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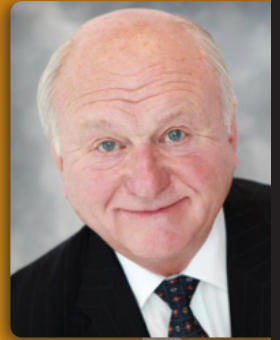
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## FROM THE EDITOR

One of the bright spots in the news these days are the stories of people "paying forward." For some people the terminology may be rather new. In fact, however, the concept has been around a long time. The Ohio State football coach Woody Hayes made the term a staple of his public speeches. On March 14, 1986 shortly before he died, he included the term in his commencement speech to the graduating class at The Ohio State University when at the beginning he said:

*I would like to start with something I have used in almost every speech, and this is, "paying forward." And that is the thing that you folks can do with your great education for the rest of your life. Try to take that attitude toward life that you're going to "pay forward." So seldom can we pay back because those who helped most--your parents and other people--will be gone, but you'll find that you do want to pay. Emerson had something to say about that: "You can pay back only seldom." But he said, "You can always pay forward, and you must pay line for line, deed for deed, and cent for cent." He said, 'Beware of too much good accumulating in your palm or it will fast corrupt.' That was Emerson's attitude, and no one put it better than he did.<sup>1</sup>*

I would assume that Woody Hayes and Ralph Waldo Emerson were at least familiar with the story told by the Lord concerning the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10: 29 – 37) "Paying forward" is certainly the



theme of this parable and especially so when you read verse 35, "The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' Sometimes it is more fun to "pay forward" and not stay around for any praise or "kudos."

My wife, Beth works with several dedicated teachers in the public school system. Recently she shared this story about one of her fellow teachers and her husband. The husband has been unemployed for some time, and the couple's finances are in bad shape. With winter coming on, they were very concerned about their car and specifically the tires. They drove their car to the local tire dealer for a free checkup. They received the bad news that all four tires were in need of replacement and that the front end would need an alignment. One by one the options were explained by the dealer who was trying to keep the bill to a minimum. The front-end alignment was the most pressing issue so they decided to buy just the two front tires. After they told the dealer to go ahead with the work, they sat down to wait but noticed that the man who had been ahead of them left the shop in a hurry. A few minutes later the phone rang. After the short phone conversation, the store manager came over to them to say that their bill had been paid for by the man who had been ahead of them in line. In disbelief and with her husband almost in tears she asked the dealer how long the rear tires would hold out. The manager joyfully said, "He paid for four new tires and the alignment. He wants you guys to have a very Merry Christmas." "Paying forward."

A few weeks ago Song Evangelist Trish Jackson sent me an article entitled, "Millennials and the Bible" by Eric Metaxas.<sup>2</sup> The article had to do with the correct approach of sharing the Gospel with non-Christian young adults 18 – 33. His observation was that this generation values relationships more than words on the pages of the Bible. Perhaps this idea is new to some but to authentic "holiness people" it is certainly the basic truth that we have been preaching for decades and longer. John tells us, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." (1 John 3:16-18) John

and Coach Hayes would agree that Jesus was the first to "pay forward" and now having received the gift of His salvation, we must continue "paying forward" to our neighbors. The expert in the law asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" After Jesus shared the Samaritan parable he asked the expert in the law, "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers? The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him. Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:36-37)

Maybe only a few of us would be able to buy a set of tires for someone or pay for the groceries in the cart ahead of us, but I know the Lord opens doors of opportunity to share His love with others. The best scenario would be when asked "Why would you do this?" is for you to say, "I want to do this because of what Jesus has done for me, and I want you to know He loves you too." Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34)

The privilege to "pay forward" can become a powerful catalyst to experience what we refer to in the church as "joy unspeakable." A few months ago I stopped by the office of a dear friend of mine just to say hello. As I walked in, I noticed that he had a huge grin on his face. He sprang to his feet and greeted me with an enthusiastic hand shake and asked me how I was doing. After I bragged on Jesus and God's goodness for a few moments, I asked him why he looked so happy that day. He also took a few moments to praise the Lord for blessing his family and business. Then he told me that he had just closed a deal on buying a brand new church for a missionary on the foreign field. I saw the "joy unspeakable" on the face of my friend who is having the time of his life "paying forward."



G. Bond

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# Living the "Yes Life!"



by Larry & Tamla Leckrone

My parents, Elvin and Mabel Leckrone of Midland, Michigan felt the church was so important that their lives intertwined with all the ministries. Workdays and Vacation Bible Schools were just as important as "carry-in dinners" and concerts. Revivals were a high priority for them, and often in those years, the evangelist or song evangelist was lodged and fed in laymen's homes. Ours was one of those homes and I have memories of numerous evangelists, singers, missionaries, and even college choir personnel who either stayed in our home or ate at our table. Paul Qualls, Freddie Thomas, James Crabtree, C. William Fisher, Stuart McWhirter, Paul Martin, The Jantzes, The Bertolets, Paul Skiles, Ron Lush, Jim & Rosemary Green, Wally & Ginger Laxson, Harmon Schmelzenbach, and many others made the list. When you combine those early influences with faithful Sunday School teachers and pastors, it is no wonder that I was saved as a boy of junior age during a revival. I remember being asked by my pastor, Rev. Myron Morford, to tell the congregation what God had done for me at the altar that night. I remember giving a long, sigh, "W-e-l-l- ..." and I am sure that some folks thought this might be a long treatise. I said that God had forgiven me for my sins, but I quickly sat on the front seat, unable to say any more words through my embarrassing tears. My sobs were consuming my thoughts. I felt so much better, but I couldn't stop crying. I didn't understand the emotional release, but I've never forgotten when my "Yes Life" started.



Tamla's parents, Phillip and Mary Hanner of Kurtz, Indiana, were much the same as The Leckrones when it came to hospitality for special speakers, singers, and college groups. It was not unusual to have many extra eaters at their Sunday dinner table in their rural farm home. Curious questions of heaven and Jesus came from Tamla's young heart at nearly four years of age. Her mother wisely understood that there was hunger for spiritual truth; and after explaining about salvation and heaven, she asked Tamla if she would like to ask Jesus into her heart and life. She said, "Yes," and proceeded to pray at her bedside that night. That began a wonderful journey of faith and blessing which she had no idea would lead





her to God's plan that is still unfolding the "Yes Life" today. Tamla was also raised in the environment of revival priority under Pastor Don and Virginia Canaday, and her life was shaped by many faithful evangelists and song evangelists in her home church and district. Chester Plummer, C. B. Cox, B. G. Wiggs, James V. Cook, Filo Jones, Doug Slack, Larry & Phyllis Richards, Bob Taylor, Thurl and Mary Kay Mann, and numerous others became heroes of faith and influence in her growing spiritual maturity.

