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There Is a Crack In Everything

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“There is a crack in everything.” We would hope, of course, that this is not true; however, it is clear that society is experiencing revolutionary shifts in almost every area: politics, religion, communication, social constructs, education, science... and the list goes on. Let us not ignore the opportunity for a positive response, even when the situation is dreadful.

*“Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That’s how the light gets in.”*

These words from poet and songwriter Leonard Cohen are a powerful challenge to do *something*. Do *something* now! Ungodliness and the rejection of God’s Word have cracked the foundations of humanity. If we are wise we will grasp this as an opportunity not to merely cower in defense, but we must see this as a time when the light can get in – a time of great illumination and ultimately revival is within reach. Compromise is not a solution. We cannot stand wringing our hands, trying to negotiate our position or bog down in the endless pursuit of perfection, trying to make flawless presentations. We cannot craft our own response to the problems that the world faces today. We must, “Ring the bell that still can ring.”

This will not be an easy task. God gave a similar challenge to Moses, and even his response was reticence. “And Moses said unto the Lord, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man’s mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord?” (Exodus 4:10-11). In other words, “Speak, and I will make this work.”

Most of us, in spite of however grieved we may be, can understand and make sense of the moral failures that happen in our churches and among the ministry. At the end of the day we cry with the offenders and the offended, while acknowledging our own humanity. We humbly accept the consequences that sin brings and seek solutions for all concerned – and we go on. It’s never pleasant, but when handled appropriately, the core doctrinal positions of the church go undisturbed.

There is, however, another kind of failure that happens in churches and among men. It creates deep anguish and despair, it is not easy to overcome, and ultimately leads to dissolution both physically and spiritually. It cracks the foundations. It is not simply the common moral failure of weak, careless persons. It is something else entirely. It is the harsh work of “certain men,” smashing foundations, making disciples unto themselves. Men who have crept into the churches unawares, under

false pretenses, under false promises that they will maintain the churches’ doctrinal commitments. They boldly and deliberately manipulate the Word of God, while exploiting people’s consciences and their money. “For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ” (Jude 1:4).

Now is the time to speak. Many people in our churches and our nation can see the foundations crumbling, but many apparently do not. The headlines scream the warnings daily. Television, still Americans’ number one influence, is mostly trash. It does not lift, it dumps down. It unashamedly provides Americans clear examples of their own moral and spiritual chaos. Yet the nation laps it up and asks for more. As our churches slip into carelessness toward holiness and separation from the world, we too must ask the question – is there no off button? Will the party just roll on into an endless night? Will we take notice of our own crumbling foundations?

The cracking foundations are clearly visible in the culture and in the church. One does not need the perfect song or the perfect sermon before getting involved. However, we do need the perfect passion to speak, to vote, and to attend meetings. The spoken word, the counter-attack, and the rebuttal can make a difference. Resist the devil. “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7). “Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers” (2 Timothy 2:14).

“Ring the bells that still can ring.” Ring the bell that you can ring. I understand there can be moral failure due to human weakness, but the evil deception involved in the twisting of scripture, the brazen robbery of godly people’s labors and deconstruction of holiness convictions is not about some poor man’s weakness in his flesh. It is a conspiracy of brazen flesh against God’s righteousness. And it is not a little matter that is going to blow over. Now is the right time for good men and women to speak up. The cracks are there, for sure...

“But that’s where the light gets in, and that’s where the resurrection is and that’s where the return, that’s where the repentance is. It is with the confrontation, with the brokenness of things.” - Leonard Cohen

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Mark Harrelson, West Mobile, AL -- I do not use a computer Bible study program at present. When I switched from one operating system to the other, e-Sword wasn't available in that format. When I used e-Sword, I felt that it favorably compared to PC Study Bible and was mostly a free tool. I understand that Logos has an excellent platform, but I have never used it. I do, however, use the free version of Blue Letter Bible for iPhone use. It has a good search feature and has my favorite translations. I use Bible Gateway extensively for search and multiple versions of Scripture. For interlinear reference, I use Bible Hub.



Daniel Criss, Uniontown, OH -- I have three computer programs I use: Power Bible CD, QuickVerse, and Master Christian Library. I like QuickVerse because it's easier to find a scripture I have in my mind than any other program I use, and I like the way it copies and pastes. Power Bible CD is my real study tool, though. The version I have has 15 Bible versions, Strong's, many commentaries, lexicons, and much more. I've been using both of these programs for at least 15 years, and I rarely build a sermon without them. I can't say I use them every day, but it's very difficult to just read my Bible only without opening Power Bible and doing a little research.

I don't use any of the typical websites for Bible studies. I do occasionally use Chabad.org to do research if I can't find something in my Torah, Tanach, or Jewish History books. I also use a Bible app from YouVersion on my iPad. I like the way you can bookmark and save notes in that app.



Lonnie Samora, Arvada, CO -- I find PC Study Bible to be an invaluable tool for personal study and especially for preparing messages. It is so much easier to prepare a message when you can pop in and out of several lexicons and translations. At times, I find commentaries and Bible dictionaries to be very helpful as well. I have grown to depend so much on my PC Study Bible; I can't imagine not having it. I am not much of a tech geek so I do not really use PowerPoint at all in my messages or Bible studies. We project the title and the scripture verses; that's enough.



David Bethel, Mineola, TX -- I used to use PC Study Bible and liked it very much. I now use Logos. I use it daily for the many references and cross references that are available, as well as the ability to search many different subjects and the daily devotions it offers. I also use a computer and an iPad. I would love PowerPoint but do not use it at present.



D. Mark Lashbrook, Algonquin, IL -- I do not use a computer Bible study program; however, I use Olive Tree on my iPad. I use Internet sites exclusively on my laptop. I use blueletterbible.org several times a week, and I use PowerPoints once every few months as needed. I prepare my notes and my sermons on my computer or my iPad.



Jeff Marchand, Shoreview, MN -- The Bible software that I use is a combination of both Logos and Sword Searcher. I use these programs multiple times throughout the week. They both are user-friendly and provide access to tremendous study tools. Blue Letter Bible is a source that I frequent daily, and I use Evernote to capture any seed thoughts that I receive through prayer, Bible reading, outside sources, etc. When it comes time to organize my thoughts, I use MS Word and create an outline format. This outline will include Bible verses that I will copy/paste from the above-mentioned Bible programs.

I always use PowerPoint to create a graphical background to the sermon that I am preaching. I will, however, save the file as a JPEG so as not to compromise the content when I import it into the projection program that our church uses (Proclaim). After completing and saving the MS Word outline PowerPoint, I then will save these three files to my local computer as well as e-mail them to a designated sermon e-mail alias that stores every message that I've preached.



Joseph Miller, Magee, MS -- I use e-Sword; it's my only Bible program simply because for the most part it is free to download. I used it daily while evangelizing, and I now use it three to four times per week. It's very user friendly. I like how you can arrange the screens as you wish, and being able to maximize any portion of the screen makes it very easy to copy and paste scripture, definitions of words, or portions of a commentary into my notes.

I use BibleGateway.com for a Bible version that isn't on E-sword. It's easy to access and to search. I use my computer to prepare my notes, then I convert them to PDF and transfer them to my Kindle. When I take my Kindle to the pulpit, I have all my scriptures right in my notes. To me, it helps me stay in the flow, and I don't have to turn pages in my Bible to find every scripture I've included in my notes. My Bible, however, isn't far away because there are moments when the Lord will quicken a scripture to me that isn't in my notes.

I've never been one to use PowerPoint very often; however, it does make the content of the message more memorable, especially when teaching.



Daniel Walter, Chester, VA -- I use PC Study Bible, Logos, and WORDsearch quite regularly each week. I use Bible Gateway and Bible Study Tools for research while preparing handwritten notes. I then transfer my handwritten notes by typing them in on my laptop for memory's sake. I rarely ever PowerPoint a sermon but usually do when it comes to Bible studies.



Luis Rodriguez, Daytona Beach, FL -- I just started using Olive Tree Bible app on my iPad, but I still value the traditional leather-bound Bible and a pen. I use Olive Tree every day. It seems to have quite a bit of features. I also use Bible Gateway and Google, and I have just started to prepare notes on my iPad, and I am preparing to use PowerPoints soon as well.

