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Mind the Gap

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“We are all susceptible to deception, and the enemy would like nothing better than to lead our generation astray, to separate us from one another, and keep us moving, but not really together.”



Jaye Rodenbush

I asked my daughter, Jaye Rodenbush, if I could share another of her articles with you this month. Jaye teaches at IBC, is an anointed speaker and writes about current cultural and moral issues that affect Christian women and families on her blog entitled “Her Candle Goeth Not Out By Night.”

Take a trip on the London Tube, the underground rail system, and one phrase will be etched in your brain: “MIND THE GAP.” The voice kindly but firmly warns again and again as the doors of the rail cars open and close, reminding you repeatedly to “MIND THE GAP.” I’m certain it’s because the engineers know that “the gap” is where the danger lies. It’s where accidents happen, and it’s where people get hurt. It’s not a large space. At most stations, it appears to be less than a couple of inches. The gap is certainly not large enough to require a leap. It’s not a wide gulf that appears hazardous at all. It is simply a small space where movement meets non-movement, and it is very perilous indeed. The loud voice of warning drones on day after day, until it’s part of the roar of the background. You stop noticing it. The first few times you ride the train the voice almost startles you. On our trip, we were with friends, and on the first day of our sightseeing the phrase became the standing joke. We laughed and called out to each other to “mind the gap” everywhere we went. But, after a day or two, it stopped striking our interest. We were pros at riding the Tube and the voice lost its power. We knew where we were going and how to get there. We hopped on and off the train cars like locals with no real thought to that small space.

When you think about it, the space, the gap, really isn’t too big of a problem until you add the movement. I think this is the problem Amos was trying to address when he asked the question, “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” (Amos 3:3). In order for there to be real success among those who are working together, they have to be walking together.

My daughter reminded me of the Dr. Seuss tale of the Xax. The North-Going Xax and the South-Going Xax met in the middle and neither would relinquish his place, and they were left standing face to face in their own self-righteous position. Dr. Seuss says, “Of course the world didn’t stand still. The world grew. In a couple of years, the new highway came through and they built it right over those two stubborn Xax and left them there, standing un-budged in their tracks.” I don’t believe we

are in a generation who wants revival or growth to pass us by because of stubbornness. I think the goal of revival is pretty universal. No one wants to be stuck in the past. We aren’t Xax standing nose to nose paralyzed by our own obstinance. We all want to see explosive end time revival, and we are working hard to get there, moving forward with our hands to the plow. The goal isn’t the problem. The issue seems to be how we’re moving toward it. We’ve been walking together and working together, but we must ask: is the gap between us widening? Are we really still in agreement on the issues that matter? Do we want our children raised the same way? Do we have the same values? Are we defining the words in the same way? Have we checked lately to make sure we are still walking side by side? Are we minding the gap?

We can sit and talk, make plans and make agreements, but when things start moving... this is when we must “mind the gap.” No doubt our culture, our technology, and the political dynamics that surround our world are all moving and changing faster than we can wrap our minds around it. And... there is a gap. There’s always a gap. Remember, it’s the inevitable divide between movement and non-movement that is where people get injured, where the danger lies. We are all susceptible to deception, and the enemy would like nothing better than to lead our generation astray, to separate us from one another, and keep us moving, but not

really together.

We have to ask ourselves the question, “If two are to walk together, how wide can the gap get before they are no longer together at all?” How much movement away from absolutism, away from the call to righteousness, away from holiness will polarize us from one another? The truth is that the difference of even one degree on a compass will alter one’s destination – so in that sense the distance between us doesn’t have to be very big to cause big problems. The gap may not be a chasm, but God forbid we disregard its peril and allow ourselves to be shaken and fall away from the truths God has revealed to us (2 Thessalonians 2:1-3).

I fear that our generation is facing a two-fold crisis. There is a widening gap and too many have stopped worrying about it. Amos passionately reminded Israel, “Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? (Amos 3:6). The alarm has been sounded, but can we still hear it? Have we grown so accustomed to the warnings that they do us little good? Is it all just background noise, chatter and murmuring? Or, is it a trumpet sounding to remind us, “MIND THE GAP!”



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CHALLENGES OF THE BI-VOCATIONAL PASTOR

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Michael Wiltcher, Bridgeport, TX -- I am currently bi-vocational. The greatest challenge I face is how to fulfill pastoral duties effectively within the limited time outside my secular work. First, never compare yourself as being a sub-standard minister to those who are able to be a full-time pastor. Being a bi-vocational pastor reveals a tremendous passion for God and for the people he pastors, as he is willing to bear up under the heavy load of providing for his family and offer ministry to those in his care. A bi-vocational pastor fills a huge void in cities, towns and hamlets that are unable to support a full-time ministry.

Set time aside in stone to decompress from the rigors of working a secular job and pastor duties. No one can survive for long under relentless and unending stress. Develop individuals within the congregation to help you in ministry to the body. Allowing others to minister in the church develops their skills and gives a brief respite for personal recharging.



Mitchell McQuinn, Sudbury, Canada -- I am currently bi-vocational and have been so for my entire ministry of some 15 years. Time management would have to be my greatest challenge. Having recently become the senior pastor of a growing church, it can be difficult to make time for my wife. We make sure to set aside time for each other, or it just might not happen.

I have had great opportunities to witness on the job that I would not have had otherwise. I have been able to win some co-workers to the Lord, so I can see the value in being bi-vocational. Don't take on too much! One suggestion that has worked well for me is to delegate as much ministry work as possible. If you can get others involved and be part of the team, you will all grow together. It helps you, and it helps your church!



Ron Roberts, Mesquite, NV -- I am currently bi-vocational and have been since planting our first church at 23; I am now 46. The greatest challenge in bi-vocational ministry is making sure that ministry is my career, and my other work is just a job. I believe that it is very easy for these to become reversed, and the church gets the leftovers. I have burned myself out by allowing a job to become my career and rob me of church and family time.

I do believe that every pastor should strive to pastor full time. As long as we remember that our job will bring immediate financial relief and our calling will bring long-term economic relief we have our priorities in order. No job is irreplaceable. My last suggestion is always take a family vacation that is not a church event.



Mickey Lewis, Aurora, MO -- My entire ministry has been bi-vocational. I don't think it is possible for every bi-vocational pastor to go full time; not every church will be able to swing the financial burden.

Keeping fresh bread is a challenge not easily maintained. My advice to young men is family comes first, church second, work third. Burnout is a real problem in today's ministry. I have faced burnout a few times, myself. Talking with a mentor, attending meetings on a sectional, district and national level can help you see you are not alone. Whatever you do, don't isolate yourself or your family.



Lee Wells, Rockwall, TX -- I currently pastor Landmark Fellowship Church, a church plant in Rockwall, TX, while operating two other businesses. Over time, I have learned to set boundaries and priorities, which helps keep everything moving in the right direction. Boundaries protect my family time as well as my personal private time. When people plan their time and prioritize their life with discipline, they find enough time to get the important things done. It may mean less sleep, less golf, or less internet time; but there is almost always a way to get the priorities accomplished if we are able to stay away from the crutch of excuse making.

The risk of burnout seems to threaten us more when we are chronically fatigued. Each one of us must find our own way to relax. There are some times when I just need to "unplug" for a few hours and enjoy a leisure activity where my mind can go into neutral and rest.



Gilbert Carrisalez, Sanger, CA -- I am currently bi-vocational. I would say that my greatest challenge is not having enough time. Besides having a family, I pastor, work, attend a Bible Institute, and am still involved in the mother church. I have to always make sure to manage and balance my time to be most effective. Working a secular job and doing pastoral ministry can weigh on you and your family. I feel that balance is the key. Plan your days of family time, as well as your time of pastoral ministry wisely. I haven't experienced burnout but have been warned of it from my pastor. He said that there are times that we need to take time off to keep from experiencing this issue.



Wylie Rhinehart, Dayton, OH -- I have been bi-vocational for eight years. Time management is the greatest challenge. Working 40-50 hours per week at a secular job creates a challenge for adequate preparation time for sermons. You must learn to speak with God and let Him speak to you while you are working. You must be honest enough with yourself that you do not have time to do certain activities, or you simply will run out of time. Ultimately, full-time ministry is the ideal situation. However, a part-time job may provide the insurance and income necessary to supplement the income from the church. Spending quality time with your family will keep you inspired. Utilizing and developing a team of leaders in your church to help carry the burden of the church is necessary to prevent burnout.



