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My Life Was  
Changed  
in a Revival  
Meeting



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I was only five years old, but I can remember it as if it were a few moments ago. That has been more than half a century now. My dad and I were sitting on the front pew of the First Church of the Nazarene in Chicago. Our pastor L.A. Reed was preaching. This was no ordinary pew. It was dark oak and built with a great arc to follow the curve of the platform and the altar rail. Pastor Reed always preached from a great pulpit Bible in which he would find the various scriptures of his sermon. As the great pages would turn, they fell into place like the very hands of God. He was a tall man. The pulpit had had a base added to it to accommodate his height. The choir was wonderful as usual, and the singing rolled like the sea. Adolph Gross was the song leader long before such folks were called worship leaders. The slogan we advertised on billboards and on taxis and in the streetcars and subway cars was "Sing with Adolph on Christian Corner." Bill Fasig played the piano and the Hammond organ, sometimes at the same time; the keyboards were arranged next to each other. You might wonder how I would remember all of this after so many years. It's because that service changed my life.

In a previous experience, I had seen a remarkable thing. We had an evangelist named Harold Volk who was a paraplegic. His legs hung like bags of sand encased in steel braces. He walked with the aid of two half-length crutches. I can still see him working his way from the front pew to the communion table and then backing up to it. With his immense upper body strength he would lift his great body up onto the table, sitting down and facing the crowd. His preaching was unforgettable. We sat as a rule to the left, facing the platform in the balcony on the side of the great horseshoe-shaped auditorium. I was

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COVER PHOTO:

A prodigal son makes his way back to father's house during a camp meeting in southwest Oklahoma.



## It's all because my life was changed in a revival meeting

by CARLTON HARVEY

**Y**ou could say that I was the evangelists' favorite guy. Every time an evangelist would come to town it was certain there would be at least one seeker. That

I will have to admit that I was not exclusive in my seeking. When my pastor gave an invitation to pray at the altar, I was a frequent respondent. I would cry and pray and beg God's forgiveness for my sins.

Throughout my teen years I continued my church involvements. However, something subtly changed. I was no longer feeling the tug of a tender conscience and conviction for sin. I was still in the building for all the services but instead of sitting up close, I was on the back row with the ushers or out in the nursery visiting with the attendant.

In July 1973, our church scheduled a revival meeting with the Rev. Norvie Cliff from California. With my father working long summer hours in the woods as a logger, I was asked to lead the singing. The evangelist had a pattern of asking the song leader to sing the invitation song solo. I dutifully did what was expected and then to feign some interest in the altar service I would sit on the front row.

You see, I had gotten weary of those multiple trips to the altar crying

my eyes out but never seeing lasting change in my spiritual life. I would get saved on Sunday and seldom made it past Tuesday before I had sinned again and lost out on everything. I had just about given up on ever having any kind of lasting spiritual victory.

On Thursday night, I had plunked myself down on the front row following the invitation song, impatiently waiting for the altar service to be over. It was not long until I noticed that my friend Dick had finished praying. He stood and testified to fresh spiritual victory.

Something snapped inside of me. To this day I cannot tell you what happened. All I know is that I stood to my feet and declared, "I need prayer." I draped myself over the altar and the frustrated emotions of lost spiritual victory flooded out of my crying eyes.

The spiritual battle was intense. God knew I was sorry for my sins. I had already confessed a thousand times. But I needed something more—something that

would give me lasting spiritual victory and set my heart toward God. I determined that unless God did something for me right then and there I was going to walk out and never **EVER** come back.

It was a long session at the altar; some said more than an hour. Someone even phoned my dad. He came to the church, tired and dirty from work, but anxious to pray and encourage me toward spiritual victory.

With all my emotions wrung out, I had dismissed all the usual clichés of the altar. I had heard them before. Then Bud slipped in close and said, "Carlton, if you'll do your part, then God *has* to do his part." Something about that registered. I had done my part. My sins were confessed, and I had surrendered every part of my life to God. That included my future as well as the girlfriend that was precious to me. I had offered the entire package to God.

So with dry eyes and a decision of my will, I took hold of God's promise to do His part. I left the altar wondering what was next.

The following morning I went to my job as a gas station attendant. I heaved to open the garage door but

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# LIFESAVER

## REVIVAL by Gretchen Loman

When she entered the sanctuary, it was evident she was a visitor. As I welcomed her to the church service, she explained that she had seen one of the fliers promoting the services. Not knowing anything about Nazarenes, she checked out the beliefs on the web site. Finding nothing objectionable, she decided to attend the service that night.

The following evening when she once again entered the sanctuary, I made it a point to greet her and make her feel welcome. The night before we had not exchanged personal information, so we took this opportunity to exchange names.

Her name was Julie. Then she said, "I need to tell you something. My husband is a minister. He pastors a new start Presbyterian Church not far from here. Since being assigned to this church as senior pastor, I have struggled with just what my position, as his wife, is to be. What does the Lord want? What does the congregation expect? Just what am I supposed to be doing? This revival has come just in time for me."

Tuesday evening I saw Julie once again enter the sanctuary. This time her husband was with her. As Lane and I began to share in music, we held hands as we always do. I noticed that Julie reached for her husband's hand, and they sat holding hands through the opening worship music we shared. There was a glow on her face that had grown each evening as she sat in the sanctuary of this Nazarene church in Maryland.

As is always the case, Wednesday evening—the closing night of the revival services—came quickly. We had seen many worshipers receive help at the altar each evening. Many shared encouraging words with Lane, letting him know how the Lord had used him to help meet their spiritual needs.

I made it a point to approach Julie following this last service. The smile on her face spoke volumes about the help the Lord had provided her. She approached me, reached into her purse and handed me a roll of LifeSavers candies. Placing them in my hand she said, "I tried to think of something I could say or do that would describe what this series of services has meant to me. Then it came to me. You two have been lifesavers."

She continued, "You know what lifesavers are used for, don't you—to save a drowning person. That's what I was, a drowning person. Not knowing what I was to do, how I was to support my husband in this new role and not knowing what others were expecting, I was drowning in doubt and fear. Then God delivered the lifesaver through you. It's just a silly little thing to do, but I hope it will help you remember me and what these services have done in my life."

Along with a hug, Julie and I exchanged mailing addresses and e-mail information so we could stay in contact.