METHODS, MEANS, AND MOTIVATION

By Gregg Stone



Deborah and Gordon Parrish III
Fairbanks, AL

If you are looking for a great place to worship, raise your children and become part of a wonderful family of believers, then you've come to the right place. The Sanctuary United Pentecostal Church of Fairbanks, Alaska, pastored by Bro. Gordon Parrish III, is truly a special place, a multicultural place, a place where people of diverse cultures become one spiritual family. Their doors will always be open for all.

Through the years, hundreds of people just like you have received their very own life-changing New Birth experience at The Sanctuary. Their priority is to help each person find, develop and maintain their own relationship with the Lord.

Bro. Parrish has been a pastor for 39 years and is currently the district superintendent of the Alaska-Yukon district, and serves on the United Pentecostal Church of Canada's Board of Directors as well. His previous positions include district youth president, home missions secretary, district paper editor, and district board member. Bro. Parrish and his wife, Deborah, have three children: Jennifer [37], Gordon IV [33], and Michael [31].

Born and raised in southern Illinois, Bro. Parrish was just five years old when his mother came into the church under Bro. Calvin Rigdon's ministry. "Before the age of nine I was baptized and received the Holy Ghost," explains Bro. Parrish. "By the time I was twelve I had quit attending church but in 1971, when I was 21 years old, I prayed back through and shortly thereafter I felt a calling to pastor and began preparing myself. When I approached my pastor [Bro. Lester Caraway, Herrin, Illinois] his response was, 'I thought you would be coming to me about this.' In the summer of 1972, I met and married my beautiful wife Deborah. I then enrolled in Gateway College of Evangelism in St. Louis. During the first year, I felt a very strong calling to go back to Alaska and in the summer of '73, we loaded everything

we had into a car and an old pickup truck bed that had been chopped off the cab and drove the 4,200 miles to Fairbanks. We remained in Fairbanks, attending and working in the church that we now pastor. In 1975, we opened a church in Delta Junction, located about 100 miles from Fairbanks, and remained there until June 1978. June 2, 1978 was my installation service in the church that we currently pastor."

Principles of Growth & Revival

Bro. Parrish is armed with a vision to help every one of the pastors in the Alaska-Yukon district grow their church in number and maturity by providing for them what he calls the three M's of evangelism: methods, means and motivation. "For our church family we provide methods (ideas, programs, drives, etc.), means (materials, finances, etc.), and motivation," explains Bro. Parrish. "By promoting evangelism each service and through the programs that encourage outreach, a pastor is motivating the congregation by showing them what is important to him as the pastor."

Bro. Parrish believes the most important key to having a growing church is to develop a "growth atmosphere" within the church. "This would include establishing a vision for growth by preaching/teaching that the purpose of the church is to reach the lost, and to retain (or disciple) those that come in," he says. "Much effort goes into creating a growth atmosphere such as helping your congregation feel good about who they are and what they are doing for the kingdom. Each person needs to find their place of involvement within the church – a ministry that they enjoy doing."

Every Thursday evening, Bro. Parrish meets with young adults for Ministers In Training (M.I.T.). While teaching them principles of leadership, character, etc., he helps them find their place of ministry. "For those involved, I tend to see a greater degree of commitment and involvement within the Kingdom, a greater sense of purpose," said Bro. Parrish. "A pastor's priorities should focus primarily on equipping the church members for ministry. A pastor will do well by establishing priorities in ministry and staying with them. Consistency is a builder; inconsistency is a killer."

Organization & Management

Bro. Parrish firmly believes in organization, especially in those areas requiring training. "We have quarterly staff meetings and an annual planning session," explains Bro. Parrish. "I meet with individual department heads weekly. For each 'position' in the church one must go through our written guidelines of requirement and agree to live that standard of life."

Personal Ministry

Bro. Parrish' philosophy of ministry is pretty simple: minister to the needs. "My advice (when asked) is don't waste your time answering questions that aren't being asked," says Bro. Parrish. "Obviously, the lost need to be found and the saints need help in dealing with the issues of life. Basically, this is my ministry. As far as my target group, we are a multicultural church. No group or individual is out of bounds for us."

Special Miracles

Through the years, The Sanctuary has experienced several



miracles: cancers healed, etc. The most notable miracle, however, was a 4-year-old girl that was hit by a truck in front of their church. She was without question deceased. During a frantic prayer in the street, she was raised to life.

"Shannon lived across the street and often came to our house to play with my daughter, Jennifer," explains Bro. Parrish. "Both were the same age and enjoyed each other's company. On this particular day, Shannon had been playing with Jennifer but decided to go to her home to pick up something for them both to snack on. I was working on the outside of our church, along with some members of our church, when I heard the sliding of tires across wet pavement. I quickly turned toward the street in time to see the pickup truck hit Shannon, throwing her 20-plus feet through the air. Once on the pavement she didn't move. Her bicycle was tangled and crushed underneath the truck. I quickly ran toward her, giving instructions to one of our men to call an ambulance. When in the military I had received some emergency medical training, and I know that you can cause more severe damage to an injured person by moving them so I was cautious. I first checked for any signs of life, wrist pulse, neck pulse, heartbeat, etc. I then put my face next to her mouth but could not detect any breathing. Shannon's face looked as though all of the bones were broken on the left side. Later we could see where her face had dented the front hood of the truck. I also noticed a cut on her forehead, which was opened, and to her skull. There was no bleeding, which is another indication that her heart wasn't beating. From her ears came what looked like a mixture of blood and clear fluid, indicating brain damage. At this point, I realized that Shannon was gone and that I wouldn't do any more damage by taking her in my arms, so I did so. As I knelt there in the middle of the street holding Shannon, I remember feeling almost obsessed to pray for her, and I started crying out, 'Jesus, help this baby; Jesus, help this baby.' At some point, I opened my eyes to see what seemed like the entire neighborhood standing around us. The odd thing that I noticed was that they were all staring at me and not really looking at this little girl. Looking back, they must have thought that I was beside myself with grief and had simply 'lost it.' As I continued (almost screaming) 'Jesus, help this baby,' I saw Shannon's mother and father jump from their front porch and run toward us. As her mother knelt beside me, I tried to hand Shannon to her mother. She pushed Shannon back to me while crying, 'No, pray, pray!' I'm not sure how much time went by; it couldn't have been more than a few minutes when all of a sudden, Shannon inhaled a deep breath, her arms and legs shot out and she began to cry. At that point, an ambulance was on the scene, and they immediately put her on a stretcher and took her to the hospital.

"This all took place around 8 p.m. on a summer night. I quickly changed clothes and went to be with the family at the

hospital. At about 11 p.m. I saw their family truck pull into their yard, and the most amazing thing happened. Shannon got out of the truck, walked over to her wadded-up bicycle, kicked the tire, stood there a minute and then walked into her house.

"The next day a knock came at my front door. It was Shannon. She was dressed in her nicest dress and carrying a little gift for me from her mother. I invited her in and immediately began looking at her face, which the evening before had looked to have the consistency of cottage cheese. Everything now looked normal. I couldn't resist lifting her little dress to see where the truck had hit the left side of her body. From the top to the bottom, there was not one bruise to be found."

Current Facility

This past Easter was the first service for The Sanctuary in its new auditorium. They have been in a building program for several years and have just completed buildings 5, 6, and 7 of an 8-building project. Total square footage for their church is just over 23,500 square feet. The seating capacity for their new auditorium is just over 500. They continue to work on their current project, paying as they go.

"As far as numbers in church, we live in a very transient area," says Bro. Parrish. "Fairbanks has a strong military presence, and people come and go every couple of years. Those who come to Alaska for work or pleasure often tend to leave when they finish what they came for. Fairbanks can be a difficult place to live considering the extreme weather conditions. When folks come to church and the temperature is 40 degrees below zero or colder, we give them a certificate. (This practice started as tongue-in-cheek, but we found that we all take it pretty seriously.) The winter weather here is life-threatening, and one can never forget that. Thinking back over our records, since I came here as pastor, we have baptized between 2,500 and 3,000, and most of those received the Holy Ghost."



Pastor Parrish performs a baptism.

Plans for the Future

Bro. Parrish is excited about the future, the remainder of his building program and what the Lord has in store for The Sanctuary.

"I am just as excited about the Lord's work today as ever," says Bro. Parrish. "I will continue to be a revivalist, reaching for the lost and helping the saints in every way I can."