As I matured in school years through academics, sports, church, and recreational activities, God continued to work in my heart. I loved the "thrill of victory," and I despised the "agony of defeat" in every way: spiritually, academically, musically, and in sports competition. I wanted to excel in everything that I attempted. I separated everything in my mind, not yet understanding how God was preparing me for what He was going to call me to do for Him. Sports and music became the dual thrust of my interests, ambitions, and goals. Football, basketball, and baseball filled every afternoon with practices and conditioning. Youth for Christ, Bible quizzing, and church youth activities occupied many evenings and Saturdays. I enjoyed high school band very much and looked up to my band director, William Brown. I was accepted to participate in training at the renowned Interlochen National Music Camp in Traverse City, Michigan, and I still remember the honor to play in the orchestra with the great pianist Van Clyburn that summer before my senior year of high school. The "Yes Life" was teaching the benefit of personal disciplines, and I didn't even know it yet.



Tamla's youth years were also full of family, church, and school activities. High school musicals, cheerleading, choir, and the church youth group all formed the fabric of farm life in southern Indiana. The disciplines of hard work, serious study, and long bus rides to and from school all blended into the tempering process of character building and a strong work ethic. The "Yes Life" was evolving through many sources of nurturing and training.



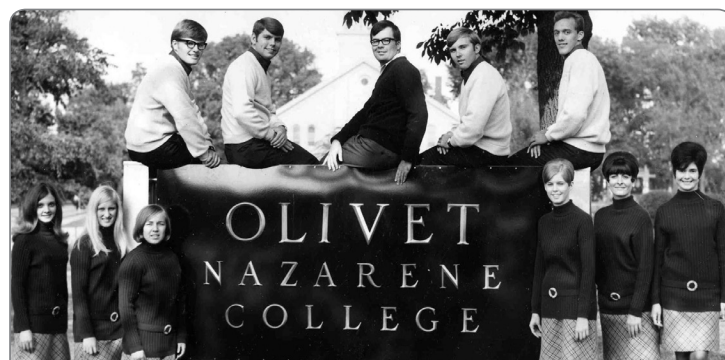
## College years and the continued call...

Neither one of us had a difficult decision in college choice. We had heard and witnessed Olivet Nazarene University first hand through quartets, choirs, and personal visits to the campus. Both of our older siblings had attended there. Lots of exposure and continued contact drew us in before we ever packed our boxes. Within the first month of my freshman year, the second



L to R: Mark Hostetler, Jim Parsons, Larry Leckrone  
John Bowling and Randy Beegle

tenor for the newly formed Collegian Quartet decided he couldn't continue with the extra curricular practice and travel schedule, so I was asked to fill that slot. I still remember the tryout late one evening in the lounge of Chapman Hall when we all wept through the harmonies of "He Touched Me" and "Since Jesus Passed By." The Holy Spirit was confirming our union, and God again, was preparing me as we traveled and ministered for what I would come to know as "normal"



L - R : Diane Hofferbert, Linda Freese Vidito, Bev Clendenen, Jim Parsons, John Bowling, Mark Hostetler, **Larry Leckrone**, Randy Beegle, Julie Dause Lee, Diane Hooper Mays, Jan Baynum

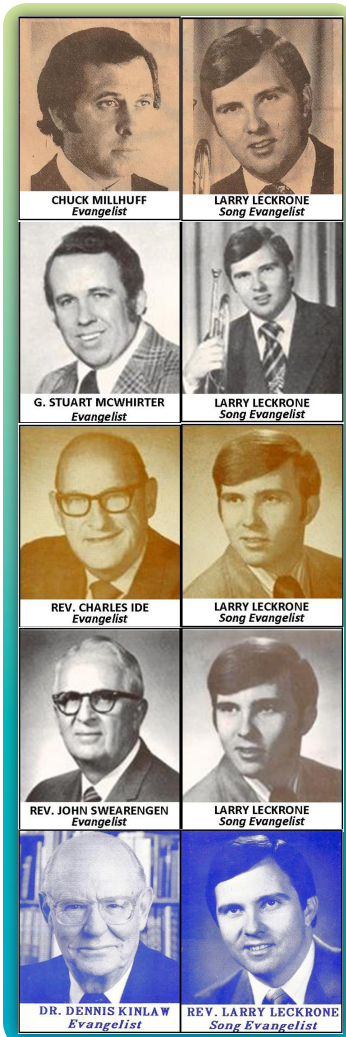
in a life of itinerant ministry. Charles Ide, executive field secretary at Olivet, had a profound impact on my life during college outreach experiences and in many revivals together in my first years in the field of evangelism. Under his visional leadership, our quartet formed the original

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"Olivetians" mixed group, adding two ladies' trios of incoming freshmen to our band of brothers. We ministered together for large zone rallies; then we split into three different churches for Sunday morning events. Several members of the original group are still in ministry today, including the roles of pastor, pastor's wife, college president, gospel music ministry, publishing, evangelism, and dedicated lay ministries.

Today, Tamla and I share memories of certain influential professors along with spiritual development during chapel services in Chalfant Hall and eating with friends in Ludwig Center. We both sang in Orpheus choir, but we attended Olivet at different times, so none of that became common interest until years would pass, and we would compare notes from our cherished memories. Little did we know that our "Yes Life" was taking us to many forks in the road, and we would one day embrace each other in holy matrimony as "journey-mates."

### Apprenticeship with "tall timber"...



Life as a song evangelist began to shape my view of the church from a ministerial perspective. I felt a connection with pastors, district superintendents, professors, and general superintendents. Evangelists that I once looked up to now became my peers. Now I was sharing the platform with some of the very ones who had influenced my young life—like John Swearingen, Hugh Benner, V. H. Lewis, P. L. Liddell, Russell V. DeLong, T. W. Willingham, Clayton Bailey, Ralph Earle, and L. Thurl Mann. I knew I was in the center of God's will for my life, yet I felt

my call further confirmed and focusing on holiness evangelism in varied avenues. I began conducting "Kids' Crusades," using puppets and gospel illusions along with music and contests of scripture content. I often preached a message to "God's Kids of All Ages" on Sunday morning. I continued further course work to extend my education as God was broadening my call to preach and sing. It was clear now that my "Yes Life" was being stretched in new areas of continued obedience. I was ordained as an elder in The Church of the Nazarene by Dr. Charles Strickland on the Eastern Michigan District, and I consider it a great honor to "soldier on" in the dual roles of Tenured Evangelist and Commissioned Song Evangelist.