If you wonder about that package of LifeSavers, I still have it. I printed "Julie" on the wrapper and placed it in my purse to later be placed on my computer desk in our office. The candies continue to be a reminder of her testimony, glowing smile and the Lord's faithfulness in providing her with "The Lifesaver Revival." 

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# the influence of camp meetings

BY DAVID GRAVES

On My Life

**N**azarene camp meetings and camps have had a great influence upon my spiritual life. My father and mother, Harold and Bettie Graves, took my brother and me to camp from our earliest days. I remember the sawdust floors, the cabins, the tabernacles and the fun of running around the campgrounds. But stirring memories come to mind as well. I remember the services, the enthusiastic singing, the shouts of praises from people, the anointed preaching, and the people crying and praying at wooden altars. Camp meeting was more than just the services. It was also the joy of listening to the stories of the adults around the dining hall tables. It was the treasure of lifetime friendships that were formed with other preachers' kids.

Our summer family vacations frequently involved Nazarene campgrounds and camp meetings. My grandfather and grandmother Titus and Julia Eby were the managers for the Florida District campground in Sewanee, Fla. During the summer we would visit and stay with them at the campground.

When I arrived, everyone was awake and talking, so I didn't tell my parents about God speaking to me. However, the reality of the call to preach his Word did not diminish. As a young boy I had accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior. There had been many times when I had gone to altars and asked Jesus to forgive me for my youthful sins. However, it was the summer following my encounter with God, at a junior high youth camp that I settled the question forever of serving God. I joyfully accepted the call to preach his Word.

The influence of camps and camp meetings on my life continued as an adult. I faithfully supported all the district camps as a pastor of local Nazarene churches. I served as a counselor during many hot, humid summers at boys' camps. However, the long days of work and short, hot nights were worth it. I witnessed the spiritual impact of camps on the boys of my churches and on my own sons. I directed youth camps, taking large groups of teens from my church, and watched as God worked in their lives in mighty and transforming ways.

Through the years, I have had the privilege of sitting under the ministry of some of the great evangelists and preachers in our denomination. The lives, sermons and friendships of those



It was during one of those summer vacation trips that I received my call to ministry. My father was invited to speak for a Wednesday night prayer meeting while we were vacationing on the campground. In his message, he mentioned that prayer was a dialogue with God. We talk to God and then we listen for God to speak to us. As I went to bed that night, I thought I would try it. I knelt beside my bed, talked to God and listened for him to speak to me. I was shocked to hear him say, "David, I want you to preach my Word." The call was real; I knew I had heard His voice.

I finished my prayer and excitedly ran from the cabin—where my brother, Harold Jr, and I were staying with our uncle—to the building where my dad and mom were staying with my two sisters and younger brother.

As a pastor, I supported camp meetings with my family's attendance and by actively promoting the services to my people. During those weeks, I enjoyed the fellowship with other pastors and had the privilege of meeting wonderful laypersons from across the district. Our family enjoyed fun and fellowship with other pastors' families and friends. A favorite memory that my wife, Sharon, and I share is looking at the platform one night during the camp meeting on the Tennessee District and seeing Stephen, our then eight-year-old son—standing on a metal folding chair between Tim and Sam Green—singing in the adult camp meeting choir.

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**AERIE MINISTRIES**  
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 Feb 8-13, Swainsboro, GA, First  
 Feb 15-20, Chesapeake, VA,  
 Portsmouth  
 Feb 22-27, Hampton, VA,  
 Saunders Road  
 Mar 2-6, Ironton, OH, Faith United  
 Mar 16-20, Peoria, IL, Silvis  
 Mar 22-27, Muscatine, IA,  
 First Baptist Church  
 Mar 29-Apr 3, Smithfield, IL  
 Apr 5-10, Sandwich, IL  
 Apr 13-17, Churubusco, IN  
 Apr 19-24, Covington, IN  
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 Feb 6-9, Bloomington, IL, First  
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 Campmeeting  
 Mar 6-9, Bluffton, IN  
 Mar 13-16, Elkhart, IN, Northside  
 Mar 20-23, Kurtz, IN  
 Apr 3-6, Brownstown, IN  
 Apr 10-13, Eureka, IL  
 Apr 17-20, Emporium, PA, Rich Valley  
 Wesleyan  
 Apr 24-27, Manteno, IL

**BURKHALTER, G. ①**  
**BURKHALTER MINISTRIES**  
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 Feb 9-13, Jackson, MO  
 Feb 23-27, Coalgate, OK  
 Mar 2-6, Owensville, IN  
 Mar 9-13, Knoxville, IA  
 Mar 16-20, Fort Smith, AR, Trinity  
 Apr 2-6, Chester, WV  
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 Apr 14-17, Newell, WV, Glendale  
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 Valley  
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 Feb 22-27, Wrightsville, GA  
 Mar 1-6, Gloster, MS  
 Mar 8-13, Augusta, GA, First  
 Mar 16-20, Moultrie, GA, First  
 Mar 29-Apr 3, Greeneville, TN  
 Apr 5-10, Zebulon, GA, Rehoboth  
 Apr 12-17, Owensboro, KY, Calvary  
 Wesleyan  
 Apr 19-24, Vidalia, GA, First  
 Apr 26-May 1, Chester, GA, Rowland  
 Chapel

**CHAPMAN, JAMES**  
**BIG CHAP MINISTRIES**  
 Feb 25-27, Eureka, IL

**COVINGTON, NATHAN**  
**LIFE MENDERS**  
 Feb 2-6, Valley, AL, Valley Zone  
 Mar 13-15, Sherwood, AR, First  
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**CUNDIFF, VICKIE**  
**SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE**  
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 Mar 6-9, Cedarville, OH

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 Jan 30-Feb 2, Blackwell, OK, First  
 Mar 20-23, Griggsville, IL  
 Apr 3-6, Austin, TX, South  
 Apr 10-13, Geneva, OH

**DABYDEEN, ROBERT**  
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 Feb 19-20, Tuscaloosa, AL,  
 Woodhaven  
 Mar 1-6, Middleport, OH  
 Mar 9-13, Salem, IL, Grace  
 Mar 20-23, Sandusky, OH  
 Mar 27-31, Carthage, TN  
 Apr 3-6, New Cumberland, WV  
 Apr 10-13, North Royalton, OH, State  
 Road Community  
 Apr 15-17, Lakewood, CO  
 Apr 24-27, Sistersville, WV