A drawing of the building project at The Sanctuary UPC



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Top Seven Desires of Pastors

Based on interviews with more than 20 pastors who had been in ministry for at least 25 years, Thom Rainer (president of LifeWay Christian Resources) compiled a list of the top seven regrets. All of the men interviewed were over 55 years old. While a few of them were retired, most were still active in full-time vocational ministry. After each regret listed, a representative direct quote is provided from one of the interviewees.



1. *Lack of practical training for local church ministry.*

"I wish I had taken time to find some resources or places where I could get practical training. I had to learn in the school of hard knocks, and it was very painful at times."

2. *Overly concerned about critics.*

"My regret is that I spent way too much time and emotional energy dealing with the critics. I think of the hundreds of hours I lost focusing on critics, and it grieves me to this day."

3. *Failure to exercise faith.* "At some point in my ministry, I started playing defense and let the status quo become my way of doing church. I was fearful of taking steps of faith, and my leadership and churches suffered as a result."

4. *Not enough time with family.* "I can't say that people didn't warn me. One wise pastor told me I had a mistress. When he saw my anger rising, he told me that my mistress was busyness in my church, and that my family was suffering from neglect."

5. *Failure to understand basic business and finance issues.* "The first time I saw my church's budget, I thought I was looking at a foreign language. I really felt stupid in so many of the discussions about the budget or other church business issues."

6. *Failure to share ministry.* "I had two complexes. The first was the Superman complex. I felt like if ministry was going to be done well, I had to do it. I couldn't ask or equip someone else to do it. My second complex was 'conflict avoider.' I was so afraid that I would get criticized if I didn't visit Aunt Susie personally when she had an outpatient procedure that I ran myself ragged."

7. *Failure to make friends.* "I know it's a cliché, but being a pastor can be lonely. I wish I had done a better job of seeking out true friends. I know if I had made the effort, there would have been a number of pastors in town that I could have befriended."



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By Stephen Judd, TCM President



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Bro. and Sis. Brent "Randall" Regnart, Stockton, CA

Bro. Randall, tell us a bit about yourself and your ministry.

I have been in Children's Ministry leadership for almost 25 years, serving in several roles, including that of children's

pastor at Christian Life Center in Stockton, California for most of those years.

Currently, I am providing teacher training and children's ministry to churches across the country, in addition to my full-time work at KYCC Radio in Stockton.

What would you recommend a church do to improve their children's ministry?

Before assessing what to improve, first look at what you are doing well and give credit where credit is due. I think sometimes we are guilty of focusing on our failures versus celebrating our successes.

Somewhere in your children's ministry there is a staff member who is doing an excellent job, and there are children who are being effectively reached.

Take the time to highlight and celebrate what you are doing right before tackling what you are doing wrong or not doing at all.

That's great advice. Once we have done that, where should we begin making changes?

A lesson I have learned in radio is to pay attention to the audience reaction regarding any song or program that we play. By the same token, we should pay attention to the kids' reactions to everything in our ministry.

Do they enjoy Sunday school or do they have to be dragged to church? I remember one Sunday in particular when I saw a bunch of our kids *running* to children's church. I took that as a very good sign.

There are three key areas of your operation you can inspect for possible improvement: staff, culture and facilities. Regarding staff, I would ask myself: Is the leadership adequately trained for the job they have been assigned? Is the staff effective, well-trained and valued? Is the staff communicating well with leadership and vice versa? Have we run background checks on every staff member?

A happy staff makes for a happy leader. My job as children's pastor is much easier if my staff members are content in their roles.

I am obviously a huge fan of teacher training and would highly recommend that all Sunday school teachers attend a training event at least once a year, if not more. There are untapped resources all around; take advantage of them.

Regarding background checks, I have discovered that this is an area of neglect in many churches. It needs to be regarded as a priority.

You mentioned "culture." What do you mean?

I am talking about the overall atmosphere and spirit of the children's ministry. For example: Are the spiritual needs of the kids being met? Do the kids enjoy the ministry from week to week? Do kids absolutely know they are valued at our church? Are visiting kids returning a second and third time? Is our curriculum helping us reach our goals? Is the ministry growing?

Regarding "value," I applaud any church that is successfully communicating to its kids that they are valued. For many, the Sunday school class is the single haven of peace in their lives. Let's convey to them how much they are loved, both by God and by us.

Talk about facilities for a moment.

It has long been my contention that we (mistakenly) design our churches, our facilities and our lobbies for adults.

When an 8-year-old boy arrives at your front door, do your facilities tell him that he is a priority and that he is welcome?

Are the greeters greeting him, or greeting only his parents? Is it a place where he feels immediately comfortable, or is he being forced to enter a "grownup's world"? Take a good look at your lobby and your facility through his eyes. Ask yourself: Is our facility decorated in a child-friendly way? What elements in our lobby tell kids that they are important to us? Do our facilities provide a safe area for the kids?

If you are not careful, you and your facilities will convey the signal to kids that they are "second-class citizens" of your church, instead of the priority they need to be.

At the end of the list you mention a "safe area."

I have been to a lot of churches that have not made child safety a top priority, and I just cringe. Even though I listed it last, it really is a priority of the highest degree. Take a good, hard, honest look at your facilities, and make absolutely sure the kids are safe. For example, if you are not using a check-in/check-out system, I strongly recommend you implement one.

It's a sobering fact: the horror stories are true. The time to make a change is not *after* something heartbreaking happens at your church.

This is a lot to consider all at one time.

You should then prioritize what needs changed first. Make a list: "Five Things We are Going to Change in 2014," then focus on the five, not the entire picture. At the end of the year, celebrate the five changes that you made, then make five more in 2015.

How can a church or pastor contact you?

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Isn't your last name "Regnart"?

Yeah. It's a radio thing. Long story.

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JULY 11-12	The Well (Ladies Conference) - Tyler, TX Today's woman is bombarded everyday with messages that bring question and concern to their well-being. The Well is a place where lives can be refreshed, hope can be restored and power can be replenished.	First Church of Tyler Tyler, Texas Host Pastor: Larry Gandy	Gordon Poe, James Hughes and Dedie Cooley	For more info: visit www.gordonpoe.com/TOR/conference . (717) 755-7202
JULY 18	The Well (Ladies Conference) - San Benito, TX Today's woman is bombarded everyday with messages that bring question and concern to their well-being. The Well is a place where lives can be refreshed, hope can be restored and power can be replenished.	Pentecostal Church of San Benito San Benito, Texas Host Pastor: J.C. Milligan	Gordon Poe, Judy Gandy and Shara McKee	For more info: visit www.gordonpoe.com/TOR/conference . (717) 755-7202
JULY 23-25	Mile High Conference 2014 Revival of Prayer, Praise and Evangelism	Calvary Apostolic Church 5900 E. Yale Ave. Denver, CO 80222 Host: Don Haymon II	Martyn Ballesterio, Lonnie Treadway, Doug White and Steve Pixler. Guest music ministry by Timothy Spell.	(303) 758-5900 www.cacdenver.org DEH2@comcast.net
JULY 29-31	IMPACT Family Conference 2014 Day sessions to meet the needs of your entire family unit (Married, Single, Parents, Teens & Children) and your church leadership.	Woodlawn Church Hwy 98 - Columbia, MS Host Pastor: James Carney	Lee Stoneking, Wayne Huntley and Jack Cunningham	For detailed schedule, visit www.woodlawn-church.cc (601) 736-5128
JULY 30-AUG. 1	4th Annual Azusa StreetRiders National Rally Motorcycle rides and outreach services open to the public. Tail of the Dragon, fun, fellowship	First Apostolic Church, 1723 William Blount Dr., Maryville, TN Host: Kenneth Carpenter	Cortt Chavis	www.AzusaStreetRiders.com/event , Fred Beall@AzusaStreetRiders.com 843-450-6200
AUG 2-5	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 13-15	The Apostolic Conference - Madison, MS A conference designed for the North American Missionary and Church Planter.	Parkway Pentecostal Church, 1620 Mannsdale Rd., Madison, MS 39110	J.W. Dillon, Brian Kinsey, David Shatwell, Chester Wright, Omar Jolly, Lee Stoneking, and Mark Morgan	For more info: visit www.parkwaychurch.net or call 601-853-2607
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AUG 21-22	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	Marrell Cornwell, Steve Cannon, Brent Coltharp, Jerry Jones and Wayne Huntley	For more info: visit invest-in-futures.com
SEPT. 4-5	Mid-America Renewal Conference (MARC) Indianapolis, Indiana - A Power Packed Preaching Conference in the Heart of the Midwest.	Calvary Tabernacle 902 Fletcher Ave. Indianapolis, IN Host: Paul D. Mooney	To be announced	ibc@apostolic.edu www.go2ibc.com or call (317) 262-4030 or (317) 554-8069
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Church Today: Do I Have to Pay Taxes?



