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# perspective

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cover photo: Nazarene Evangelist Robert Pickle

# HERDING CATS

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CHUCK MILLHUFF

Four years ago I was honored by the General Superintendents to serve the evangelists of the Church of the Nazarene as the Coordinator of Revivalism Ministries. There have been many surprises, some more pleasant than others. Working in our world headquarters has had its challenges. There are a lot of rules, and rules have never been one of my favorite things. I have learned to adapt to them, and some of my colleagues have had to adapt a bit to me. I must say that the USA/CANADA REGION EVANGELISM MISSION DIVISION where I work under Dr. Tom Nees has been a real delight. Everyone there has welcomed me to the team and made me feel like family.

Independent thought is common to most evangelists. Like the prophets of old, we are a strange lot. We come, we proclaim and we leave—hopefully having done some real redemptive good. But we do it in a lot of different ways. We all have made adjustments over the years to our styles and ways of presentation.

When I started, I would board the train at Kansas City's huge Union Station and be gone for eight-to-ten weeks, often transferring to a bus or car in order to get to the next place. Letters were the way Jeanne and I kept in touch, with typically one long-distance phone call a week. We wore suits and ties in every service and sat on the platform as a rule, kneeling at the platform chair before we sat down. I stayed in homes and ate breakfast, and then was taken to other homes for dinner and supper. Yes, that's when I became a big preacher. Wednesday over two Sundays was the typical meeting. I would hold, as a rule, about 20 of these marathons a year. Well, all of that has changed dramatically.

Now most revivals are held on a Wednesday over a Sunday or on a Sunday over a Wednesday. Many churches

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# THE SHARPES ON THE ROAD AGAIN



**H**ello everyone. That bunch sitting around the steering wheel of our motor coach is us, the Sharpes: Vance, Jeannie, Brent and Bailey, from Blythewood, S.C. Everywhere we go, people are always asking us, "How can you travel and stay on the road like you do?" Well, it's not always easy all the time, BUT we have a deep calling upon our lives to serve Jesus Christ through song evangelism. God called Vance and me into full-time ministry approximately 10 years ago. We tell people that we could not do this if it was not for that call. The call is so deep. We feel we would not be in God's will if we did not travel from church to church during the year and from camp meeting to camp meeting all summer. We travel a couple hundred thousand miles a year, loading and unloading our heavy sound equipment. We love the people we meet across Canada and this country of ours.

Let me say that it would be much easier to stay at home and sing in the choir or on a praise team at church than to do what we do. Any given week for us finds Vance making preparations with the churches that we are going to and making sure that our bus and equipment are working properly. We leave for months at a time.

I tell people that Satan fights us most through our toilet on the bus. It gives us trouble all the time. Last year while we were at a family camp, it would not stop flushing. Then it wouldn't flush at all. Vance had to fix it and, believe it

or not, a few weeks later it quit working altogether. Once again, Vance had to fix it. We laugh about it, but it's true; that thing gives us trouble all the time. Vance is a very gifted person. One of his gifts is that he can work on about anything that breaks. I don't believe we could continue traveling the way we do if Vance wasn't so gifted in fixing things, from technical sound equipment to the devil in our toilet. But his most precious gift is singing and song writing. So, I thank God that Vance can basically fix everything that breaks while on the road, but mostly I thank God that He opened the door for Vance and me to travel and sing.

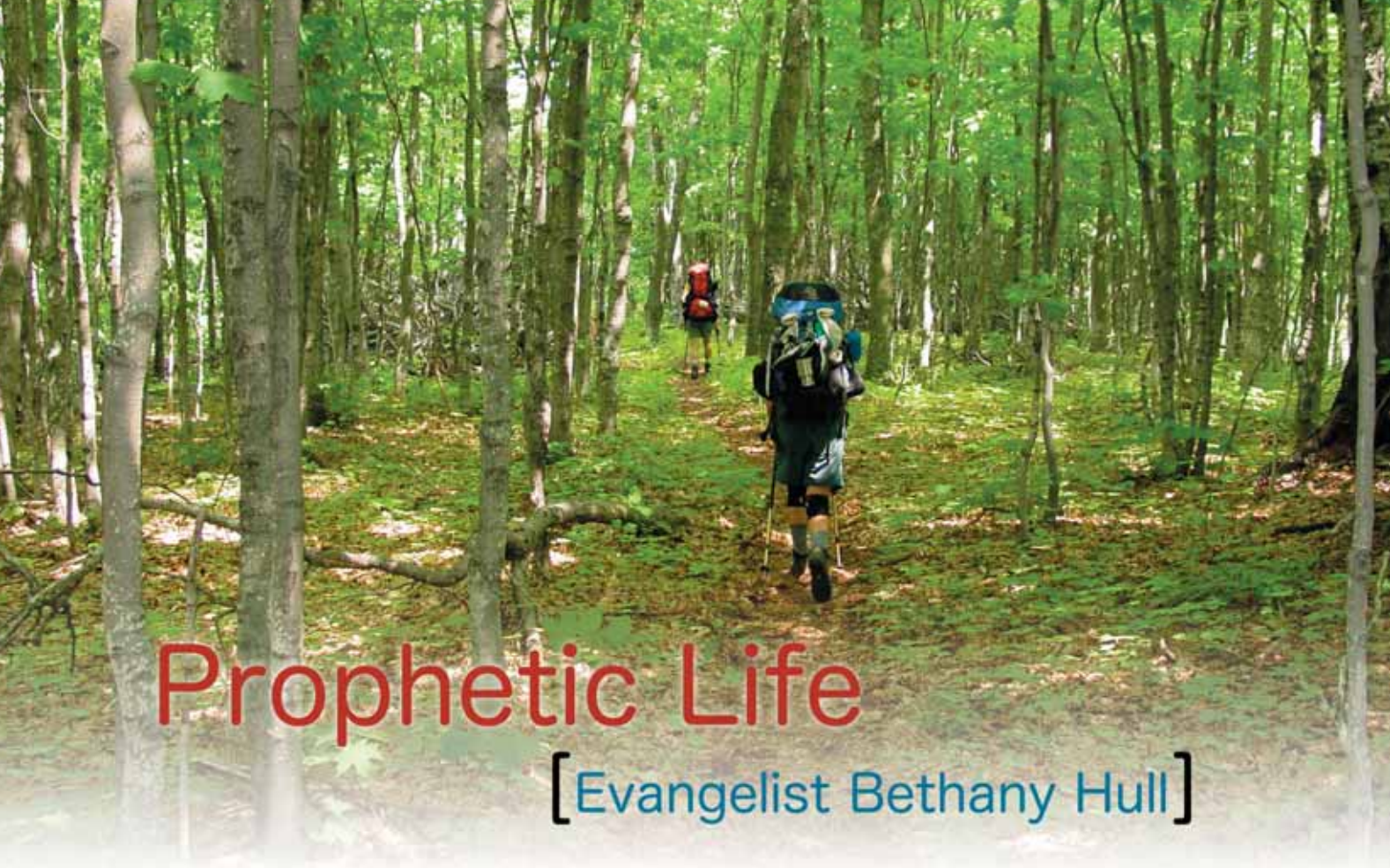
What we enjoy most is watching God fix people's lives through our singing and testimonies. There is no greater thrill for us than to set up a service in the Spirit for the Evangelist and feel a team come together on the platform. There is nothing else like it. We have a deep abiding belief that God calls men and women to song evangelism and we praise God for The Church of the Nazarene that has given us a platform for our calling all these years. We sing Southern Gospel Music most of the time, and like Chuck Millhuff says, "You can learn to like it."

