

the evangelists'

perspective

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OBJECTS IN MIRROR ARE CLOSER
THAN THEY APPEAR

*Watch your rear-view mirror.
Some young evangelists are coming!*

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from the editor



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IF IT WEREN'T FOR THEM

When I graduated from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1963, I was the third evangelist to have accomplished that in the first 25 years of the seminary's history. There was Clayton Bailey, Dick Law and then me. In those days a seminary degree seemed to be a strange thing for an evangelist to have. I was viewed with respect by educated folks and at least tolerated or misunderstood by the rest.

While I was in seminary, my pastors at Kansas City First Church were Dr. Orville Jenkins followed by Dr. Bill Ellwanger. Dr. Jenkins later become our District Superintendent, then the Secretary—as they were called then—of Home Missions, and then General Superintendent. Dr. Ellwanger led us for eight years before we joined the College Church in Olathe, Kansas, pastored by my life-long friend Dr. Paul Cunningham, now a General Superintendent himself for 12 years.

In those days, the General Board met every February as it does now with one difference: the meetings did not start until Monday morning. Most of the board members attended Kansas City First Church on the Sunday night before the Monday meetings. As a second year student or “middler” as we were called, I was asked by Dr. Jenkins to preach the Sunday night sermon on the General Board Sunday as it was called. I preached on the subject “REVIVAL FOR SURVIVAL” and displayed a large banner in red print across the baptistry window with those words. That service launched my evangelism ministry. Tours, camp meetings and revivals were the result of that evening. I can still remember standing at the door by the organ waiting to come on the platform with my heart in my throat. I had heartburn beyond description and had to go for a drink of water before I could take my place on the platform. God overcame me as I preached, and the altars were lined with some of the best people in the church from all over the world.

Dr. Ellwanger and I were to become fast friends. He was my teacher in so many ways, having been an evangelist in his early ministry and always preaching with the fervor of an evangelist every week. He introduced me to a number of his friends all over the country who, in turn, called me to the West Coast, Kentucky and points in between.

Our Holiness Heritage Lives On Through the Revival Meeting

by Amanda Pettit

After completing my final lesson for the adult Bible study at the Pleasant Ridge Family Camp Meeting, an elderly woman approached me with a refreshed look on her face. She began to share with me: “I am sort of embarrassed. I know I am so much older than you, but through the preaching and teaching this week, I now recognize I could be doing so much more for God. I’m a retired teacher so I love to read all kinds of books, but when I get home this week all I want to do is study the Bible!”

Pleasant Ridge was the first camp meeting in which Ben and I were the main speakers. Even though I had been excited about the wonderful opportunity, when that lady came up to me on that Friday morning I knew God was doing something more with our young ministry lives than we had ever planned. On the last evening, Rev. Willis came to us and shared that due to the prayer strategy¹ efforts, this was the most fruitful and coordinated camp meeting he had seen in his 10 years as camp president! Earlier in the week, Rev. Jeff shared that when our name came up as possible camp meeting speakers, some were hesitant because of our age (25 at the time). They decided to call us in spite of this fact, and during the camp meeting, Rev. Jeff boldly rebuked the crowd and said, “Shame on us! After this week, isn’t it good to know that our heritage of holiness will not be forgotten! We have hope in this couple that our doctrine of entire sanctification will live throughout generations to come!” To God be the glory!

Throughout my college years, I constantly heard all my religion professors say they were preaching revivals at age 18! Why isn’t this the story of today? Is it because of age? Or is it because people don’t believe in revival anymore?

Note the statement from Zach (Auburn, PA) who testified about *young evangelists*. “Last year when you came to camp I was a little worried. I honestly didn’t like ‘evangelists,’ but you were different. I got truly saved. I thought I was sanctified but I wasn’t yet. I went back to school changed, but when tempted I did so bad.... This year before camp my friend Joey was killed in a bad accident. I was broken. I came looking for help. I found it in Ben’s first sermon. I now am truly sanctified! I can feel it and I’m living through God. Thank you so much!”

This testimony, among others, I have put away for safekeeping in my ministry drawer. I do not believe that the evangelist’s age made the difference in Zach’s life; rather, it was two God-called evangelists allowing God to use them so He could reveal to Zach the grace he was missing. Although Ben and I realize we have much to learn, I believe that more essential than one’s age is a surrendered will alongside the years of obedience that brings God’s anointing into each service so lives can be changed and grounded in holiness. I believe, because of testimonies such as Zach’s, that it takes the use of God-called evangelists to get congregations focused on specific prayer and expectation for what God could do in revival services.

