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# RELEVANCE

Rev. Nelson S. Perdue



We hear a great deal today about making the Gospel "relevant to our generation" as though it needs some altering or modifying. In the last decade we were constantly hearing the phrase, "it's the nineties," as though truth and moral values are to be determined by each succeeding generation.

If we speak of God's Law we are immediately branded a radical or legalist. Many are the voices that shout, "Don't shackle us with your laws and rules of morality. Let us be free to live and express ourselves as we desire".

Malcolm Muggeridge said several years ago that, "never has there been so many shout so loud and so long for freedom as in the last 75 years and never has there been so much enslavement." He further stated that the seed of their own enslavement was embedded in their philosophy of anti-law.

Paul tells us in Romans 8:2, "For the LAW of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me FREE from the law of sin and death" (emphasis added). Freedom does not come from being resist-

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# Holiness: God's Plan

Holiness is God's plan for man. It is not a product of modern day thought, nor a concept introduced by John Wesley. This great message is based in the holiness of God. The very character of God is holy and He created man to be holy. The Old Testament explains God's plan for man. God continually works with all men to bring them into the experience of holy living by having a holy relationship with a divine God. We know that God's chosen people, called the Israelites, were to take the name of God to all nations. They failed in their mission and failed in their relationship with God. God kept working with them to bring them back to that relationship.



The problem of man is that sin separates him from God. We understand that sin is twofold. God has planned a perfect salvation of two works of grace to cleanse the two types of sin.

First, God sent his son, Jesus, to pay the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom of man. Jesus became the Savior of the world. He is God incarnate reconciling a world back to the image of Christ. God's plan is fulfilled in Jesus and his atonement for the sins of the world.

Second, man commits sin because he has a sinful nature. It is that sin nature that bends us toward the action of sin. Carnal nature is the result of the fall and it affects all mankind. God has a perfect plan to restore man to the image of Christ by cleansing the carnal nature. God

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has called us to be a holy people (1 Thes. 4:7). Paul also declared in 1 Thes. 5:23-24 that not only is he willing for us to be sanctified, but that he has power to sanctify us wholly. He is faithful and will do the work (verse 24).

The Church has an important responsibility to share this experience. In a world where the mindset of the Church seems to be user-friendly/seeker-friendly, we must remember that our responsibility is to propagate the message of God. Certainly we need to reach all people in the best way possible, but not by sacrificing or watering down the holiness message.

There has never been a day in the world that man is more needy. There has never been a day in history when it has been more appropriate to preach this message. God has provided the perfect salvation and freedom from sin. Let us proclaim the message in order for people to be sanctified wholly. Let us, as a church, begin to influence this world with a message of a holy God who is able and willing to cleanse the heart of all people who desire to be holy. -- DR. LOUIE BUSTLE

# Self Love VS Perfect Love

part 2 - conclusion

MATTHEW 22:34-40

"The real problem is self-centeredness. The real problem is getting so focused on ourselves

by Dr. Thomas Hermiz, Marion, IN - President of World Gospel Missions

God can command us to love our enemies because you don't have to like their personalities. You don't have to like what they do to you. You don't have to like their repugnant, repulsive lifestyle. But we do have to treat them right. We must seek to preserve their lives and seek to lift them up rather than putting them down.

The humanistic psychologist is talking about "phileo," about emotions and feelings. We are told that we need to have positive, warm, good feelings about ourselves. "Phileo" is a wonderful, warm, kind of love for others. When you turn it inward, when you focus it on yourself, it becomes extremely dangerous. What did Paul say? He said that in the last days perilous times will come. As Paul listed the perils of that last day he said, "men will be lovers of their own selves" (2 Tim. 3:2). This is one of the great destructive forces in our society. The humanist says that self-love is not selfish because if I love myself I can love you better. I wonder why we have bought into that? I don't think it makes a whole lot of sense. I know people who love their families and put their lives on the line for their families, but to say that this is a person of super-exuding confidence and self-image -- you would never describe them that way. But they pour their lives into the lives of their sons, their daughters, their spouses and others.

The real problem is self-centeredness. The real problem is getting so focused on ourselves that we really don't have room to love anybody else. It's selfishness, which is a part of the fall. The humanist says, "It's not pride;

it's simply because we are lovable. We are simply giving a statement of fact." Well, for 2,000 years theologians studied the Word and they never came up with the teaching of self-love as we have it today. For the last forty years it has become so prevalent that it has changed our theology from a God-centered theology to a man-centered theology. It ought to grieve us deeply that what little theology we have today does not come out of the theology textbook or the seminary classroom or even from the Word of God. Today's theology comes out of this concept of self-love and from the secular humanistic world. Fromm and Rogers said man is inherently good and loving and we should accept others as they are. They denied the existence of original sin. They clearly stated that it is society that corrupts. The end result is that we no longer need any absolutes. Everything is relative and gray. We say that no man can judge any man because, although something may be wrong for me it may not be wrong for him. After all, everyone has his own internal guidance system and we just need to trust our instincts.

Fromm did make one statement that I agree with -- probably the smartest thing he ever said in his life. He said, "if original sin exists, my teaching on self-love will not hold up." It's all over if we could get this message out. But there are forces out there that don't intend to give this up. There's something out there that has wrecked our judicial system. We can't tell anybody they're wrong and send him or her away to prison. People get on a jury and they think, "What right do I have to convict somebody?" It has wrecked our educational system, destroyed the home and family life. It's destroying the church and the work of world

duced the "me generation." That's why you can't find anyone to teach a Sunday School class regularly. That's why everybody who wants to go to the mission field only wants to

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missions. Original sin does exist. Everything Fromm taught was absolutely wrong. Why have we bought it hook, line and sinker?

The main problem with self-love is that self-love does not give, it takes. Wouldn't it be better to trade in all that we are for all that God is and just allow Him to be our confidence and strength? The cross is not based on man's value or worth. The cross is a demonstration of God's love and grace. The cross does not communicate that there is something wonderful about us. It does communicate that there is something truly wonderful about God. Martin Luther had it right when he said, "God does not love us because we are valuable; we are valuable because God loves us." Our value, self-worth, and self-esteem do not flow from the inside but it flows from above, from the creator. God said, "I love you and I'm going to send my son to die to redeem you. I want to complete the process to bring you into

go for one or two years. That is why so many people go into the ministry and think, "I'll try this on," like you'd try on a new suit or a new dress. They say, "I'll see what it's like. If I like it, I'll stick with it. If I don't, I'll do something else." The secular, humanistic, psychological emphasis of our day has not had a corrective influence on our society. It has had a corrupting influence on our society. An overabundance of self-esteem doesn't lead to ministry or to servanthood. It leads to serving one's self and to doing what makes one feel good. If it feels good, it must be all right. The greatest peril of self-love is the worship of self, which is idolatry.