**DEGENKOLB, WILLIAM**  
 Mar 16-20, Windber, PA

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 Feb 18-18, Yuma, AZ, First  
 Feb 19-23, Yuma, AZ,  
 Feb 26-Mar 2, Dayton, OH, Target  
 Dayton Ministries  
 Mar 13-16, Flatwoods, KY, First  
 Apr 3-6, Weirton, WV, First  
 Apr 10-13, Selma, AL, First  
 Apr 24-27, Kewanna, IN, Pleasant Hill  
 United Methodist

**DOWNING, ANN**  
**ANN DOWNING MINISTRIES**  
 Apr 22-23, Cave City, KY, District  
 Ladies' Retreat

**ELLINGSON, STAN**  
 Feb 13, Goshen, OH

**FLINT, ROBERT**  
**LIFE THROUGH THE WORD**  
**MINISTRIES**  
 Apr 17-20, Spencerville, OH  
 Apr 24-May 1, West Point, OH

**FREDERICK, WESLEY**  
 Mar 11-13, Fairmont, WV, Central  
 Apr 3-6, Parkersburg, WV, First

**GEE, C.**  
**PROMISE LAND MINISTRIES**  
 Mar 20-23, Wheatland, WY,  
 Mar 24-24, Laramie, WY,

**GRAY, BOB AND BECKY**  
**SINGING UNTO THE LORD**  
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 Feb 11-13, Greenwood, SC,  
 Community  
 Mar 6-9, Ledbetter, MO, Zone  
 Crusade  
 Mar 13-16, Dunbar, WV  
 Mar 20-23, North Huntingdon, PA,  
 Norwin  
 Mar 27-30, Carthage, TN  
 Apr 3-6, Nashville, TN, Donelson  
 Apr 10-17, Pensacola, FL, City Wide  
 Crusade  
 Apr 24-27, Louisville, KY, Indoor  
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**GREENWAY, KENNETH**  
**GREENWAY MINISTRIES**  
 Feb 6-12, Prescott, AR, First  
 Feb 13-16, Seguin, TX, Grace  
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 Feb 27-Mar 2, North Myrtle Beach,  
 SC, Faith Wesleyan  
 Mar 6-9, Seagrove, NC, Mt. Zion  
 Wesleyan  
 Mar 13-16, Hillsborough, NC,  
 Wesleyan  
 Mar 18-Apr 3, Seagrove, NC, Trinity  
 Wesleyan  
 Mar 20-24, Stuart, VA, Minnies  
 Chapel  
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 Wesleyan Campmeeting  
 Apr 8-10, Carthage, NC, Community  
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 Apr 17-22, Hickory Flat, MS, Amaziah  
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 Feb 20-23, Nashville, TN, Bethel  
 Mar 5-9, Cheyenne, WY, Grace  
 Mar 19-23, Greeley, CO, First  
 Apr 3-6, Rock Hill, SC, Grace  
 Apr 16-20, Shawnee, OK  
 Apr 30-May 4, Lakeview, OH, Indian  
 Lake Northside

**HANCOCK, TIMOTHY ①**  
 Jan 30-Feb 2, Galion, OH  
 Feb 6-9, Hernando, FL  
 Feb 13-16, Spring Hill, FL, First  
 Feb 20-23, Princeton, WV, First  
 Feb 27-Mar 2, Winter Haven, FL, First  
 Mar 6-9, Kansas City, KS, Victory  
 Hills  
 Mar 13-16, Virginia Beach, VA,  
 Tidewater Central  
 Mar 18-20, Pineville, LA, District Lay  
 Retreat  
 Mar 20-23, Shreveport, LA,  
 Huntington Park  
 Mar 27-30, Benton, IL, First  
 Apr 3-6, Murfreesboro, TN  
 Apr 10-13, Fredericktown, OH  
 Apr 17-20, Millville, NJ  
 Apr 24-27, Erin, TN, Griffin's Chapel

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Feb 13-16, Circleville, OH, Pickaway Co. Preaching Mission  
Feb 18-20, Indianapolis, IN, South Side  
Feb 23-27, Tulsa, OK, Dist. Campmeeting  
Mar 4-6, New Boston, OH, CCCU Mission Conference  
Mar 7-9, Orleans, IN, Wesleyan Pastors Conference  
Mar 13-16, Spencer, IN  
Mar 20-23, North Vernon, IN  
Apr 3-6, Saint Joseph, MI  
Apr 10-13, Wadsworth, OH  
Apr 17-20, Winchester, OH, CCCU  
Apr 24-27, Marion, IN, First

**HICKS, JOHN DAVID**  
**FAITH ENCOUNTER, INC.**  
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Feb 6-9, Rogue River, OR, Valley of the Rogue Chapel  
Feb 13-16, Forks, WA  
Feb 17-Mar 2, Pittsburgh, PA, Lincoln Place  
Mar 6-9, Renton, WA  
Mar 13-16, Okanogan, WA, Okanogan Valley  
Apr 3-6, Banning, CA  
Apr 10-13, Cambridge, OH, First  
Apr 24-27, Twentynine Palms, CA

**HUDDLESTON, BILLY**  
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Feb 6-9, Dinuba, CA  
Feb 13-16, Sullivan, IN  
Feb 20-23, South Lebanon, OH, Crossroads  
Feb 27-Mar 2, Bourbonnais, IL, Kankakee Eastridge  
Mar 13-16, Castle Rock, CO  
Mar 19-25, McConnelsville, OH  
Mar 27-30, Roseville, OH  
Apr 3-6, Church Hill, TN  
Apr 10-13, Saint Louis, MI  
Apr 17-20, Tiffin, OH  
Apr 24-29, Hagerstown, IN

**LACOMBE, CHARLES**  
Feb 11, Jackman, ME  
Mar 24, Jackman, ME  
Apr 17, Auburn, ME  
Apr 24, Belfast, ME

**LECKRONE, LARRY AND TAMLA** Ⓢ  
Feb 5-9, Temple, TX  
Feb 12-16, Harlingen, TX  
Mar 5-9, Elk City, OK  
Mar 19-23, Elkhart, KS  
Mar 26-30, Meade, KS  
Apr 2-6, Mattoon, IL, Eastside  
Apr 9-13, Wright City, MO  
Apr 16-20, Waynesville, MO  
Apr 23-27, Cape Girardeau, MO