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Good Leaders, Bad Decisions

A recent issue of *Harvard Business Review OnPoint* magazine featured a reprint of an article entitled, "Why Good Leaders Make Bad Decisions." The writers recount the story of Brigadier General Matthew Broderick, chief of the Homeland Security Operations Center, who was responsible for alerting government officials if Hurricane Katrina breached the levees in New Orleans. Instead of making the call for help, Broderick ignored early reports of potential levee breaches and went home.

Broderick was a military man. The article points out that he was used to making decisions in "fog of war" environments. "These experiences had taught him that early reports surrounding a major event are often false and it's better to wait for the 'ground truth' from a reliable source before acting" (Campbell, Whitehead, Finkelstein, HBR OnPoint, Summer 2014). In his defense, it does appear that there was a great deal of confusion and conflicting reports.

In a time of great chaos in our nation and culture, this is no time to claim "fog of war" and hesitate to call a warning, and it is certainly not time to go home and bar the doors. Satan has come in like a flood and the levees are being breached.

I work with many young people at Indiana Bible College and sadly, the reports are coming back mixed. Sure, there are churches having revival and staying faithful to this one God message and Apostolic lifestyle, but we also hear reports of a serious lack of Bible knowledge among youth and a growing trend to embrace worldliness and carnality, as well as a general desensitization toward the moving of the Spirit.

Details are sketchy; but if we are honest, we have to admit at the very least we are not progressing fast enough. Bible schools overseas have more than doubled in 20 years despite financial and political adversity while in the past three decades in North America, we've closed more Bible colleges than we've opened. Our UPCI-endorsed colleges in North America have better facilities than ever before, faculties with Ph.D. scholars and anointed teachers yet most struggle to increase enrollment. Simply put . . . shouldn't we be encouraging more of our Apostolic youth to answer the call?

New Orleans will never be the same . . . buildings and lives are lost forever. Broderick is not responsible for the storm, the botched disaster response, or other failures that made up the tragedy of Katrina, but he did have a window of opportunity to sound an alarm. When we see dangerous trends, should we wait and see how far these will go? The disaster awaiting our churches and families may be irrecoverable.



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How should we handle questions asking if we could affirm something like the following, "We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"?

Well, simply stated, we say we cannot. But when dealing with people outside our movement, instead of rushing to show them our position is biblical and better way forward is to sometimes show that their own revered ministers have rejected this too. An IBC alumnus was confronted on the mission field with this exact question. Their answers, using the above approach, confounded the questioners. Because of special circumstances where they were employed, they were asked to speak with the head of the Baptist movement in that country. At the conclusion he said, "You don't need to worry about signing this affirmation."

Here's what I counseled our alumnus to say: I absolutely believe in one God, but I am not comfortable saying God "existed eternally as three persons." However, theologians like Frank Stagg, who taught at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, says that while he acknowledges the full deity of Christ he, like you, rejects the Nicene formulation of God as persons. Even W. A. Criswell in his book on Heaven said "...the only God you will see in heaven is Jesus." He was the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was called one of their greatest expository preachers, and led the "conservative resurgence" in the SBC. So, we are more comfortable saying modes or manifestations of the one God.

In denominational circles, there are many rejecting these Trinitarian affirmations, and pressure is increasing on some to hedge or accommodate the language of trinity. Some Apostolics, learning they can sell more books or be on more platforms preaching or singing, have tried to accommodate the language in some way. This is a terrible approach born out of a compromised and backslidden heart seeking the wrong things.

The best way forward is to point out the severe difficulties in these denominational movements with people who do not acknowledge non-biblical understanding, terms or constructs regarding God. For instance, a minister friend showed me another current example in David K. Naugle, a Distinguished University Professor Chair and Professor of Philosophy at Dallas Baptist University for 23 years. He makes some fascinating admissions in his book entitled *A Student's Guide (Reclaiming the Christian Intellectual Tradition)*. In his section about admitting presuppositions or "starting assumptions" he confesses he might be approaching scripture in a faulty way. He says, "If God did use the medium of his deeds and words in history to make himself known, then to reason abstractly about him could be rightly called 'faithless rebellion.'" (pg. 36) He further admits, "In so expressing God the Trinity, we must ask if we are departing from our commitment to knowing God on the basis of his acts and words in history. Possibly, but hopefully not." (pg. 39) What a candid admission. He "hopes" that in arguing for a trinity he's not engaging in abstract reasoning amounting to but "hopefully not ... faithless rebellion."

We are in a powerful day. Let's not adopt terrible things the denominational world is laying aside because of pressure to be liked or invited into certain places. The approach of showing their own movements struggle with non-biblical views is a better way forward. Never compromise the Bible. God always has a better way.



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What are the keys to a growing church?

Kennon L. Callahan, in his best-selling book *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church*, provides a list of 12 elements that usually exist in growing churches. He contends that at least nine of these 12 keys should be present if a church wishes to grow effectively and consistently. Look over the list and see how you compare:

1. Specific and concrete growth and evangelism goals. They know exactly where they want to go each year.

2. Weekly visitation by pastor and church members to visitors. Also visitation is made to absentees and other evangelism prospects.

3. Strong, dynamic – yet compassionate – worship and preaching services.

4. Significant emphasis on involvement by members and converts in various ministries and small groups of the church. At least 70% involvement.

5. Strong leadership, with an emphasis upon training current and future laity for significant leadership involvement.

6. An effective organizational structure that includes active participation by the various lay ministry leaders in the decision-making process.

7. Several competent ministries and programs that serve the membership and new

converts in spiritual growth and evangelism, such as: Sunday School, Home Bible Study, Men's and Women's Ministry, Youth Ministry, New Convert Care, Visitor Follow-up, etc.

8. An open and accessible location near major traffic patterns and communities.

9. Adequate sanctuary and facilities for worship and Christian education. Simply put: there's room to grow.

10. Adequate parking and land for future expansion. They purchase land with the future in mind.

11. A high degree of visibility – both in the physical location of the facility and in the community life and news.

12. Solid financial resources to keep the church's ministries and program functioning. Growing churches are *giving* churches.

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Pastors: Healing Tools Available

Pastors, you have people sitting in your church that are saved but deeply wounded from painful life events. Sexual abuse victims are one in three women and one in four men. Most never talk about the abuse to anyone. They are full of fear and feel no one would understand their emotions. Most sexual abuse begins in childhood by a family member or friend of the family.

Sexual abuse can lead to sexual addiction through pornography. This is both male and female. I counsel young parents today shocked to find a young friend of their child is sharing porn, or talking in sexual explicit details about sex and body parts. I recently heard on Christian radio that sex has become the new world 'religion.' It's being pushed on the children in some school districts beginning in kindergarten regarding same sex relationships.

The church must be a 'hospital' for the hurting and begin educating our young parents for prevention of abuse. Please do not say to the person desiring healing, "Just pray and give it to Jesus." The pain, shame, disgrace and emotional distortion that sexual abuse causes into adult life is indescribable.

I provide nationwide phone/Skype counseling (636) 448-0121 with individuals and couples. I also provide co-counseling with pastors through Skype. This allows the pastor to sit in on the counseling session and learn how to be an effective helper for their hurting saints.

My website www.carolclemans.org has over 65 articles on the subjects I counsel as a resource for pastors and to help the hurting heal with God's truth. I have teaching CD's, DVD's and book: *God's Design for Marriage*. All of these resources are tools a pastor can use to help the leaders in the church become healing helpers.

I love teaching the Word for spiritual, emotional and relational growth for churches and conferences. God's desire is to heal the brokenhearted and bind up the wounded through His truth! (Teaching Bible over 50 years - counseling 22 years).