I don't believe it is God's will for us to put ourselves down like we're a part of the wretched few. Low self-esteem doesn't glorify God in any way and it does make life difficult. But excessive self-esteem and self-love is far worse than low self-esteem. If you've got to settle for one or the other, you'd better settle for low self-esteem and let God be the source of your confidence and strength. I believe it will be more difficult for those people with high, super self-esteem to get to heaven. It's not as painful in this life as low self-esteem but it's very, very dangerous. The best answer is to forget about yourself. Become God-conscious and others-conscious. Become God-centered rather than self-centered. Then the negative qualities of both low self-esteem and super, abundant self-esteem will disappear for the glory of God. Give yourself to God and to others and your need for self-love will diminish. Don't think more highly of yourself than you should. Remember that pride goes before the fall. The holiness movement is at its best when both of these commands are preached and practiced. -- DR. THOMAS HERMIZ



grace and redemption and to restore you to my own image." He sent His son to die for us.

The Bible makes it clear that one of the greatest sins of the last days is the sin of self-love. It leads to pride, which results in man's refusal to depend on God and it attributes to self the honor that is due to God.

What is the result of all this? What has it produced? It has not produced the "God generation" in our nation. It has not produced the "others generation." It has pro-

# EVANGELISTS' SCHEDULES

See where your evangelist is going to be...

October, November, December - 2000

## ADAMS, DAVID & CHARLENE and FAITHFUL

Oct 8-11, Redkey, IN  
Oct 19-22, Indianapolis, IN (Southside)  
Oct 29A, New Castle, IN (Southside), Concert  
Oct 29P, New Castle, IN (First), Concert  
Nov 12 A, Brazil, IN, Concert\*  
Nov 12 P, Brazil, IN (First), Concert  
Nov 19, Westfield, IN, Concert\*  
Dec 3, Edinburg, IN, Concert  
Dec 10, Adrain, MI (First), Concert

## ARMSTRONG, LEON AND LINDA

### THE ARMSTRONGS

Oct 4-8, Oakland, MD  
Oct 10-15, Salisbury, MD  
Oct 17-22, North Manchester, IN  
Oct 24-29, Mitchell, IN  
Nov 1-5, Veedersburg, IN  
Nov 7-12, Kempton, IL  
Nov 14-19, Louisville, KY (Calvary)  
Nov 26-29, Monroeville, IN  
Nov 30-Dec 3, Williamston, MI  
Dec 4-10, Marine City, MI (Bluewater)  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists' Gathering

## BELZER, DAVE & BARBARA

Oct 17-22, Wichita, KS (Grace)  
Oct 24-29, Kingman, KS

## BENDER, TIM AND CHERYL

Oct 4-8, McCune, KS  
Oct 10-15, Berkeley Springs, WV  
Oct 17-22, Paden City, WV  
Oct 25-29, Hueytown, AL (First)  
Nov 1-5, Tupelo, MS  
Nov 7-12, Decherd, TN (Warren Chapel)  
Nov 14-19, Pellam, TN\*

## BENSON, MICHAEL W

Oct 1-4, Chickasha, OK (First)  
Oct 8-11, Anderson, IN (First)  
Oct 25-27, Mount Vernon, OH, Mount Vernon Nazarene College  
Oct 29-Nov 1, Chattanooga, TN (East Ridge)  
Nov 5-8, Marion, OH (First)  
Nov 12-15, Hutchinson, KS (Bethany)  
Nov 26-29, Hutchinson, KS\*  
Dec 3-6, Roxana, IL  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists' Gathering

## BEVILLE, W SHERMAN

Oct 4-8, Decatur, IL (Trinity)  
Oct 10-15, Crothersville, IN  
Oct 17-22, Poland, IN (Patrickburg)  
Oct 31-Nov 5, Scottsburg, IN  
Nov 7-12, Salem, IN

## BOND, GARY

Oct 4-8, Dunbar, WV (First)  
Oct 11-15, Colona, IL (Grace Community)  
Oct 18-22, Mount Sterling, OH  
Oct 25-29, Brunswick, GA (First)  
Nov 5-8, New Cumberland, WV  
Nov 12-15, Dublin, GA (First)  
Nov 16-19, Helena, AL (Trinity)  
Nov 28-Dec 3, Mackey, IN

## BURKHALTER, PAT AND DONNA

Oct 11-15, Newell, WV (First)  
Oct 18-22, Bradford, PA (First)  
Oct 25-29, Ashland, KY (Plaza)  
Nov 1-5, Corydon, IN  
Nov 15-19, Berryville, AR  
Dec 1-10, Post, TX

## BUSBY, PAUL W

Sept 29-Oct 1, Hazel Green, AL  
Oct 9-14, Fayette, AL  
Oct 22-27, Calvert, AL  
Nov 11, Fayette, AL, Concert  
Dec 31, Cullman, AL, Concert\*

## CAMPBELL, LARRY R

Oct 1-4, Marlow, OK  
Oct 8-11, Warren, IN (Hillcrest)  
Oct 15-18, Decatur, IL (West Side)  
Oct 22-25, Springfield, MO (Scenic Drive)  
Nov 5-9, Stuart, OK (Friendship)  
Nov 12-15, Delphos, KS\*

## CANEN, DAVID

Sept 27-Oct 1, Jackson, GA  
Oct 3-8, Warner Robins, GA (First)  
Oct 10-15, Hendersonville, NC (First)  
Oct 17-22, Lovejoy, GA (Family)  
Oct 24-29, Rock Hill, SC (Grace)  
Oct 31-Nov 5, Owensboro, KY\*  
Nov 7-12, Madison, AL (First)  
Nov 14-19, Decatur, GA  
Nov 28-Dec 3, Rossville, GA (Fairview)  
Dec 5-10, Manchester, GA

## CHRISTENSON, BARBARA J

Oct 4-8, North Huntingdon, PA (Norwin)  
Oct 12-15, Spooner, WI  
Oct 22-25, Peru, IL  
Oct 29-Nov 2, Rapid City, SD  
Nov 5-8, Lake City, FL (Trinity)  
Nov 17-18, Backus, MN, Minnesota District Retreat  
Dec 11,13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists' Gathering

## COBB, BILL AND TERRI

Oct 6-7, Indianapolis, IN (First)  
Oct 13-14, Tumwater, WA (Olympia First)  
Oct 20-21, Kankakee, IL (First)  
Nov 3-4, Oklahoma City, OK (Trinity)  
Nov 10-11, Nampa, ID (First)

## COVINGTON- NATHAN

Oct 4-8, Douglasville, GA (First)  
Oct 15-18, Temple, TX (First)  
Oct 22-25, Garnett, KS  
Oct 29-Nov 1, Manhattan, KS  
Nov 5-8, Sapulpa, OK  
Nov 15-19, Hamilton, OH (Millville Ave)  
Nov 26-29, Muncie, IN (Riverview), Prayer Seminar