We have two boys, Brent and Bailey, who travel with us. Brent, who is 11 years old, is in the fifth grade and is home schooled. It's wonderful having our two boys with us on the road. I couldn't see us traveling without them. Bailey, who is 4, is a precious child and always brightens our day. Of course, he gets on Brent's last nerve every once in a while. I always remind him that he prayed for a baby brother and that God answered his prayer. God rescued Bailey two years ago from a terrible tractor accident. He is our miracle baby. God is so good.

Now you know a little about The Sharpes on the road. We have several CD's we would love to share with you. You can find us at [NazareneRevivalism.org](http://NazareneRevivalism.org). We love Jesus and will continue to travel and sing for Him as long as He makes a way. God bless you real good!

Jeannie Sharpe

PS: Pray for our toilet. 



# Prophetic Life

[Evangelist Bethany Hull]

*...the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist...*

*-Romans 4:17b, NRSV*

We live between the already and the not yet—2,000 years after the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior; and we still wait for Him to come, even as we work for His Kingdom to come. To the human eye, our culture looks as though people had outgrown the need for God, but to one who has eyes to see—eyes redeemed by grace—the vision is clear; people are desperate for Him. It is time to make the dead places live. It is time to call forth salvation where there is darkness, reconciliation where there is strife, holiness where there is mediocrity, and healing where there is sickness. It is time to join in the work of our God who makes all things new. For those with eyes to see, it is a time of great harvest—the wheat is white in the field, and we are called into the action of prophetic life and effective ministry.

While living in Cuernavaca, Mexico, I took a tour of a large estate with numerous gardens and waterfalls. One of the fragrant gardens had rocks throughout and our tour guide encouraged us to count the rocks. There were thirteen. As we continued on the trail through the lush surroundings and out of the garden, the guide had

us turn around and count the rocks again. This time we counted fourteen. The guide explained that those who planned the garden had created it in such a way that, while in the garden, one would never be able to make an accurate count of the rocks, but that once outside one would see clearly for the first time. These gardeners wanted people to realize that sometimes it takes stepping outside of their usual context to discover the truth.

On a typical Sunday morning growing up, I knew exactly what to expect. I knew exactly how long it took to make sure I was wearing the least possible dressy thing that would still be “acceptable” for church and precisely how much time to allot for getting a latté on the way to accompany whatever donuts would be provided (thank God most churches have espresso machines now). My feet could have directed me to the pew from habit—the second from the front on the left—the Hull’s spot. Most of the time for that first eighteen years, I was lulled into the familiarity of it all.

Do not get me wrong, in some ways the familiarity was a good thing, and I still love to go with my parents to the Centralia First Church of the Nazarene and sit in the same place and go out to the same Mexican



restaurant. But there was something implicit in the familiarity that made me too comfortable, too expectant of the same old things, and too prone to be content with what had always happened. As a young adult, however, I was renewed by the Holy Spirit as I stepped beyond my usual church experience—as I stepped into foreign missions, worked with the disenfranchised, and took time to explore the wonder of God’s creation. These times outside of my comfort zone enabled me to experience God in the “normal” church setting in a new way.

Every time we step outside of our comfort zones in an effort to seek God’s face, He transforms us. The God, who brings the dead to life and calls forth into existence that which does not yet exist, calls forth in us more of Himself.

All too often in life we get comfortable with things exactly as they are, but it is the very nature of God to transform and give life. There is nothing wrong with “tradition” in and of itself as long as it does not stand in the way of people experiencing the Holy Spirit of God. We must be willing to explore new ways of allowing people to experience the Ancient of Days. Whether it is delving into God’s beautiful creation on a hiking trip or taking a church on a silent retreat—both

