to $2.50 per month per service year—maximum $100 for 40 years.
  • Accidental Death and Dismemberment double indemnity added to the Primary Group Term Policy, the 90 percent Double Coverage clause, and the Supplemental Group Term Life Insurance Policy, with no additional costs to the minister.

1973 • Supplemental Retirement Program (Tax-sheltered Annuity) deposits reach $1 million.
  • Supplemental Retirement Program rate of interest increases from 6½ to 7 percent annually.

1974 • Benevolence (NMBF) monthly benefit increases: New maximum for a couple, $3,600 per year; widow, $2,100 per year.
  • "Basic" Pension increases from $2.50 to $3.00 per month per service year—maximum $120 for 40 years of service.
  • Supplemental Group Term Life Insurance maximum coverage raised from $10,000 to $15,000.
  • Supplemental Retirement Program (Tax-sheltered Annuity) interest rate increases from 7 to 7⅛ percent annually.

1975 • TEMPORARY MONTHLY DISABILITY BENEVOLENCE INITIATED FOR DISABLED MINISTERS WAITING FOR SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY.
  • ALL ORDAINED MINISTERS BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR PRIMARY GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE.
  • "BASIC" PENSION MINIMUM YEARS OF FULL-TIME SERVICE REDUCED FOR ELIGIBILITY, FROM 20 TO 15 YEARS.
  • "Basic" Pension increases from $3.00 to $3.50 per month per year of service—maximum $140 for 40 years.
  • SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM (TAX-SHELTERED ANNUITY) DEPOSITS REACH $2 MILLION.

1976 • SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM (TAX-SHELTERED ANNUITY) INTEREST RATE INCREASES FROM 7⅛ PERCENT TO 9 PERCENT ANNUALLY.
  • Supplemental Retirement Program (Tax-sheltered Annuity) deposits surpass $3 million.

DEAN WESSELS
Executive Secretary
Life Income Gifts & Bequests

We want to help you take a wise look ahead

Every committed Nazarene endeavors to be a faithful steward. Yet, expressing wise biblical stewardship for today and the future is not always simple. Consideration must be given to (1) personal plans and desires, (2) legal questions, (3) income taxes, (4) estate taxes, (5) money management, (6) financial provisions, (7) record-keeping.

Through the church's Horizons programs for planned giving, there's a new way to invest in your church while investing in your future. There is never any charge or obligation. Service is thoughtful, confidential, knowledgeable.

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Your investment is backed by the resources and interest of your church. Rev. Robert Crew, executive consultant, heads this division working with and under the Board of General Superintendents. Investments are made by the Investment Committee and administered under the trusteeship of the General Board.

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A service of THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Recognizing that the right and privilege of persons to church membership rest upon the fact of their being regenerate, we would require only such avowals of belief as are essential to Christian experience. We, therefore, deem belief in the following brief statements to be sufficient:

**THE NAZARENE CREED**

...in brief

1. That there is one God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. That the Old and New Testament Scriptures, given by plenary inspiration, contain all truth necessary to faith and Christian living.
3. That man is born with a fallen nature, and is, therefore, inclined to evil, and that continually.
4. That the finally impenitent are hopelessly and eternally lost.
5. That the atonement through Jesus Christ is for the whole human race; and that whosoever repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ is justified and regenerated and saved from the dominion of sin.
6. That believers are to be sanctified wholly, subsequent to regeneration, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
7. That the Holy Spirit bears witness to the new birth, and also to the entire sanctification of believers.
8. That our Lord will return, the dead will be raised, and the final judgment will take place.

—Manual, Church of the Nazarene
HISTORICALLY, THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE dates back to the turn of the present century when three independent holiness groups sprang up: one in New England; one in California; and one in Texas, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. In 1908, representatives of these groups met in General Assembly at Pilot Point, Tex., to form what is now known as the Church of the Nazarene. United in faith and practice, the 228 churches which comprised this union followed the theological persuasion of John Wesley with his insistence on vital Christian experience and emphasizing the experience of entire sanctification or perfect love.