## DABYDEEN, ROBERT D

Oct 1-4, Worthington, KY  
Oct 8-11, Winchester, TN (Brownington)  
Oct 15-18, Jasper, AL (First), Indoor Camp  
Oct 22-25, Knoxville, TN (First)  
Oct 29-Nov 1, Rock Hill, SC (West Main)  
Nov 4-8, Salem, OR (South)  
Nov 9-12, Stayton, OR  
Nov 15-19, Ripley, WV  
Nov 26-29, Weirton, WV (First)

## DELBRIDGE, M E (GENE)

Oct 8-11, Sheridan, WY (First)  
Oct 15-18, Pablo, MT  
Oct 22-25, Helena, MT  
Oct 31-Nov 3, Long Beach, WA (Peninsula)

## DELL, JIMMY

Oct 7-11, Sparta, MI  
Oct 15-18, Madison, WI (First)  
Oct 22-25, Laingsburg, MI

Oct 29-Nov 1, Flora, IL  
Nov 5-8, Caldwell, ID (Canyon Hill)  
Nov 11-15, Altus, OK  
Nov 16-19, Terra Bella, CA  
Dec 2-6, Tilton, IL (Danville Southside)  
Dec 7-10, New Lathrop, MI\*

## DENNISON, MARVIN

Oct 3-8, Bradleyville, MO  
Oct 10-15, Georgetown, IN

## DORITY, RANDY

Oct 8-11, Crawford, NE  
Oct 22-25, McPherson, KS  
Oct 29-Nov 1, Winfield, KS  
Nov 5-8, Chadron, NE  
Nov 12-15, Holdrege, NE (Cornerstone Community)

## DOROUGH, WILLIAM M

Oct 10-15, Pittsburg, TX

## DOVE, KENNETH

Oct 1-4, Williamsburg, IN  
Oct 8-11, Columbia, TN (First)  
Oct 15-18, Bennington, IN\*  
Oct 22-25, Camden, TN  
Oct 29-Nov 1, Auburn, IN  
Nov 3-5, Brandon, MS, Mississippi District Layman's Retreat  
Nov 12-16, Florence, AL (First)  
Nov 29-Dec 3, Crestline, OH  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists' Gathering

## FADER, WES AND MARY

Oct 15-18, Petersburg, PA  
Oct 25-29, Mandan, ND  
Nov 1-5, Ellendale, ND  
Nov 8-12, Lawrence, KS (First)

## GESSNER, DON AND SHIRL

Oct 1-4, Wrightsville, GA (Mount Olive)  
Oct 10-15, Crowley, LA, Camp  
Oct 18-22, Lake Charles, LA (First)  
Nov 1-5, Marysville, OH (First)  
Nov 7-12, Madison, IN\*  
Nov 29-Dec 3, Evansville, IN (Eastview)  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists' Gathering

## GOODYKOONTZ, JAMES E

Oct 24-29, Orrville, OH (Harvest Hills)  
Nov 5-9, Eldersburg, MD (South Carroll)  
Nov 12-15, Grove City, PA  
Nov 28-Dec 3, Rutland, OH

## HAINES, GARY

Oct 6-8, San Antonio, TX, District Layman's Retreat  
Oct 19-22, Dayton, OH (Beavercreek)  
Oct 28-Nov 1, Rock Island, IL (First)  
Nov 2-5, Keokuk, IA  
Nov 11-15, Fort Oglethorpe, GA (Battlefield Parkway)  
Nov 25-29, South Portland, ME

## HANCOCK, TIM

Oct 1-4, Ashland, OH  
Oct 8-11, Orwell, OH (Grand Valley)  
Oct 15-18, Mount Laurel, NJ  
Oct 19-22, Millville, NJ  
Oct 29-Nov 1, Hurricane, WV (First)  
Nov 5-8, Topeka, KS (First)  
Nov 9-12, Junction City, KS (First)  
Nov 15-19, Moundsville, WV

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### HAYES, ALVIN B

Oct 15-20, Wheeler, WI (New Life)  
Oct 22-25, Mauston, WI

### HICKS, JOHN DAVID

Oct 8-11, Auburn, WA  
Oct 15-18, Mount Vernon, WA  
Oct 22-25, Chariton, IA  
Nov 12-15, Payette, ID

### HURLES, VERNON AND JOYCE

Oct 1-2, Fairborn, OH (Wrightview)  
Oct 8-15, Sabina, OH\*  
Oct 18-22, Manchester, OH  
Oct 29, Sabina, OH\*  
Nov 1-5, Franklin, PA (Victory Heights)\*  
Nov 12 and 16, Sabina, OH\*

### JORDAN, JOSEPH R

Oct 15-19, Independence, KY (Florence Community)

### LECKRONE, LARRY AND TAMLA

Sept 30-Oct 4, Parkersburg, WV (Broadway)  
Oct 7-11, St Albans, WV  
Oct 14-18, Jasper, IN  
Oct 21-25, North Vernon, IN  
Oct 28-Nov 1, Greensburg, IN (Community)  
Nov 5-8, Floyds Knobs, IN (Heartland)  
Nov 11-15, Wadsworth, OH  
Nov 18-22, Allentown, PA  
Nov 25-29, Dunkirk, IN  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists' Gathering  
Dec 14-17, Toledo, OH (Faith)

### LEEDER, DAVID A

Sept 26, Oct 1, Fredericktown, OH  
Oct 3-8, Hershey, PA  
Oct 10-15, Lewisburg, PA (Crossroads)  
Oct 17-22, Williamsport, PA  
Oct 24-29, West Grove, PA (Avon Grove)  
Oct 31-Nov 5, Pennington, NJ (Trenton)  
Nov 8-12, Bath, NY  
Nov 14-19, Bethlehem, PA  
Dec 1-30, New Lothrop, MI

### LEGG, CHARLES F

Oct 8-11, Merritt Island, FL (Community)  
Oct 18-22, Ocala, FL (West)  
Oct 29-Nov 2, Larimore, ND  
Nov 12-15, McHenry, MD\*

### LEWIS, CHRISTOPHER

Oct 1-4, Auberry, CA  
Oct 8-11, New Salem, TX\*  
Oct 15-18, Jacksonville, AR (First)  
Oct 22-25, Reedley, CA (King's River)  
Oct 29, Squaw Valley, CA\*  
Nov 1-30, Argentina, Aborigine, Crusade

### LEWIS, JOHN

#### WHITE DOVE MINISTRIES

Oct 1-4, Hoisington, KS  
Oct 8-11, Arkansas City, KS  
Oct 15-18, Oklahoma City, OK (Crown Heights)  
Oct 25-29, Granite City, IL (First)  
Nov 1-5, Hoopston, IL (First)  
Nov 8-12, Granbury, TX  
Nov 19, Hooker, OK  
Dec 3, ALevelland, TX, Concert