### Daughter Myndi, Chris, and Maddyx...



Daughter Myndi grew up with the challenges, sacrifices, and privileges of the itinerant lifestyle. She weathered the storms of adjustment and also enjoyed the blessings that came in each new season of life. After graduating from Eastern Michigan University, she married Chris Ziemann whom she met while he was attending the University of Michigan at the same time. After being drafted by the New York Giants, Chris played football in the NFL for a few years before a knee injury forced his career change. Grandson Maddyx was born a few years later after they settled in Jacksonville, Florida, and he brings such joy to all of us as his personality lights up the room.

### The Continued "Yes Life" ...

Tamla and I continue to enjoy a full slate of revivals, camp meetings, holiness crusades, retreats and various other events as our "Yes Life" has enlarged our





borders. Ministry in Zambia and Zimbabwe, Africa has included preaching and singing at the Holiness Conference for the Central Africa Region. Working closely with missionaries, Gary and Penney Sidle, we've ministered in many local churches and also the Lusaka City Wide Crusade. An intriguing and heart wrenching view into African children's culture burned into our memories at the first ever children's camp. The Jesus Film viewing remains a constant reminder to pray for this anointed tool and those who are trained to use it in countless remote locations. The experiences have been humbling to deepen our burden and confirm our call to people everywhere.



Whether it's a Nazarene Church on the 30th floor of a large commercial building in Hong Kong, a state of the art District Worship Center in Summersville, West Virginia, or an established and progressive church

in Waxahachie, Texas, the common denominator is always the need for people to hear and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. We've handed out hundreds of pieces of literature in front of the Walthamstow, London, England, Church of the Nazarene in hopes that one Muslim passerby would come back that night for the service. The labors brought a few visitors, but I'll never forget Anne. She came; and her prayer was tender, sincere, and earnest. She needed to renew the Lord's grace in her life, and with joy she found a new church family. Recently, we're seeing thrilling transformations, sanctifying surrender, and deepening devotion. Young folks and old folks alike who seek God are never disappointed if they walk in

the light. From Kingsburg, California to Virginia Beach, Virginia we find pastors and laymen who are still hungry for real revival. Whether enjoying the unique Alp-like beauty of the Tetons, the grandeur of the Rockies, the foggy valleys of the Smokies, or the hidden gem-like villages of the Adirondacks, it is true that beautiful sights abound. However, there is nothing more beautiful than seeing the human will dissolve into unity with God's will, only to realize the promises of The Word are eternal and complete, yet ever growing and evolving in our everyday experiences of the "Yes Life." Holiness—what a lifestyle! Evangelism and Revivalism—what a calling! The Family of God—what a privilege!

We have been accommodated in many different settings, including, cabins, motels, lodges, travel trailers, and condominiums. However, for many years we have traveled and lodged in a bus coach, which gives us our own sense of "normal nesting." We have nested in some tight driveways, crowded



alleys, uneven elevations, and spacious parking lots. We're usually near the church and always enjoy the anticipation as cars of the members and visitors of the congregation fill the surrounding spaces. We always feel that something is going to happen in that coming service that could mean they drive those same cars away with a changed heart. Yes, Lord do it again! Show them the "Yes Life!"

Tamla's early adult experience as a teacher has given her an intense, residual concern for the children's experiential learning during the revival renewal days of every congregation. The kids fill out a page in their revival activity books, which we provide. They take it to her after the service, *(continued on next page)*



and after a brief explanation, they receive a cherished "prize." It's always gratifying to hear the stories from their parents or caregivers of the conversations on the way home involving their new understanding—or their new prize. More important is their desire to come back again. God then gets another chance to feed those hungry hearts and curious minds (also those who bring them) with instruction and opportunities to begin their "Yes Life" at an early stage of development.

As I look back across many influential happenings in our lives, I see how each season was ushered in through situations allowed or ordained by God to enlighten, enrich, or guide—even through testing. Ron Lush was a hero to me as a young person and also to many children who became "singing deputies." He played a silver trumpet and wrote many choruses, including, "Send it Like Rain," "I'm Walking With My Savior," and "God's Way is My Way." The last phrase of that one says, "God's way is my way and these are my people; I'll never turn back from God's way!" That's a feeling we've never outgrown. We love God's plans. We enjoy His work; and we love God's people. That translates to a renewed resolve to listen closely and respond to the Holy Spirit as He nudges and checks us in the "Yes Life"—no matter where that may take us.

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*Larry and Tamla Leckrone*



## TRIBUTES

My relationship with Leckrone Ministries goes way back to the days of my educational training at Nazarene Theological Seminary. In those formative years, God graced my life with the friendship of the Leckrones. Over the last thirty-five years, I've been blessed to call the Leckrones my friends. In addition, I've had the privilege of them serving many of the churches where I have served as pastor. Larry and Tamla are wonderfully gifted, faithful, and passionate people who have uncompromisingly served God and the Church. I'm grateful for the Church of the Nazarene recognizing and honoring these faithful servants in this way.



*Pastor Edward H. Heck*  
*Senior Pastor Kankakee First Nazarene*

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One of the first times I met Larry Leckrone was years ago at a Christmas evangelists' dinner at Jim Bohi's home in Olathe, Kansas; it was there that a number of evangelists who lived in the Kansas City area got together for fellowship and Jim's barbecued ribs. Larry helped us organize the occasion—something he does particularly well. At the conclusion of the evening, I was backing out of the long curving drive in the dark when I heard a crunch. Getting out of my car I realized I had backed into the front fender of Larry's Corvette crushing what is called the egg crate—great way to get personal with the young evangelist. He was gracious in a painful sort of way. Now having owned Corvettes myself, I understand. Actually, it was Jim Bohi's fault for not having the driveway better lit.



Larry and I soon learned we liked many of the same things—cars, watches, pens—if only in pictures. Larry has always loved excellence. His work in whatever he does is always well done. When I became Revivalism Coordinator, Larry was one of the first I asked to be on the committee of four evangelists. He was my main go-to guy to solve any kind of challenge we faced during those years. I appreciate the extent to which he has always supported the evangelists in the Church of the Nazarene.



Larry and his gracious wife Tamla already had an effective ministry as song evangelists for several years when he felt called to preach. He, by nature and spirit, is a remarkable student. A sermon by Larry is a piece of work. God has blessed Larry's clear preaching now for many years along with his wife's piano, their singing, and his trumpet playing.

Now years have gone by. Bohi has moved, Larry has long ago sold his Vette, and Jeanne and I need to have these friends over for dinner. And my good friend, not to worry—I'll have my Vette in the garage.