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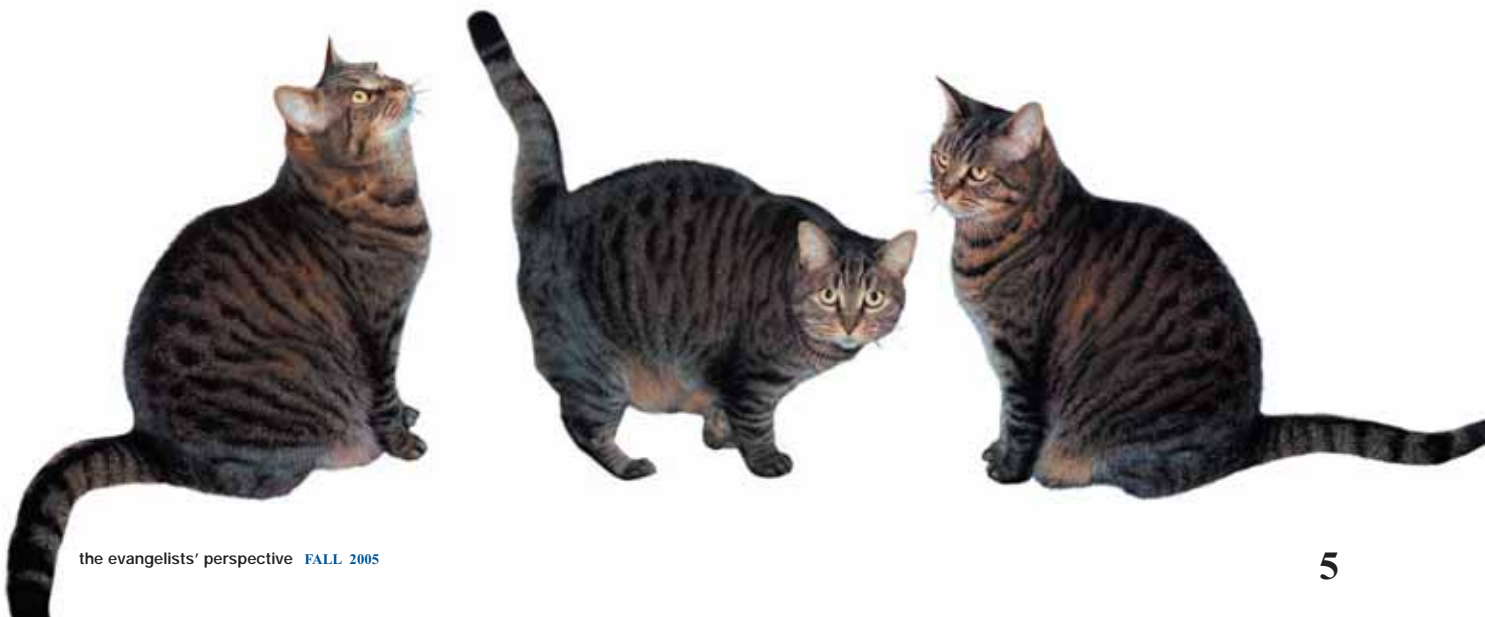
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have a one-Sunday revival emphasis. I seldom wear a suit during the weeknights and generally sit on the front pew until it is my turn to go to the pulpit. I like it, to tell the truth. It is as if I am going to church before I preach. I am ministered to before I try and do the same. Now, even the smallest churches have computers and projectors and screens for PowerPoint presentations for the music and even sermon illustrations. I now have two sermons that are completely PowerPoint presentations and I plan to develop more. It is a visual world. Deal with it! I will say this, however, that PowerPoint can disturb and distract from real oratorical preaching. A screen will never replace the theater of the mind, in my opinion.

Beyond this, we have many kinds of evangelists with dramatically different presentations. This edition will introduce you to a few. We have tattooed ex-cons who reach children, youth and parents like I never could. We have a young lady who ministers on mountain camping retreats. Many have elaborate PowerPoint presentations. One children’s evangelist travels with a live alligator. We have theologians who have plumbed the depths of our histor-

ical doctrinal positions. Well the list could go on and on. You can go to [NazareneRevivalism.org](http://NazareneRevivalism.org) and find these great folks on a drop-down menu that will give you classifications and personal as well as contact information.

We are not the typical 19<sup>th</sup> Century evangelists any more. The message of Full Salvation is the same, but have these messengers ever changed! These are interesting people with whom to work. I was asked recently if keeping these folks organized and in some kind of step was like herding cats. Well, yes it is, and I am one of the worst of them! I can honestly say I love every one of them. After reading a few of their articles, I have made some short personal comments in this edition. God knows that we desire our diversity to affect destiny for the glory of God. If you hit someone in the face with your fingers it is irritating but if the fingers are all rolled together and bound into a tight fist, some real damage can occur. This is what we, as Nazarene evangelists, aim to do every day of our lives, from the index finger to the little pinky. Yes, we, as an army, would like to put a dent in hell. ep



# SCHEDULES

## Of The Evangelists

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2005

### ADAMS, DAVID AND CHARLENE ADAMS VOICE

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### ADAMS, GERALD (JERRY) THE JERRY ADAMS FAMILY

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### ADAMS, MICHAEL

Oct 30-Nov 2, Fort Mill, SC, Rock Hill  
First

Nov 6-9, Catlettsburg, KY, Southside  
Nov 13-16, Newark, DE

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### ALDERMAN, ARLO AERIE MINISTRIES

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### ARMSTRONG, B. (T)

**ARMSTRONG FAMILY MINISTRIES**  
Nov 1-6, Hanover, PA

Nov 9-13, Covington, KY, Eastside  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists

Gathering

### ARNOLD, DANIEL

Oct 30-3, Crestwood, IL, Chicago  
Calvary

Nov 13-17, Monticello, IA, New Life  
Community

Nov 18-22, Manhattan, KS  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists

Gathering

### BAKER, JUDITH

#### JUDITH BAKER MINISTRIES

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### BALLARD, DONALD

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### BELZER, DAVID

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### BENDER, TIMOTHY (T)

Oct 30-2, Vassar, MI

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### BENSON, MICHAEL

#### DEEPER LIFE MINISTRIES

Nov 3-8, Quincy, MA, Eastern Nazarene  
College

Nov 9-Dec 31, Kankakee, IL, Chaplain-  
Olivet Nazarene University

### BETZ, JON

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### BEVILLE, W.

Nov 2-6, Madison, IN, First  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evan. Gath.

### BOLICH, JEREMIAH, CROSS STYLE INTERNATIONAL MIN.

Oct 30-Nov 2, Selma, IN, Harris Chapel  
Nov 4-6, Fort Walton Beach, FL

Nov 13-16, Muncie, IN, First

Nov 20-23, Morenci, MI

Nov 27-30, Reading, MI

Dec 2-4, Lambertville, MI, Bedford

Dec 11-14, Medina, AR,

### BOLING, JERRY

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### BOND, GARY (T)

#### GARY BOND MINISTRIES

Oct 30-Nov 2, Toledo, OH, Toledo Trinity

Nov 6-9, Pekin, IL, Pekin First

Nov 13-16, Fairmont, WV, Central

Nov 17-20, Fairmont, WV, First

Nov 27-30, Carey, OH, Ridge Chapel

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists

Gathering

### BRADLEY, SAM

Nov 8-13, Texarkana, TX, First

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists

Gathering

### BRADSHAW, LEONARD

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### BROWN, ROGER

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### BROWNFIELD, DAVID NO CHURCH TOO SMALL MIN.