I’ve heard it before that *we are all called to be evangelists*, but when you are called to the *office* of an evangelist you purpose to preach for the instant salvation and sanctification of souls, not gradual growth over a long period of time. Through focused prayer prior to and during the revival week, the blinders are taken off and God is allowed to instantaneously change lives. It is in the follow-up weeks and years that those changed lives grow into maturity.

As a young person who was changed by an evangelist and is now being used to bring change to others as an evangelist, I know the future of revivals cannot die. In fact, I’m convicted that if our churches cared for the lost, they would not count the dollars needed for services, but they would count the souls needed to be rescued from the fires of the enemy and brought into the Kingdom of God.

I didn’t ask God to make me an evangelist, but He did. To stay in His perfect will I, as well as all other evangelists, must carry our holiness heritage into the future generations through the revival meeting. Will you do your part in helping all evangelists accomplish this mission? 



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Amanda is featured on the front
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¹ For information read, *When God Burst In; Revival Then and Now* by Peter Lundell and Elaine Pettit or see our website at www.elainepettitministries.org.

REPRISE!

Lord, Do It Again

By Billy Huddleston

“Reprise” is defined as a returning to an original theme. In music it is a return of the opening material performed later in the composition.

Don't do it!

You'll starve to death!

No one knows who you are!

The days of revival are past!

Churches just aren't having revival like they used to!

These are just a few of the responses that I received when I began to share that God was leading me into the field of full-time itinerant evangelism. I was 24 years old when I felt this call. The concerns were legitimate. These remarks were expressions of care from people who loved me. But I knew what God was telling me to do. I had to listen to Him!

Toward the end of 1997, I had a brochure made and began to send it out. Within the month, God filled my first year and every year has been full since that time. He has been faithful. He has blessed me far beyond anything I deserve. I realize it's not because of anything I've done; rather, it's all because of what He has done!

“Reprise” is defined as a returning to an original theme. In music it is a return of the opening material performed later in the composition. Synonyms of this word would include echo, reiterate, return, renew and revive, to name a few.

Looking over our history, I am amazed at the determination of the early Nazarenes. I am thankful for a heritage of preaching a full and free salvation for all mankind. Their determined cries, “Get the glory down!” and “Keep the glory down!” still stir my soul! What a blessing to be part of a church that was born in the fires of revival! Indeed, many of the early church pioneers were themselves evangelists.

Many evangelists have had a part in shaping my life. It was in a revival meeting at the age of 15 that I was saved. It was during a revival meeting at the age of 17 that I was sanctified. It was during a revival at Olivet Nazarene University that I received the call to full-time ministry. I can honestly say that if it were not for a church that believed in revival and for evangelists who answered the call, I don't know where I would be today.

Yet today there are those who claim that the day of revival has passed. Students in our schools are encouraged to become





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— an overwhelming desire to
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pastors, educators and missionaries, but the field of evangelism seems to be treated as something less.

It is time for a reprise.

And, it is happening.

God is ushering in a new generation of evangelists. There is a group of people that still believe that God has called them into this wonderful work. We are thankful for the sacrifice of the evangelists in the past, and the guidance of those who have been doing it for quite some time and believe that God is not finished! Our desire is to continue this great work that has been part of the Church of the Nazarene from her beginning.

As a young evangelist, it is not my desire to reproduce the past. I don't want to return to the days of long sleeves and no makeup. I don't want to recreate the old sawdust floor of the camp in the open-air tabernacle. (I kind of like the air-conditioned ones we have now!) It's not my goal to go back to the good old days!

Instead, I want to help make today the best that it can be! Thank God for our heritage! But, what are we leaving for those who will follow? That's my concern.

We must recapture something that the early church pioneers had—a heart for Jesus Christ, an overwhelming desire to serve and please Him alone! God is waiting and wanting to renew His people, their excitement and purpose. But until we reach the place where He is all that matters, it will never happen. We must return to God's Word. That alone must be our authority. It's time to cease the concern of what man thinks and worry about what He thinks! God help us once again to get the glory down!