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Four Steps to a Simpler Financial Life

For many of us, financial life seems to be getting more and more complicated. Perhaps that's because more workers bear responsibility for their own retirement savings thanks to the proliferation of 401(k) and other plans. Or maybe it's because there's so much information and so many investment choices to sort through. Whatever the case, here are some suggestions that may help to simplify your financial life.

1. *Start with a Plan.* A little time spent planning now can benefit you later. First, determine short-term financial goals. Do



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Making An Altar Call

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" - Acts 2:41.

Recently I was asked in what type of services I would make an altar call. My quick response was "all." I wish I had a camera ready for their reaction when I said that. After their seconds of silence, I elaborated by saying I would make an altar call in Christmas plays, Easter plays, hallelujah parties, communion services and mid-week services, too.

Years ago, Bishop Kilgore said the turning point in growth for the Apostolic church he pioneered in Houston was when they started placing a premium on altar services. The reality is, what good does it do to teach and preach forgiveness if we don't give anyone a chance to respond and receive it? The answer is none. That same idea goes for deliverance, the Holy Ghost, healing and wholeness. Altar calls are the most important part of a service.

Here are the four things necessary for a great altar service:

1) *Drawing* - Yes, we should make a formal appeal. But there must also be a "drawing" of the Spirit on someone. The work we do must be by the Spirit. Jesus Himself stated the imperativeness of this. "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44).

2) *Order* - Orderly altar calls simply produce greater results. Remember God is a God of order. Witness the universe, creation and the plan of redemption. Jesus sat them in companies, very orderly, before doing the miracle of multiplication in Mark 6.

3) *Instruction* - Often, hopefully, our altars are full of unchurched people. Even when not, reminders are needed. Do not assume people know what prayer is, how to repent, what the Holy Ghost is, or how to receive it. Take time to explain.

4) *Anointing* - There is an anointing that will break chains, liberate souls, bring deliverance and see results. If you are God-called you have it, but like any muscle you must exercise it! This gift is not for a select few.

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you want to purchase a home in five years? Are your kids heading off to college soon? Is buying a car a top priority next year? Next, think about long-term goals, such as saving for retirement and, if your children are young, college expenses. Estimate how much money you'll need to meet each of these goals.

2. *Build a Better Budget.* Next, look at your current monthly net income and then set up a budget. Creating a budget allows you to see exactly where all your money goes and to determine where you can scale back. After making cuts, invest that money to help pursue your financial goals.

3. *Invest Systematically.* You can take time and guesswork out of investing with a systematic investing program. With mutual funds, for example, you can make arrangements to automatically invest a specific amount of money on a regular



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I am a pastor and attend various conferences, seminars, camps, etc. throughout the year. If my wife attends these with me, can the church pay or reimburse her expenses during that trip?

The answer is yes as long as certain guidelines are followed.

Churches often provide benefits to their pastor besides the normal compensation and this may include the reimbursement of a spouse's travel expense while accompanying the pastor on a trip. In many cases, this would normally be a taxable transaction for the pastor's wife.

However, if the church promotes accountability through the spouse's presence, the amount would not normally be taxable. A church can require that the spouse attend these various functions with the pastor for accountability purposes which in their opinion would reduce the risk of inappropriate conduct by the minister or stop any false accusations that could be devastating to the minister and/or the church.

If the expenses are accountable and are maintained according to the IRS Code, and if there is written documentation from the Church requesting that the pastor's spouse attend the functions, then this could be construed that the benefits paid for the spouse's trip could be a normal business expense.

The church would need to establish a spousal accountability policy in writing and would need to require the spouse to maintain documentation of the expenditures the same as anyone else being reimbursed or having expenses paid for them. Please consult professional assistance before establishing the spousal accountability policy.

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(e.g., monthly) basis. In addition to making investing easier, dollar cost averaging could potentially save you money. You'll buy more shares when prices are low and fewer shares when they're high. Over time, the average cost you pay for the shares may be less than the average price.

4. *Rely on an Investment Professional.* While the financial world is far more complex than it was just a few years ago, you don't have to go it alone. Think about tapping into an investment professional's expertise before making any major change in your investments. We can help you to evaluate how new tax rules and changing market conditions may affect your portfolio and, in turn, your financial goals.

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THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS**University Must Promote Christian Professor****Dr. Mike Adams**

A federal court ruled recently that the University of North Carolina-Wilmington must promote Mike Adams and pay him \$50,000. Earlier the court

found the university had retaliated against the criminology professor for his conservative views by denying him a full professorship.

Adams, a former atheist, converted to Christianity in 2000. Despite being published extensively in peer-reviewed publications and an overwhelming number of positive reviews from students, Adams' application for promotion in 2006 was denied.

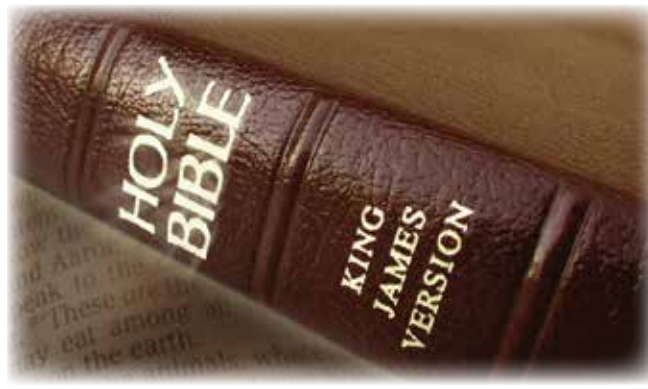
Colleagues of Adams had called him a "wannabe right-wing pundit," a "pathological liar" and "mentally unbalanced." David French, senior counsel at the American Center for Law and Justice, said that played a part in the outcome.

"This ruling sends a message to public universities," he said. "Academic freedom isn't just for the Left, it's a constitutional right for all professors – even Christian conservatives." Featured on Townhall.com, Adams' columns cover many topics, including academic freedom, abortion, homosexuality, religion and morality.

In 2011, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found that the First Amendment protects Adams' right to his own opinion. "No individual loses his ability to speak as a private citizen by virtue of public employment," the judges wrote. "Such topics plainly touched on issues of public, rather than private concern."

"Disagreeing with an accomplished professor's religious and political views is no grounds for denying him a promotion," said Travis Barham, litigation staff counsel with the Alliance Defending Freedom. "The court's order rights the wrong done to Dr. Adams by granting him the full professorship he has long deserved."

Adams said he's just glad the case has come to a close. "This has been a long seven-year legal battle, and I'm exhausted," he wrote in a recent column. "Thank you all so much for your prayers and support. They have helped me make it through another year and to end it with an incredible victory. We serve a mighty God, indeed."

**KJV: Fastest Growing, Most Popular Bible Translation**

When Americans reach for their Bibles, more than half pick up a King James Version (KJV), according to a new study by historian Mark Noll. The 55 percent who read the KJV easily outnumber the 19 percent who read the New International Version (NIV). And the percentages drop into the single digits for competitors such as the New Revised Standard Version, New America Bible, and the Living Bible.

The findings were published by the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). The numbers are surprising, given the strong sales of NIV translations in bookstores. The NIV has topped the bestselling Bible translation list for decades, and continued to sell robustly in 2013.

But the high numbers of KJV readers confirm the findings of last year's American Bible Society (ABS) State of the Bible report. It was found that 52 percent of Americans read the King James or the New King James Version, compared with 11 percent who read the NIV.

The KJV also received almost 45 percent of the Bible translation-related searches on Google, compared with 24 percent for the NIV. In fact, searches for the KJV seem to be rising distinctly since 2005, while most other English translations are staying flat or are declining.

Other studies also indicate that the KJV remains the translation powerhouse. A 2011 Lifeway study, for example, found 62 percent of Americans—and 82 percent of Americans who regularly read the Bible—own a copy of the KJV. "Although the bookstores are now crowded with alternative versions, and although several different translations are now widely used in church services and for preaching, the large presence of the KJV testifies to the extraordinary power of this one classic English text," Noll commented.

But IUPUI also found that fewer Americans read their Bibles every day—just 9 percent, less than the 13 percent recorded by Barna and half of the 18 percent found by Lifeway. IUPUI also noted several main tells: You're more likely to read the Bible if you're female (56% compared with 39% of men), African American (70% read at least once a year, compared with 46% of Hispanics and 44% of whites), and older (56% of those over 70 years old, compared with 44% of those between 18 and 29). You're also more likely to read the Bible if you live in the South (61%) rather than the Northeast (36%).