Brentt Williams, Ontario, Canada -- I have been bi-vocational in the ministry for over 15 years. It is very easy to let spending quality time with your family take a backseat to work and ministry. Beware of spending too much time on social media; it can and will take up all of your time that should be set aside for ministry. I try to have a date night with my wife and a separate lunch or other activity with my teenage son every week or two. Take at least half a day off per week. Turn off the phone, computer, etc. Take at least a one-week vacation per year that doesn't involve ministry-related activities.

It is usually best if a pastor can be full time; however, it is not always God's plan. We often meet key people and build lasting relationships in our vocational employment.



MAKING P A PRIORITY

Coming from a fellowship of Apostolic churches called the Way of The Cross, Pastor Arthur C. Naylor has been part of the UPCI for 29 years. “When I was in the Way of The Cross, a friend of mine invited me to a UPC church,” he said. Eventually he, with the blessings of his pastor, became part of the United Pentecostal Church International and has served as the Home Missions Director, Presbyterian and Superintendent of the New Jersey Metro District. He and his wife, Barbara, have six children, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Today Bro. Naylor has spread the gospel in several other countries and continents: Ethiopia, Liberia, Canada, Philippines, Israel and Europe, and is now pastoring a multi-location church in Lambertville, New Jersey that he founded over 26 years. The church has evolved into a multicultural congregation. One location flourished into a powerful church with over 600 members from various racial and socioeconomic statuses. A trailblazer and a visionary, Bro. Naylor is a church planter. “I have three churches: one in Lambertville, one in Hamilton, and also one in Matawan, New Jersey,” he explained. “We’ve started ten churches and of those churches, two have started other churches. We were running between 300 and 400, but three churches started from ours this year. I’m actually in the process of retraining people because the pastors have their own churches now.”

The Role of Prayer

Although Bro. Naylor had already been exposed to the Apostolic doctrine in the Way of the Cross churches, it wasn’t until he visited a United Pentecostal church that he was baptized in the Holy Ghost after praying an innocent, spontaneous prayer. The preacher delivered a sermon entitled “The Adoption Date at the Orphanage” in which he compared adoption at the orphanage to how God adopts a person, who then becomes His. “When the sermon was over, I just lifted my hands and received the Holy Ghost,” said Bro. Naylor. “I had been in church for almost three years.” That initial experience was the beginning of several days of what could be described as an “out of this world” encounter.

For four days he spoke in tongues. When he got home, his wife had to help him with simple tasks, such as removing his clothes and washing his face.

Is it any wonder that when Pastor Naylor founded the

ministry he immediately named it First Pentecostal Prayer of Faith Church? It’s not just a name either; praying is what they do. “I was always taught that prayer was the main thing,” he said adamantly. “A church without prayer is not a church. If we are going to affect our world, we need to get people back on their knees. I put prayer in the name because I believed prayer should be the beginning and ending of what a church is supposed to be about.”

Pastor Naylor believes that prayer should be top priority -- literally. “Every morning we have prayer at 5 a.m.,” he explained. “We meet up at one of the churches. We arrange it to where people can come at 6 and 7. We have another prayer session at 12. It is the foundation to the ministry. I started our church with nothing but prayer.” An average of 15 people attends regularly. Over the course of the day, 25 or 30 people attend prayer, although Bro. Naylor is currently pushing for a higher number.

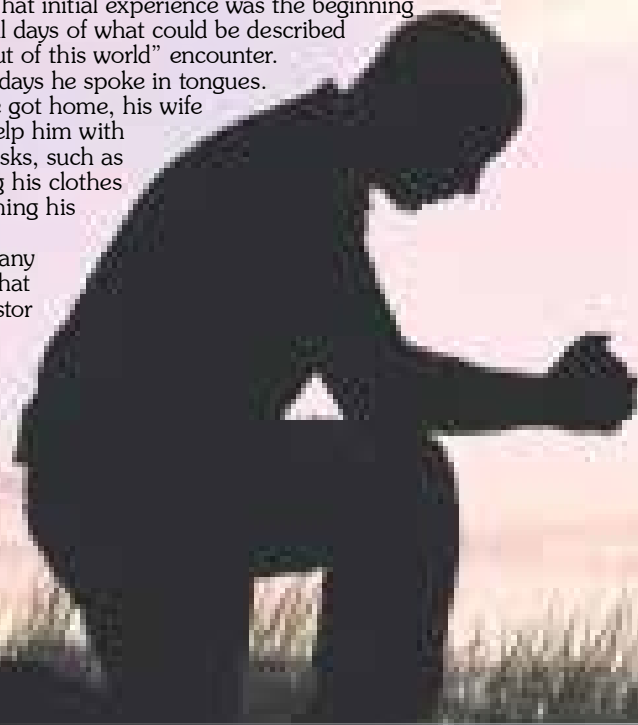
Every leader at First Pentecostal Prayer of Faith Church attends prayer meetings. It is absolutely mandatory, according to the pastor. “Our department heads now meet Sundays at 9 a.m.,” he said. “Then we have prayer at 9:30 so that when the people arrive for the 10 a.m. service, the church is full of prayer.” Bro. Naylor believes prayer is a missing ingredient in many churches. “I don’t even let anybody get in my pulpit without prayer,” he said. “Prayer is the key to everything. Our ministers have to come in praying. If they have to open the service and they haven’t been at the altar, I’ll send somebody else up there. You shouldn’t do anything without prayer. It opens the windows of heaven. You can get up there and preach, but if there was no prayer before the preaching, you’re not opening the windows of heaven.”

Notable Miracles

A church committed to much prayer is bound to see miracles. Pastor Naylor related a miraculous story of a lady who had stopped coming to church. “Everybody said she was dying,” he explained. “She had cancer and was in a part of the hospital that nobody else was in. You couldn’t go into her room. Only one nurse was allowed in because of the cancer. When I went into the room, she was balled up in a knot. Just before I went in, I prayed and the Lord told me to tell her she was going to live. The doctors had already told her she might die that week. But the Lord told me to go to the hospital. I said, ‘Lord, are you telling me this lady is going to live?’ I walked in and called her name. She turned over and looked at me. She said, ‘Hi, Pastor.’ I said, ‘How are you doing?’ She said, ‘Well, to look at me, you might not think I’m doing so well.’ She pulled back the covers. Sores were broken out. I told her, ‘I know what I see, but the Lord has spoken to me and told me to tell you that you’re going to live.’ In one week, she was out of that hospital. She came back to the church, got baptized and saved and got her children in the church. She stayed there for over two years living for the Lord. She joined the choir. After two years, she passed away.”

The pastor also shared another story of a man who came into the church and then was told by the doctors that he had only a short amount of time to live. “The Lord blessed him and cured him,” said Pastor Naylor. “Another lady had cancer. She didn’t know we had prayed for her. She went back to the hospital and then brought us papers. The doctor said, ‘What’s going on? Why is there no cancer here?’ All the cancer was gone.”

Yet another man in the church who had lost his leg was in the hospital, and he didn’t want to live anymore. Pastor Naylor said to him, “God is saying He wants you to be a witness. You can’t let losing your legs stop you so that you won’t open the door. God said you’re going to walk again.” The man answered, “How am I going



PRAYER

By John Fonzer Jr.

to walk?" But once he got out of the hospital, he was given two artificial legs. "He had no money because he was poor, no job or anything," said the pastor. "Now he sings in the choir."

Pastor Naylor's faith in God as a pastor was no doubt a result of the faith that came in his early walk and ministry. Formerly a computer programmer and a bus driver, he had an experience while driving a bus. "I dropped a busload of people off in New York, and I was driving back empty to pick up another load in Hightstown and had just pulled off exit 16," he explained. "I started praising and worshipping God and talking in tongues and all of a sudden I lost my vision. I didn't realize where I was. I was just driving. It took me about 45 minutes before I got to exit 8. My vision returned to me just when I was coming up to exit 8. To this day, I don't remember driving any of those miles on the turnpike at all!"

Bro. Naylor continued to have unique experiences with God. "Another powerful thing that happened to me is that I was preaching in the first Hispanic congregation I started," he said. "I had to have an interpreter because I didn't speak Spanish at all. I would read the scripture and have somebody interpret it. One day I came to church and the person who was supposed to interpret for me was sick. I said to myself, 'What in the world am I going to do?' Only a few people spoke English but not the rest. The Lord said, 'Preach!' The power of God moved in there like they knew what I was saying. Then a strange thing happened. A message came through in tongues and God gave me the interpretation in English. I said to myself, 'Man, I wonder if that is right.' A guy who spoke English came up to me and asked, 'How did you know? That's what the interpretation was.' I said, 'I had no clue.'"

Ministries

Pastor Naylor said the married couples meet once a month and discuss things that pertain to them. This year he is making plans for the married couples to go away together for a retreat.