**LEIDY, ARNOLD**  
**UPWARD CALL MINISTRIES, INC.**  
Feb 2-6, Houston, TX, United Methodist  
Feb 16-20, Macon, GA, Shurlington  
Mar 16-20, Fort Wayne, IN, Elmhurst  
Mar 23-27, Freeport, IL  
Mar 30-Apr 3, Kewanee, IL, Grace  
Apr 14-17, Tabor, IA, Weaver Memorial  
Apr 20-24, Newton, IA, New Life Community

**LOMAN, LANE** Ⓢ  
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Feb 2-6, St. Cloud, FL  
Feb 13-16, Lebanon, TN, First  
Feb 20-23, N. Bloomfield, OH, Greene  
Feb 27-Mar 2, Orangeburg, SC, First  
Mar 6-9, Tuscaloosa, AL, First  
Mar 13-16, Logan, OH  
Mar 20-23, Stuarts Draft, VA, Good Shepherd  
Mar 27-30, Mansfield, MO  
Apr 3-6, Orangeburg, SC, Memorial  
Apr 10-13, Smyrna, TN  
Apr 17-20, Columbus, IN, First  
Apr 24-27, Jamestown, TN, Pleasant View

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Feb 27-Mar 2, Madill, OK  
Mar 6-9, Durant, OK, New Hope Community

**MILLHUFF, CHARLES** Ⓢ  
**MILLHUFF MINISTRIES**  
Feb 23-27, St. Louis, MO, Canaan Baptist Church  
Mar 2-6, Sulphur Springs, TX  
Mar 9-13, Fort Worth, TX, Wedgwood  
Mar 18-20, Culpepper, VA, Culpeper  
Apr 6-10, Arnold, MO  
Apr 17, Oklahoma City, OK, Trinity  
Apr 20-24, Gardner, KS

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**MILLS, CARLTON** <sup>Ⓟ</sup>

**SECOND TOUCH EVANGELISM MINISTRIES**

Mar 2-6, Goose Creek, SC,  
Mar 9-13, Lavelle, PA  
Mar 27, Tampa, FL, First  
Mar 30-Apr 3, Belington, WV,  
Weaver  
Apr 6-10, Charleston, WV, Calvary  
Apr 17-20, Waldron, AR, First

**MOORE, NORMAN** <sup>Ⓟ</sup>

**NORMAN MOORE MINISTRIES**

Jan 30-Feb 2, Modesto, CA, Trinity  
Feb 13-16, Shawnee, KS, Shawnee  
Mar 6-9, Sherwood, AR,  
Brockington Road  
Mar 23-27, Inver Grove Heights,  
MN, Grace  
Mar 30-Apr 3, Sandusky, OH  
Apr 10-13, Hannibal, MO, First  
Apr 17-20, Tilton, IL, Southside  
Apr 24-27, Denton, MD

**MORGAN, EARL**

Feb 5-6, Gregory, MI, Southwest

**MUNCIE, BOB AND JANE**

Feb 18-20, Martinsville, IN,  
Feb 27-Mar 2, Bicknell, IN  
Mar 6-10, Indianapolis, IN, South  
Irvington  
Mar 13-16, Rockford, IL, Samuelson  
Road  
Mar 27-30, Greencastle, IN, IN,  
Zone Camp  
Apr 3-6, Oak Hill, FL  
Apr 10-13, Dana, IN  
Apr 16-20, Terre Haute, IN, South  
Side  
Apr 24-27, Tiffin, OH

**NAJARIAN, BERGE**

Apr 3-6, Riverview, FL

**PEARSON, RICK**

Feb 15-16, Mount Vernon, OH,  
MVNU Chapel  
Feb 19-21, Grandview, MO  
Feb 25-27, Carthage, MO  
Apr 30, Springfield, MO, Dayspring

**PERDUE, DR. NELSON** <sup>Ⓟ</sup>

**PERDUE MINISTRIES**

Feb 6, Hamilton, OH, Tri-County  
Feb 9-13, Crestline, OH  
Feb 16-20, Madison, IN, First  
Mar 2-6, West Milton, OH  
Mar 9-13, Parkersburg, WV,  
Broadway  
Mar 16-20, Hurricane, WV, First  
Apr 3, Payne, OH  
Apr 17-20, Paulding, OH  
Apr 22-24, Auburn, IN  
Apr 27-May 1, Lenoir City, TN

**PETTIT, BENJAMIN**

**ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES**

Feb 5-11, Ashland, KY, Ashland First  
Mar 30-Apr 3, Marksville, LA

**PETTIT, ELAINE**

**ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES**

Jan 30-Feb 2, Medina, OH  
Feb 5-5, Ashland, KY, Area-Wide  
Prayer Awakening  
Feb 6-12, Ashland, KY, Area-Wide  
Holiness Crusade  
Feb 13-18, Cape May, NJ, Seashore  
Community  
Feb 19-19, Cape May, NJ, Seashore  
Community Prayer Awakening  
Feb 19-20, Cape May, NJ, Seashore  
Community  
Feb 25-27, Akron, OH, Zone  
Celebration of Holiness  
Mar 2-6, Hubbard, OH  
Mar 11-12, Stone Mountain, GA,  
Nazarene Prayer Awakening  
Mar 13-16, Loganville, GA,  
GracePointe  
Mar 20-23, Helena, AL, Trinity  
Apr 3-6, Texas City, TX  
Apr 10-13, Fort Wright, KY,  
Covington Central  
Apr 17-20, Woodward, OK  
Apr 24-27, El Cajon, CA

**PHELPS, PHILLIP**

**PHILLIP PHELPS MINISTRIES**

Mar 13-16, McCrory, AR  
Apr 3-6, Glenpool, OK

**ROTH, RONALD**

**RON ROTH MINISTRIES**

Mar 1-6, Madisonville, KY  
Mar 8-13, Mayfield, KY  
Mar 15-20, Sparta, TN, Community  
Fellowship  
Mar 22-27, Florence, KY, First  
Apr 3-6, Hugo, OK  
Apr 7-10, Paris, TX, First  
Apr 13-17, Nocona, TX