*Dr. Chuck Millhuff*  
*Nazarene Tenured Evangelist*



Larry and Tamla Leckrone live what they preach (and sing)! Not only is Larry an excellent preacher and both of them are top flight singers, but I've had them come to several revivals or crusades where I've been preaching on their night off from preaching. One would think they are in church about as much as the load will carry~~~~~but they are such encouragers they will drive to another event to bless another preacher and singer. That's just one reason why so many people love them so!



The Leckrones are gifted, anointed by God, and very effective ministers of the gospel. Their very personalities reflect the Holiness message we preach. I thank God for Larry and Tamla Leckrone and pray the church will keep them busy preaching and singing for at least 25 more years!

*James H. Diehl*  
*General Superintendent Emeritus*



### **A Long Obedience . . .**

Some years ago, Eugene Peterson published a fine book entitled, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society*. It quickly became a classic. When I think of Rev. Larry Leckrone, it is this idea of one's long arc of obedience



and faithfulness over a long period of time in the same direction that comes to mind.

I first met Larry when he enrolled as a freshman at Olivet Nazarene University. From my first encounter with him until today, he has had a clear sense of God's call to the ministry of itinerant evangelism. There have been times when Larry has had the opportunity to shift his ministry focus from evangelism to local church ministry, yet he has remained steady in his commitment to revivalism. It is this deep sense of calling that has sustained Larry through a life-time of effective ministry.

Across the years, the world has changed; the church has changed; music and preaching have changed; even evangelism itself has embraced new forms and methods. In the midst of these cross-currents, Larry has been able to change without changing. His ministry is fresh and relevant, yet still focuses on the clear call of the gospel and the message of holiness.

Whenever I visit with Larry and Tamla, I sense an unwavering passion for evangelism and a deep love for people. Their ministry provides clear preaching coupled with inspirational music which connects with individuals from all walks of life.

*Dr. John C. Bowling*  
*President of Olivet Nazarene University*



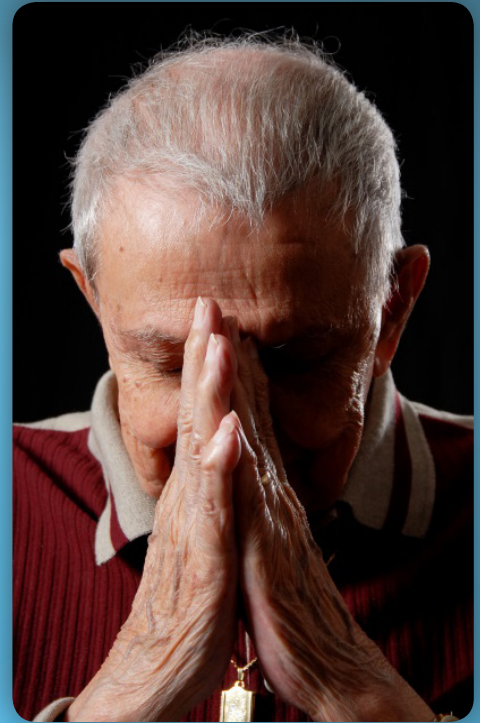
I have had the privilege of knowing Larry Leckrone since his quartet days at Olivet. Even as a college student, he made an impact for God. Larry has been committed to a lifetime of evangelism. Through both music and anointed preaching Larry and Tamla have been used of God to touch thousands of lives for the Kingdom. I thank God for the faithfulness of these friends and God-called servants.



*David W. Graves*  
*General Superintendent*  
*Church of the Nazarene*



"I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God."  
(Luke 12:8)



One of the regrets I have due to my many years of being away from home is that I fail to get to know the unique people in my own neighborhood. One of these special people is a man known as "Virgil." I noticed Virgil on several occasions while we were both at the hardware store, grocery store, post office, and other places in our small town. The main reason I noticed him was that he always spoke in a very loud and commanding voice. People seemed to enjoy talking with him, but his loud voice also made some people rather nervous. Virgil is not very large in physical stature, so his voice is quite a contrast to his appearance. He drives a very sharp looking pickup truck, and to my surprise, I saw it parked in the driveway of a house in my neighborhood. Virgil has lived alone for many years in a house only a block away from me! Two years ago, I was at the polling place for our township standing in line to vote when Virgil entered. The voting officials had changed some of the procedures and Virgil was having a hard time figuring things out. When he asked a question, everyone in the room could hear him and it startled them. A very kind voting official was trying to explain, but Virgil was not getting it. In his loud, penetrating voice he finally said, "Honey, you're gonna have to talk louder than that! I lost my hearing in the war." I got a lump in my throat and noticed a few others in the room with a similar problem when we found out why Virgil had that loud voice. We all realized this man had earned his right to stand in a voting booth. A few weeks after voting day, I was at a local restaurant for breakfast and saw Virgil arrive. The waitresses all made over him and visited with him at his table. When the food arrived, I saw him remove his veterans cap, bow his head, and in his "Virgil voice" thank God for life, freedom, and good food. I said, "Amen" too, but I don't think he heard me. I had to get Virgil's breakfast that morning and when the waitress asked me "Why?" all I could say was, "I like the way he prays."



*G. Bond*



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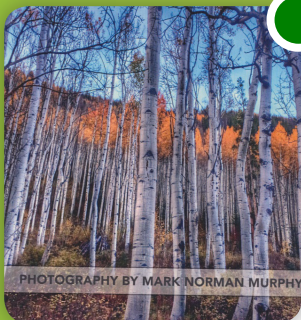
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**"God created this world and I have the privilege of recording its beauty."**

"Four Corners" is the territory bordered by Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah. The photographs in this collection were acquired in a nine day, 5300 mile journey through these four states.

# Fires of

## Forgiveness in Alexandria

I arrived at Little Rock, Arkansas and was met at the airport by Rev. Dennis Yarberry, pastor of The Church of the Nazarene in nearby Alexandria. I had met Pastor Yarberry while conducting revival services at Calvary Church of the Nazarene in Little Rock. He was kind enough to schedule me in June of 2014. Summer dates for full-time evangelists are often difficult to schedule, so I was grateful for the opportunity to work with him.

When I arrived for Sunday morning Sunday school, Pastor Yarberry shared with me how thrilled he was to see a former attendee present. The lady in question had not attended for several years. Monday night I felt led to preach a sermon dealing with forgiveness. Several people responded to the invitation to deal with unforgiveness in their own lives. While praying with a person at the altar, I looked up and saw a man and his wife standing nearby. The “wife” was the one who had not been attending. Her husband had continued attending the church even though she refused to come with him. I stood and the lady told me, “That message was for me! Now, I need to speak to the pastor.”