The church takes a slightly uncommon approach in ministering to their youth by doing more than the average ministry does: the youth meet twice a week as opposed to once a week. They hold their own services at the Hamilton, New Jersey location. "We're really starting to build up our youth department," he said. "Any church that's looking for a great revival had better hold tight to the youth. That's where the revival is going to come from. We are hosting The East Coast Youth Conference for the fourth year. We are getting them baptized, trained and filled with the Holy Ghost."

Evangelism

Pastor Naylor believes in what he calls "the slow approach." Soul winning is about forming and building relationships. "When I started the church,

I taught all the home Bible studies, doing as many as three to four home Bible studies per week," he said. "Of all the Bible studies I conducted, I never, ever invited anybody to church. But they ended up coming. If you have a good relationship with people, they will come where you are. Relationships between God and the convert and even relationships between the convert and the church should be built over as much time as is necessary. When I came into the faith, you had to tarry for the Holy Ghost. Sometimes somebody would come in and tarry for quite a while, and through that we began to develop relationships."

More than anything, soul winning is a passion of First Pentecostal Prayer of Faith Church. "Our Sunday School Department is probably the largest of all our departments," said the pastor. "Every quarter we have a memory verse contest with first, second and third place trophies for all levels. We constantly promote winning souls. We have a soul winner of the month, and we give out a plaque to the soul winner of the year."

Pastor Naylor believes evangelism is absolutely vital. "We still go out into the neighborhoods," he said. "I go out too. We knock on doors, pass out fliers and tracts; the hands-on approach is still the best." The command 'Go ye' is not figurative with the church members; it is literal. Consequently, the spirit of the pastor is the spirit of the church. "Our early church was always on the go, always mobile," he said. "We did a lot with starting Bible studies, going into the prisons and nursing homes. In the early days, our objective was that wherever we were we would always have an evangelistic team that went out -- and we still have one that goes out every week throughout all three cities where our churches are located."

Bro. Naylor and his congregations have a very lofty goal. "Our objective is to baptize somebody every week," he said excitedly. "If I get a call at three in the morning to baptize somebody, I'm going to get out of my bed and baptize them. If one of the ministers can't get there, I'll do it. We'll baptize them in whichever church is closest!"



Arthur and Barbara Naylor, Pastor of First Pentecostal Prayer of Faith Church Lambertville, New Jersey



Pastor Arthur Naylor leads prayer in the altar service.



A baptism at the church



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When thinking of bikers, what images comes to mind? Motorcycling has evolved significantly over the past 40+ years. "Easy Rider" is no longer in the majority and 25 million Americans now ride!

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Effective Outreach Opportunities

By Ed Stetzer

Evangelism is the responsibility of every believer. There is no such thing as the "gift of evangelism," rather, all Christians have the obligation to share the gospel. Churches can use Easter, Christmas, Mother's Day, Grandparent's Day, and Super Bowl Sunday, among others as designated times when you have an evangelistic message and service. You must let people know this is the intent and then let them know how they can use these special times and civic holidays to invite unbelievers to attend.

Also, small groups can be especially successful in their outreach attempts and evangelistic emphases. The important thing is that the church gatherings and the small groups work together to make a special push to reach out to unbelievers. Invest significant energy in this strategy to get widespread involvement. Every person who attends our church gets a phone call from either a group leader or a staff person to remind him or her that we are launching a new series at church and to encourage them to bring friends.

Established churches can use special times to reinforce evangelism and outreach. For example, every year between Mother's Day and Father's Day, we do a family series to draw attention to an overwhelming need in our community—the need for strong families. It's a time when people bring their friends and is often a time when their friends hear the gospel for the first time. Since the key to a strong family is to be centered around Jesus, it's a natural time for evangelism.

In addition, every spring and every fall, we launch a four-to-six week evangelistic series of sermons. The messages are focused on the everyday needs of people and how the Bible addresses them—topics include stress, faith, relationships, etc. This is a designated time when people are encouraged to bring their friends and family to church.



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By Stephen Judd, TCM President



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Ironically, many of our children are placed at TCM from very unsafe circumstances, where their very lives have even been threatened. When they come to us, they are seeking a place of refuge from

the harm and fear of which they have been subjected. Part of our mission is to fulfill this need in their lives.

Because of the day in which we live and the nature of the work that we do, greater security measures are more important now than ever before. For the past two years, we have raised funds to enhance the security of our campus, which has included the installation of mag-locks, surveillance cameras, alert horns, iron fencing and gating. We now have the ability to lock-down a portion of the campus immediately if necessary. This year, we are planning to move into the third phase of this security plan by extending the fencing and gating all along Hillsdale Drive, restricting vehicles from unauthorized entrance at two drives and limiting pedestrian access.



(Photo not of boy in article)

I am sure that you would agree with me that it is very important that we do everything we can to protect our children and keep everyone safe. Would you prayerfully consider helping us with this year's fund-raising campaign? I am also asking you to pray specifically for a covering of protection over this ministry.

Please send your love offering marked "SECURITY" to: TCM, PO Box 167, Tupelo MS 38802. Or you can give online at the "phoneathon" donation link at: www.mansionkids.org.





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KIDS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Interviewed by Linda Schreckenberg



Beverly and Rick Pavlu
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Bro. Rick Pavlu, tell us a little about yourself and your ministry.

I have pastored The Church Point Pentecostals in Church Point, Louisiana for 35 years. I serve on the District Board of Louisiana and

as presbyter of Section Three. My wife, Beverly, and I are blessed with three children, Corrie, Jared, and Layna, and seven grandchildren.

I was raised in Jennings, Louisiana. Originally Catholic in faith, with intentions to be a priest, I came to the truth through a backslidden Pentecostal friend at college. He told me how to find God through one single scripture: Acts 2:38. I received the Holy Ghost in 1971 and felt my call to the ministry not long thereafter.

What are the most common and harmful mistakes you see parents making today in raising children?

The number one mistake is to not build a lasting relationship with their children. They often use monologue communication rather than dialogue with them and fail to build a true relationship with each child. When the child gets older, the parents don't understand why that child goes off on his own. When they get older, the only positive control that parent has on that child is relational control. Without relational control, the child will always be at a distance with the parents.

I am still speaking into our children's world through the relationships we built with them. Those who know them often ask, "How did you do it, Bro. Pavlu? Your kids are so involved, have such a positive outlook on life and no low self-esteem."

That's the entire idea behind writing this book, *Kids Under Construction*. Every chapter is about building your relationship with that child and building their self esteem. That is so critical to the child's positive attitude in life. Then that closeness just naturally develops. It is the most important aspect of child rearing to me.

What are the major attacks we see today against children and families in general?

It's that age-old attraction of the world in every generation. Perhaps it is stronger in this present time, with the Internet and all of various forms of communication. Even though we try to insulate them, the culture of the world will break down that insulation if we haven't instilled strong principles in our children.

What can a church do to encourage parents to be more proactive in child raising?

The church should encourage parents to be proactive in building strong relationships with their children. The church, including the Sunday school, cannot compete with the 24-hour period the parents have. Three or four days every year, I teach on families and the importance of family relationships. I have always emphasized, in this order: 1) God 2) family 3) church 4) job, and hobbies, etc. on down the line. In the seventies, the priorities of the church were 1) the oneness of God and 2) more of church than family. The church is a composite of families, and the church is as strong as the families are. When families struggle, and there are issues between parents and children, the devil has a hay day because of the chaos. Families should relate to the pastor and his family and how he relates to his spouse as living illustrations. I make a point to our church during a baby dedication that the Bible really doesn't give scripture about dedicating a baby to the Lord. We can bless them and pray for them, but in reality we are dedicating the parents to rear their child in the right way.

What are the most important things a parent should emphasize in raising Godly children?

A close relationship and communication are the most important things. It is amazing how many times a parent will think they are communicating, when actually they are not truly communicating their love, concern and care to that child. They think their child knows they love them, but they may not be verbally and physically communicating it to them. The child needs to know their parents love them unconditionally, even though they aren't condoning the child's mistakes.

Why, in your opinion, are we seeing so many

Apostolic children leaving the church after graduating from high school? What can a church do to halt this trend?

In my third year at Louisiana Tech University, I noticed that when young Apostolic men and women left their secure home atmosphere, it was like the greenhouse effect. Having studied to be a botanist, I saw the parallel. When a tender plant, nurtured in a safe environment, is taken out into the hot sun and harsh elements, that plant will struggle, wilt and even die. A parent has to prepare their child so that when choices come, that child will make the right choice. I discovered with my first book, *Evolution: When Fact Became Fiction*, that kids, exposed to the humanistic world in college, look up to professors and are shaken to their foundation by this teaching.