Dec 4-4, Pomeroy, OH

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists

Gathering

### BURKHALTER, G.

#### BURKHALTER MINISTRIES

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### CANEN, DAVID (T)

#### DAVID CANEN MINISTRIES

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### CANNON, HARLAN (T)

#### HARLAN H. CANNON MINISTRIES

Nov 19-20, Filer, ID

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### CERVANTES, RUDOLFO

#### HEAVENLY TRUMPET MINISTRIES

Nov 20, Texarkana, AR, Cathedral Hts

Dec 4-, New Bedford, MA, First

Dec 11, Chicago Heights, IL

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

Dec 18, Hibernia, FL, Baptist Church

### CHAFFINS, BRYAN

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### CHAPMAN, JAMES

#### BIG CHAP MINISTRIES

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

Dec 28-2, Fort Wayne, IN, Youth Ski

Retreat

### CHIPP, VERNIN

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### CHRISTENSON, BARBARA

#### RHYTHMS OF GRACE MINISTRIES

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### COVINGTON, NATHAN

#### LIFE MENDERS

Oct 30-2, West Milton, OH

Nov 30-4, Wapello, IA

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists

Gathering

### CRABTREE, DR. J.C.

#### THE VOICE OF EVANGELISM

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### CUNDIFF, VICKIE

#### SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### CURRY, J.

Nov 13-16, Elk City, KS

Dec 2, Houston, TX, South TX District  
Christmas Dinner

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### DABYDEEN, ROBERT (T)

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### DEGENKOLB, WILLIAM

Oct 29-Nov 12, Camasca, , Work and  
Witness Trip

Dec 4, Mahaffey, PA, Banner Ridge

Christmas Musical

Dec 6-9, Marion, IN, Missionary forum-  
WGM headquarters

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### DELL, JIMMY (T)

#### JIMMY DELL MINISTRIES

Nov 6-9, Hemet, CA

Nov 13-16, Apopka, FL, Calvary

Nov 16-20, Scottsdale, AZ, First

Dec 4-7, Flagstaff, AZ

Dec 11, Globe, AZ

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### DODDS, LARRY

#### LARRY DODDS MINISTRIES

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### DOLE, CHARLES

#### EVERLASTING SONG MINISTRIES

Nov 3, Bright, IN, United Methodist  
Seniors Meeting

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists

Gathering

Dec 31, Dunkirk, IN, New Year's Eve

Concert

### DONHAM, ROBERT

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### DONNERBERG, JOHN

#### JOHN DONNERBERG MINISTRIES

Oct 30-Nov 2, Memphis, TN, Grace

Nov 6-9, Sherman, TX

Nov 13-16, Oklahoma City, OK, Oakkirk

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists

Gathering

### DOWNING, ANN

#### ANN DOWNING MINISTRIES

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### DUBBELD, MARK AND JANENE

#### EXALTING CHRIST MINISTRIES

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### ELLINGSON, STAN

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### ELLIS, PAUL, LIBERTY QUARTET

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### FLINT, ROBERT, LIFE THROUGH THE WORD MINISTRIES

Nov 6-9, Cumberland, MD, Cumberland  
First

Nov 13-16, Pioneer, OH

Nov 27-Dec 4, Delaware, OH, Church of  
Christ in Christian Union

Dec 11-18, Milford Center, OH, Trinity  
Chapel

### FULLER, STEFANIE

Nov 12-16, Goose Creek, SC,

Charleston Calvary

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

### GEE, C.

#### PROMISE LAND MINISTRIES

Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
Gathering

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lifetime assignment. See  
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**GESSNER, DON AND SHIRL  
GESSNER MUSIC MINISTRIES**

Nov 2-6, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
Nov 9-13, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
Nov 16-20, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
Nov 23-27, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
Nov 30-4, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
Dec 7-11, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists Gathering  
Dec 21-25, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis Grace Pointe

**GOSS, M.  
THE KING'S DAUGHTERS**

Dec 12-12, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists Gathering

**GRAY, ROBERT  
BOB AND BECKY GRAY**

Nov 2-6, Lenoir City, TN  
Nov 13-16, Newark, DE  
Nov 27-30, Des Moines, IA, Eastside  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists Gathering

**GREENWAY, KENNETH  
GREENWAY MINISTRIES**

Oct 28-Nov 4, Gloster, MS  
Nov 6-11, Jessup, GA, Bethlehem Wesleyan  
Nov 13-17, Fruitland, MD, Lighthouse Wesleyan  
Nov 20-23, Trinity, NC, Fairview United Methodist Church  
Nov 27-Dec 1, Chesnee, SC, Wesleyan  
Dec 2-9, Hickory Flat, MS, Amaziah Baptist  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists Gathering

**GROVES, C.  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists Gathering**

**HAINES, GARY (T)  
GARY HAINES EVANG. ASSOC.**  
Nov 6-9, Des Moines, IA, Southside  
Nov 16-20, South Charleston, WV, Davis Creek  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists Gathering

**HANCOCK, TIMOTHY (T)  
Oct 30-Nov 2, Morgantown, WV, First  
Nov 6-9, LaCroft, OH, First  
Nov 13-20, Orwell, OH, Grand Valley  
Dec 3-7, Muncy, PA, Twin Hills  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists Gathering**

**HAWLEY, RICHARD  
Oct 30-Dec 31, Phoenix, AZ, Phoenix Maryvale**

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**HERMIZ, THOMAS  
TOM HERMIZ MINISTRIES**

Nov 6-9, Battle Creek, MI, First  
Nov 13-16, Streator, IL  
Nov 20, Oklahoma City, OK, Trinity  
Nov 26, Dayton, OH, Target Dayton Ministries  
Nov 27-30, Wellston, OH  
Dec 2-4, Meridian, ID, Meridian Valley Shepherd  
Dec 8-11, Elwood, IN, Church of Christ in Christian Union  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists Gathering

**HICKS, JOHN DAVID  
FAITH ENCOUNTER**

Oct 30-Nov 2, Erie, PA, First  
Nov 6-9, Othello, WA  
Nov 13-16, Loon Lake, WA, Lakeside

**HUDDLESTON, BILLY, BILLY  
HUDDLESTON MINISTRIES**

Oct 30-Nov 2, Amelia, OH  
Nov 4-6, Independence, MO, First  
Nov 8-13, Mackey, IN  
Nov 15-20, Connersville, IN, First  
Nov 27-30, Kurtz, IN  
Dec 4-11, Evendale, PA, Church of the Open Door  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists Gathering  
Dec 18, Oxford, OH

**JOHNSON, CAROLYN  
A FIRM FOUNDATION**

Nov 4-6, Adrian, GA, Georgia Nazarene District Retreat  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists Gathering

**JONES, EDDIE  
BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM**  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists Gathering