**SELF, ERWIN**

**WINONA MINISTRIES**

Feb 6, Lakeland, FL, Florida  
Holiness Camp  
Feb 13, Lakeland, FL, Florida  
Holiness Camp  
Feb 17-27, Lakeland, FL, Florida  
Holiness Camp  
Mar 6, Lakeland, FL, Florida  
Holiness Camp  
Mar 13, Lakeland, FL, Florida  
Holiness Camp  
Mar 20, Lakeland, FL, Florida  
Holiness Camp  
Mar 27, Lakeland, FL, Florida  
Holiness Camp

**SHULTZ, J.**

**CAMPUS LIVING ASSOCIATION**

Feb 7-11, Hutchinson, KS, Christian  
School Spiritual Emphasis

**SMITH, DUANE** <sup>Ⓟ</sup>

**DUANE SMITH MINISTRIES, INC.**

Feb 9-13, Port St. Joe, FL  
Feb 16-20, Griffin, GA, First  
Feb 23-27, Warner Robins, GA, First  
Mar 2-6, Rockledge, GA, Wilkes  
Mar 13-16, Charleston, WV,  
Southeast  
Mar 20-23, Fairmont, WV, First  
Mar 25-27, Andover, OH, Cherry  
Valley  
Apr 6-10, Jackson, OH  
Apr 13-17, Point Pleasant, WV  
Apr 20-24, Hanover, PA  
Apr 27-May 1, Keene, NH

**ULMET, WILLIAM** <sup>Ⓟ</sup>

**ULMET MINISTRIES**

Jan 30-Feb 2, West Columbia, SC,  
First  
Feb 20-23, Florien, LA, Cenchrea  
Feb 27-Mar 2, Robeline, LA,  
Friendship  
Mar 6-9, Hays, KS  
Mar 13-16, Huntsville, AL, First  
Mar 20-23, Merigold, MS, Sunflower  
Mar 27-30, Benton, KY  
Apr 3-6, Nancy, KY, Naomi  
Apr 10-13, Grand Ledge, MI  
Apr 17-20, Merrifield, MN  
Apr 24-27, Elkton, KY  
Apr 28-May 1, Albany, KY, United

**WARD, DALE**

**FREEDOM QUEST MINISTRY**

Jan 30-Feb 2, Plant City, FL,  
Wagoner Memorial  
Feb 20-23, Pompano Beach, FL  
Feb 27-Mar 1, Palm City, FL, New  
Hope Fellowship  
Mar 8-9, Punta Gorda, FL  
Mar 20-23, Pittsfield, IL  
Mar 24-30, El Reno, OK, First  
Apr 3-6, Burleson, TX  
Apr 17-20, Billings, MT, First  
Apr 24-27, Weiser, ID

**WELCH, DARLENE**

**DARLENE WELCH MINISTRIES**

Apr 16, Morgantown, WV, Ladies  
Retreat  
Apr 17, Morgantown, WV, First

**WOMACK, PAUL**

**PP&P MINISTRIES**

Feb 6-9, Menomone, WI  
Feb 13-16, Fulton, MO, Heartland  
Feb 20-23, Vilonia, AR, Liberty  
Mar 13-16, Fort Walton Beach, FL  
Mar 20-23, Tyler, TX, First  
Mar 27-30, Brookfield, MO  
Apr 3-6, Moravia, IA  
Apr 10-17, New Paris, IN  
Apr 24-27, Greensboro, IN

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## after the fire

**By G. Stuart McWhirter**

When I was five years old, four houses adjacent to ours burned to the ground within a few hours. Only one house stood between those four houses and my home. I watched men enter our home and move all our furniture and possessions out into the street. Horrified, I stood and watched huge pieces of flaming debris float above our house on billowing waves of heat. We were sure our house would be consumed by the fire. Our small town had a volunteer fire department consisting of one pick-up truck and one fire hose. The feeling of helplessness was terrifying. But amazingly our house escaped destruction. More than half of a century later, the charred ruins and smoldering ashes of those four houses, so near my home, remains an indelible scene in my memory.

But a greater fire is coming. Nothing will stop it. In 1 Corinthians 3:5-23, the Apostle Paul addresses believers who build the church. He admonishes them concerning their attitudes and motives. In Verse 13 he describes an approaching day when their works will be tested by fire. Verse 12 indicates only two categories of works: the valuable and the worthless.

Worthless works will be exposed and destroyed in the climactic conflagration on the Day of Judgment, the second coming of Christ. Verse 11 sets forth the pivotal truth in this passage. It is the central and supreme place of Christ. The incarnation, life, death and resurrection of Christ are the foundational message of the church. If we are detoured or detracted from a sustained, recurring emphasis on the person and work of Christ, we will have departed dangerously from God's purpose for the church.

In Verse 6, these ageless apostolic words teach us that those who build the church are co-laborers not competitors. We are partners with God and our fellow builders. We are partners with past, present and future builders. Our sense of heritage, hope and contemporary responsibility should be held in balance. We should be grateful for the work of predecessors, be cooperative with contemporaries and be mindful of our obligation to our successors. Unity, humility and



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teamwork are imperative. There is not much room here for lone rangers.

An important principal is set forth in Verse 21, "Let no one glory in men." Leaders should be honored but not exalted. There is no place for the cult of personality in God's church. The church should never be a venue for egotists. Is it time for 21st century Christians to carefully and seriously note the absence of exalting human leaders in the New Testament church? The atmosphere of the earliest Christian community was strongly egalitarian.

The apostle makes clear that the quality of the work that is done in the building of God's church is not always revealed in the present. But the fire of God's judgment will finally make it known. What will that day of fiery testing bring? What will remain after the fire? Will gaudy religious circuses survive? Will commercialized Christianity endure? How much of our prized and touted activities and accomplishment will retain value? How much that is presently popular or sensational will vanish in the final flames? Will what currently seems to be deep prove superficial? Will obscure and unsung saints ultimately be revealed as greatly significant? Will temples built to human vanity dissolve into the swirling dust of forgotten worldly splendors? Most certainly, the strange and inevitable reversals of the Kingdom of God will, at last, come round. The first will be last and the last will be first after the fire. 