Why did you write this book *Kids Under Construction*? What are the major topics you cover in your book?

I wrote this book because I was seeing before my very eyes the lack of building of relationships with children through a generation. We have lost an entire generation of kids. In my own church, I began to teach young couples, and we have probably 40 couples with children.

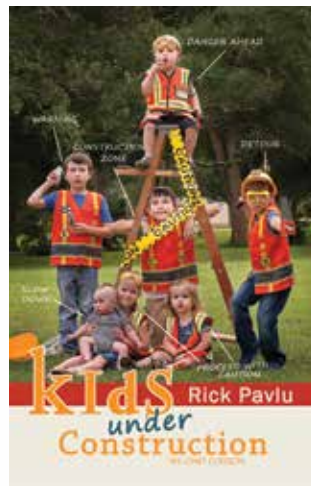
My topics in the book all begin with the word *building*: Building Relationships, Building Character, Building a Safe Environment, Building Self Esteem, etc. I also go into the various personality traits a child may have. It is important that a parent builds that child through his or her individual personality and not through the parent's personality type. You can't cookie-cut your child.

How is this book best used? Can a pastor teach this material to his church?

The book is best used by parents with their children rather than a pastor teaching to his church.

How to order, cost, etc.?

The book may be ordered under author name Ricki D. Pavlu in eBook and hard copy through Amazon and Kindle and in hard copy through the church website www.thechurchpointpentecostals.com. The cost is \$9.95.



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APRIL 30-MAY 2	Eagles Summit Conference - Stockton, CA Eagles Summit is committed to birthing, empowering and equipping Apostolic leaders to build the Kingdom of God.	Lighthouse of the Valley 368 N. Sutter St. Stockton, CA 95204	Stan Gleason, Brian Kinsey and John Arcovio	For more info: visit www.eaglessummit.net
JUNE 25-27	INAAP Regional Training Center Empowering and equipping Apostolic leaders to build the Kingdom of God. Our vision is to align the Apostles and Prophets for the purpose of affirmation, awakening, aligning and activation.	New Life Center 840 Rouse St. Houston, TX 77020	Apostle John Arcovio, Apostle Amador Valensuela, and Prophet Mike East	For more info: visit www.spiritled.net , e-mail spiritledm@gmail.com , or call 888-776-0797
JULY 12-17	2015 Apostolic Leadership Institute The Apostolic Leadership Institute believes that those who attend should be rewarded with especially illuminated Oneness Pentecostal teaching about the most vital Bible truths.	Assumption College 500 Salisbury Street Worcester, MA 01609	Jimmie & Bobbie Shoemake, Clifford & Peggy Readout, Harry Scism, Levi Wright, Danny Aber, Sidney Poe, Thomas Dibble, John Harrison, Gary Evensen, Robert Carter, Lisa Dupuis, Gale Scott	For more info: visit www.apostolicleadership.com or call Thomas Dibble @203-232-1996
JULY 22-24	Mile High Conference 2015 Revival of Prayer, Praise and Evangelism	Calvary Apostolic Church of Denver, 5900 E. Yale Ave., Denver, CO 80222	Floyd Odom, J.L. Osborn, Donald Lance, Sean Libby and Martyn Ballestero	(303) 758-5900 www.cacdenver.org DEH2@comcast.net
JULY 28-30	IMPACT Family Conference 2015 The Impact Conference at Woodlawn Church in Columbia, MS has been cancelled due to building restoration from recent tornado damage.	Cancelled	Cancelled	For detailed schedule, visit www.woodlawn-church.cc (601) 736-5128
AUG 1-4	Arkansas Campmeeting - North Little Rock, AR A conference where Apostolic doctrine is not only preached but embraced. The message of Acts 2:38 remains the same!	First Pentecostal Church of North Little Rock, 1401 Calvary Dr., North Little Rock, AR Host Pastor: Joel Holmes	To be announced	For more info visit www.arkansascampmeeting.com
AUG 20-21	Investing in Futures A conference for those who invest in children. Educating, encouraging and equipping children's ministry workers.	The Apostolic Sanctuary, 1501 John Deere Parkway, Silvis, IL 61239 Host Pastor: Gary Randol	Brent Coltharp, Steve Cannon, Tom Foster, Raymond Woodward, Melanie Claborn, Lee Ann Alexander, Bart & Tracy Loyd, Eric McDougal, Josh Carson, Vickie Oliver, Ron Hendricks, Pat Grossell, John & Bonnie Chance	For more info: visit invest-in-futures.com
SEPT. 22-25	91st Annual UPCI General Conference The theme is "Send." Early registration is \$50 per person ages 18 and older. Don't miss it!	Music City Center Nashville, TN	Tim Zuniga, Anthony Ens, Jerry Dean, Tim Gaddy, Paul Mooney, Sammy Sherrill and David Bernard	Online registration, hotel reservations and exhibit registration available at www.upcigc.com
OCT 16-18	Apostolic Doctrine Conference Strengthening Our Doctrinal Foundation	New Life Fellowship 7849 Wabash Avenue Terre Haute, IN 47803	Raymond Woodward and James Hughes	For more info: www.newliferrehaute.com or 812-877-9348
NOV 3-6	West Coast Conference - Fresno, CA 32nd Annual Fresno Meeting	Fresno Convention Center, 848 M Street, Fresno, CA	Nathan Morton, Dallas Mefford, Paul Bertram, Ron Garrett, Matt Davies, Jess Parker and Vaughn Morton	For more information call: (559) 225-1622 www.truthabfresno.org
JAN 2016	Indiana Bible College LIVE RECORDING Under the direction of Lindel M. Anderson, Dean of Music	Calvary Tabernacle 902 Fletcher Ave. Indianapolis, IN Host: Paul D. Mooney	Paul Mooney, Rob Rodenbush, Lindel Anderson, IBC Choir, IBC Chorale, IBC Praise, others	ibc@apostolic.edu www.go2ibc.com or call (317) 262-4030 or (317) 554-8069
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MARCH 2016	Times of Refreshing - Tulare, CA Services times are Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.	To be announced	To be announced	For more info: visit www.gordonpoe.com/TOR/conference . (717) 755-7202

Theology: Questions About the Trinity



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Not At All Ashamed

I read a statistic the other day that said that 70% of second generation-run businesses in this country fail. This was shocking to me. It seems we are just not all that great at passing things down. We cut corners. We want things to be easier for our kids than they were for us. But, this is no *easy* world they are inheriting.

Growing up, when I disobeyed my parents would say, "Shame on you! You should know better." And, of course, I did know better. But today, we have trouble with the concept of shame. You're much more likely to hear, "It's okay. There's nothing to be ashamed of," than, "Shame on you!" We live in a shameless society. I believe that God died to take away our shame. He did NOT die to permit us to do SHAMEFUL things and not have to take account for them. In Hebrews, it says Jesus endured the cross because he DESPISED shame. He wanted it eradicated, not ignored.

"Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken" (Jer. 6:15-17).

How strikingly similar the battle lines that are drawn in our society and our churches today. The people were sinning against God, yet they felt no shame. Jeremiah describes their actions by telling us that they couldn't even blush. Still, God in His great compassion reaches out to them through the prophet and instructs them to "ask for the old paths," "the good way." Callously they answer, "We will not walk therein." He pleads further, explaining that he had given them a watchman. He entreats His people to listen for the sound of the trumpet. And, with hardness of heart they refuse, stating, "We will not hearken."

God stands at the door of this generation. He sets watchmen to guide us in the way of the "old paths" of holiness and righteousness. He pleads for His people to hold to the precious name of Jesus Christ, the Oneness message and baptism in Jesus' name. Will we make the transfer to the next generation? Will we preserve our inheritance? Or, will our pride steal our ability to recognize our own sin and shamefulness leaving us without the ability to even blush when we stand in His presence with unclean hands? We have great decisions ahead. Will our own success and affluence cause us to act foolishly and make choices that pull us away from our commitment to separation from the world? Will we North American Apostolics squander away our role in the greatest revival ever known? We must stand strong against sin and unrighteousness in these last days. We must fight against the spirit of compromise and indifference, lest we stand unashamedly choosing to reject the good way, refusing to hearken to the watchman, unable to blush.



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Car Ministry -- It Really Works

Who owns your car? You? The bank? The leasing company? Want to know who owns my car? God. That's right -- He owns all I have. Well, God

wants to use my car for about a half hour each week. He wants to use *your* car as well. So, if you will allow God to use His car each week, here's what we'll do: We will come into your neighborhood with a door-knocking team and knock on doors all around your house. What we will ask is simple: "We are looking for people who do not have transportation to attend church on Sunday morning. If we provided you with

transportation, would you be interested in attending church?" That's what we ask. Nothing complicated. With a little bit of effort we can almost always find people that would attend church if they only had a ride.