I watched as she stood in front of the altar and publicly asked her pastor to forgive her for negative feelings she had toward him due to an incident that had occurred two years before. He said, “I was not even aware this happened.

I am so sorry!” It was a beautiful moment of forgiveness and reconciliation.

The following night friends from First Church of the Nazarene in Little Rock attended the service. Their son knelt at the altar and asked Jesus into his heart. His mother told me, “That’s the first time he has ever knelt at an altar to pray for salvation.” What a blessing to play a part in the beginning of this young man’s spiritual journey.

Revival services do and are making a difference. “It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV)



*Lane Loman  
Nazarene Evangelist  
Columbus, Indiana*





# Revival



"During our Fall Revival services with Rev. Norman Moore, it was evident that much prayer and preparation went into these services as the Holy Spirit moved in varied ways. Students responded to the invitations by Rev. Moore and spontaneously to the whispered invitations of the Holy Spirit. They came for healing and they came for hope. Following one of the evening services, students lined up and stayed for nearly an hour to be anointed and prayed over and continue to speak of God's good work in their lives."



*Chaplain Joe Noonan*  
*Mount Vernon Nazarene University*



## SABRINA

- She was saved in March 2013 in a revival meeting with Dr. Nelson Perdue.
- She was sanctified in April 2013 in a teaching session on sanctification with Dr. Chic Shaver.
- She experienced emotional healing October 2013 in a revival with Dr. Jim Diehl.
- Recently she testified, "My heart, my language, my body language is not the same."
- "Now under stressful circumstances, my response is one of love and understanding."
- "My brother began going to church when he saw the change in me."
- "My brother and his wife have both been saved."



*Dr. Chic Shaver*  
*Nazarene Tenured Evangelist*



Perdue's Pen

# "The Word Was Made Flesh"

John 1:14



Nelson Perdue

In this announcement John speaks of one of the greatest and most essential miracles of the Christian faith. Paul writes, *"without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh."* (I Timothy 3:16 KJV) It was not the mystery of darkness but the mystery of light. *"In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not."* (John 1:4-5 KJV). The New Living Translation renders it, "...darkness can never extinguish it."

There is a similarity between the opening words of Genesis and the opening words of the Gospel of John. Genesis starts out, *"In the beginning God"* and John opens with the words, *"In the beginning was the Word."* In Genesis we have the words of creation, but in John we have the words of re-creation. In Genesis we have the audible word. The words *"and God said"* are recorded at least nine times in the first chapter. In his first Epistle, John presented the Word that is not only audible but visible and tangible when he writes, *"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of Life."* (I John 1:1)

In the opening verses of Hebrews the unnamed author writes, *"God, who at various times and in different ways spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son."* (Hebrews 1:1) God had a message that neither a poet nor prophet could deliver. It was a greater Word than had ever been spoken before, and so He sent His only begotten Son to deliver it. Here we have the mystery and miracle of the Incarnation.

"Jesus Christ was born into this world, not from it. He did not evolve out of history; He came into



history from the outside. Jesus Christ is not the best human being; he is a Being who cannot be accounted for by the human race at all. He is not man becoming God, but God Incarnate, God coming into human flesh, coming into it from outside. His life is the highest and the holiest entering in at the lowliest door. Our Lord's birth was an advent." - *Oswald Chambers*<sup>1</sup>

The Creator of this world took on the likeness of man in a very humble fashion. Because there was no room for Mary and Joseph in the inn, they found shelter in a barn where He was born. Following His birth the babe was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger from which the animals ate. It was in this ill-kempt place Mary gave birth to the one who would be the Savior of all mankind. In spite of such an ignoble beginning, no other being born in this world can compare with the impact He would have on this world. However, at the time, his birth seemed to hold little significance to the world around Him. Except for the privileged few that God told, the world had no idea that God in Christ had come to be the Redeemer of the world. The King had come to bleed and die for a fallen race.

He came to be the Savior of the world. The name Savior implies something from which we need to be saved. The first Adam through disobedience forfeited the moral image of God. *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned"* (Romans 5:12) However, Jesus, the last Adam, following His miraculous conception, for 33 years lived sinlessly, served sacrificially and in order to accomplish the plan of salvation, died ignominiously and rose victoriously to re-create us in the likeness of God.

Harry Jessop once wrote of the essentiality of the Word being made Flesh. He said:

- God—as God could not make the sacrifice because man had sinned and man must die.

- Man—as Man could not make the sacrifice because it required a sinless sacrifice.
- Therefore, God in Christ became Man in order to furnish a sinless sacrifice to provide a ransom for lost humanity.

Historian Lecky wrote, "The simple record of the three short years of Christ's active life in this world has done more to regenerate and soften mankind than all the disquisitions of philosophy and all the exhortations of moralists." <sup>2</sup>

The cradle of Bethlehem was in view of the cross of Calvary. The cradle was where God became man, and the cross was where the God-man became sin. The cross did not just happen to Jesus. He came on purpose for it. Christmas without Calvary would be eternally incomplete.

When man sinned in the Garden, the human race became a prodigal race. Mankind became estranged from his maker and departed into a far country to live his life for and by himself. The dividends of his depraved passion drove him into spiritual bankruptcy. Sinful man is perishing trying to survive on the husks of earthly pleasure and pursuits. God in Christ took the initiative and came into the world and took on Himself the likeness of man. He came as the assuring Word from home welcoming us to return. He came to reveal that God's heart breaks for His long-lost sons and daughters and to provide a way for our return.

Perish the thought, but what if Jesus had not come? The following illustrates the question.

*There once was a pastor who had come to the end of a long and tiring year in service to his parishioners. He toiled faithfully in preparation for the sermon he would preach on Christmas Sunday. He went to the church early to pray before he would give the good news about the 'Word that was made Flesh,' the birth of the Christ-child. While praying, tired and weary in body, he went to sleep and he had a dream.*

*(continued on next page)*

*He dreamed that Christ had not come into this world. In his dream he went into his library and could find neither Bible nor Hymn book on his shelves. In fact he could find nothing about Christ. He ran outside and found no churches with steeples pointing to heaven. A little girl came running and crying said, "Come quickly, mother is dying and needs a minister." He rushed to her bedside but soon discovered he could not give any comfort in her dying hour. He had no New Testament, no Christ, nor resurrection, no heaven and no hope. A few days later at the grave-site he could only say, 'earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes,' for there was no hope of eternal life. Then all of a sudden he was awakened by the Church Choir singing "JOY TO THE WORLD THE LORD IS COME!"*