### LOCKARD, W DAYTON

Oct 24-29, Chelyan, WV

### LOMAN, LANE

Oct 1-5, Mount Pleasant, MI (First)  
Oct 8-11, Sherradsville, OH\*  
Oct 15-18, Modesto, CA (First)  
Oct 22-25, Madison, TN  
Oct 29-Nov 1, Pampa, TX  
Nov 2-4, Madison, NC\*  
Nov 5-8, Winston, Salem, NC (Faith)  
Nov 12-15, Springfield, MO (Grace)  
Dec 3-6, Carmi, IL

### LOTHENORE, BOB

Oct 1-4, Rolla, MO  
Oct 8-11, St Joseph, MO (First)  
Oct 15-18, Poteau, OK  
Oct 22-25, Eldon, MO  
Oct 28-31, Wellington, KS  
Nov 1-5, Belle Vernon, PA  
Nov 12-15, Davenport, IA

Nov 19-22, Saint Marys, OH (First)

### MANLEY, STEPHEN

#### CROSS STYLE PROCLAMATION

Oct 11-15, Chandler, AZ (CrossRoads)  
Oct 18-22, Riverside, CA (Arlington Avenue)  
Oct 28-Nov 2, Attica, IN, Wabash Zone Indoor Camp  
Nov 3-5, Park Hills, KY (Covington First), Crossstyle Conference  
Nov 12-16, York, PA (Stillmeadow)  
Nov 17-19, Philadelphia, PA (First)  
Nov 27-29, Colorado Springs, CO, Nazarene Bible College  
Nov 30, Dec 3, Irvine, KY (Waco)  
Dec 4-6, Colorado Springs, CO, Nazarene Bible College  
Dec 7-10, Charleston, WV (Calvary)  
Dec 11-13, Colorado Springs, CO, Nazarene Bible College

### MILLHUFF, CHUCK R

Oct 4-8, Hampton, VA  
Oct 11-15, Cloverdale, IN  
Oct 26-29, Denham Springs, LA (New Hope Community), Olathe, KS, Gateway to the World Missions Conference  
Nov 1-5, Beaumont, TX (Cornerstone)  
Nov 12, 14, Casey, IL  
Nov 15-19, Terre Haute, IN (First)  
Nov 29-Dec 3, Mooresville, IN  
Dec 11, 13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists' Gathering  
Dec 31, Ashburn, VA\*

### MILLS, CARLTON

#### SECOND TOUCH EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

Oct 1-4, New Castle, IN (Westview)  
Oct 5-8, Middletown, OH (First)  
Oct 11-15, Monongahela, PA  
Oct 17-22, Owensboro, KY (First)  
Nov 1-5, Ashland, KY (First)  
Nov 7-12, Bruceton Mills, WV (Little Sandy)  
Nov 15-19, West Memphis, AR  
Nov 26-29, Smyrna, DE (Faith)  
Dec 3-6, Huntingdon, PA (McConnellstown)

# EVANGELISTS' SCHEDULES

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October, November, December - 2000

## MINER, SCOTT

Oct 1-4, Columbia City, IN  
Oct 15-18, Jamestown, KY  
Oct 22-25, Isom, KY (Whitesburg)  
Oct 29-Nov 1, Montpelier, IN

## MITCHELL, MARCIA

Sept 29-Oct 1, Port Townsend, WA, Ladies  
Retreat

## MOORE, NORMAN <sup>Ⓢ</sup>

Oct 1-4, Wichita, KS (Westside)  
Oct 7-14, Ft Lauderdale, FL, Caribbean  
Layman's Retreat  
Oct 15-18, Portage, IN (Grace)  
Oct 22-25, Keene, NH  
Oct 29-Nov 1, Parsons, KS  
Nov 5-8, Lubbock, TX (First)  
Nov 12-15, Lancaster, CA, Lancaster Zone  
Crusade  
Nov 26-29, Cincinnati, OH (Carthage)  
Dec 3-6, Klamath Falls, OR  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists'  
Gathering

## NAJARIAN, BERGE AND DORIS

Oct 6-8, Alabaster, AL, Faith Promise Revival  
Oct 13-15, Clermont, FL, Faith Promise Revival

## OLYER, CALVIN B

Nov 1-5, Elkhart, KS

## PERDUE, NELSON S <sup>Ⓢ</sup>

Oct 4-8, Chattanooga, TN (First)  
Oct 11-15, Inez, KY (Turkey Creek)  
Oct 18-22, Richmond, KY (First)  
Nov 1-5, Ravenswood, WV  
Nov 8-12, Oak Hill, WV  
Nov 15-19, Piqua, OH  
Nov 29-Dec 3, Evansville, IN (Eastview)  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists'  
Gathering

## PETTIT, ELAINE C

### EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

Oct 1-4, Guymon, OK  
Oct 5-7, Olathe, KS\*  
Oct 10-15, Crowley, LA (First), Holiness  
Campmeeting  
Oct 22-25, Borger, TX (First)  
Oct 27-28, Madison Heights, MI, Women's  
Retreat  
Oct 29-Nov 1, Waterford, MI (Williams Lake)  
Nov 5-8, Cantonment, FL (Pensacola First)  
Nov 12-15, Waldron, AR (First)  
Nov 29-Dec 3, Nacogdoches, TX  
Dec 7-10, Jasper, AL (First)  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists'  
Gathering

## PHILLIP R, PHELPS MINISTRIES

Oct 1, Chandler, AZ (First), Concert  
Oct 4-8, Vici, OK  
Oct 15-18, Coleman, TX  
Oct 22-25, Stephenville, TX  
Oct 29-Nov 1, Higgins, TX  
Nov 5-8, Lawton, OK (Lawton Heights)  
Nov 12-15, Pearl River, LA  
Nov 17, Natchitoches, LA, Concert  
Nov 19, Liberty, TX, Concert\*  
Dec 10, Ridgeview, TX (Fellowship), Concert\*

## PHILPOT, LARRY

Oct 13-15, North Middletown, KY

## REED, SHERMAN R

Oct 10-15, Spencerville, OH  
Oct 20-22, Evansville, IN, Convention\*  
Oct 25-29, Oakes, ND  
Nov 1-5, Mundelein, IL

## ROACH, JERRY, BARBARA AND REBECCA ROACH EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

Oct 1-4, Dickson, TN (Jason Chapel)  
Oct 8-11, West Jefferson, NC (Mount Jefferson)  
Oct 15-18, Waynesville, NC (Lakeview)  
Oct 22-25, Shelby, NC (New Bethel)  
Oct 26-29, Concord, NC (First)  
Nov 1-5, Monroe, NC  
Nov 10-12, Dickson, TN, Retreat\*  
Nov 17-19, Georgetown, IL (Olivet)  
Nov 26-29, Paducah, KY