Often, this is an elderly person who no longer drives, a teen without a car, or a mom with kids whose husband has the car working on Sunday morning but she wants her kids to be in Sunday school. Trust me. They are out there -- especially in apartments, housing projects, retirement communities, and more. All we need is a car and someone to drive it. Your car -- or rather, God's car.

So, how many cars are there in your parking lot on Sunday morning? 50? 100? What if half of the owners agreed that they would pick someone up on Sunday morning if they only knew who needed a ride?



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John 1:1 has the Son "with" God in the beginning. The Greek here is "toward" or "facing." How can we understand this is not showing a trinity?

Well first, the most you have here are two somethings. The question is does this show two persons or something else? Just like John 1, we see in Proverbs 8 attributes or qualities of God personified. The problem with arguing for the term "pros" or "facing" necessitating an eternal son would mean, to be consistent, it must be applied in Prov. 8 as well. Wisdom is shown as a woman "with" God helping in creation... Do we see here an eternal daughter? No, again our trinitarian friends are making the mistake of reading their theological position into John 1 instead of letting the OT use of this type of language inform their theology.

What is used in both Proverbs and John is a very common literary device in the OT, the NT, and has even carried over into language today. It's called "personification." Dinah Birch's *Oxford Companion to English Literature* defines *personification* (prosopopeia) as "a figure of speech [or a trope, a literary device that uses words other than in their literal sense] in which inanimate objects or abstractions are endowed with human qualities or represented as possessing human form..."

In the OT, Jeremiah 47:6 personifies the "sword of the LORD" and speaks to it as if a person. The OT prophet says the "... stones cry out..." in Hab. 2:11 and even trinitarian writers like Birch show lady wisdom is used this way too, "Doth not wisdom cry..." Batteux, another trinitarian scholar, says this rhetorical strategy "...open the tombs, and gives words to the deceased, to the heavens, earth, and in short to all real objects, as well as to abstract qualities and imaginary beings." We see in modern writing many examples of this as well: Father Time, Mother Nature, Lady Justice, etc. and we understand the rhetorical strategy.

So the word *pros* in "prosopopeia" is in the term on purpose even though not meaning to literally be "facing" something. But if your theology is making you look for a trinity or eternal son you miss the OT poetic or rhetorical use of this type of language.

One more example is good. Jesus uses personification too in reference to His own word. In John 12:48, Jesus says, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." Even Cornelius à Lapide admits this is the same rhetorical strategy used here by Jesus Himself. The point is our friends' theological bias causes them to miss what would be normal to Jewish people regarding personification and "see" what's not there. Our job would be to show through the OT, NT, and even current language today that they're missing the point.

Challenge your church members to let God use His car! Almost every car arrives with several empty seats. If you can encourage 30 people at your church to let God use His car, in a few months you could have 30+ new faces in Sunday morning service. Before long, they will be in the altar and baptized -- all because you let God use His car.

But perhaps you can't get 30. Maybe you can only get five -- then start with five. But start now. Know that the number one method of church growth is simply bringing guests to church. 100% of your new converts come from your church guests. Increase the number of visitors you have, and you will increase the number of converts you'll have. Car ministry is one way to increase your church visitors that any size church can do.



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Do You Sin With Your Anger?

Anger is a God-given emotion. God made us people of feelings and emotions. We can have feelings of happiness, joy, sadness, fear, anxiety, anger, etc. Thoughts create feelings that create actions. If we live our lives to please the Lord, we will process our thoughts through God first. It's being Holy Ghost-controlled. Every thought must be filtered through God asking the question, "God, are you pleased with my thought and my feeling right now?" It must become an instantaneous response to all thoughts.

A thought or feeling is not sin – it is what we do with the thought and feeling. All of us get angry at times. At the moment we feel the anger rising because of something that happens, we must immediately process that anger through God. God tells us to be angry, but sin not. Learn to express your anger in a kind manner. God tells us to be kind one to another – that is a command. It's not just when you feel good – it's all the time.

I counsel adults who have deep emotional wounds because of parents who emotionally abused them with ugly anger in actions and words. I counsel angry people, teaching them their accountability to God and healing from the root of their anger. I counsel people who have been spiritually abused by a pastor who controls others with his anger.

None of us are above accountability to God. Pastors are to shepherd the flock with the love and kindness of God in all circumstances – speaking truth in love. Parents are to love and discipline their children as God loves and disciplines us. My father was a gentle shepherd of the church and a gentle father. He spoke truth, but always in a loving manner. Reacting with brash snarly anger is being ungodly. We must put off the old sinful nature and put on the Lord Jesus Christ. We all will account to God for every idle word. Lord, I want my tongue to be full of kindness.

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God Confirms Truth

"The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment." - Prov. 12:19

Where are they? I speak of the towering churches those who left us for a lighter message were certain they would build. Where is it? I speak of the freedom they declared they had when they shed Biblically-based boundaries of separation.

The waves of destruction have drowned many a preacher who left the safety of the mountaintop of truth. During the course of my ministry, I have been asked to teach or train leaders on how to see results. Results when they preach. And results in the context of growth for the churches they lead. Certainly there is more than one part to that equation, such as building faith, creating environment and community, increasing visitor flow and other things. What cannot be left out of the total dynamic is the truth.

The truth makes people free. It is also impossible to worship God absent of the truth (John 4:24). One of the greatest ways to see results is to simply preach the truth. No hatred. No brow beating. No watering down. Just simply, lovingly and firmly proclaim the truth. It will amaze you what happens.

Several years ago, I challenged a pastor friend of mine concerning the knowledge of the church he led. He responded by asserting their knowledge of Biblical truth was high. After assuring him it was not meant as an affront I pointed out that one of the major flaws in Pentecost is preachers assume their audiences know what they know. His response? The next year he conscientiously preached and taught basic Biblical truth to his church. The results? He saw more people get the Holy Ghost and a greater growth in attendance and holiness than ever before.

We get what we preach and teach. A pastor of a church that preaches "spirit" and "truth" will get that. Just like a preacher who is silent about it will get just that – no one worshipping in spirit and truth (John 4:24). Preach the truth, and watch God confirm it.

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I am a full-time evangelist. Is there anything I need to be aware of that would help me avoid problems on filing my tax return?

Aubrey Jayroe

As a full-time evangelist, it is important that you have the proper recordkeeping for maintaining the necessary records for filing your return. You should maintain a log of each place you ministered, showing the date, place and amount received. You should keep an expense log (computerized or by hand) showing the various qualified business expenses you would incur while evangelizing.

Another item you should be aware of is that you have a "tax home." You need to have a place you call home, where you have housing expenses and where you receive your mail. Without a tax home, the IRS would construe you as an itinerant, which means that all travel expenses and certain other expenses would not be deductible.

Every evangelist should have a designated housing allowance. This would allow any housing expenses to be excluded from income taxes; however, you would be required to report the amount as self-employed income on Schedule SE. A housing allowance must be designated either (1) by each church in which you minister, or (2) "other qualified organization" (Code Section 1.107-1(b)).

Since you do not have an employer for income tax purposes, you need to be sure that you prepare for the future. You should set aside funds for retirement each year so that you become prepared for that time in the future in which you would desire to retire.

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Accounting & Tax

Health Insurance Benefits

Under the Affordable Care Act, employers that have more than one full-time employee can no longer pay or reimburse for individual health

insurance premiums. If you have more than one full-time employee, and you want to provide health insurance, you must have a group plan. Under the law, anyone working 30 hours or more per week is considered full time.

Originally, January 1, 2014 was the

date that this rule took effect; however, the IRS just released IRS Notice 2015-17, which delayed this part of the law until June 30, 2015. After this date, penalties of \$100 per day per employee will be incurred (that equals \$36,500 annually per employee).

To avoid the penalty, you can either secure a group plan or increase salaries to allow employees to purchase their own health insurance premiums, without requiring that the salary increase be used to purchase the health insurance. The impact to the employees is that they will be using after-tax dollars to purchase health insurance.

If you only have one full-time employee, you can still reimburse health care premiums on a pre-tax basis after June 30, 2015.

The law also impacts how health reimbursement arrangements (HRA) are treated. If you have questions about how this impacts your church or organization, please contact us.