The story illustrates that it would be unrelieved darkness if the light of Christ would be snuffed out. If He had not come, the Holy Day we call Christmas would be nothing but a holiday that would mock us. The reason we celebrate Christmas and rejoice throughout the year is because one day long ago the 'Word was made Flesh!' This is the true meaning of Christmas. The tragedy is that many refuse to receive Him as their Savior. Those who "receive Him not," live as though He had never come and paid the supreme price for their redemption. Their lives can only mimic the lamentation of the noted infidel, Robert Ingersoll. While speaking at the grave of his brother he delivered this dirge:

*Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities.*

*We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We call aloud, and the only*

*Answer is the echo of our wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the un-replying dead there comes no sound.*<sup>3</sup>

It is so sad that Ingersoll, like thousands of others, refused to receive Him who was full of grace and truth. The truth is that by grace we

can receive Jesus as our Savior. He has come from beyond the heights as the Elder Brother of all who once were of the Prodigal Race. He tells us that the Father has bread and enough to spare, so we don't have to live on the husks and dregs of the world. He has traveled to a 'far country' to bear the 'Good News' to all who receive Him that:

*"There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar;*

*For the Father waits over the way, to prepare us a dwelling place there."*<sup>4</sup>

The 'cold and barren peaks' of which Ingersoll spoke are aglow with the unfailing light of the celestial realm, and we who have made our heart His home now breathe the atmosphere of another world because our citizenship is in heaven. We celebrate Christmas and every day that follows with all the hope and joy it brings because over 2000 years ago "the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us!"



*Dr. Nelson Perdue  
Tenured Nazarene Evangelist  
Urbana, Ohio*

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5. Norman Moore
6. Esther Crabtree
7. Dale Freed
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9. Mark Murphy
10. Phillip Phelps
11. Altar and Healing Service
12. Mark, Bob, Larry, Gary Quartet
13. Presentation of the "Life Time Achievement Award" to Dr. Gary Haines, Rev. Jimmy Dell and Rev. Wayne Rose (not pictured)
14. Conference Center Fellowship
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- Feb 22-25 Cleveland, TN (First)
- Mar 1-4 Blairsville, GA
- Mar 8-11 Knoxville, IA
- Mar 15-18 Leavittsburg, OH (First)
- Mar 22-25 New Martinsville, WV (Crossroads Community)
- Mar 29-Apr 1 Ravenswood, WV
- Apr 5-8 Neon, KY (Refuge Community)
- Apr 12-15 Hanover, PA (Wesleyan)
- Apr 26-29 Uhrichsville, OH (Rush Community)
- May 3-6 Chillicothe, OH (Westside)
- May 10-13 Columbus, OH (Lower Lights Community)
- May 17-20 Mount Sterling, OH
- Jun 2-7 Crowley, LA (Arcadia Holiness Association Camp Meeting)
- Jun 12-21 Laporte, MN (Community Bible Church))
- Jun 24-28 Marion, IN (Shiloh Park)

**BURKHALTER, PAT (T)**

- Feb 22-25 Dalhart, TX
- Mar 8-15 Gladewater, TX
- Apr 1-5 Kearney, NE
- May 3-6 Paris, TX (First)

**CHRISTENSON, BARBARA**

- Mar 18-23 Spooner, WI

**GALLIMORE, DAVID (T)**

- Feb 15-18 Moravia, IA (Lighthouse)
- Feb 22-25 Kingman, AZ
- Mar 1-4 Ravenswood, WV
- Mar 8-11 Carlsbad, NM (First)
- Mar 15-18 Colfax, NC (Triad Area Gathering)
- Mar 22-25 South Charleston, WV (Davis Creek)
- Mar 29-Apr 1 Lexington, SC (Shepherd)
- Apr 5-8 Belle, WV
- Apr 12-15 Charleston, WV (Valley Grove)
- Apr 19-22 McConnelsville, OH
- Apr 26-29 Oak Hill, WV (Gospel Tabernacle)
- May 3-6 Logan, WV
- May 10-13 New Cumberland, WV (Newell Glendale)
- May 17-20 Madison, WV (New Harvest)
- May 22-25 Cape May, NJ (Erma Holiness Camp)
- Jun 11-21 Lizella, GA (South Eastern Holiness Camp)
- Jun 23-28 Circleville, OH (Mount of Praise Camp Meeting)

**GESSNER, DON AND SHIRL**

- Feb 15-28 Newark, OH (Discipleship Emphasis)
- Mar 1-31 Newark, OH (Discipleship Emphasis)
- Apr 1-30 Newark, OH (Discipleship Emphasis)
- May 1-31 Newark, OH (Discipleship Emphasis)
- June 1-30 Newark, OH (Discipleship Emphasis)

**GREENWAY, KENNETH (T)**

- Feb 22-25 Shelby, NC (First)
- Mar 1-4 Fayetteville, AR (First)
- Mar 8-11 Concord, NC (Broadus Baptist)
- Mar 13-15 Greensboro, NC (Triad Covenant Life)
- Apr 12-15 Hillsborough, NC (Wesleyan)
- Apr 19-23 Morganton, NC (Wesleyan Area Revival)
- Apr 26-30 Hamlet, NC (Nebo Area Wesleyan Revival)
- May 3-6 Burlington, NC (Shamrock Evangelical Methodist)
- May 17-20 Yadkinville, NC (East Bend Friends)
- May 24-27 Linville, NC (Evangelical Methodist)
- Jun 25-July 5 High Point, NC (John Wesley Camp Meeting)

**HISE, RONNIE**

- Apr 11 De Motte, IN (Ron Hise Homecoming- Community Christian Reformed)

**JUNEMAN, JOHN**

- Feb 15-17 Issaquah, WA (Mountain Creek Christian Fellowship)
- Mar 8-11 Milford Center, OH (Trinity Chapel CCCU)

**LECKRONE, LARRY (T)**

- Feb 28-Mar 4 Mount Vernon, IN (First)
- Mar 7-11 Havana, IL
- Mar 14-18 Paden City, WV
- Mar 21-25 Virginia Beach, VA (Tidewater Central)
- Apr 4-8 Greensboro, IN
- Apr 11-15 New Harmony, IN (Harmony Chapel)
- Apr 25-29 Butler, IN
- May 27-29 Bourbonnais, IL (PALCON- ONU)
- Jun 6-13 Douglas, GA (Gaskin Springs Holiness Camp Meeting)
- Jun 22-28 Normal, IL (Central Illinois Holiness Association Camp)