## Evangelists Witness To Their Call

# The CALL



by Gary Bond

A few years ago, a friend from college and fellow minister asked me if I was sorry I had chosen the itinerant evangelist track in ministry. I did not want to offend him but just said, "When God called me to ministry it was not multiple choice but very specific."

I was raised by godly parents who faithfully supported the Church of the Nazarene. My first pastor was Ted Martin at Hammond First in Hammond, Ind. Even as a child the ministries of evangelists Paul Martin, Jim Crabtree, Clayton Bailey, Dr. Edward Lawlor and many others impacted my life.

We later moved to the Chicago Central District where I was old enough to join the Emerald Avenue Church of the Nazarene. My Pastor, A.T. Smith, received me into membership. Every year we held at least two revivals, a youth revival and the Chicago Holiness Convention. I thank God for my mom and dad's influence on me as well as that of my extended church family, composed of men and women by the names of Seaman, Millhuff, Cunningham, Geeding, Branson and Pizzato; they were examples and encouragers.

Every summer our church youth looked forward to Aroma Park, IL and District Camp. We always had a great time, even in the chapel services. Altar time was very special. I would usually "take care of business" early and spend the rest of the camp praying with others. During one of those powerful altar responses, I was praying for one of my friends when a counselor said to me, "You seem to have the gift of evangelism." I believe that statement was a Spirit-directed planting of the seed for my call to evangelism.

In most of the youth camps that I attended, at least one service dealt with surrendering to whatever God would want me to do with my life. At 13, I made that surrender and sensed God's call to ministry. In my high school years I made plans to attend Olivet Nazarene University and prepare for my call.

When I entered my junior year in high school, my football coach informed me that scouts from most of the Big Ten schools were in the stands to watch my teammates and me during our games. Eventually, the offers to sign a letter of intent started coming in from

those colleges. My coach knew of my plans for ministry and one day said I had gotten an invitation from a great "church college"—Notre Dame! I eventually talked myself into believing that the offers were God's way of leading me into something else for my life. Maybe I had been mistaken or maybe God just wanted to see if I was just willing to be a preacher.

I accepted a full-ride NCAA scholarship to play football at Purdue University. I had the privilege of playing on the same team as Bob Griese and Leroy Keys. All was going pretty well until spring ball and a severely torn hamstring. David said, "He makes me lie down in green pastures." While I was "down," the Lord began dealing with me about His call for my life and showing me that I had misread the detour. I explained to Coach Mollenkopf that I had decided that I needed to honor my commitment to God's call on my life. To my surprise, he gave me his blessing by saying that too many of his players left school without a clue for what they wanted to do with their lives after football. He said that he was pleased that I had found my "calling."

This "calling" led me to Olivet and the ministerial studies program. I remember weeping the first time the professor had the class stand for prayer; it affirmed to me that I was now in the right place again.

Many people down through the years have commented that I gave up a lot to accept God's call. I believe that I just gave up confusion, frustration and the loss of my intimacy with Christ. Nothing in this world can replace the peace of living each day in the center of His will.

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## ON THE FRONT PEW

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tortured with his preaching. My young heart was beating like a thrashing machine in my little chest. There was, of course, no way I could have made my way all the way down to the altar. It was too overwhelming for a little boy of five, but I can now say that I was living with conviction for my sin. This was a three-Sunday, two-week affair with no letup on the pain. Hell was real and heaven was longed for. The exit signs that were illuminated with gas flames were over every door. One had to pass under these reminders of sin's consequences to leave the building.

Now we were back to the regular services, but the pain remained in my little heart. For some reason my dad and I were on the front pew. That night as Dr. Reed preached, I was so close to the altar and as the altar call was given, as it always was, I knew I needed to get this thing done. Though I did not understand even elementary matters of theology, I knew enough after the revival series through which we had just come. Somewhere during the multiple verses of "Don't Turn Him Away" I could no longer continue to turn him away. The altar, though ten feet in front of me, seemed to be a million miles away. I turned slowly and dropped to my knees, facing the pew. My head was lower than the pew back, so no one really saw me. My dad eventually saw what I was doing. He knelt down next to his little boy as I ground my small tight fists into my weeping eyes. I asked Jesus to come into my heart. Before it was all over Pastor Reed saw me and patted my head as he prayed.

Often I have remembered this personal experience as I have wondered just what has taken place as I close another revival. How many folks have days or even years later made the move toward the love of God long after the final service of a revival I have led? Pastor Reed reaped what Evangelist Volk had sown in my young heart. Though there have been many twists and turns in my spiritual journey, it was in that revival that my life was changed forever. Someday I want to sit down with Evangelist Volk in heaven and thank him and then go for a long run around the throne. "Thank you dear Brother Harold for letting God use you to change my life forever. And by the way I have been doing the same thing you did so long ago almost every week of my life. And thank you pastor Reed for seeing a five-year-old boy in a tan cowboy shirt in prayer. And dad, my life was changed forever through it all!" It was because of a revival meeting. No wonder I love them so. 

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it jammed. Instantly my temper flared, and I cursed as I kicked that ornery old door. As pain jolted my big toe, I cursed again.

Instantly God's Spirit challenged me. I dropped to my knees on that greasy shop floor. "God, I'm sorry," I prayed. "That's not the way I want to live." As I got up I realized, "That's different." Previously I would have just given up and returned to living with sin in my life. But now I had a new disposition in my spirit. My heart *wanted* to get back on track and I had a spiritual power to help me.

As part of that decision at the altar, I determined that I would start consistently reading my Bible and praying. I also determined that I would do whatever I sensed God was asking me to do. These commitments were made without any assurance that I would ever "feel" anything.

A few nights later as I read Romans 3:28, God's Spirit flooded my heart with assurance that I belonged to Him. Two nights later it was Romans 5:1 that the Spirit used to witness with my spirit. A week later in a camp meeting in Roseburg, Ore., I heard the Spirit asking me to put my last \$5 in the offering. I had planned to use that money to buy gas to get home. But then I remembered I was carrying extra gas in a can, so I put the money in the offering. Within 24 hours, God gave me back the \$5 and again the Spirit gave witness of God's work in my life.

In my freshman year at what was then Northwest Nazarene College, God placed his call upon my life to be a preacher. It was not until some time later, in a class on the doctrine of holiness, that I was able to articulate what had happened to me in that revival meeting. With the help of professor Dan Berg, I realized that my heart had been sanctified.