I am convinced of this: God does not change. Fallen man is still in need of a Savior. We are still called to reach our world. We must continue to proclaim a full and free salvation, desiring to see people saved and sanctified. We are still in need of Godly pastors, Sunday school teachers, church members and the like. Our work in the world is not finished. Therefore, we still are in need of called missionaries to go into the field. In a world where all things become familiar there is still the

danger of complacency, apostasy. We must never forget that there is still the need for God-called men and women to fill the role of the evangelist.

Society is not changeless. Just as the past and present generations of evangelists didn't exactly resemble those from the early days of our movement, the new generation of evangelists will have qualities and a uniqueness of their own. We have a necessary role to play that must not be allowed to die.

I am now 33 years old. I am quickly becoming an old man. Eight years have passed since I first heard the voice of the encouragers. Eight years since I answered God's call on my life to enter the field. In those years I have seen God work in many ways. He has proved Himself true time and again in my life and call. He has been far better to me than I could ever possibly deserve.

I have watched as young and old alike have knelt at an altar of prayer. I have seen the pools of tears that remained on the altar after these heartfelt moments. I know God has been faithful.

I have seen my personal needs supplied. I have not gone hungry. (In fact, I may have eaten too much!) My bills are paid. I have a place to call home, shoes on my feet and a wonderful family. I know God has been faithful.

As I sit here in my hotel room 550 miles from home, there is a need in my family's life. I don't know how it will work out, but it will. I just had to have both of our vehicles serviced to an incredible sum of money that I really couldn't afford. I don't know what tomorrow will bring my way. But, I know that God will be faithful!

The days of revival are not over. Churches are still having revival. Churches will continue to have revival. Lord, do it again! I know that God will continue to be faithful.

He has been.

He always will be.

It's a familiar tune.

It's a theme that replays itself time and time again. 



THE NEXT GENERATION

A Partnership in the Gospel Continues...

by Erik E. Willits

I was recently flying out of Los Angeles after preaching at a string of house concerts for which a friend of mine was playing. As I flew out of the airport, I watched out the window as the hillside was ablaze. The fires were burning out of control and helicopters were flying over trying to stop the blazes, unsuccessfully I might add. It wasn't all that long ago that churches all over America were getting excited about having revivals and special services because they anticipated God doing in their churches what was happening on that hillside outside the airplane window—igniting an uncontrollable and seemingly unstoppable fire. I often wonder what has changed in our church culture that has stifled the excitement and anticipation of those revival fires that we all remember so well. I often wonder what it will take to refresh our anticipation of those revival fires. As one of the younger ordained evangelists in the Church of the Nazarene, I believe the call of the evangelist is still going out and being answered by young people in our day, women and men alike. I don't feel like the question is, "Are young people being called to evangelism," but rather, "Where and how will the God-called evangelist in my day serve?"

A Culture of Relationships

Not only the social culture in which we live, but also our church culture as well, is turning the corner from seeking *answers* to seeking *relationships*. We have gone from *wanting to find comfortable seats with enough answers to get by* to *not caring about seats at all and answers are good but no longer our priority*. In our day the aim is to find relationships—to find people with whom to share life and with whom to journey through life. For Jesus' followers this is a good shift, since Jesus doesn't care to give answers but cares to give himself. He doesn't want to give arbitrary truths, but he wants to give himself, *the Truth* (John 14:6), and then journey with us toward righteousness and holiness. Somewhere

in this picture, in this cultural and church shift, the evangelist is getting lost. My fear is that we the evangelists have failed to be a part of this shift our churches are making. We have failed to be a part of the *relationship*—the Bible might use the word *fellowship*.

My observation is that we have acted like and have been treated like hired gunmen, brought in to shoot some buckshot, hoping to hit someone and spark something. Churches don't want gunmen anymore. They want *partners*. Maybe Paul and his interaction with the church in Philippi sets a good example for us, evangelists and churches alike.

Paul had only been to Philippi a few times but talked about this church as if its people were his very closest friends. Paul was very busy traveling around preaching the gospel. Sound familiar? As he traveled he was encouraging believers of Jesus to love and follow Jesus as well as to love and encourage each other. It was these people he calls partners in the gospel, even going to the extent of saying, "God himself can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:8). He had a relationship with this community that I envy. Because of his relationship, he was able to speak words of correction and encouragement. He was able to preach the full gospel of Jesus that leads to lives of righteousness and holiness. Paul was journeying with these people, his partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Can we get can back there? Could we as evangelists and churches begin to form those types of relationships with each other? I don't care to be a hired gunman with the gospel as my artillery anymore! I desire and pray that I would be a partner in the gospel. That I could be a voice calling my dear friends to live fully and vibrantly after Jesus and that we could do this together as the Church.