**LIVERSAGE, JERRY**

- Feb 19 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Feb 20 Fullerton, CA (Roberta Apartment Outreach)
- Feb 26 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Feb 26 Costa Mesa, CA (Responding Recovery Television)
- Mar 5 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Mar 8 Westminster, CA (Huntington Westminster Apartments Outreach)
- Mar 12 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Mar 19 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Mar 20 Fullerton, CA (Roberta Apartment Outreach)
- Mar 26 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Mar 26 Costa Mesa, CA (Responding Recovery Television)
- Mar 27 Anaheim, CA (Evergreen Royale Motel Outreach)
- Apr 2 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Apr 9 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Apr 12 Westminster, CA (Huntington Westminster Apartments Outreach)
- Apr 16 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Apr 23 Costa Mesa, CA (Responding Recovery Television)



- Apr 23 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Apr 24 Fullerton, CA (Roberta Apartment Outreach)
- Apr 30 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- May 7 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- May 10 Westminster, CA (Huntington Westminster Apartments Outreach)
- May 14 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- May 21 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- May 22 Fullerton, CA (Roberta Apartment Outreach)
- May 28 Costa Mesa, CA (Responding Recovery Television)
- May 28 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Jun 4 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Jun 11 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Jun 14 Westminster, CA (Huntington Westminster Apartments Outreach)
- Jun 18 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Jun 19 Fullerton, CA (Roberta Apartment Outreach)
- Jun 22-24 Lebanon, TN (Cross Style Ministries)
- Jun 25 Costa Mesa, CA (Responding Recovery Television)
- Jun 25 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Jun 26 Anaheim, CA (Evergreen Royale Motel Outreach)

**LOMAN, LANE**

- Feb 15-18 Phoenix, AZ (New Beginnings)
- Feb 22-25 Kingsport, TN (Southview Community)
- Mar 1-4 San Antonio, TX (First)
- Mar 8 Princeton, IN (First General Baptist)
- Mar 15-18 Troutman, NC (Beulah Heights Wesleyan)
- Mar 22-25 Jumping Branch, WV (Tabernacle)
- Apr 12-15 Warner Robins, GA (First)
- Apr 19-22 Beckley, WV (First)
- Apr 24-26 Mitchell, IN
- Apr 29-May 3 Paris, KY
- May 10-13 Sioux Falls, SD (Reach)
- May 17-20 Murphysboro, IL
- May 31-Jun 3 Newport, TN
- Jun 10-14 Live Oak, FL
- Jun 15-21 White Springs, FL (Suwannee Holiness Camp)
- Jun 28-July 1 Stoneville, NC (Joyce Chapel Presbyterian)

**MANLEY, STEPHEN**

- Feb 15-18 Rock Hill, SC (Piedmont Mission Area Crusade)
- Mar 8-11 North Chesterfield, VA (Cross Pointe)
- Mar 29-Apr 1 Waverly, OH (New Covenant CCCU)
- Apr 15-19 Waterford, MI (Williams Lake)
- May 13-17 Vernon Rockville, CT
- Jun 10-14 Tishomingo, OK (Southwest Oklahoma District Camp)
- Jun 15-21 Lebanon, TN (Cross Style Training Camp)

**MILLS, HENRY**

- Feb 15 Lake Jackson, TX (Cornerstone)
- Mar 15 Fort Pierce, FL (First)
- Mar 29-Apr 1 Dublin, GA (First)
- Apr 12-15 Sneads, FL (Sneads First United Methodist)

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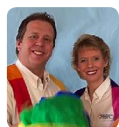
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- Mar 1 Casa Grande, AZ (New Beginnings)
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- Mar 29 Coldspring, TX (First Baptist)
- Mar 29 Baytown, TX (Cedar Bayou Baptist)
- Apr 17 Talent, OR (Friends Church)
- Apr 18 Myrtle Creek, OR (First Baptist)
- Apr 19 Springfield, OR (Thurston Christian)
- Apr 19 Albany, OR (First Assembly of God)
- Apr 24 Fallon, NV (Oasis Community)
- Apr 25 Escalon, CA (First Baptist)
- Apr 26 Vacaville, CA (Trinity Baptist)
- Apr 26 Chico, CA (Butte Bible Fellowship)
- Apr 30-May 2 Visalia, CA (Great Western Gospel Music Fan Festival)
- May 3 Reno, NV (South Reno Baptist)
- May 16 Twin Falls, ID
- May 17 Boise, ID (New Hope)
- May 17 Caldwell, ID (Canyon Hill)
- May 29 Kamiah, ID (Freedom Bible Fellowship)
- May 30 Billings, MT (First Christian Church)
- Jun 4 Olds, AB (First Baptist)
- Jun 5-7 Warman, SK (Valley Gospel Celebration)
- Jun 12 Lynden, WA (Faith Community)
- Jun 13 Langley, BC (Christian Life Assembly)
- Jun 26 The Dalles, OR (Emmanuel Baptist)
- Jun 27 Port Orchard, WA (Christ the Rock Community)
- Jun 28 Vancouver, WA (Hillcrest)
- Jun 28 Portland, OR (Tremont Evangelical)
- Feb 15-18 Lemont, IL (Chicago First)
- Feb 22-25 North Pekin, IL
- Mar 1-4 Lewistown, IL
- Mar 8-11 Williamsburg, IN
- Mar 15-18 Pittsfield, IL
- Mar 22-25 Salem, IL (Grace)
- Mar 29-Apr 1 Casey, IL

**PERKINS, HAL**

- Feb 15-18 Lemont, IL (Chicago First)
- Feb 22-25 North Pekin, IL
- Mar 1-4 Lewistown, IL
- Mar 8-11 Williamsburg, IN
- Mar 15-18 Pittsfield, IL
- Mar 22-25 Salem, IL (Grace)
- Mar 29-Apr 1 Casey, IL



- Apr 12-15 Coshocton, OH
- Apr 17-20 Wasilla, AK (Christ First United Methodist)
- Apr 22-25 Spokane, WA (Northwest District Assembly)
- Apr 26-29 Danville, IL (First)
- May 3-6 Potomac, IL
- May 10-13 Loon Lake, WA (Deer Lake Lakeside)
- May 16-19 Newport, OR
- May 24-27 Longview, WA



#### ***RAEBURN, STEPHEN AND JANET***

- Feb 21 Tecumseh, MI (Reserved Dates)
- Mar 1-4 Lambertville, MI (Bedford)
- Mar 25 Fayette, OH
- Apr 5 Adrian, MI (First)
- Apr 26-28 Flint, MI (Eastern Michigan District Assembly)
- May 14-16 Lansing, MI (INCH Homeschool Conference)
- Jun 15-19 Dexter, MI (Chelsea)
- Jun 21-24 Monterey, TN
- Jun 27-July 3 Vassar, MI (Wesleyan Woods Family Camp)