**KEARCE, DOUG AND DARLA  
CROSSSTYLE KIDS**  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists Gathering

**KYONKA, JAMI  
Nov 26, Frankclay, MO  
Dec 2, St. Peters, MO, Community Prayer Breakfast**

**LECKRONE, LARRY (T)  
LECKRONE MINISTRIES**  
Oct 29-Nov 4, Eugene, OR, First  
Nov 5-9, Myrtle Creek, OR  
Nov 12-16, Ridgecrest, CA  
Nov 18-20, Kingsburg, CA  
Nov 26-30, Ironton, OH, First  
Dec 1-4, New Hampshire, OH  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists Gathering

**LEGG, CHARLES, MIDDLE CROSS  
EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES**  
Dec 4, Rockledge, FL  
Dec 11, Rockledge, FL  
Dec 18, Rockledge, FL  
Dec 25, Rockledge, FL

**LEIDY, ARNOLD  
UPWARD CALL MINISTRIES**  
Nov 2-6, Terrell, TX  
Nov 10-13, Tabor, IA, Weaver Memorial  
Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists Gathering

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**LEWIS, JOHN**  
**WHITE DOVE MINISTRIES**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**LIVERSAGE, JERRY**  
**JERRY LIVERSAGE MINISTRIES**  
 Nov 9-13, Walters, OK  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**LOMAN, LANE** **T**  
**LOMAN MINISTRIES**  
 Oct 30-Nov 2, Reynoldsburg, OH  
 Nov 4-6, Louisville, OH, East Ohio  
 District Laymen's Retreat  
 Nov 13-16, Archdale, NC  
 Nov 17-20, Lenoir City, TN  
 Nov 27-30, Hendersonville, NC, First  
 Dec 4-7, Columbus, IN, Rocky Ford  
 Free Methodist Church  
 Dec 8-11, Sparta, TN, Community  
 Fellowship Church  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**MANLEY, STEPHEN, SMEA** **T**  
 Nov 2-6, Lenoir City, TN, White Wing  
 Nov 9-13, Columbus, OH, Lighthouse  
 Ministries  
 Nov 16-20, Columbus, IN, First  
 Dec 2-4, Lambertville, MI, Bedford  
 Dec 9-12, Delaware, OH, Highpoint  
 Dec 16-19, Sebastian, FL, Church at  
 the Cross

**MCWHIRTER, G.**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**MILLER, C.**  
**C. WESLEY MINISTRIES**  
 Nov 6-9, Coalgate, OK  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**MILLHUFF, CHARLES** **T**  
**MILLHUFF MINISTRIES**  
 Nov 9-13, Burlison, TX  
 Nov 16-20, Springfield, IL, First  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering  
 Dec 15-31, Olathe, KS, Winter Retreat

**MILLS, CARLTON** **T**  
**SECOND TOUCH EVANGELISM MIN.**  
 Nov 14, Venice, FL, Senior's Day

**MITCHELL, ROYCE**  
**LIBERTY QUARTET**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**MOORE, NORMAN** **T**  
**NORMAN MOORE MINISTRIES**  
 Nov 6-9, Northville, MI, Detroit First  
 Nov 13-16, Richland, WA, First  
 Nov 27-30, Des Moines, IA, Eastside  
 Dec 4-7, Watsonville, CA  
 Dec 11-14, Garden City, KS

**MUNCIE, E.**  
**BOB AND JANE MUNCIE**  
 Nov 6-9, Hamilton, OH, Millville Avenue  
 Nov 13-16, Indianapolis, IN, Southwest  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**NESTOR, STEVEN, NEW SPIRIT**  
**EVANGELISM MINISTRIES**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**NICHOLAS, CLAUDE, RENEWING**  
**LOVE MINISTRIES**  
 Oct 30-Nov 2, Swanton, OH  
 Nov 6-9, Lima, OH, First  
 Nov 16-20, Emmett, ID  
 Nov 27-30, Lakeview, OH, Indian Lake  
 Northside

**OWENS, MARJORIE**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**PERDUE, NELSON** **T**  
**PERDUE MINISTRIES**  
 Oct 30-Nov 2, Dunbar, WV  
 Nov 6-9, Logan, OH  
 Nov 16-20, Hillsboro, OH  
 Dec 7-11, Fort Recovery, OH

**PETTIT, BENJAMIN AND AMANDA**  
**ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES**  
 Nov 6-9, Marksville, LA  
 Nov 13-16, New Orleans, LA, First  
 Nov 18-20, Alexandria, LA, Louisiana  
 District Senior High Retr  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**PETTIT, ELAINE** **T**  
**ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES**  
 Nov 6-9, Mexico, MO  
 Nov 11-12, Wooster, OH  
 Nov 13-16, Ashland, KY, First  
 Nov 27-30, Smithfield, IL  
 Dec 4-7, Pennington, NJ, Trenton  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelist's  
 Gathering

**PHELPS, PHILLIP**  
**PHILLIP PHELPS MINISTRIES**  
 Nov 6-9, Alvin, TX

**PICKLE, ROBERT**  
**SET FREE MINISTRIES**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelist's  
 Gathering

**REED, SHERMAN**  
**LIVING TRUTH MINISTRIES**  
 Oct 30-Nov 4, Coalmont, IN, Friendly  
 Grove Baptist Church  
 Dec 5, Bourbonnais, IL,  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**RICKEY, HOWARD**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelist's  
 Gathering

**ROBINSON, TED**  
**TRUMPET TRUTH MINISTRY**  
 Nov 13, Springfield, OH, Maplewood  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelist's  
 Gathering

**ROSE, WAYNE** **T**  
**ROSE GARDEN**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelist's  
 Gathering

**ROTH, RONALD**  
**RON ROTH MINISTRIES**  
 Nov 2-6, Rutland, VT,  
 Nov 15-20, Chariton, IA  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelist's  
 Gathering

**RUSHING, TRACY AND TERRI**  
**RUSHING FAMILY SINGERS**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelist's  
 Gathering

**SAVAGE, E.**  
 Nov 6-Dec 28, Jamestown, TN,  
 Pleasant View

**SCUTT, BUD**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelist's  
 Gathering

**SHARPE, VANCE AND JEANNIE**  
**SHARPE MINISTRIES**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gather

**SHOWALTER, KEITH**  
 Oct 30-Nov 23, Marion, OH, First  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelist's  
 Gathering