WORLD OUTREACH FOR THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE includes more than 6,700 established churches in over 55 world areas. Forty-three Nazarene liberal arts colleges and Bible colleges and a graduate seminary provide training centers where quality education, spiritually motivated, keeps eternal values in focus. The Nazarene Publishing House proclaims the gospel by the printed page. Our radio broadcasts are heard over hundreds of stations in English, Spanish, and other languages. Press evangelism, as reported in newspapers, magazines, and local releases, helps to create a favorable climate for the full-salvation message.
AMONG THE RELIGIONS of the world, Christianity is distinguished, among other things, by the fact that its God reaches down to man in order to lift man up.

Other religions arise out of history, expressions of man's eternal quest for God. They rely on works, ritual, abstinence. But the Christ of Christian faith comes into history from outside it. By faith in Him one is lifted to a new level of life.

Technically, then, Christianity is not a religion at all. It is a revelation, for in Christ God comes to man. Paul compressed this profound truth into a single sentence: "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself."

The late General Superintendent J. B. Chapman wrote of a former devotee of a non-Christian religion who likened his past sinful plight to being in a deep pit. One came and stood on the ground above and said, "The fact that you are suffering where you are proves you are a sinner. When you have suffered sufficiently and patiently, perhaps you will find your way out of the pit."

Another came, an emissary of salvation by merit, and said, "Your trouble arises out of your struggling. Renunciation of yourself will at last make you worthy to be rescued from the pit. By this means you will be absorbed back into the great World-spirit."

But then came Christ, who with compassion looked into the pit and invited the incarcerated soul to come to Him and find rest. His words would have been mockery had they not been accompanied by His hand that reached down to raise the helpless one.

This graphic description dramatizes the distinction between Christianity and men's religions. Lifting is not strange to Christian faith. Christ came to elevate men out of their sins.

In fact, everything Jesus touched, He lifted. He elevated women to a new level of significance and status in society. He transformed the family and home by His own personal life. He redirected governments and history by His teachings.

The lifting power of God is seen supremely in the resurrection of our Lord. God raised Him from the dead and exalted Him, giving Him a name that is above every name. That same power raises the believer from the grave of trespasses and sins.

If the Father exalted Jesus, His lifted children are expected to do so. But lifting up Christ is a divine work, the work of the Holy Spirit.

We cannot lift up Christ with mere human resolve or endeavor. It is God by His Spirit who does the lifting. "Now I will rise, saith the Lord; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself." (Isaiah 33:10).

Lifting up Christ must be more than a slogan, a program, or a theme. It must be a way of life, the activity of the Spirit in the Church.

A Church lifts Christ as those who make up the Church are filled with His Spirit, for the Spirit exalts Christ.

Isaiah declared how this exaltation is accomplished. "The Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness" (Isaiah 5:16). The exaltation of the Lord results from a demonstration of righteous conduct.

Christ is lifted in us when our praises, our proclamation, our purposes, our plans, our pleasures are controlled by His Spirit. If men see Christ, they will see Him in lives which exalt Him.

While unveiling or exalting Christ is the work of the Spirit, it is our task also. The beauty of Jesus must be made evident to men who are accustomed to the ugly.

As a jeweler holds up a diamond and turns it round and round so that it may be viewed in all its radiance, so by Christ's Spirit we are to lift up every facet of Christ's redemptive work—Saviour of men, Lord of life, Sanctifier, Guide, Healer, Companion, and coming King.

Though man's sight is impaired by sin, we must yet point him to the exalted Lord. Men are nearsighted. They see only themselves. But through the spectacles of God's Word and righteous living, they may be enabled to see the Christ.

By the Spirit the Church proclaims the lifting character of the gospel. Paul experienced it and declared, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth . . . ."

In our kind of sinful world our exalted, lifting Lord is like a Rembrandt portrait—"a bright light shining out of a dark background."
Welcome to

Revival Service

Rev. Don Wilson Evangelist
March 23-28, 7:30
Crown Singers

Church of the Nazarene

Holiness Unto the Lord

Nazarene Caravan