#### ***SHAVER, CHIC (T)***

- May 2-6 Olathe, KS (Westside)
- Jun 13-19 University Park, IA (Iowa Holiness Association Camp Meeting)



#### ***SHELLENBERGER, SUSIE (T)***

- Feb 15-18 Winter Haven, FL (First)
- Feb 20-22 Sparks, NV (First)
- Mar 1-4 Edmond, OK (First)
- Mar 5 Bethany, OK (Southern Nazarene University Chapel)
- Mar 7-12 Ponca City, OK (St. Luke's)
- Mar 13-15 Flushing, MI (Community)
- Mar 20-22 Charlotte, NC (NC District Women's Retreat-Pineville)
- Mar 27-29 North Little Rock, AR (S. Arkansas Dist. Women's Retreat- Friendly Chapel)
- Apr 3-5 Woodbridge, VA
- Apr 11 Carthage, MO (Joplin District Ladies' Conference)
- Apr 19-22 Des Moines, IA (Eastside)
- Apr 26-29 Oak Hill, WV
- May 1-3 Oklahoma City, OK (Western Oaks)
- May 10-13 Wellsburg, WV
- May 15-17 Rio Linda, CA (LifePointe)
- May 22-24 Spartanburg, SC (First)
- Jun 7-9 Indianapolis, IN (Shepherd Community)
- Jun 12-14 Flint, MI (East)
- Jun 27-July 1 Buckingham, VA (Virginia District Teen Camp)



#### ***SILVERNAIL, GENEVA***

- Feb 22 Woodbury, GA (Harmony)
- Mar 14-15 Charlotte, NC (Pineville)
- Mar 21-22 Warner Robins, GA (First)
- Mar 28-29 Macon, GA (Shurlington)
- Apr 11-12 Estill Springs, TN



#### ***TRAN, DAVID AND MARILYN***

- May 2-3 Huntington, WV (First)
- May 16-17 Battle Creek, MI (First)
- Mar 15-18 San Jose, CA (Cambrian Park)
- Mar 29 Covina, CA
- Apr 12-15 Fort Wayne, IN (Elmhurst)
- Apr 19-22 Brunswick, ME
- Jun 1-3 Jackman, ME (The Bridge)
- Jun 28-30 Rockford, IL (Samuelson Road)



#### ***ULMET, BILL (T)***

- Feb 15-18 Lexington, KY (Lafayette)
- Feb 22-25 West Columbia, SC (First)
- Mar 1-4 Martinsville, IN (First)
- Mar 29 Pall Mall, TN (Wolf River United Methodist)
- Apr 8-12 Elizabethton, TN
- Apr 26-29 Tullahoma, TN (First)



#### ***WHITWORTH, MARCUS***

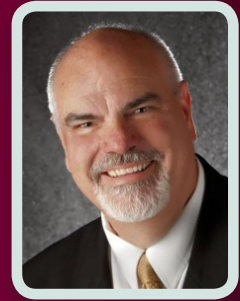
- Feb 15-18 Rogersville, MO (Harvest Community)
- Mar 6-8 Henryetta, OK
- Mar 15-18 Many, LA
- Apr 12-15 Plainfield, IN (United Community)
- Apr 19-22 Ozark, MO (First)
- Apr 26-29 Tipp City, OH
- May 3-6 Celina, OH
- May 22-25 Cape May, NJ (Erma Holiness Camp)
- Jun 11-21 Lizella, GA (Eastern Holiness Camp)
- Jun 28-July 5 Flat Rock, NC (Hendersonville Nazarene Camp)



#### ***WILKERSON, DR. BOB AND JENNIFER***

- Feb 15-18 Dexter, MO (Indoor Camp Meeting)
- Feb 22-25 Altus, OK
- Mar 1-4 Decatur, AL (First Independent Methodist)
- Mar 8-11 Fayetteville, NC
- Mar 21 Salem, IL (Illinois District Ladies Day (Grace))
- Mar 22 Fairfield, IL (Fountain of Life)
- Mar 29-Apr 1 Arenzville, IL (Bethel Community)
- Apr 5-9 Lehigh Acres, FL
- Apr 12-15 Miami, FL (Redland)
- Apr 17-19 Greenacres, FL (EBC Ministries)
- Apr 22-23 Millbrook, AL (Alabama South District Assembly)
- Apr 26-29 Churubusco, IN
- May 10-13 Lima, OH (First)
- May 17-20 Marion, IL (First)
- Jun 5-7 Pochahontas, TN (Rose Creek Sanctified)
- Jun 14-19 University Park, IA (Iowa Holiness Association Camp Meeting)
- Jun 26-27 Buffalo, NY (Reserved Dates)

# NEWS



Several weeks ago on a Monday morning before Christmas, I received Good News. I learned from my specialist that my cancer may have spread to my liver. WHAT!!! GOOD NEWS??? Physically...absolutely NOT! Listen, in the days to follow, I have cried and struggled with the shock of this unexpected news that I must once again face this giant. My biopsy report the following Tuesday morning confirmed three small tumors had been found on my liver. In the days following, I have experienced another spiritual awakening and reality check assuring me that I again must rely totally on Christ. I believe this bad news can be the beginning of good news for those whose lives I may influence through my faith. I have been thrown into the lion's den once again. As with Daniel, his bad news became the Good News of the power of God. Like the Apostle Paul, the chains he was bound by seemed like bad news, yet it gave him opportunity to write to encourage the many churches he had started. His letters were his social media where I have found Face Book and texting to be mine in this crisis. And there are other great examples like Joni Eareckson Tada, whose neck broken in a terrible accident brought about the GOOD NEWS that has and still is changing the lives of thousands. Physically??? Horrible news!!! An Old Testament example, Naaman, the leper (2Kings 5) would never have faced the GOOD NEWS of the true and living God if he had not received the bad news first that he had leprosy. Physically??? Horrible news!!! And the ultimate GOOD NEWS for the world was the bad news that Christ received the "cup that would NOT pass from him." Again...Physically??? Horrible news!!! Followers of Christ, we must be bearers of the GOOD NEWS even though it might come out of bad news. The "faith witnesses" of Hebrews 12:1 turned their physical bad news into examples of Good News. Just as we are surrounded by these witnesses whose faith was tested, we too must not give up our faith. We may become faith witnesses to our generation and beyond. The biopsy on that Tuesday has confirmed that my cancer has moved to the liver. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

*Mark N. Murphy*

**M15 CONFERENCE** - Revivalism Ministries will be represented in the exhibition center. A banquet is being planned for evangelists and song evangelists who are able to attend the convention. Our song evangelists have been invited to sing between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. on Monday February 9 and 10:30 through 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday and Wednesday. The venue will be a platform in the exhibition hall area.



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