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THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS**Charities Required to Refer Child Refugees to Abortion Clinics**

New laws set in motion by the Obama administration will require charitable organizations, including religious charities, to refer women to "emergency contraception" in the form of abortions. Starting June 24 of this year, nonprofits conducting



international relief work would be required to comply with the rules

or lose their status.

However, pro-life individuals say that referring refugees to abortion clinics is in violation of their beliefs. Sysan Yoshihara of pro-life group C-FAM said, "The Obama administration is getting ready to issue new rules requiring charities to provide abortions to child refugees entering the U.S. without their parents. Faith-based groups say this is a contravention of the rights of parents and a violation of the conscience rights of faith-based groups helping resettle the children."

"The rules require faith-based providers to make referrals for emergency contraception, partner with groups which provide abortion, or notify the federal government which would make arrangements for the abortion. If groups do not do so, they are not eligible for federal aid."

SOCIETAL TRENDS**Online Florist Bans Words Like "Jesus Christ"**

Customers ordering flowers online from Marks & Spencer, a popular high-end florist based in England, can use words such as *Jihad*, *Buddha* and *Allah* in messages. But other words such as *Christ* and *Jesus Christ* are banned, along with profanities and the word *gay*.

Customers who try to add a free message when they buy flowers cannot complete their order if they attempt to use one of the banned words. The restrictions were exposed after a customer was prevented from buying an \$80 bouquet for a funeral. Clergy wife Geraldine Stockford was unable to attach a message to the flowers stating they were from a family in "Christ Church Teddington" because she used some blocked words. Eventually, however, the florist agreed to let her use the message.

**Preacher Reveals 90-Year-Old Woman's Prophecy**

An old woman from Valdres in Norway had a vision in 1968. She told Evangelist Emanuel Minos about the vision. He wrote it down but thought it to be so unintelligible that he put it in a drawer. Now, almost 50 years later, he understands he has to share the vision with others. This is what she related:

"I saw the time just before the coming of Jesus and the outbreak of the Third World War. I saw the world like a kind of a globe and saw Europe, Scandinavia, Norway. I saw certain things that would take place just before the return of Jesus, and just before the last calamity happens, the likes of which we have never before experienced." She mentioned four waves:

1. "First, before Jesus comes and before the Third World War breaks out, there will be a détente like we have never had before. There will be a long peace between the super powers in the east and the west. There will be disarmament in many countries, also in Norway and we are not prepared when it (the war) comes. The Third World War will begin in a way no one would have anticipated—and from an unexpected place.

2. "A lukewarmness without parallel will take hold of the Christians, a falling away from true, living Christianity. Christians will not be open for penetrating preaching. They will not, like in earlier times, want to hear of sin and grace, law and gospel, repentance and restoration. There will come a substitute instead: prosperity Christianity. The important thing will be to have success, to have material things. Churches and prayer houses will be emptier and emptier. Instead of the preaching we have been used to for generations—like, to take your cross up and follow Jesus—entertainment, art and culture will invade the churches where there should have been gatherings for repentance and revival.

3. "There will be a moral disintegration that old Norway has never experienced. People will live together like married without being married. Much uncleanness before marriage, and much infidelity in marriage will become the natural. It will even enter Christian circles and we pet it—even sin against nature. Just before Jesus' return there will be TV programs like we have never experienced. TV will be filled with such horrible violence that it teaches people to murder and destroy each other, and it will be unsafe in our streets. Sex scenes will be shown on the screen, the most intimate things that take place in a marriage. All we have had before will be broken down, and the most indecent things will pass before our eyes.

4. "People from poor countries will stream to Europe. They will also come to Scandinavia and Norway. There will be so many of them that people will begin to dislike them and become hard with them. They will be treated like the Jews before the Second World War. Then the full measure of our sins will have been reached."

The tears streamed down her cheeks. "I will not see it, but you will. Then suddenly, Jesus will come and the Third World War breaks out. It will be a short war. All that I have seen of war before is only child's play compared to this one, and it will be ended with a nuclear atom bomb. The air will be so polluted that one cannot draw one's breath. It will cover several continents, America, Japan, Australia and the wealthy nations. The water will be ruined. We can no longer till the soil. The result will be that only a remnant will remain. The remnant in the wealthy countries will try to flee to the poor countries, but they will be as hard on us as we were on them.

"I am so glad that I will not see it, but when the time draws near, you must take courage and tell this. I have received it from God, and nothing of it goes against what the Bible tells. The one who has his sin forgiven and has Jesus as Savior and Lord is safe."

EDUCATIONAL TRENDS**Study: Homeschoolers Less Likely to Leave Faith**

Recent findings from an in-depth study of nearly 10,000 young adults show that homeschooled Millennials are less likely to leave the faith than individuals from private or public schools. Using a sample of 18-to

38-year-olds who were church



while growing up, the Gen2 Survey found that individuals who were homeschooled, attended church regularly, and had good relationships with their parents were most likely to remain involved in the Christian faith.

"Having a strong relationship with parents, attending church as a child, and years homeschooled were all clearly positively associated with Millennials' basic Christian orthodoxy, broader biblical beliefs, Christian behaviors (e.g., attending church, keeping sex in marriage, prayer, not using pornography), satisfaction in life, civic and community involvement, and having beliefs similar to one's parents," said survey director Dr. Brian Ray.

87% of study participants who were homeschooled said they have strong Christian beliefs. Conversely, Millennials enrolled in public schools or private Christian schools were more likely to walk away from the faith later in life. Support of homosexual marriage was also lowest among homeschooled young adults, with 16% saying they support it. Nearly half of Millennials raised in Christian homes and educated in public schools supported homosexual marriage.

RELIGIOUS TRENDS**Mormons Report Highest Church Attendance in U.S.**

More residents of Utah go to church every week (51 percent) than any other state, according to a new Gallup poll. That statistic is "a direct result of Utah's 59 percent Mormon population," Gallup's Frank Newport writes, "as Mormons have the highest religious service attendance of any major religious group in the U.S."

The next most-frequent church attendees are Mississippi (47%), Alabama (46%), Louisiana (46%) and Arkansas (45%). In fact, 10 of the top 12 churchgoing states are in the South. At the bottom of the list is Vermont, Gallup reports, "where 17 percent of residents say they attend religious services every week." Also with low numbers were New Hampshire and Maine (20%), Massachusetts (22%), Washington and Oregon (24%).

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Our English word "worship" is derived from the old Anglo-Saxon term, *weorthscipe*, meaning "worth-ship," which gradually evolved into the word "worship." It refers to the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity: the worship of God. In its most general sense worship references an object with honor, respect, devotion, reverence, veneration, adoration or admiration. An object regarded as having value, worth, honor or esteem is accorded recognition or worship.

"Christian worship is the most momentous, the most urgent, the most glorious action that can take place in human life." Karl Barth

"Worship is the supreme and only indispensable activity of the Church. It alone will endure, like the love for God which it expresses, into heaven, when all other activities of the Church will have passed away." David Peterson

Before God laid the foundation of the earth, worship existed. All Christians on earth joyfully participate in worship. We will worship for all eternity joining the "many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders...saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing" (Rev. 5:11-12).

Worship is eternal.

You are invited to attend the 1st Indiana Bible College All-Night Worship Event on Friday, April 17, 2015.

The event will include 12 hours of continuous worship from 4:00 P.M. until 4:00 A.M. Saturday, April 18 at Calvary Tabernacle.

No Admission Charge. Everyone is invited to attend.
Email LindelAnderson@gmail.com for more information.



**Carolyn and John Hanson, ACTS II Ministries
Thompson, CT**

In Case You've Been Bitten

"My childhood was miserable. I lived in constant terror because my dad would come home drunk and beat me and my mom - often he would sexually abuse me and then not even remember what happened." The story is all too familiar. It is a problem of epidemic proportion throughout the world. Yet there are no truth-in-advertising

regulations requiring that the symptoms of intoxication be listed on the label. Rather, multi-billion dollar corporations who produce the poison scrub their image by sponsoring Super Bowl ads, building stadiums and theme parks, and courting lawmakers so they can distract us from noticing that their products contribute to more violence and death each year than do all of the mass murderers in America's history put together.