## ROSE, WAYNE <sup>Ⓢ</sup>

### ROSE GARDEN

Oct 4-8, Alton, IL (Hillcrest)  
Oct 10-15, Cory, IN (Community)  
Oct 17-22, Mitchell, SD  
Nov 1-5, Bradford, PA (First)  
Nov 8-12, Kansas City, MO (Summit View)  
Nov 14-19, Swayzee, IN  
Nov 29-Dec 3, Weston, MO (Community)  
Dec 6-10, Kings Mountain, NC  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists'  
Gathering

## SCHNEIDER, JAY

Oct 8-15, Wichita, KS (Trinity)

## SMITH, DUANE <sup>Ⓢ</sup>

Oct 4-8, Mount Vernon, IN (Point Township)  
Oct 11-15, Benton, AR (First)  
Oct 18-22, Batesville, AR  
Oct 25-29, Greenwood, AR  
Nov 1-5, Texarkana, TX (First)  
Nov 8-12, Caddo, OK  
Nov 15-19, Johnson, KS (Bethel)  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists'  
Gathering

## SMITH, LARRY D

Oct 7-11, Nashville, TN (Donelson)  
Oct 14-18, Waverly, TN (First)  
Nov 4-8, Myrtle Beach, SC  
Nov 11-15, Winnsboro, SC

## STARNES, SAM

Oct 1-4, Bicknell, IN  
Oct 29-Nov 5, Broken Bow, NE  
Nov 12-15, Huron, SD

## STRICKLAND, DICK <sup>Ⓢ</sup>

Oct 18-22, Lufkin, TX, (First)  
Oct 25-29, West Columbia, SC (Central)  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists'  
Gathering

## TAYLOR, DON

Oct 1-4, Wrightsville, GA (Mount Olive)  
Oct 15-18, Macon, GA (Shurlington)  
Oct 24-29, Sumter, SC (Boulevard)  
Nov 1-5, Brunswick, GA (Bethel)  
Nov 12-15, Fort Oglethorpe, GA (Battlefield  
Parkway)

## TAYLOR, EMMET AND MARIE

Oct 4-8, Walters, OK

## TAYLOR, ROBERT

Oct 1-4, Lima, OH (First)

Oct 8-11, Sciotoville, OH (Portsmouth)  
Oct 15-18, Morgantown, WV (Pierpont)  
Oct 22-25, Huntington, WV (First)  
Oct 29-Nov 1, Charleston, SC (St Andrews)  
Nov 5-8, New Bedford, MA (First)  
Nov 12-15, Gallatin, TN  
Nov 19-22, Denver, CO (Faith)

## THARP, JAMES W

Oct 18-22, Dothan, AL (First), Prayer Seminar  
Nov 15-19, Tichnor, AR\*

## ULMET, BILL AND KATHY <sup>Ⓢ</sup>

Oct 4-8, Huntington, WV (Walnut Hills)  
Oct 11-15, Falls City, NE  
Oct 18-22, Red Oak, IA  
Oct 25-29, Iowa City, IA  
Nov 1-5, Cedar Rapids, IA (Oakland)  
Nov 8-12, Hastings, MI  
Nov 15-19, Buchanan, MI  
Nov 26-29, Battle Creek, MI (First)  
Dec 6-10, Charlotte, MI  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists'  
Gathering

## WELLS, LINARD <sup>Ⓢ</sup>

Sept 26-Oct 1, Nacona, TX  
Oct 3-8, Royalton, IL (First)  
Oct 10-15, Marion, IL (First)  
Oct 17-22, Mayfield, KY  
Oct 24-29, Marshall, IL  
Oct 31-Nov 5, Indianapolis, IN (Lawrence)  
Nov 7-12, New Castle, IN (South Side)  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists'  
Gathering

## WOMACK, PAUL W

Oct 1-4, Greenwood, IN  
Oct 8-11, Sikeston, MO (First)  
Oct 15-18, Saraland, AL  
Oct 25-29, Sylvia, KS (Pleasant Hill)  
Nov 5-8, Iberia, MO  
Nov 12-15, Tishomingo, OK  
Nov 19-24, Cedar Falls, IA  
Nov 29-Dec 3, Marshall, TX (First)

## WRIGHT, E GUY AND BETTY

Oct 4-8, Newberry, IN  
Oct 11-15, St Marys, WV  
Oct 17-22, Charleston, WV\*  
Oct 24-29, Vienna, WV (River Valley  
Community)  
Nov 1-5, New Ellenton, SC  
Nov 8-12, Sistersville, WV  
Nov 15-19, Lost Creek, KY, Riverside Christian  
School\*  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists'  
Gathering

## YINGLING, KEN AND WANDA

Oct 1-4, Centerville, IA  
Oct 8-11, Decatur, IN  
Oct 15-18, Mount Blanchard, OH  
Oct 22-25, Warsaw, IN  
Nov 5-8, Berne, IN  
Dec 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Evangelists'  
Gathering

<sup>Ⓢ</sup> Tenured Evangelist is recongized by the church as a  
lifetime assignment. See manual 407.3

\* Denotes Non-Nazarene Church



# McWhirter's MUSINGS

REV. G. STUART MCWHIRTER

Corydon, IN - Evangelist, Church of the Nazarene



## THE SECOND COMING

What are you looking forward to? What are you waiting for? Are you waiting for a new job, a vacation, a rise in the stock market? If we live as the first Christians lived, our greatest expectation is none of these things. Far more than all these earthly interests, we anticipate the visible return of Christ to earth.

Even a hasty reading of the New Testament reveals pages peppered with the promise of Jesus' Second Coming. The fledgling church in the days of the Apostles lived in eager expectation of this event. They were not mistaken to live thus. Whether in the first century or the 21st century, Christians should live each day as if this could be the day of His coming.

A Christian's hope is vastly different from what the world calls hope. It is far more than wishful thinking. We are certain of what God will do because of what He has already done in the resurrection and exaltation of Christ. For all that love Christ, every dawn should bring the thrilling thought that Jesus may visibly return this very day.

Those initial followers of Jesus did not become a bizarre cult, who donned white robes and climbed to a mountain peak to await Christ's return. Quite the oppo-

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## BY ALL MEANS

Olathe, KS - Evangelist, Church of the Nazarene

DR. CHUCK MILLHUFF

## BE A GENTLEMAN

Today I stood in what many would arguably call the most sacred place in the southern part of the United States of America. It is located on the campus of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. This great southern school was founded in 1749 and endowed by George Washington in 1796.