**SHULTZ, J.**  
**CAMPUS LIVING ASSOCIATION**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**SMITH, DUANE** **T**  
**DUANE SMITH MINISTRIES**  
 Oct 30-Nov 2, Morrilton, AR  
 Nov 6-9, Tyler, TX, Lakeview  
 Nov 13-16, Kansas City, KS, Victory  
 Hills  
 Nov 20-23, Columbia, KY  
 Nov 27-30, Portland, IN  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Oakwood  
 Conference Center

**SPEARS, DANNY**  
**VISUAL MINISTRIES**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**THARP, JIM**  
**CHRISTIAN RENEWAL MINISTRIES**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**ULMET, WILLIAM** **T**  
**ULMET MINISTRIES**  
 Oct 30-Nov 2, Petersburg, IN  
 Nov 6-9, Harrison, OH  
 Nov 13-17, Clendenin, WV  
 Nov 20, Champaign, IL, New Day  
 Community  
 Dec 4-7, Monticello, KY  
 Dec 8-12, Hanahan, SC, Charleston  
 First  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**VINEYARD, JOANN**  
**THE KING'S DAUGHTERS**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**WALKER, JAMES**  
**JAMES WALKER MINISTRIES**  
 Nov 9-13, Titusville, FL, First  
 Nov 16-20, Oak Hill, FL, Grace

**WELCH, DARLENE**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**WELLS, LINARD**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**WESLEY, RONALD**  
**WESLEY MINISTRIES**  
 Oct 30-Nov 2, Franklin, KY, First  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelist's  
 Gathering

**WETNIGHT, RICHARD**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**WHITWORTH, MARCUS**  
 Oct 30-Nov 2, Searcy, AR  
 Nov 6-9, Tulsa, OK, Regency Park  
 Nov 13-16, Guymon, OK  
 Nov 20-22, Manhattan, KS  
 Dec 4-7, Tahoka, TX, Grassland  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelists  
 Gathering

**WILKINSON, MELVIN**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelist's  
 Gathering

**WILLITS, ERIK**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelist's  
 Gathering

**WOODWARD, S.**  
**WOODWARD FAMILY EVANGELISM**  
 Dec 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Evangelist's  
 Gathering

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## A Fellowship of Caring

By G. Stuart McWhirter

My grandfather, Henry Thomas Nation, was a godly Methodist. He died when I was 21 years of age. At his funeral, when the minister had finished his sermon, an elderly, refined gentleman, the most patriarchal and prestigious citizen of our town and a lifelong friend of my grandfather, arose and requested the privilege to speak. Of course, it was granted. He pointed toward my grandfather's coffin and said, "I pronounce Henry Nation the best man I ever knew." He said no more and sat down. The funeral was over and it was well that it was. Added words would have detracted from the beautiful brevity and simplicity of the tribute the distinguished friend had spoken.

Throughout his long life of 93 years my grandfather was well known for his kindness and generosity. He owned a considerable amount of open land in our town. He could have gained large profit from the sale of this land. But most often he gave land to young couples and poor settlers. He truly cared about people. Through the years, he was an encourager of young people and a helper of needy and struggling folk. That wonderfully terse tribute given by my grandfather's friend was not too effusive. All the language under heaven cannot surpass some words, however brief and unadorned.

Another concise tribute to a godly man is found in Acts 11:24. "He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith..." This was written of Barnabas. His name was Joseph but the apostles named him Barnabas, which means son of encouragement. The book of Acts reveals that Barnabas was remarkably irenic, often bringing reconciliation to divisive situations that could have done much harm to the fellowship and mission of the church. He must have been a master of conflict resolution. He was a mentor to those recovering from failure, a pioneer in promoting inclusiveness in the church, and courageously among the first to lead the church away from provincial, insular Christianity.

Clearly, Barnabas played a pivotal role in the earliest, formative years of the Christian church. When the "headquarters" church in Jerusalem doubted the genuineness of Paul's conversion, Barnabas interceded in Paul's behalf and persuaded the church leaders to accept the man who became the greatest Christian missionary and evangelist.




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The stoning of Stephen convicted Paul, the Damascus Road encounter with Christ converted Paul, but the wisdom and encouragement of Barnabas provided Paul with an open door into the Christian community. Without the influence of Barnabas, Paul might have faded into the background and been lost to Christian history. Think how important Barnabas was in the rise and spread of the gospel throughout the world and down through the centuries.

Barnabas was never known for eloquence as Apollos, never billed as a great thinker and writer as Paul, and never flamboyant or extroverted as Peter. He remained comparatively obscure. But he played a major role though he was never on center stage.

Today, most likely, much of the spiritual strength that sustains our churches comes through the lives of unsung members who are happy to stay behind the scene and be helpful and encouraging to others in unaffected and sincere ways. There is no way to estimate their power and eternal influence on the lives of others.

Elton Trueblood defined the church as a fellowship of caring. If this is a correct definition, where are we in this fellowship? We hear much about *growing* the church. Our greater emphasis should be on *being* the church. Surely, the church is never more truly the church than when we demonstrate to a watching world that we care deeply about people. Broken, desperate, hurting people, whether they are conscious of it or not, yearn for a fellowship of caring. Perhaps, in all our whirl of ecclesiastical activities and promotional programs, we should ask ourselves the question: "Are we being the church?" 

## Evangelists Witness To Their Call

# The CALL



### by Robert Pickle

February 16, 1964, was supposed to be the best birthday of my life. I was 10 years old. That day I was at my grandparents' house in North Little Rock, Ark., awaiting my parents' arrival. My grandmother was baking me a birthday cake, and I could not wait to open my presents. Little did I know that this day was to be the beginning of hell on earth for me. When my parents arrived, I was told we were moving to Dallas, away from those I loved—my grandparents, aunts and uncles.

On the trip to Texas, I was so hurt and devastated that I made a promise to myself that I was going to make my parents hurt just as much as they were making me hurt. I would never obey them again. I would do anything and everything just to see them mad and angry at me. The punishment they gave for the disobedience did not matter to me. I told myself it would only make me tougher.

When I was 17, my father told me at the breakfast table that he never wanted me to do drugs or drink alcohol. That day I went to school and could not wait to find someone who was into the things

that my father had forbidden me to do. That day was a day I have wished I could return to many times to change what was to become my life for the next 18 years.