Since then I have lived a remarkable journey of faith. Following God's leading, I have been a pastor, a church planter and a district superintendent. Now that I have returned to pastoral ministry, I have brought the revival meeting back to my local church. We have had two remarkable crusades with Dr. Chuck Millhuff. It is all because *my life was changed in a revival meeting.* 



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# Revival Fires

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

## No Walker. No Braces. Signs and Wonders in Our Day in America

By Elaine Pettit

Sept. 15, 2004, marked the opening revival service at the Lafayette Church of the Nazarene in Lexington, Ky. I noticed a lady sitting on the front pew. At first I did not recognize her. She was wearing a leg brace as well as an ankle brace, and her walker stood before her. Taking a closer look, I realized it was Beth Ellenberg, whom I had met during my 42 days of an extended revival at Lafayette 10 years before.

Responding to my inquiry, Beth, 42, told me she had suffered a stroke while singing in the choir on Sunday morning, March 21, 2004. Tests revealed a blood clot, which left her unable to use her arm or leg. After months of extensive therapy, she regained partial use of her arm. But her leg was not so fortunate. On Sept. 3, her therapists told her that since they had found no new muscle or nerve response from the thigh down, the condition would probably not improve.

On Friday evening, Sept. 17, Beth walked into the revival service with no walker and no braces. Instead, she wore four-inch high heels! As Beth testified in detail about her healing, God's glory filled the room. A victory march and songs of praise ensued. The altar filled and many other victories were gained.

A well-respected church member stood to testify that the Lord revealed to him a deep-seated greed in his heart. He shared how the night before God led him to write out several checks. As he testified, he began to shout. Crying out of God's wonderful mercy, he declared his heart now clean.

Another man, who had been a multimillionaire, testified that he had recently lost everything and was now a school bus driver. As he spoke of the difficulties on the first day of his

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## CHILD LEADS CHAIN GANG MEMBER TO CHRIST

**R**eared in humble circumstances in a parsonage, Duane Smith asked God to forgive him of his sins at an early age. In his earliest recollections, he sensed God wanted to use him in full-time ministry. At that time, he and his family lived on the outskirts of Nashville, TN.

One summer, the highway department decided to build a road in front of the Smith home and to use a chain gang from the state penitentiary to do the work. Every day Duane and his brother mingled with the guards and inmates. One day, while talking with a black man who was serving time for killing a person in a bar fight, Duane asked the man if he would like for Jesus to be the light of his life. When the man replied that he would, 6-year-old Duane placed his hand on the prisoner and asked Jesus to forgive the man and to be the light of his life. Now this inmate, who had killed a man, was born again and stood there with tears running down his face. Duane asked the man if he had a Bible. He answered, "No." Duane said that he would loan the man his and that the man could return it when he was able to get his own. Duane did not tell the inmate he had won the Bible selling flower seeds in the community a year earlier. However, Duane's name was on the front. Three months later, the inmate mailed back Duane's Bible.

As a teenager, Duane, like the prodigal son, sowed wild oats, running from the call of God. Disillusioned by the devil, hypocrisy and poverty, Duane convinced himself he could do better on his own. For several years he took private vocal lessons, preparing to sing in nightclubs. Sin took him further than he wanted to go, cost him more than he wanted to pay and kept him longer than he wanted to stay.

At 18, Duane repented and came back to God. God's overwhelming call came back as if it had never left. Totally consecrating his life to God, he prayed, "God, you can do with me whatever you want, but let me know definitely." Since he was raised in the church and aware of the different ministries and their hardships, Duane knew if the call was definite, God would go with him and nothing else mattered. Three months later, God spoke twice the words, "Evangelist, Song Evangelist." The voice was as clear as any person's, but Duane knew it was definitely the voice of God.

That summer Duane enrolled in college. At the first Wednesday night prayer meeting, he met his bride-to-be. Knowing they were in love, but also knowing God and Duane's call had to come first, Ruth and Duane began to pray. Neither wanted anything except God's will. A few weeks later Ruth told Duane, "I feel God has called me to be your wife." They were married by Dr. Jack Lee, pastor of The First Church of the Nazarene in Kankakee, IL.

Duane graduated from MidAmerica Nazarene University with bachelor's degrees in religion and music and attended the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. Today, Ruth and Duane travel the nation extensively as well as abroad, conducting crusades, camp meetings and concerts. 

Edited from information on the ministry website of Duane and Ruth Smith. —CRM  
<http://www.duanesmithministries.com/testimony.htm>

## The Call

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As I progressed through the course of study, my district credentials board wanted to know about my call. My response was that I knew God had called me to preach and that evangelism was the specific directive. The board was supportive of my call but said I needed two years of pastoral ministry to qualify for ordination. I remembered the response that our present revivalism coordinator gave when faced with the same issue. I was ready to repeat it but was rescued by the Rev. Samuel Nehemiah Smith who said, "The manual says that we can give him one year of pastoral credit for every two years of evangelistic ministry. There's no need for him to pastor if he isn't called to pastor!" Thanks, Sam!

I entered the full-time evangelistic field in the summer of 1969. I was later ordained by Dr. George Coulter in 1974. I have been a registered, a commissioned and now a tenured itinerant evangelist for the last thirty-five years.

In 1972, the Lord brought Beth Roth into my life as the love of my life. She has been an evangelist on the road with me for 18 years as well as the mother and teacher of our two daughters, Julie and Joy (who, by the way, survived being "bus babies" and have wonderful memories of life on the road with Mom and Dad).

Retirement? Jim Green said it best: "When you go to the mail box and there aren't any more invitations—you're retired!" Am I sorry God chose the itinerant evangelist track for me? Not in this lifetime. Often as I start down the road toward another revival, campmeeting or concert, I find myself singing with Willie, "On the road again, I just can't wait to get on the road again." 

Garry Bond is a gifted preacher and a wonderful singer with a big, deep, baritone voice. —CRM

# I GREW UP in a revival meeting

By Jack Stone

Yes, I really did grow up in revival meetings. For 15 years my parents and two sisters were full-time song evangelists. As a small child I slept on camp meeting benches and church pews while “long-winded” evangelists conducted 10- or 14-day revivals. We sang in revivals in the United Methodist Church, the Church of the Nazarene, the Church of Christ and Christian Union and other small holiness churches largely in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia.