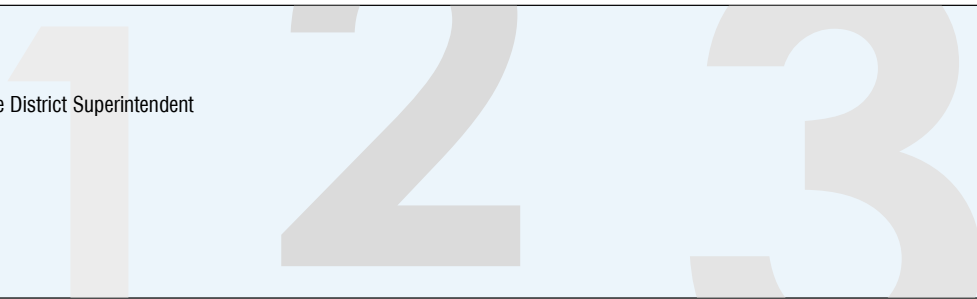
Adjacent to this historic university, in all of its gothic splendor with its fortress-like turrets and emerald parade grounds, is the Virginia Military Institute called the West Point of the South. It has produced numerous war leaders and heroes, not the least of which is five star General Marshal, general of all the armies during World War Two.

On the campus of Washington Lee University is a stately chapel. Following the Civil War, the defeated General Lee became the president of this great southern school. He put the war behind him and poured the five remaining years of his life into this school, which at the time was called only Washington University. His name was added to the school's name after his death.

General Lee left his office one day in the fall of 1870 and died a few days later on October 12th. His office is preserved in the basement of the chapel. Not a sin-

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# The Plan



When God puts a plan together, you can stake your eternal well being on it! When He was concerned about "the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12). He came up with a terrific plan. I will call some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, some to be pastors and some to be teachers. There are times when a perfect plan comes together; this is one of them!

I have been deeply impacted by the ministry of Nazarene evangelists! When I was a boy and our local church was having revival meeting, Dad and Mom knew the best place for me, and the entire family, would be at revival meeting - every time the door was open! Stamped indelibly on my mind are the images of some of these evangelists as they preached and sang with passion, power, and conviction! I remember those altar calls, as they would urge people to come forward and let God have His way in their lives! At many of those altar calls, I was a seeker; I'm glad for every trip I made! God kept my heart tender, and on one of those trips down the aisle God helped me to say the BIG YES.

I was privileged to be the pastor of three churches during my pastoral ministry, and I always scheduled two revival meetings each year! I knew I needed one of these God-called evangelists to grace the platform and pulpit of my church to fan the flame of evangelism, do the work of an evangelist, and throw out the net for a catch of eternal souls! I always felt our church was strengthened and better for having revival! It was God's plan! That is why He called them!

A lot of things have changed since I began my pastoral ministry some 35 years ago! Sin is darker, addictions are stronger, marriages are more in crisis, the Devil is bolder, truth is challenged, young people are desperately looking for answers, pastors and Sunday School teachers are suffering burn-out. A genuine spiritual awakening is what we desperately need! We don't need fewer revivals; we need to re-double our efforts!

In times like these, pastors, evangelists, and men and women of God need to rekindle their passion for evangelism! One must keep before him that mankind is lost, eternity is forever, Hell is awful, sin is enslaving, a life is too precious to waste, and the "wages of sin is death." We, who are the keepers of the lighthouse, must be ready to shine the beam of God's love, and "throw out the lifeline to some poor, fainting, struggling seaman." Men and women who have answered God's call to full time evangelism, I salute you and pray for you! We need to support you, pray for you, encourage you, and bring a car load of people to hear you preach and sing at your next revival meeting! When God puts a plan together, it's the best! -- DR. F. THOMAS BAILEY



Rev. Paul W. Womack

Quincy, IL - Evangelist, Church of the Nazarene

# Deafening Silence

In 1899 General William Booth of the Salvation Army made the following prediction about the 20th century. "I'm of the opinion that the dangers which confront the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God and Heaven without Hell."

I don't believe anyone who has kept up with mainstream America would argue with the accuracy of General Booth's prophecy. Religion in general is at low ebb. There is much of it, but the quality is missing. The logical and fair question is how do we recapture the missing cord? How do we rekindle the lost passion? I don't know if we know the answer or if we don't know how to create an atmosphere where it can happen. I raise the question to say we are allowing a generation to slip through our fingers. This generation in the church

needs to be gripped by the reality and passion of an all-out relationship with Jesus Christ. There seems to be a deafening silence. We must speak-out, support, and preach the truth.

**"A CHURCH WITHOUT REVIVAL BECOMES LIKE A SHIP TIED TO THE DOCKS..."**

Genuine revival in the local church allows the power of the Holy Spirit to work, as He did on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2). The mission of our church is not to make people happy but to "present every man perfect (holy) in Christ Jesus" (Col. 1:28).

A church without revival becomes like a ship tied to the docks for a long time. Barnacles gather and grow on its hull and weigh the vessel down. When it is called upon to go to sea it cannot sail and glide through the water. It's pulled down because of the barnacles and growth attached to the bottom of the ship. My point being we need a real revival in our churches to keep the vessel ready to move out and sail the sea of life.

If our silence has been deafening, then let us terminate the silence. Let us passionately pray, praise, and preach until a great revival awakens our people and churches and God is revered as head of His church. -- REV. PAUL W. WOMACK

I like your new publication, *The Evangelists' Perspective*. We need *The Evangelists' Perspective* for soul winning and church renewal. I believe we need revival in each local church.

Sincerely,  
Jack Stone  
General Secretary/Hdqts.  
Operations Officer  
Church of the Nazarene

The spring edition of *The Evangelists' Perspective* is the absolute best yet! The articles are excellent. The *Perspective* has excellent eye appeal, is easy to read, and demonstrates great use of color. Above all, the articles are thought provoking and heart moving. I just wanted to say congratulations to you and to all of those who are helping you to bring birth to this new magazine. I hear excellent comments about it all across the country and want to add my own word of commendation. Keep preaching, teaching, and writing the great truths of holiness wrapped in evangelistic passion.

Dr. James Diehl  
General Superintendent  
Church of the Nazarene

I just wanted you to know that I received the latest issue of *The Evangelists' Perspective*, and I thoroughly enjoyed it! I think this is an outstanding tool which will keep before a large segment of our church the absolute essential work of the Nazarene evangelist! I am convinced Heaven alone will reveal all of the fabulous good that has been done for Christ and His great kingdom by the tireless efforts of our faithful, God-called evangelists! I believe in all of you wonderful people who are dedicating your lives to this endeavor, and I want you to know you have my support, prayers, and whatever voice I can lend to your cause.

Dr. F. Thomas Bailey  
Northeastern Indiana District  
Superintendent  
Church of the Nazarene

# ***Let's Love And Encourage Our Pastor And Spouse***

A major industry in the city closed its doors, causing thousands of employees to lose their jobs. This caused many to sell their homes and move in search for employment.

