Bethany Nazarene College Alumni Association Bethany, Oklahoma 73008





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A MIRACLE!

## PARTNERS IN A MIRACLE!

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS....

NAME THEM ONE BY ONE!

Isn't a big one of them the <u>blessing of BETHANY NAZARENE</u> COLLEGE as a part of

your life experience?

A young freshman <u>testified</u> in an October midweek prayermeeting on campus,

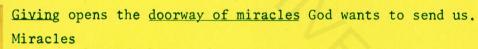
"Here at BNC I have found the <u>real</u> answers to life's basic problems and questions in Jesus Christ!"

That's why BNC is here---to help students of each generation find the real answers in Jesus Christ, and learn to pass them on to others.

The Good News of Salvation goes on and on because of BNC!

Now BNC needs our help. The costs of education have always been more than the tuition income from students. <u>Gifts</u> of alumni, church members and friends have made up the difference all through the years, <u>including when we were students</u>.

Christian holiness education has been made possible by <u>sacrificial giving</u> in past years. This is needed today. In fact we as individuals can achieve our best only <u>when we are challenged to a high cause</u> for self-sacrifice. The joy of sacrificing for something big is one of life's greatest joys.



beyond what we dream possible!

NOW is a critical time for BNC. Students, Faculty and Church Members have become <u>Partners in the BNC Miracle</u> of balancing the budget for 1970-1971....

Students raised and gave \$100,500 from March to July.

Faculty and staff at BNC gave \$50,000 additional.

College purchases of supplies and equipment have been cut back to a bare minimum.

For this year of a balanced budget, together we praise God and rejoice. But now in 1971-1972 we must do it again....
We must have another balanced year of income and expenditures.









BNC operated on a <u>balanced budget for the first 20 years</u> of President Cantrell's administration.

Then along with many other colleges in the United States, we went in the red for three years...borrowed money to operate:

Over \$600,000!

This money must now be repaid.

And school goes on daily with needs for more equipment, books scholarship funds, heat, light, water,

The list is too extensive to write in detail, and to balance the budget again this year is highly important.

Several thousand churchmembers on our four-state educational zone have become "Partners in the Miracle" with special giving this year. Faculty and student representatives have visited churches on the educational zone to obtain pledges now approaching \$450,000. The goal has been for 5,000 of our church families to give \$5.00 a month for 24 months---a total of \$120.00. We praise God for this result thusfar, but also realize that we still have \$150,000 to go to reach our minimum financial need.



Vince Snowbarger, Student Council President, gave the first big check of \$77,554.47 to Dr. Cantrell for the Student Miracle Offering April 20 in a joyful chapel service.

As students responded by giving heartily in the Miracle Offering that resulted from the spring revival in March,

they found new purpose and joy in partnership with God!

New vistas

and horizons appeared

because they were willing to say "YES" to God's call for action.

Today if we will continue the partnership and miracle of 1971 by our inspired sacrificial giving to BNC,

this same kind of blessing can be kindled

in our lives!

The spiritual impetus of the student Miracle
Offering---persons giving for a cause they
really believe in---

can reach out to us as alumni of BNC also.



Rev. Chuck Millhuff, evangelist, raised the challenge of God for students to get involved in support of their college.

The challenge God gave through Evangelist Chuck Millhuff was to ask for a thousand students to give a hundred dollars apiece . . for the college of their choice

. . for the glory of the Christ of their choice.

Now I must ask you...

can the same God help us as alumni
to respond in a similar way...
a hundred thousand dollars

right now in 1971
and match what he enabled students
to do for His glory?

There are times that only a miracle will do.

I believe God wants us to act on this cause for Him now.

We should be <u>most responsible</u> for the support of <u>BNC</u> simply because <u>we are the ones who have received the most from BNC</u> as students on the campus.

Will you now join with me... prayerfully asking for divine guidance...and gratefully writing a check today for Bethany Nazarene College to continue her service to young men and women in Christian holiness...

to complete the Miracle Year of 1971 and to prepare us for the greater things God has in store for us in the days ahead!



Millhuff added to the offering in the April 20 chapel, giving all the money in his wallet to Dave Clayton, student council treasurer.



President Cantrell was almost speechless in the uplifting joy felt by students and faculty as they all realized the presence and power of God sweeping in the chapel.

A recording of the presentation of the Miracle Offering in chapel April 20 is enclosed with this folder.

You may play it on any phono--stereo or monaural.

Place it on top of another record, and play at 33 rpm.

I believe God will bless your heart as you listen to it!

I hope that you will respond to this blessing with your best in a gift to BNC today!

On the gift card enclosed with this folder and recording, several gift amounts are suggested, plus lines above and below for you to fill in for any amount God lays on your heart to give or raise.

Television stations sent newsmen to film and interview students and faculty about "The Offering." Some of the film was used on national television.



The Daily Oklahoman printed photos and stories about the "revolutionary support of a college" by its students during a time when other campusses in the nation were in unrest and trouble. Associated Press and United Press sent copy across the national newswires.



Students brought in additional checks in the weeks that followed, boosting the offering over the \$100,000 goal. These were from Shreveport Werner Park Church of the Nazarene, Louisiana.

## Match the Students! Continue the Miracle!

I am prayerfully believing that each alumnus of BNC will respond with a gift in some amount.

If a thousand alumni will give or raise the equivalent of \$100 apiece, we can do it... we can match the response of the students.

Some of us can do more. Some should give a thousand or more. Every alumnus---you---should give something! I sincerely trust you will make a gift today.

Several purposes for gifts from which you may select are listed on the gift form if you wish to designate your gift for a department or purpose in which you are most interested. These all represent present needs to provide the top quality education that our students have come to get at BNC in Christian holiness today.

Names on the "Alumni Roll of Honor--First Proof" recently mailed indicate that 2,000 alumni gave over \$200,000 through the 4 alumni gift programs of 1961-70. The Roll of Honor will be extended through 1971 for its final printing. You may boost your class total now.

What can God help us to do now in these last 2 months of 1971 for our Alma Mater?

LISTEN TO THE RECORD. . . then write your response on the gift card, and write your check to the college.

An envelope is enclosed for your reply. It needs no postage stamp.

We are anxiously awaiting your reply.

Thank you and God bless you!

Lloyd G. McArthur,

Alumni Association President





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