NEWS IN BRIEF

■ Recent studies show Facebook reading is more popular than the Bible in the U.S. and Canada. Facebook reports about 143 million people log on to read Facebook posts every day compared to a 2006 poll which found about 40 million people in the U.S. and

Canada read the Bible every day.

■ Results from a recent survey suggest that scientists and Christians are not as incompatible as one might think. In fact, 2 million out of nearly 12 million scientists are strong evangelical Christians.

LEGAL TRENDS**Atheists Launch Lawsuit Over Ground Zero Cross**

American Atheists is demanding that the 17-foot crossbeam, a familiar site for visitors to Ground Zero, be removed or altered to add an atheist monument of similar proportions. The cross has become a centerpiece in the new National September 11 Memorial and Museum, a towering steel beam that became a symbol of hope after it was found among the wreckage of the World Trade Center.

"The overwhelming impression of this cross is religious," Edwin Kagin, the national legal director for American Atheists, told a New York federal appeals court. "We are worried about the alienation being suffered by atheists. This cross screams Christianity, but there were perhaps 500 or 1,000 people who died in this tragedy who were not Christians."

The group is appealing a lower court ruling which said that placing the cross in the museum did not breach the first Amendment clause that separates religion and government because the artifact has a "secular purpose."

**SOCIAL TRENDS****Millennials Consume Content Every Waking Hour**

Millennials, who are defined as those born from the early 1980s to the early 2000s, are giving new meaning to the "always-on" consumer because they are on even when they are supposed to be off. Millennials are apparently spending 18 hours per day consuming media. The hours are compounded, meaning that a person watching TV and checking Instagram at the same time for one hour would rack up two hours of media consumption — one for each device. That's according to new research from Crowdtap, a social analytics platform.

Crowdtap partnered with Ipsos MediaCT to survey 839 Millennial men and women online in January 2014.

Calling them "always-on consumers" alone doesn't appear accurate, though. Crowdtap says 30% of Millennials' media time is spent with content created and curated by their peers, which means they are also acting as "always-on publishers."

Broken down, Millennials spend 18% of their time on social networking sites, which is still less than the 20% of time they spend browsing the Internet, though those two likely overlap. They spend 13% of their time watching live TV and 10% watching pre-recorded TV.

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Indiana Bible College held commencement exercises Friday, May 9, 2014, where a graduating class of 30 students completed the bachelor's degree program and celebrated in the ceremony with family and friends. Graduates were charged by Rev. Harry E. Scism, retired General Director of Global Missions, to be faithful to God and watch the ministry God orchestrates for them.

Rev. Clint Crossen, father of graduate Zachary Crossen, closed commencement with the following remarks:

As a parent of an IBC graduate, I am deeply indebted to the school for the eternal impact that it has placed on my child's life. The impartation of Apostolic truth and the hands-on experiences has better equipped him for this final hour before the coming of the Lord. For my wife and I, Indiana Bible College has meant that our son would be in the hands of sound Apostolic doctrine. It has meant that my son has found his calling. It has meant my son finding a help-meet to do the work of the Lord with. It has meant Godly mentors speaking into his life. It has meant spiritual maturity.

If I had to do it all over again, I would choose Indiana Bible College for my child's Apostolic education. Thank you Pastor Mooney, Bro. Rodenbush, the entire staff, and to every individual that contributes to IBC.

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"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report" (Hebrews 11:1-2).

Faith is that element in a child of God's life that looks beyond the circumstance and sees beyond the dilemma. True faith looks beyond the darkness of a night and sees the breaking of a brand new day. Faith has the ability to comprehend the process even when I do not understand what may be going on in my life and give me an assurance God is working!

God Spoke of Faith Often

Take some time to look into the Word of God, and you will begin to realize that faith is something God spoke about often. The Bible lets me know that He has given to every man a measure of faith. As Jesus ministered while on this earth, we encounter Him often being impressed by the faith of others. He met those who had great faith and unfortunately He even dealt with those who had little faith. He marveled at the woman with the issue of blood but was disheartened at his own disciples when they cried out in despair in the middle of a storm. Jesus made it extremely evident in Matthew 21:21 that if you have faith and doubt not you can say to the mountain, "Be removed," and it will be cast into the sea. So this faith thing is pretty important in the economy of God. Hebrews 11, the faith chapter, reveals the dynamics of the people of God who BY FAITH did some amazing things. Men like Moses and Abraham. Patriarchs like David and Joseph. Men and women of faith! So faith is vital. Faith is important. And in the hour in which we live, faith is crucial to survive and thrive, as God would want us to.

Have Faith

I believe God is calling a people in this dark hour to rise up and have faith in Him. The scripture reveals that we go from victory to victory and from faith to faith. It goes so far as to remind us that the just shall LIVE by faith. If you are going to live for God for any length of time at all, you have to come to an understanding of how important faith really is. In fact, I believe that 99.9% of everything in living for God is simply about possessing faith.

When you don't understand, have faith. When it's darker than midnight, have faith. When you can't see the end of the day, have faith. When you don't know what's coming around the corner, have faith. When you don't understand what's going on in your life, have faith in God. I'm preaching to a group of people that must come to a revelation – YOU MUST HAVE FAITH!

Faith Cometh by Hearing

In Romans 4, the Apostle Paul begins to describe the faith that Abraham possessed. Abraham was not a man weak in faith.

His faith was strong. How did Abraham gain such strong faith?

I believe the answer is found in Romans 10 when the Apostle continues to expound on this important force. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of

God. Every single one of us need faith,

so I am convinced if I need more faith I must open my spiritual

WHEN FAITH SPEAKS

Transcribed by Susan Thomas

ears and hear the Word of God, because without a doubt there is something about the preaching of the Word of God that brings faith into our life. God is not slack concerning His promise, but He is faithful. God will never let us down; He will never leave nor forsake us. God will never turn His back on your life in a moment of trial. You need to hear that because it will produce faith in your life and in mine. I believe that faith comes by the preaching of the Word of God.

We Must Believe

The Bible says without faith it is impossible to please Him, for they that come to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. That tells me HE is the answer. Someone in this place needs to believe He is the answer to cancer, He is the answer to revival, and He is the answer to disease. He's the answer to marital strife and struggle. He IS the answer, He is the only answer. If you are going to activate your faith, if you're going to move in faith, there are some things you've got to understand. The first thing you have to understand is that faith comes by the preaching of the Word of God. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Faith comes when a preacher opens his mouth and declares unto you the might, the majesty and the power of God. Something is activated in your life when you begin to hear the Word and mix it with your faith.

Even when it doesn't feel right, even when it goes against the grain, even when everything you're going through is contrary to what the preacher's preaching, you just have to have faith. God is faithful, He is just and He is eternal. If I'm going to have faith, I must have a preacher in my life. Faith believes that God IS when circumstances tell you there is no way out or no way through the dilemma.

I am thankful I serve a God that is not governed by what things look like or how dark the night may be or how terrifying the trial has been. That does not limit Him and that does not govern Him. He responds to my faith! He is in control and when I believe – when I put my trust in HIM instead of the darkness of the night – He works all things out for my good. He knows what I am facing, and He knows the way that I must take and He knows that I am going to come through this if I just HAVE FAITH!

Faith Looks Beyond Dilemma

Faith has the ability to look beyond my dilemma. Faith says regardless what it looks like to the carnal eye, my God has the ability to change the outcome. That is what faith is; it's an unrelenting thing, faith goes and stands alongside of the answer and waits for you to get there and while you're on your journey, it begins to talk back to you, it reminds you that you're just a little ways from your miracle. You're just a little ways from that break through. Faith begins to speak to you. Faith begins to remind you of some promises God has already made in your life and in His Word.

Faith Doesn't Give Up

Faith says don't give up yet, don't give in, don't throw in the towel. Keep on coming, keep on walking, keep on keeping on. You may not feel like it but just try another day -- faith, faith, faith! Faith is the mediator, the go between, the answer to the dilemma, and while you're drowning in discouragement, faith begins to speak. Faith begins to preach to you and remind you that He is a God that will never leave you, He is a God that understands you, a God that sticketh closer than a brother. He will not put on you more than you can bear; He will bear you up. When you are weary in well doing, He will help you along.