**T**he plant closure and employee exodus negatively impacted the local church, causing attendance and finances to sharply decline. This resulted in the faithful pastor being forced to become bi-vocational. This, in turn, contributed to a decrease in the church program, which triggered some remaining families to go shopping for another church that had more to offer. Others aimed their criticisms at the pastor for the weakened condition of the church.

Another pastor and his wife received a punch bowl as a Christmas gift from the church. It came attractively wrapped in a gift box from the finest department store in the area. But the pastor and his wife already had a nice punch bowl. So they decided to exchange it for something else they needed. But when they went to the store the clerk informed them that the punch bowl was not from that store. So tactfully the pastor's wife asked the lady on the church board where the gift had been purchased. The church board steward embarrassingly admitted she bought it at a garage sale.

A pastor's wife was heavily involved in her Saturday home responsibilities of laundry, house cleaning and grocery shopping. She received a phone call from a lady in the



church who impulsively pressured the pastor's wife to help her make numerous phone calls to promote attendance at a church event. When the pastor's wife explained that she could not drop everything and make the calls the lady was imposing, her reply was "It sounds like you're busy; that stands for Buried Under Satan's Yoke." And then she hung up.

These are just a few examples of the pressure, stress and frustration that are felt by many pastors and spouses.

After 21 years in full-time evangelism I have observed three common stress factors for the pastor and spouse.

### Unrealistic Expectations

It is undeniable that in many churches sacrifice and loyalty have been replaced with consumerism and a spectator sport mentality. I'm all for seeker sensitive services and programs, a purpose driven church and fresh wind and fresh fire. But let's remember that many pastors and spouses serve amid severe difficulties. Although every church could improve somewhere, to impose idealistic comparisons often contributes unnecessary pressure.

### Unfair Criticism

No pastor is absolutely perfect. They're human, just like laymen. There are both strengths and weaknesses, successes and failures. But in my observation, most pastors are doing their best. When a demanding controller, who insists on having his or her own selfish way, lobs grenades of criticism at the pastor or spouse, the results are added stress and discouragement.

### Inappropriate Financial Compensation

Most folks know what it takes to live, to house, to dress, to drive, to eat, to educate, and to prepare for retirement. I've never quite understood why it has been so traditionally expected that the pastor can do all this on so significantly less! When a church or board is tight, cheap, narrow and small they further contribute to unnecessary stress, pressure and frustration for the pastor and spouse.

God's Word helps our understanding in this area. "Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are

over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other" (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13). Also: "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you" (Hebrews 13:17).



It's our choice. We can either be a part of the answer for our pastor and spouse or part of the problem. To care, cooperate and compliment is far better than to criticize, condemn and complain. Let's love and encourage them and thereby make the ministry a "joy and not a burden". -- REV. NORMAN MOORE

## Relevance

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ant to law but rather it comes through the law. Holiness causes a heart to delight in God's law because LAW and LOVE are not contradictory but complimentary to each other.

The basis of right and wrong or what is moral or immoral is grounded in the holy nature of God. It is only in the light of His holy character that any of us can identify or define sin. A thing is either moral or immoral as it relates to the nature of God. This should solve the problem of moral relativism or the idea that morality changes with the times and different geographical areas.

God is Immutable (eternally unchangeable) and if sin is based upon the nature of God then what was sinful and immoral 50 years ago is sinful and immoral today. Because God is omnipresent (everywhere present), that which is wrong in one geographical area is the same in any other area.

The Gospel can never be relevant to a people who desire to mind the things of the flesh rather than the things of the Spirit. -- NELSON S. PERDUE

## The Second Coming

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site, this hope invigorated their sense of duty and responsibility in the practical matters of life. Today, we face the present danger of wild speculation, weird extremes and mere sensationalism of some so-called "prophetic preachers" who are often associated with the Second Coming. Our over-reaction to these could cause us to neglect or abandon this great biblical truth of Jesus' return.

As we live in the assurance of the Second Coming, we experience vibrant victory based in solid reason for triumphant living. This assurance brings ebullient joy in the midst of life's harsh actualities. This certainty of Christ's imminent appearing increases the urgency and intensifies the motivation of Christians to evangelize, to witness, and to live holy lives. This assurance of Jesus' return is a brilliant star staying in the night of our earthly existence.

The hope of His coming is not about what awaits

us, but about who awaits us. Oh, the bliss of that moment when we behold His face! Oh, the breathtaking instant when we see Him as He is, in His glorified humanity, unveiled in ineffable splendor!

As we reconsider His coming, we should ask ourselves some probing questions: Do we show by our lives that we are truly Christian? As we live each day, do we show the glad confidence and godly carefulness this hope generates within us? Or God forbid, has this hope faded or died? If so, we should rekindle it this very day. We should reclaim and restore it before the next

SUNSET. -- G. STUART MCWHIRTER

## Be A Gentleman

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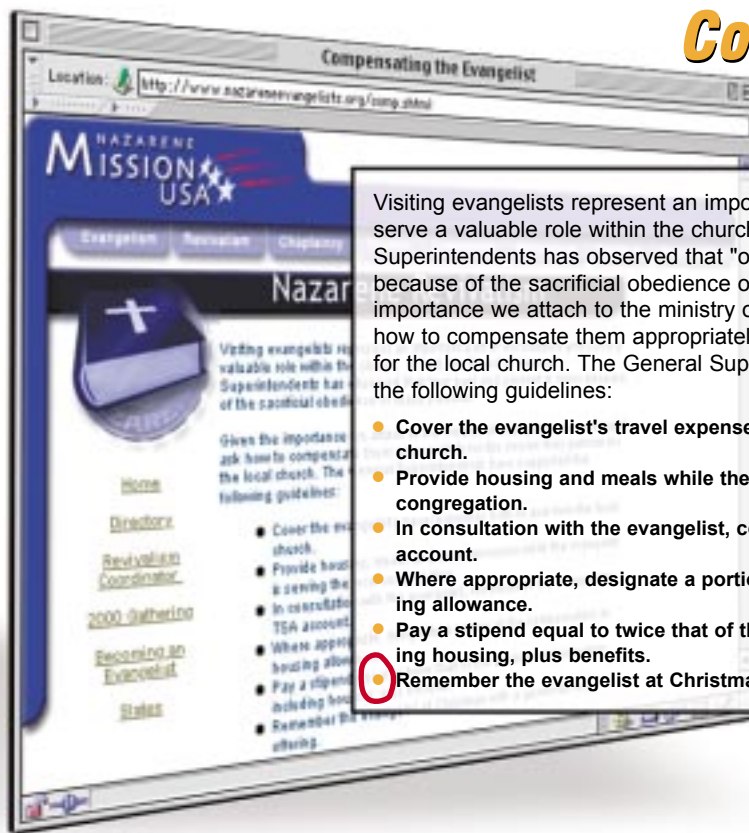
gle paper has been changed or pen moved from his large round table desk. It is not by accident that his office was in the basement of the chapel for the chapel was at the heart of his concepts of education.