I started with marijuana and soon began taking heroin and methamphetamines. Cocaine and other drugs followed as I got older. Eating, drinking, popping and snorting these drugs just did not seem to get me where I wanted to be, so I soon found that shooting these drugs was the way of life for me. The first year I shot drugs, I put a needle in my arms as many as 24 times a day until my arms would not take them anymore due to too many abscesses, bruises and collapsed veins. I ate as few as four to six meals a week and slept as few as six to 10 hours per week. I was 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighed 250 pounds. In one year's time, my weight dropped to 105 pounds, my left kidney failed, my bowels locked up, I had yellow jaundice and hepatitis, I was anemic, and my liver was on the verge of Cirrhosis. I was dying. My mother took me to a hospital because I could not walk; I was so dehydrated. The doctor put me in the hospi-

tal, telling me I would probably die. But, by a miracle of God, I survived.

Of course, I did not believe in God. I just thought I was too tough to be killed. When I came out of the hospital two weeks later, I went to see an old heroin junky I knew and he taught me to do drugs a "better" way. The only thing he really taught me was how to die a slower death. I began to eat and even sleep on drugs. Drinking alcohol became a way of life for me. I was drinking beer and hard liquor even as I started drugs. Beer soon was not enough, so I began hard liquor just to enhance the drug effects. I drank for 18 years. I was a drunk.

I wanted a family so bad even though I hated people in general, so I joined motorcycle gangs. The first was the New Centurians. I stayed with them three years, but because they were not violent enough I went to Odessa, Texas, and started a gang called The Vagabonds, which lasted five years. After the law split us up, I joined a gang called the Brotherhood, an underground gang that was full of hatred. That was a 10-year stretch of hate. Fighting was also a way of life for me. Fighting and hating people seemed to be all I wanted out of life. The last four years of the 18, I was on drugs and alcohol.

I then became a methamphetamine cook. I was producing as much as 200 pounds a year. I was making millions but could not spend it. I was giving most of it away to my so-called friends just to stay alive because of the greed it generated. I was stabbed, shot at and even hung once by friends who tried to kill me for the drugs and money I had. At the end of the four years of running and manufacturing drugs, I retired to my so-called retirement home in Vilona, Arkansas. I built a house on a mountain called Billy Goat Mountain on Four Mile Ridge. Then on June 27, 1989, I was busted by the law. A 37-man drug task force came after me and put me in the Falkner County Jail in



Conway, Arkansas. I was facing three life sentences on three charges of drug sales, with a fourth charge of gun possession. I was so violent that the people who ran the jail could not stand me. They shipped me to several county jails for a week at a time until I found myself in Searcy, Arkansas, in the White County Jail. I was by myself in a cellblock with no one else to talk to.

In that cell, I found a paperback book by Corrie ten Boom called *The Hiding Place*. Out of desperation for something to do, I read the book, but it only angered me more. This lady said she had peace in her life even after losing the majority of her family in several German prisons for harboring Jewish people during World War II. She said that Jesus, the Son of God, gave her this peace; but I did not believe there was a God, so I thought she was a liar. I wanted to prove her wrong, so I called my mother, who I had not spoken to for several years, and asked her to order another of Miss ten Boom's books called *Tramp for the Lord*. When the book arrived, I was reading it, trying to find a lie about this Jesus, when she made a statement that caught my attention. She said, **"There is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still."** I could not believe that this God in whom I did not believe could deliver an 18-year-drug-addicted, alcoholic gang member out of the pit in which he had buried himself. But I wanted to know if this Corrie ten Boom was a liar or if this God was real. So I got on my knees and prayed to be saved. Jesus entered my cell and wonderfully saved me. The grace of God had mercy on me, and I knew the peace that passes all understanding.

Several things began to happen. I was delivered from three life sentences because of the president's new law on drugs. Federal agents came after me to prosecute me under this new law, and I was found guilty of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamines with intent to sell. I was sentenced to twelve years in the Seagoville Federal Correctional Center in Seagoville, Texas. For the next 7 years, I spent time with Jesus, learning who He was. I studied the Word of God and obtained 240 college hours, of which 90 percent were in Theology. I also went through 178 Bible studies and through the Course of Study for the Nazarene Church. I joined the Church of the Nazarene by proxy over a phone while serving time, and upon my release from prison, one year later, I received my district license. I was ordained as an elder in the church by Dr. William Prince in July 2000, on the Dallas District. Dr. David Nixon was my District Superintendent.

With the help of the church and these wonderful men of God, I began to serve God in ministry. God

helped me start a ministry called "Robert Pickle's Set Free Ministry, Inc." I started preaching revivals in churches, talking to kids and adults—even on the streets, in drug houses, and anywhere else—to help them find the love and deliverance of God. I found that God had opened doors for me to do a drug and alcohol abuse program in public and private schools. The best part was that I even got to talk in these schools about how Jesus Christ was the one who got me off of the vices and kept me off. Now I am a commissioned evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene on the Indianapolis District. Dr. Ted Lee is my District Superintendent. I hope soon to be a tenured evangelist for the Church, but that is not my true goal. My goal is to serve the Lord, and always has been since the day I was saved and sanctified for the Master's use. I now have a life that is more abundant and am serving Jesus and telling others that they, too, can have an abundant life in Christ Jesus. I am just so happy that the Church of the Nazarene will give those of us who are not the normal-looking people a place to serve Him. ep

*Robert Pickle, or "Pickle" as most people that know him refer to him, is a close friend of mine. His testimony is radiant and his theological thought is clear. Kids listen to him like few others. Parents are alerted as he preaches to the realities of the real world. He is one of our most effective evangelists, if not one of our most unusual. CRM*



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# Revival Fires

*unusual breakthroughs of the Holy Spirit in our churches!*

## Trying to Catch Lightning in a Bottle at Campinas Central by Chuck Millhuff

As the car eased into its parking place, I heard in Portuguese the familiar strains of the old song of invitation "Whiter Than Snow," the song that was being sung the night I was sanctified completely to the will of God many years before. Little did I know what I was stepping into that night in July 2005. Dr. Aguiar Valvassoura, the pastor of this the largest Nazarene church in the world, Central Church of the Nazarene in Campinas, Brazil, had called me to conduct what he called a PURITY CAMPAIGN. Valvassoura has obviously been the driving visionary and spiritual leader of this church for many years from its small and humble beginnings. My first service was on Thursday night, one of seven services the church conducts each week. This is a church that ministers in its services to more than 10,000 people a week. The congregation had been singing "Whiter Than Snow" now for over a month in preparation.

