

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### A Challenge in LOVE

Here is the challenge—Memorize the following scripture. Study it. Live it out in every day of your life.

“If I speak in the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease, where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophecy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part, then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is LOVE.”

(I Corinthians 13)

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# *Connection*

*February 2010*



*February  
Emphasis  
Alabaster Offering*

The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. It gives a sense of permanence, the attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots." Eighty percent of the money is used in world mission areas, and twenty percent goes to multicultural congregations in the United States and Canada. Alabaster funds help provide land for most Work & Witness projects. The entire offering goes toward the construction of churches, schools, medical facilities, and homes for missionaries and national workers.

In September and February, the money is collected. Sometimes a "march offering" is received with individuals carrying their boxes to the front of the church and pouring the money into a large offering container. The way an offering is received is as varied as the world areas in which the Church of the Nazarene has a presence; however, it is always accompanied with a spirit of rejoicing.

Alabaster should be well-publicized. All ages are encouraged to participate with leaders educating local churches as to the need for centers of holiness evangelism around the world.

**PROJECT SUMMARY  
1949-2008**

Churches and Chapels .....	3,722
Bible Schools and School Buildings.....	386
Mission & District Centers .....	469
Hospitals and Clinics.....	36
Missionary Homes .....	373
National Workers Homes.....	1,042
Land.....	1,445
Miscellaneous.....	627
Total.....	8,100

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NYI News and Coming Events

**Teen Talent Festival  
TTF  
Raleigh, NC  
February 12 & 13th**

**JOY FELLOWSHIP  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th  
11:30 AM—1:30 PM  
Covered Dish  
Please sign up on bulletin board in the gallery**

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**PROJECT SUMMARY  
2008**

Churches and Chapels.....	138
Bible Schools and School Buildings .....	14
Mission & District Centers .....	36
Hospitals and Clinics .....	0
Missionary Homes .....	16
National Workers Homes .....	18
Land .....	39
Miscellaneous .....	0
Total .....	261

**Offerings Summary**

1949-2008.....	US \$89,294,680
2008 Offering.....	US \$ 3,142,030

**INFORMATION CENTER**

**STATISTICS January**

Sunday School .....	72
Morning Worship .....	102
Evening Worship .....	58
Wed. Evening .....	15

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER  
MENU for February**

- Feb. 3: Soup and Sandwiches
- Feb. 10: Baked Potato Bar
- Feb. 17: Mexican Night
- Feb. 24: Soup and Sandwiches

Wedding Shower for Cheryl Janes  
Sunday, March 21st  
Drop in at the church  
Cheryl is registered at Target  
Or gift certificates for Home Depot/Lowes

**CARAVAN BLUE & WHITE BANQUET**

**MARCH 7th  
Sunday Evening  
(sign-up in Gallery)**

**Men's Ministry sponsored  
"FAMILY NIGHT OF BOWLING"  
Saturday, February 20th  
Fryes Lake Lanes, Concord, NC  
See information center for sign-up**