In a crypt in that same lower level of the chapel, General Lee, his wife and several of his family are buried. On the upper floor in the vestibule of the chapel itself is a life-sized marble memorial to the great general. He is in full uniform resting on a field cot in the midst of battle in this War Between the States.

I was struck with General / President Lee's only posted rule for student behavior, "BE A GENTLEMAN." It was then an all-male institution. He then goes on to describe a gentleman. Frankly, it reads like the Sermon on the Mount and would be well worth looking up. Space will not allow me to include the 150-word paragraph here. Again, I was reminded of the issue of how we live as a means to our evangelism and witness. Jesus, speaking to His disciples, made this point abundantly clear just days before His death in John 13:35. "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another." We have been led to think of soul winning and evangelism in terms of methods and scientific calculations and there is value in that to a point. But all of that combined will mean nothing if there is not a life to back it all up. Here is holiness as the very backbone of it all. BY ALL MEANS ... act like what you preach. Why is General Lee still so respected by both the North and the South after all these years? Because he acted victoriously in defeat.

I stood in awe today. Why you might ask? I think I've just told you. And so will a lost world if we live, as we should. -- DR. CHUCK MILLHUFF

# Compensating the Evangelist



Visiting evangelists represent an important part of our tradition and serve a valuable role within the church. In fact, the Board of General Superintendents has observed that "our past and present is richer because of the sacrificial obedience of these persons." Given the importance we attach to the ministry of evangelists, we well might ask how to compensate them appropriately for the service they perform for the local church. The General Superintendents have suggested the following guidelines:

- Cover the evangelist's travel expenses both to and from the local church.
- Provide housing and meals while the evangelist is serving the local congregation.
- In consultation with the evangelist, contribute to the evangelist's TSA account.
- Where appropriate, designate a portion of the compensation as housing allowance.
- Pay a stipend equal to twice that of the pastor's compensation, including housing, plus benefits.
- Remember the evangelist at Christmas with a generous love offering.

by Rev. Larry  
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Morenci, MI  
Evangelist  
Church of the Nazarene



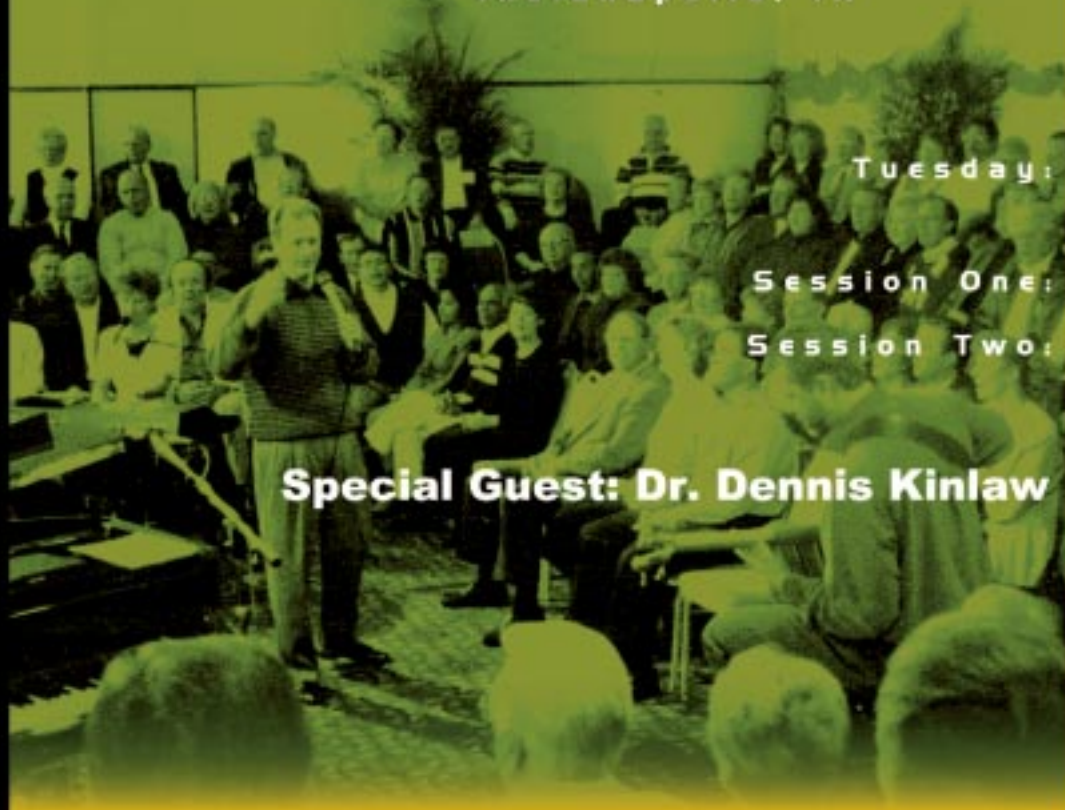
## PRESENCE OR ABSENCE

**H**ave you ever noticed that when you are looking for a used car you notice every car for sale in every yard or driveway? When you are roofing a house you notice every roof color you pass along your route of travel. When you are interested in "treasures" you notice every garage sale, and when you are intrigued by fire you want to follow every fire truck. Recently, I have noticed that tendency in my life in many areas of interest and especially in the Word. Wherever I read I find that God's principles of truth are consistent. They never contradict themselves from the stories of the Israelites to the parables of our Lord.

One of my most recent fascinations has become the distinction between "presence" and "absence". God has a presence for every absence in our lives. In fact, His very essence is a presence. John illustrates it so very well with the dual themes of "light" and "life". Jesus is the essence of both. His presence of dwelling in the heart of trusting man dissipates both "darkness" and "death". "Darkness cannot stay where light abounds". What an amazing thing that is! Where does the darkness go? Does it hide in the walls? Does it crawl into the cracks? No, it merely dissolves into nothingness because of the overwhelming presence of light.

Romans 6 tells us that, "Death hath no more dominion (control) over you." Why should we be surprised? The life of Jesus now reigns in our mortal body so spiritual death has no more grasp. Even physical death has no more sting because "to live is Christ and to die is gain." Once you bask in this revelation, you will begin to notice the principle in many areas of God's Truth. He is the joy for every sorrow and the strength for every weakness. Even His righteousness becomes the presence that will prevent unrighteousness from ever taking residence again in the true believer as he continually "walks in the light." (1 John 1:7) Enjoy the presence of the "being". -- REV. LARRY LECKRONE

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