The church seats 2,500 and was packed that night to standing room only. Thursday night is devoted to young families. What I stepped into could only be described as sort of like being dropped into the midst of the Chicago Fire. The band and praise singers at the front of the great platform were as good as I had ever heard. This crowd, standing on its


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feet, many people with tears streaming down their faces, was ecstatic in the overflow of the Spirit—not just because of the beat and volume of the music (and there was plenty of that) but because of the reality of what they were singing. My prayer at this point was, “Oh God, help me to pedal fast enough to keep up with this.” It was a time warp for me. It was camp meeting 45 years ago.

When I preached that first night, as we preachers say, “I preached out of myself” from 1 John 1 on the subject of moving from a virtual faith to a real faith. At the end I asked for those who knew that the self-principle had not been removed from the throne of their spirit to come forward. They came in such numbers that I turned to the pastor’s son Flavio, my interpreter and a recent graduate of the Beeson Doctrinal program at Asbury Seminary, and asked him if they had gotten the significance of the invitation and what I had asked them to respond to. He said with tears in his eyes, “Oh, yes!” There must have been 300 people kneeling along the three-tiered marble steps that led to and surrounded the platform and down every aisle. This went on night after night and ended with the Tuesday night healing service. Our hearts burned as one in the kind of rolling rhythm that only the Holy Spirit could produce between the preacher and the interpreter.

I preached each night from an ornate clear plastic pulpit with a huge punch bowl in front of it. All during the service people would come up and drop pieces of paper into the bowl till it was almost full. These, I was told, were prayer requests. These small forms were given to every person that entered the sanctuary. I had one as well. It was obvious that these people really believe that God answers prayer. This bowl was emptied when full and given to the prayer teams to be refilled again and again.


To try and really tell or describe what is going on at Campinas Central would be like trying to catch lightning in a bottle. As I left night after night, all through the great sanctuary were people on their knees, weeping in their pews. I have come home electrocuted by The Spirit. I will never be the same again! 

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION



In June at the 2005 General Assembly, Dr. Nina Gunter was elected General Superintendent, the highest elected office in the Church of the Nazarene. Each of the six generals is assigned to several areas of responsibility for a two-year period that rotates among them. Dr. Gunter has been assigned as the responsible general for the USA/Canada Mission Evangelism Department headed by Dr. Tom Nees. We evangelists welcome Dr. Gunter, a great evangelist in her own right and a lover of revivals and campmeetings.

In the same General Assembly, Dr. J.K. Warrick, pastor of College Church in Olathe, Kansas, was elected to the Board of General Superintendents. He has served with insight and caring on the Revivalism Board and will be replaced soon on our board with another pastor, as prescribed in the *Manual*.

We as evangelists congratulate Dr. Gunter and Dr. Warrick, knowing that both of them love our cause and have proved it over the course of their very fruitful ministries. 

# REVIVAL


Revival at Nineveh long long ago  
Was sent down from heaven so all would then know  
That God will have mercy if we will repent  
And order our lives as the Creator meant.

Revival at Pentecost marks that good day  
When God's Holy Spirit in manifest way  
Descended as Cleanser on all who would dare  
To tarry ten days in effectual prayer.

Revival at Aldersgate warmed Wesley's heart  
And sent him to sinners to take Jesus' part;  
The world his parish, he started a flame  
That burns until now and exalts Jesus' name.

Revival was sent us when Edwards would preach,  
And Finney and Moody and Sunday would reach  
The lost and the erring in pioneer days  
And point them to Jesus in their winsome ways.

Revival with Graham, respected so much,  
And others with God-given soul-winning touch,  
In churches and media, one-to-one, too,  
The Spirit imbuing believers anew.

Revival, revival,  
We're still in that day;  
Revival, revival,  
God send it our way. 

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Nazarene Theological Seminary*








## Prophetic Life

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enable people to step outside their normal routines and ways of “doing church” and present an occasion for God to encounter them in a new way.

As traveling Evangelists, we have unique opportunities to encourage people out of their comfort zones. Because we are new, it is not such a stretch to expect the congregation to step out of normalcy. And as His followers, as those whose feet were made for spreading the Gospel of Peace, we are called to live prophetic lives—to live lives that call forth into existence that which does not yet exist. Through our ministries, through our relationships, through our prayer and loving of people in Jesus’ name, we are to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to the here and now. A Prophetic life and ministry is one that walks with confidence into the promises of God even before they are fulfilled.

As long as we are comfortable as a church—staying in the same place and doing the same old things—there will never be widespread revival. As spiritual leaders, we must provide opportunities for the church to be stretched and made more vibrantly alive to the Holy Spirit. The harvest is plentiful—there are millions of people who do not know the saving Love of Christ—and we have work to do.

Oh Lord that brings life to the dead and calls into existence that which is not yet, hasten the day that our faith becomes sight. But until that time, strengthen us with the power of Your Holy Spirit that we might live prophetic lives and enact Your Kingdom. 

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## Who Me?

by Stephen Manley

Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, prophesied concerning the evangelistic heart of God. The plan of God was **“To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace”** (Luke 1:79).

God used people of diversity to fulfill His plan! Forty-two generations of men and women are listed in the genealogy of Christ (Matthew 1:1-17). The peasant girl, Mary, was betrothed to the peasant man, Joseph (Matthew 1:18-19). Both were from Nazareth, the most immoral town in the province of Galilee (John 1:46). The pagan wise men from the East (Matthew 21), searched for the Christ child. They were certainly not the chosen people of God, but God used them to announce the birth of the new King to the Jewish world. Their precious gifts provided the financial support for the escape to Egypt, foiling Herod’s plan of destruction (Matthew 2:11). Others found in the story are the shepherds (Luke 2:20); Simeon, an old man in the temple (Luke 2:26); and Anna, a prophetess (Luke 2:36). Later John the Baptist actually got to voice the words, **“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”** (John 1:29). And the list of Evangelists goes on and on.

What is the common denominator among such a diversity of evangelists God used to introduce the Light to His world? It is not education, economic status or nationality. It sounds too simple, but their likeness is found in their “response.” They had a **hunger and thirst for righteousness** (Matthew 5:6). God opened His heart to each of them, and they in turn opened their hearts to God. They set aside their personal comfort, theology and traditions to join the throbbing heart of God.

How many more people could have been involved in the great event if they had been open and seeking? Perhaps even you and me! 



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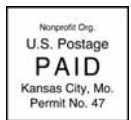
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