Several years ago, the World Health Organization issued this warning: "Alcohol causes nearly 4 percent of deaths worldwide, more than AIDS, tuberculosis or violence... The harmful use of alcohol is a global problem which compromises both individual and social development. It results in 2.5 million deaths each year. Alcohol is the world's third largest risk factor for premature mortality, disability and loss of health; it is the leading risk factor in the Western Pacific and the Americas and the second largest in Europe. Alcohol is associated with many serious social and developmental issues, including violence, child neglect and abuse, and absenteeism in the workplace. It also causes harm far beyond the physical and psychological health of the drinker. It harms the well-being and health of people around the drinker. An intoxicated person can harm others or put them at risk of traffic accidents or violent behavior, or negatively affect co-workers, relatives, friends or strangers. Thus, the impact of the harmful use of alcohol reaches deep into society." (2011 Global Status Report on Alcohol and Health)

This is how the Bible describes people who are bound by alcohol. "Who has anguish? Who has sorrow? Who is always fighting? Who is always complaining? Who has unnecessary bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes? It is the one who spends long hours in the taverns, trying out new drinks. Don't gaze at the wine, seeing how red it is, how it sparkles in the cup, how smoothly it goes down. For in the end it bites like a poisonous snake; it stings like a viper. You will see hallucinations, and you will say crazy things. You will stagger like a sailor tossed at sea, clinging to a swaying mast. And you will say, 'They hit me, but I didn't feel it. I didn't even know it when they beat me up. When will I wake up so I can look for another drink?'" (Proverbs 23:29-35 NLT)

WHO is a secular organization that warns of the incredible social and financial devastation that results from alcohol usage. Ministers, health care workers and social workers see the emotional, social and spiritual fallout from alcohol abuse on a daily basis. As a nation we have attempted to tame this snake through prohibition. The truth is that people will continue to get bitten by this viper until they are personally freed from its hold. You may have been bitten by dependency on alcohol or by the abuse perpetrated by someone under the influence. Either way, there are solutions. Millions of people have learned how to let God set them free. At first this viper seems impossible to overcome, but there are many people who have been there and done that who are happy to help others find a path to recovery or healing. Stop the hurting. Learn to avoid the snake bite. Call someone today.

Wouldn't Trade Ya

In fiction, Tom Sawyer was crafty enough to get his comrades to give him their treasures for a chance to help whitewash his Aunt Polly's fence. In history, Dutch colonist Peter Minuit was credited with purchasing the island of Manhattan from the Native Americans in exchange for traded goods valued at 60 guilders in 1626. Both of these transactions turned out to be great deals. In real life, many readers may have first entered the marketplace of bargaining when they pulled something out of their lunch box, turned to a classmate and said, "Trade ya."

To oversimplify life, everything is a trade out. We give our time and skills to our employer for a paycheck. We give time and commitment to our friends and family in order to be a part of their lives. We pledge monthly payments for the use of a house or a car. We take the time and effort to shower in order to enjoy good hygiene. We adjust our diet in hopes of maintaining good health. We trade.

Then, usually through painful experiences, we learn that there are those who are eager to swindle us ... to get us to make a bad trade. We find out there are no free lunches and that you get what you pay for. We learn the odds are against us when it comes to things like carnival games, cheap furniture and the lottery. In short, wise people learn when to not make the trade.

Life affords all of us some things that are too valuable to trade. They are priceless things that we can all attain and hold on to no matter our culture, economic status, intellect or abilities. They are so prized that the enemy of our souls makes it his business to steal and to destroy these assets. Using tools such as the world system, jealousy, fear, public opinion and peer pressure, the enemy will try to get us to trade:

- Real, fulfilling intimacy for cheap sex
- Character for popularity
- A sound mind and healthy brain for drugs and alcohol
- Truth for a convenient philosophy
- Selflessness for narcissism
- A genuine relationship with God for religion

But, as the greatest teacher who ever lived once said, "And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?" (Matthew 16:26 NLT) I am reminded of all the important things I have been given and that only I can trade away. I will savor the best things in life; things like integrity, morality, civility, community and honesty. Whenever I perceive that something or someone is bidding for these treasures, I will stiffen my resolve and respond, "I wouldn't trade ya - not for the whole world."

John Hanson and his wife, Carolyn, reside in Thompson, CT where he has served as the Bishop (Lead Pastor) of Acts II Ministries since 1996. He attended two years at Jackson College of Ministries and then earned a B.S. in Special Education and Elementary Education, graduating summa cum laude from Texas State University. He has served as a teacher, principal, associate pastor, pastor, district presbyter and district superintendent. He has written several books and blogs.

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The Century of the Name

Apostolic Book Reflects History of the Name of God, Explains Doctrine

By Gregg Stone



Bro. Stanley Wachtstetter
Arlington, TX

A century ago on April 15, 1914, Frank Ewart and Glen Cook were baptized in Jesus name seeking to, in revival fashion, re-establish Apostolic practice which they felt would bring Apostolic power of miracles and healing. This was a revival within

the newly formed Assemblies of God, and within one year one-fourth of the ministers and people were re-baptized. *The Century of the Name*, written by Stanley Wachtstetter, reflects on the history and comparison of the events a century earlier and the same spiritual hunger seen today. "I felt impressed to write a book celebrating this event and explaining the doctrinal and scriptural basis for the importance of this teaching," said Bro. Wachtstetter. "The subject of baptism, baptism in the name, and reflection on the name of God is the heart of this book."

Century of the Name was written with two purposes in mind. The targeted

audience for the book is mixed as it pertains to those who have accepted this truth as well as to those who are unfamiliar with the doctrine. "For those that see this truth and have responded, it is a celebration of that truth," said Bro. Wachtstetter, "and for those on the outside that reject this message, yet honestly want to know what we teach, it provides them with the answers. It is written for those who have a hungry heart and are seeking more of the truth."

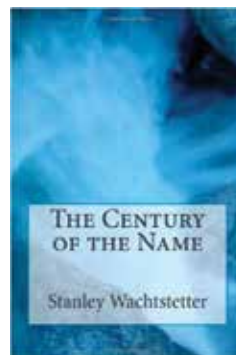
Having observed so many families that found this great truth, yet seeing that neither their grandchildren nor their great-grandchildren seemed to know anything of it, Bro. Wachtstetter wrote this book for his grandchildren. "I wanted this doctrine in black and white for them to read," he said.

The Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 is a passage that is under enormous attack in various ways, and Bro. Wachtstetter deals with this in his book. "This is a direct commission to the

church and as such to you and me," he said. "This passage on baptism alone is to the ministers, the church, all of us. We are tasked with teaching. We are not here to condemn them; our commission is to teach and to baptize them. This puts the burden on us."

Bro. Wachtstetter has experienced many success stories as a result of this book. "I am thankful for the interest in this book," he said. "When I presented this seminar in Johannesburg, the entire church responded and was baptized in Jesus name. Also, a missionary in Mexico wrote and said this book had come out just in time and was needed for teaching in her school, and a pastor in the Ukraine thanked me for it and asked if I would come and teach at a Bible school."

The Century of the Name is available through Amazon and Kindle, or you can write Bro. Wachtstetter at 6804 Winthorpe Drive, Arlington, TX 76001 and for a donation of \$20, he will send you a book, autographed per your request.



Apostolic Writer Celebrates Women in Book of Acts

By Susan Thomas



Judith and Robert Bentley
Troy, MO

The captivating stories of seven Apostolic women in the book of Acts are presented in the book, *Daughters of the Promise*, written by

Sis. Judith Bentley. "Through their lives, we discover who these women were, what they believed, and how they changed their world," said Sis. Bentley. "They were women of prayer, women of power, and women of passion. I believe their stories relate directly to women in every generation."

Sis. Bentley explained that in the New Testament Jesus showed his appreciation for the talents and gifts of women. "He elevated their position to a place of great love and respect," she said. "They were a vital part of His ministry as well as the ministry of the Apostles."

"The uniqueness of each of the women discussed in these lessons reveals that there is no stereotype for being a Christian woman. God made each of us with very individual talents and gifts, and He intends for us to use them accordingly. We have Dorcas the homemaker extraordinaire, Lydia the business lady and leader, and

Priscilla and Aquila, the husband and wife team who had church in their home. How inspiring to study how God matched each of their ministries to their individual abilities."

Sis. Bentley and her daughter, Kristin, have been involved directly in giving Bible studies, both in homes and in churches. These Acts lessons have evolved directly from those Bible studies.

"I will have to say, the book of Acts is my favorite book of the Bible," she said. "Though there are many Bible studies available for women, we felt there was a lack of lessons available that were taken directly from the book of Acts. Thus, we decided to contribute our studies for publishing so they could be more widely used in the Kingdom. We are grateful to the Pentecostal Publishing House for the excellent job they have done in producing these lessons."

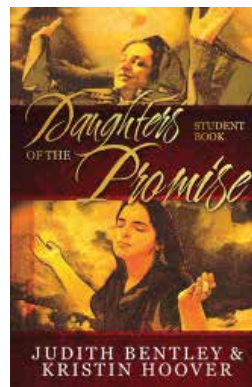
The Bible Study kit consists of three items: a DVD where Sis. Bentley and her daughter, Kristin, as well as other family members creatively introduce each lesson, a student study guide, and a teacher's guide.