Although my heritage kept me in revival and camp meetings week after week for many years, I was somewhat of a rebel to God’s full will for my life. I lived in a miserable no man’s land spiritually—up and down. However, it was a revival Sunday morning in April—at Maysville, Ky., where my brother pastored and V.W. Littrell was preaching from Romans 12:1-2—that my unequivocal commitment to God and his will for my life became reality.

By this time, I had attended the University of Kentucky, had studied agronomy and animal industry, and was married with two small children. I quit my secular job and immediately began my educational journey, pursuing a degree in religion at what was then Trevecca Nazarene College. That revival Sunday morning in April has been a focal point and a benchmark of my entire life because on that Sunday morning, I became settled in my commitment and my call to preach.

I have enjoyed every assignment of ministry. Men like Bob Hoots, Nelson Purdue and Chuck Milhuff are heroes to me, and revivalism continues as an important part of the local church agenda. I am now in my 15th year as the General Secretary/HQ Operations Officer for the Church of the Nazarene. In the middle drawer of my desk—through pastorates, as district superintendent and as general secretary—has been a symbol and reminder of that early commitment. It reads,

I am here:  
by the Will of God,  
being kept by Him,  
under His discipline,  
for the time He desires.

“In everything you do, put GOD first and He will guide you and crown your efforts with success.” Proverbs 3:6 TLB. 

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## The Influence of Camp Meetings on My Life

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All of these aspects of camp meetings bring back great memories. However, the greatest benefit of camp meetings has been the spiritual growth I have experienced during those services. Pastors preach week after week and are always giving out to others. Camp meeting was a time for me to receive from others. During the services I could sit back, open my heart and allow God to speak to me. Year after year, God would speak! Some years he would teach me new truths. Some years he would convict and point out areas where I needed to grow more like Christ. Some years he taught me about faith. Every year he was faithful to draw me closer to himself and renew me. There have been camp meetings where I planted “spiritual flags,” which have become significant points of growth in my own personal spiritual life. I look back on those times with gratitude for God’s marvelous grace and faithfulness in my life.

Regardless of the size of the church or the amount of responsibilities I had, I made camp meeting a personal priority on my schedule. The last few years as senior pastor of Cincinnati Springdale, a layman in my church allowed me to use his motor home during camp meeting. He would park in the RV section of the Higher Ground Campground. I would spend the entire week at camp meeting. It was a wonderful time to be with the Lord, to prepare sermons and to renew my own spirit.

Through the years, I have had the privilege of sitting under the ministry of some of the great evangelists and preachers in our denomination. The lives, sermons and friendships of those evangelists have shaped and influenced my life. I am thankful I made a priority of camp meetings. I thank God for the influence of Nazarene camps and camp meetings upon my life and the lives of thousands of others. 

## The Place Of Revival

by Stephen Manley

The disciples—120 of them—were getting ready for the greatest revival of their lifetime. In their preparation, they were compelled to complete the office of apostleship, which was lacking because of the sin of Judas. They found only two individuals who qualified. Which one is the choice of God? They prayed! Their prayer revealed their wondrous belief. They cried out to the One who knows the hearts of all. They asked him to unmistakably reveal the one he had already chosen **to take part in this ministry and apostleship** (Acts 1:25).

The language Luke uses speaks of the ministry as something completely apart from Judas. God did not give Judas gifts, graces or the ability to produce a great ministry. God created the ministry and then designed Judas to fit into this ministry. The responsibility of Judas was not to minister but to get in his place. Judas sinned when he would not stay in the place for which God had designed him.

REVIVAL was the place for which God had made the disciples. Their place was the passion, heat and expression of the nature of God indwelling them. From this place, ministry and evangelism would automatically happen. Outside of their place, there would be nothing but form, legalism and programs.

The testimony of revival comes from the lips of those who allow God to put them in their place. Our daily schedules are filled with frantic attempts to get God to bless our brilliant programs, make us successful and aid us in our prosperity. I want to get in the place where the consistent proclaiming of the Word of God can do its surgery on my life. I want to, on purpose, allow my schedule to be interrupted for the sake of renewal in Him. “Jesus, please put me in my place!” 



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# revival fires

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bus route, he described wanting to park the bus in order to lament over his predicament. In tears, he said that the Lord drew near to remind him that although Jesus was God, he had taken upon himself the form of a servant and had made himself of no reputation (Philippians 2:5-8). The glory of the Lord once again filled the room.

On Saturday night around 11:15 as we prepared to close in prayer, a lady hurried to the altar, weeping and telling of her desperate need to be sanctified. Many other seekers followed and the service continued until nearly midnight.

Sunday morning the altars packed as they had every service. The people were preparing to leave, when a children's church worker asked if she could testify. She shared that the children had been singing, *I Want to Be Like Jesus*, when a little girl began to cry. When asked what was wrong, the child replied, *I want to be like Jesus!* She knelt down and received Christ into her heart, as did nine other children.

Once again I was preparing to leave the service, when a man and his wife approached me. They asked me if I remembered anointing them during the revival 10 years before. For five years previous to that anointing, they had been unable to have a child. Now they introduced me to their nine-year-old son, Eli.

As the Sunday evening service began, a familiar burden laid heavily on my heart. Was I to stay at Lexington Lafayette as God was giving himself to us? Or would I travel on to Warner Robins, Ga., as scheduled? Presenting my dilemma to the crowd now consisting of several churches I shared that unlike other years, I had saved two weeks in January for family time. Seeking the Lord's guidance, we committed this to prayer. Eventually, Pastor Dave McCracken stood to report that he wanted to do unto others as he would want them to do unto him. He also desired to secure the time in January for the continuation of revival. With that release, we went on to Georgia.

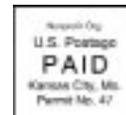
I rejoice to announce that plans have been made for revival services to continue at Lexington Lafayette Jan. 8-16, 2005. What a time this will be, since both the Lafayette people and our ministry's 2,000 nationwide prayer warriors understand the importance of diligent preparation. Over the next three months, cottage prayer meetings will proliferate and many will fast and earnestly pray for this special time. Join us if you can. I'm sure God will. 



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