Sometimes we find ourselves in situations where we do not understand what the outcome is going to be. We may not know what tomorrow is going to hold. If you and I are not careful we can begin to allow our carnal nature to get the best of us, and we will give in to the circumstances. We may be quick to throw in the towel and say, "I see no way through this." I hope before I am finished preaching this tonight I can drive that out of your mind and out of your heart. I want you to realize that with God all things are possible!

He's called us to be a victor. He has called us to be an overcomer. I am afraid at times we too easily and too passively accept circumstances as they are. We roll over and let our enemy convince us that nothing is going to change so we just accept things as they are. I believe God wants us to quit thinking like vagabonds and begin thinking like children of the King and begin to open our mouth and declare – "If God be for us who can be against us."

Speak Faith

Hebrews declared it – "He that cometh to God must believe that He is!" That is what brings me to God – My faith that HE IS! But could it be that God is interested in you doing something along with your faith? Look into the accounts of the men of God described on the pages of holy writ. You will quickly discover that God spoke to Noah, but Noah still had to build an ark. God spoke to Abraham, but Abraham still had to pack up and leave.

So many times we just accept things as they are, we just roll over, and maybe God is saying, "I want you to do something along with your faith," and not just saying, "God, I know You're able." I know He's able but when I understand that God IS, then I have the ability to open up my mouth and speak with faith and a belief in a God that is able. The power of life and death is in your tongue. What are you speaking? I'm speaking faith. I'm not going to look at what is, I'm going to look at what can be. I'm not going to look at the circumstances of today; I'm going to look at the ability of God to govern my tomorrows. I see no weakness in my God; I see no frailty in my God. He's able to bear me up, He's able to turn the tide, He's able to further the cause, and He is God.

The enemy does everything he can to keep our mouth shut. Satan doesn't want us to speak faith to our problem. We've got to start speaking faith to our circumstance. We must speak how good God is no matter what we're going through, no matter what the obstacle, we must speak faith! Open your mouth and declare the power of God that is working in you. Speak to your mountain – speak in faith believing and God will come through.



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Critical Care Ministry

Equipping Churches With Tools to Handle Complex Issues

By Gregg Stone



Jennifer and David McCurrach
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Today's churches are facing an onslaught of issues in their congregations. Everyone from existing saints to new converts are facing increasingly difficult chal-

lenges. These issues not only touch individuals and families but also can have a paralyzing effect on the ministry and church as a whole. Critical Care Ministry, operated by David and Jennifer McCurrach of Pattison, Texas, is dedicated to equipping individuals, churches and ministry teams to handle the challenges they will face as they navigate through our continuously changing world.

Every church needs support and training on how to handle the complex issues that we are facing today. CCM provides professional training that is designed to equip ministry staff with the tools they need for success.

"CCM provides Apostolic counseling

for individuals, families or groups," said Bro. McCurrach. "Whether you are a minister, ministry staff member or a saint in the church, we offer a professional and comprehensive counseling program to meet your individual needs."

As a licensed minister with the United Pentecostal Church for over 15 years, Bro. McCurrach has been involved in all aspects of church ministry. Through creative object lessons and sound Biblical principles, he uses the pulpit ministry to bring understanding and healing to life's challenging situations.

Sis. McCurrach's burden is to help those in leadership become more confident and effective in supporting their congregations through counseling. As a Licensed Professional Counselor and Counseling Supervisor in the state of Texas, she has established a successful private practice that works with children, teens and adults balancing psychological theory and Apostolic principles. She is a supervisor for those pursuing licensure as a counselor and greatly enjoys teaching and training.

Some of the Care Programs that CCM offer include: Sound Families, Sound Church,

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This is a unique program available to any district superintendent or local presbyter within the UPCI. "The key to successfully helping a church through a crisis is the ability to provide them with immediate supportive intervention," said Bro. McCurrach. "With this in mind, we aim to provide a balanced Apostolic approach to support during and following a church crisis through focused evangelism, staff training and individual counseling. Our goal is to ensure that the church family survives the challenge with dignity and strength!"

You may contact Bro. David or Sis. Jennifer McCurrach for more information or to book an appointment at www.criticalcareministry.com.

"Tools for the Harvest"

Building Solid Infrastructure From the Inside Out and the Outside In

By Charlotte L. Pound



William D. Felt
Hayward, CA

"He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."
Psalm 126:6 NKJV

As an author of various study materials and an avid Bible study teacher, Bro. William D. Felt has seen a

need for new outreach and discipleship material. He has put together a powerful set of evangelism tools, the *Harvest Evangelism Power-Up Pack*, that can help all churches in their reach for souls.

Bro. Felt entered the ministry in 1981 and has served in various churches in assistance to the pastor. He is presently serving as the Sunday school superintendent at The Pentecostals of Hayward, California under Pastor R. J. Hall.

"In the parable found in Matthew 13:24-30, we learn that the seed is the Word of God, and the four types of ground are the conditions of people's hearts," Bro. Felt said. "The church can be more effective in soul

winning if we know what kind of person (i.e. ground) we are working with. In the same way, weather (i.e. environment) can change the ground from a wasteland to a fertile ground—we find this is also true with people that come from different life styles. It is this understanding (i.e. wisdom) that can make a soul winner out of anyone regardless of their status in life, social network or talents.

"Harvest Evangelism is not another 'program;' it is a way of life. Like a farmer working his field, it's a labor of love and his only livelihood. The concept behind it is sharing (sowing), caring (watering), and taking care of God's harvest (people). It is not just about success. God is more concerned with quality than He is about numbers, more about bearing fruit than just having a cluster of empty lifeless trees. There have been souls come to the Lord because of what we have learned in the Harvest Evangelism concept. I believe we are keeping more new converts now because we finally understand that newborn babies in Christ must be cared for, protected and looked after if they ever hope to bear fruit. God is concerned about the multitude, for He said in His Word, 'for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap' (Galatians 6:7). So it is, the more we

reach out to people the more conversions we can expect."

Bro. Felt is confident that Harvest Evangelism will work in any size church. "It will work because it's all about laboring in God's field," he said.

The *Harvest Evangelism Power-Up Pack* contains effective but simple methods for building a soul winning church including pictures and diagrams on how to organize your group regardless of its size. Included are: Harvest Evangelism Leaders Guide To Success, CD Presentation to Harvest Evangelism, Soul Winner's Pocket Guide (25), Bookmark – Tips on Soul Winning (50), pH Tester – Know the type of people you are working with (25), Altar Cards (50), Follow-Up Cards (50), Water Baptism Certificates (25), Holy Ghost Baptism Certificates (25) and a diagram on how to build an outreach infrastructure from the inside out and the outside in.

The *Harvest Evangelism Power-Up Pack* sells for \$119. You can purchase the entire pack or each tool separately at: www.LivingWordBibleStudy.com. For more info, e-mail (support@feltsprinting.com) or call 510-487-5679.



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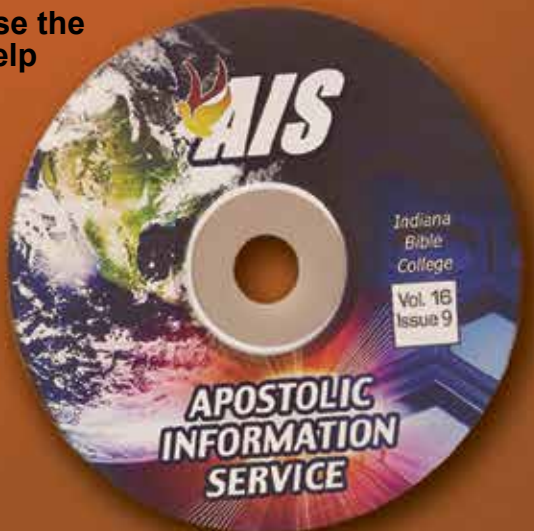
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Word To The Wise:

Cleaning house with kids around is like brushing your teeth with Oreos.

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A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"

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Oops...

Steve noticed that Dewey was looking depressed, and asked what was wrong.

"Well," said Dewey, "I ran afoul of one of those awkward questions women ask. Now I'm in deep trouble at home."

"What kind of question?" asked Steve.

"My wife asked me if I would still love her when she gets old, fat and wrinkly."

"That's easy," said Steve. "You just say 'Of course I will'."