"We have received a multitude of testimonies concerning these lessons,"

exclaimed Sis. Bentley. "One teacher reported that after teaching the first two lessons, both of the women she was teaching were baptized and received the Holy Ghost. Shortly thereafter, their husbands and other family members followed them in receiving full salvation. One lady presented the sixth lesson on deliverance in her prison ministry. After

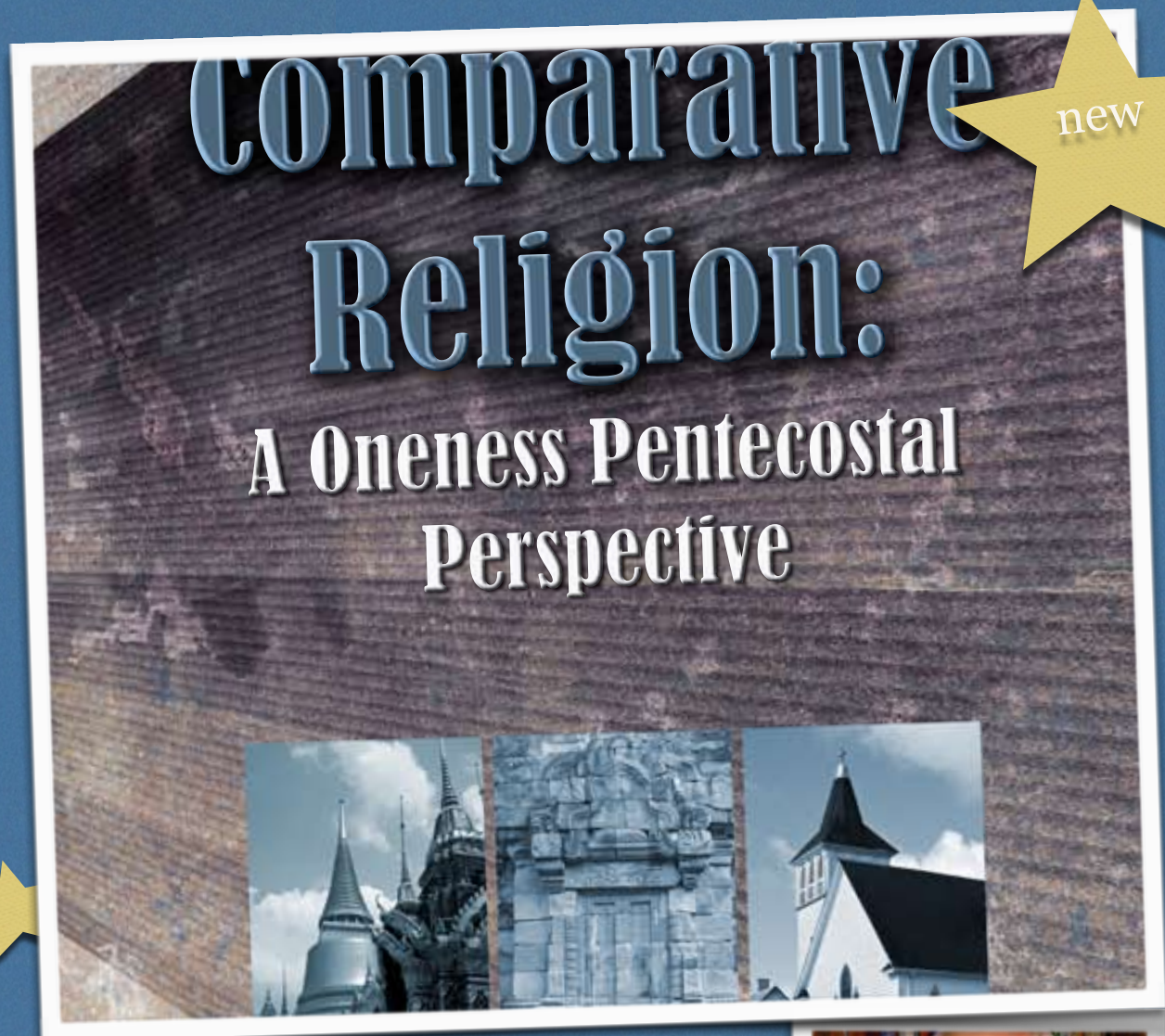
watching the DVD, one of the prisoners was gloriously filled with the Holy Ghost. While another lady wrote: 'Thank you for your help in ordering the *Daughters of the Promise* books. By faith I ordered 25, even though we only had 15 or so sign up. Each one was sold and many attended the study. We incorporated it into our Sunday school time for several weeks with my pastor's wife and I sharing the teaching. The ladies seemed to really enjoy it and hopefully they will continue to glean from the insights presented.'"

Sis. Bentley is thankful to report that these lessons are presently being taught worldwide through missionaries and other sources. It is her hope that they will be a part of the great outpouring of God's Spirit in the last days.



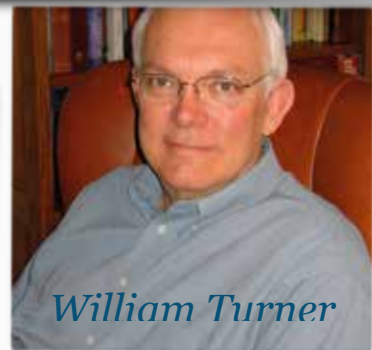
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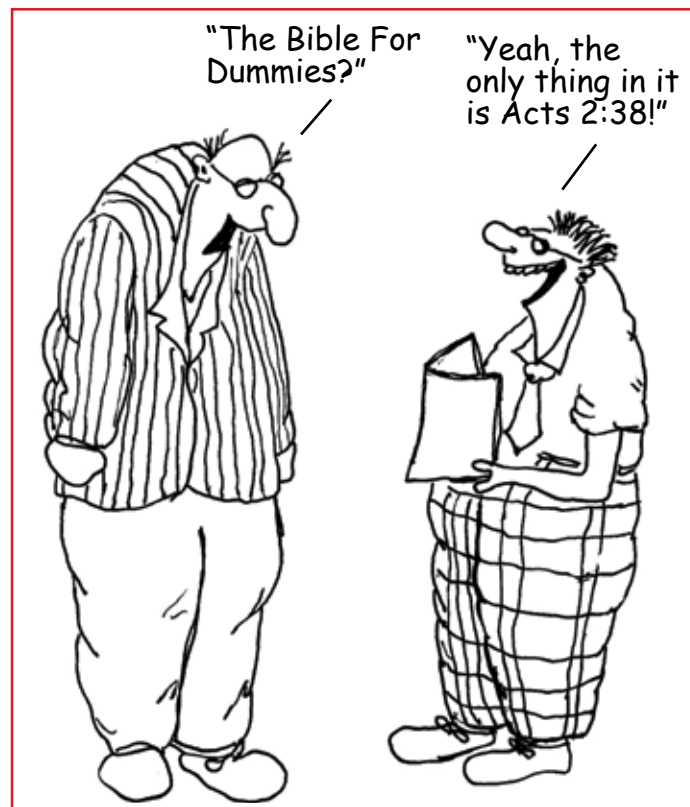
While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made him wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased.

The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: "Glory be unto the Father, and unto the Son, and into the hole he goes."

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It was Super Bowl Sunday and in our church the time for the collection of tithes and offerings was approaching.

The minister, a true sports enthusiast, reached into his pocket, took out a quarter, flipped it into the air, glanced at it as it landed, then in typical referee fashion joyfully announced: "The ushers have elected to receive!"



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A man owned a small farm in South Georgia. The Wage and Hour Department suspected he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent to interview him.

Agent: "You just give me a list of your employees and tell me how much you pay them."

Farmer: "All right. I have a hired man. Been with me for three years. I pay him \$600 a week, plus room and board. I have a cook. She's been here six months. She gets \$500 a week plus room and board."

Agent (scribbling on note pad): "Anybody else?"

Farmer: "Yeah, there's a half-wit here. Works about 18 hours a day. I pay him \$10 a week and give him all the Diet Coke he wants to drink."

Agent: "Aha! I want to talk to that half-wit!"

Farmer: "You're talkin' to him."



"Oh, good . . . you're not busy."

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110 Years Ago in the USA . . .

- ~ The average life expectancy was 47.
- ~ Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
- ~ Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost \$11.
- ~ There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- ~ The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- ~ Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.
- ~ The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour. The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year. A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
- ~ More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.
- ~ Ninety percent of all physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."
- ~ Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were 14 cents a dozen. Coffee cost 15 cents a pound.
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