"Yeah," said Dewey, "That's what I did, except I said 'Of course I DO...'"

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A little girl was watching her daddy repair his tractor.

She asked her mother, "What happens to old tractors when they finally stop working?"

Sighing, her mother answered: "Someone sells them to your father, dear."



"You're right, Hank. When Pastor suggested turning our offices into a new youth center, he never said where we would be moved to..."

Pupil: "Teacher, can a fellow be punished for something he hasn't done?"

Teacher: "No, of course not."

Pupil: "That's good, because I haven't done my homework."

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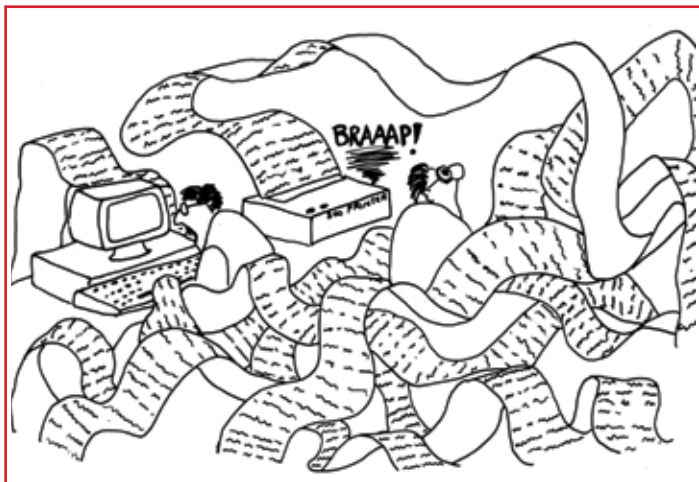
Bro. Smith had just accepted the pastorate of a mid-sized church from retiring Pastor Jones. Before giving him the keys to the church office, Bro. Jones handed the new pastor three envelopes. "Open these if you run up against any problems that you can't handle," he said.

Things went well for the first six months but then a crisis erupted over the redecorating of the foyer. Remembering the envelopes, he opened the first marked "number one." It simply said, "Blame the previous pastor." So Bro. Smith tactfully put the blame for the poorly decorated foyer on his predecessor, and the problem quickly went away.

About a year later, another problem arose over the use of the church fellowship hall and he remembered again the envelopes. So he opened the envelope labeled "number two" which said, "Reorganize and delegate."

He quickly set up a director over church activities and assigned that person the task of scheduling events for the church fellowship hall, and the crisis quickly faded.

About seven months later a problem again arose, this time over platform procedures and several families were very upset. Turning again to the envelopes, Bro. Smith opened the last one. The message read, "Prepare three envelopes."



"My sermon may run a bit long this week."

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Different Perspectives

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out...

~ A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."

~ An objective person walked by and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."

~ A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into pits."

~ A mathematician calculated how deep the pit was.

~ A news reporter wanted the exclusive story on the pit.

~ An IRS agent asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.

~ A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit."

~ A fire-and-brimstone preacher said, "You deserve your pit."

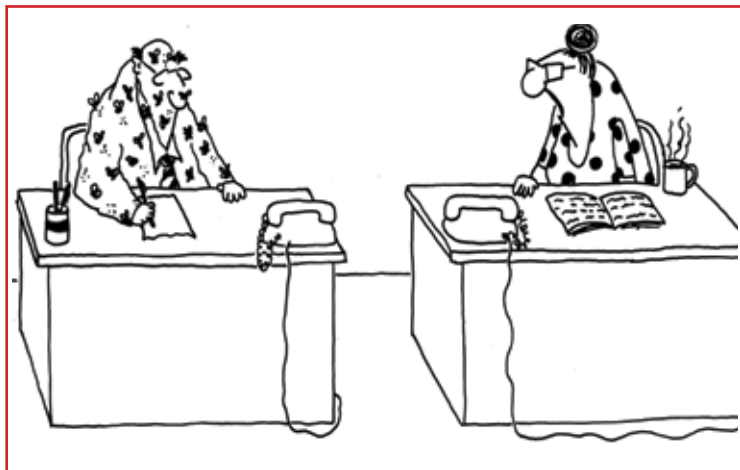
~ A psychologist noted, "Your mother and father are to blame for you being in that pit."

~ A self-esteem therapist said, "Believe in yourself and you can get out of that pit."

~ An optimist said, "Things could be worse."

~ A pessimist claimed, "Things WILL get worse."

Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.



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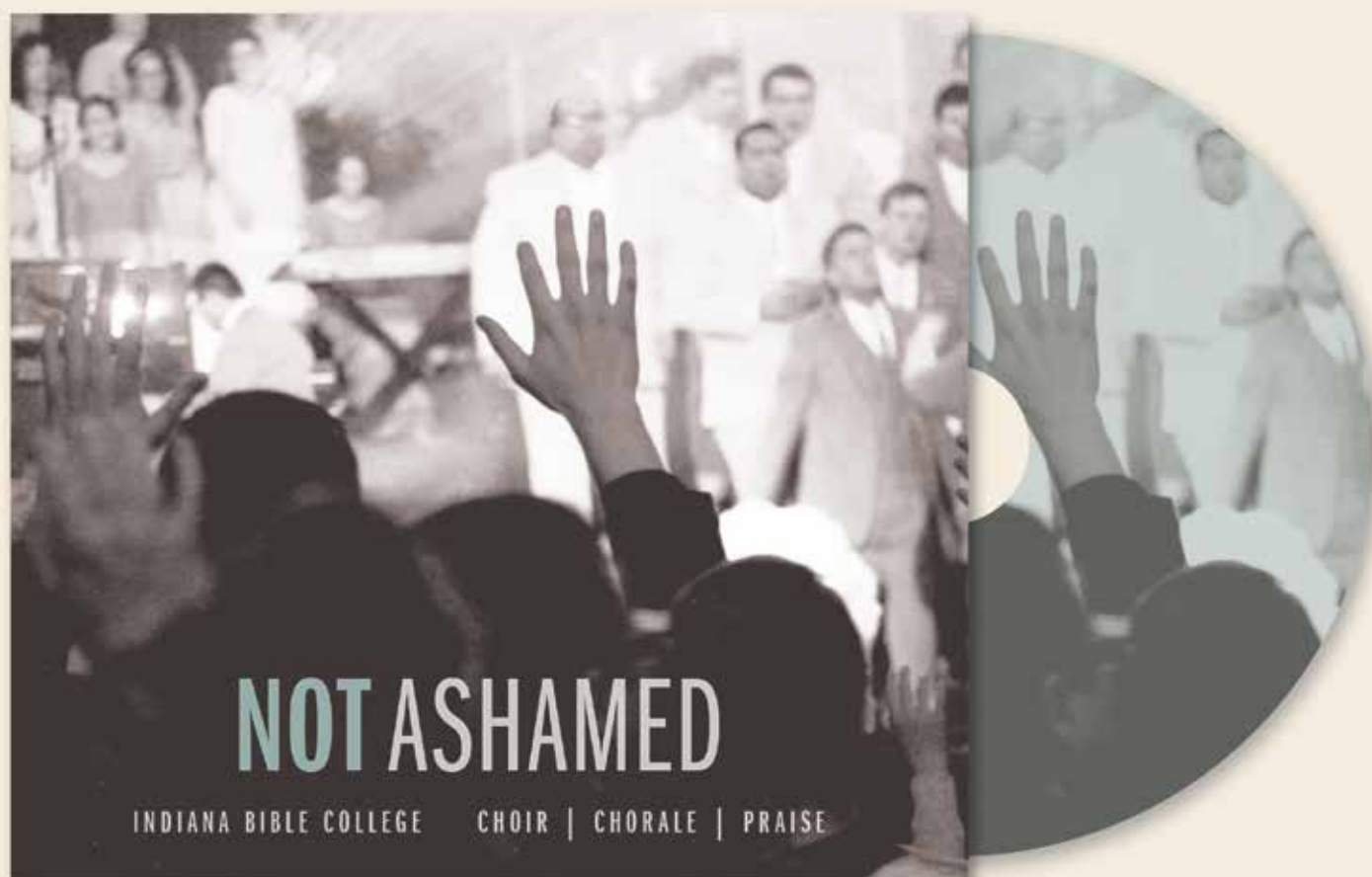
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