My hope is that as evangelists we could begin to form these meaningful, lasting relationships with churches and continue to fulfill the calling God has placed on our lives to preach the gospel. I also hope to

The Call

FROM HEATHENISM TO HOLINESS

by *Robert D. Dabydeen*

As I travel week after week doing the work of an evangelist, I have been asked numerous times both by parishioners and fanatics, “Why are you doing what you are doing?” I cannot read the minds of people with perfect precision, but it appears to me that what they want to know is what really inspires me. What is the motivating factor that takes me about 45 weeks each year away from home, a wonderful wife and two precious granddaughters?

There are many reasons why I am committed to evangelism and why I do it with the energy and power that comes from HIM. It’s all because of Calvary and the clarity of the God-Call to follow Him. When I was 19, God called me out from heathenism to a life of holiness. I was born and raised in Hinduism and followed the religious teachings and practices of my ancestors. During that time, my Christian friends had a profound influence on me and brought me directly to Jesus Christ with the help and prayers of Nazarene missionaries who were sent to Guyana, South America. God did to me precisely what He said in Ezekiel:

“ I have called you out from among the heathen.... I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean. From all your idols will I cleanse you. A new heart will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you. I will take away your heart of stone and will give you a heart of flesh. And I will fill your spirit and cause you to walk in my precepts and keep my commandments” (Ezekiel 36:24-2).

After attending a Nazarene college, God called me to full-time Christian service. With the dedication and support of my family—a wonderful Godly wife and our three young children—we entered into the pastoral ministry. We experienced more than nine years of fruitful pastoral



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service and served 12 years in the office of district superintendent on the Guyana district in South America.

Then God enlarged my territory, He called me to full-time evangelism. For the past 10 years, I have traveled across the continental United States as well as the Hawaiian Islands, Canada and the Caribbean region, preaching Scriptural Holiness. I am committed to evangelism, because God still saves. “It is not His will that any should perish but that all may have everlasting life.” The greatest thrill and joy that comes to me is to see one sinner from “whatever walk of life” come to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior and to know the joy of sins forgiven. In one of my revivals, a man who was a third generation Jehovah’s Witness came to the altar and received Jesus Christ in a way he had never experienced Him before. Time and time again, I see drug addicts, prostitutes, drunks and others come and drink at the fountain of life and walk away changed forever.

But “How shall they call on Him of whom they have not believed; and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard; and how shall they hear except someone preach to them” (Romans 10:14). I am committed to the call of evangelism because God still sanctifies. The Holy Spirit categorically affirms the believer’s highest destiny in the Holy Scriptures:

“For God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto Holiness” (1 Thessalonians 4:7).

“As He who has called you is Holy, so be ye Holy in all in all manner of character and conduct” (1 Peter 1:15).

It is my personal conviction that the destined end of man is neither health nor happiness—but true holiness. This is our heritage to preserve and to promote. I am reminded of the words of Dr. Russell V. DeLong, “Holiness is theologically sound, theoretically reasonable, ethically imperative, sociologically necessary, biblically commanded, practically satisfying, and experientially—gloriously possible.”

I am committed to evangelism because God is still the miracle worker. I am aware the term “miracle” has been manipulated in such a way as to raise many questions and sometimes not bring glory to the name of Christ. But no one can deny the fact that God is a God of might and miracles!

He who caused the lame to walk—can do it again.
He who caused the blind to see—can do it again.
He who cleansed the lepers—can do it again.
He who multiplied the loaves and fish—can do it again.

The days of miracles are not confined to the days when Jesus walked the shores of Galilee. Time and space will not

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THE EVANGELIST: A BIBLICAL AND RELEVANT OFFICE

The office of the evangelist listed in Ephesians 4:11 is biblical and as ancient as the earliest Apostolic Church. This office came through a long and illustrious lineage beginning with the Apostle John who was also known as St. John the Evangelist. It continued with the Apostle Paul who was as much an itinerant evangelist as a missionary.

The line of evangelists persisted through John Wycliffe who in the 14th century sent his poor priests to preach from village to village in England. They were often bitterly opposed by church leaders as they preached from the scriptures that Wycliffe had translated and hand written for each of them. Incredibly courageous and revolutionary for that time, they read the scriptures in the English language to the poor masses. They greatly displeased the established church who wanted to keep the masses ignorant of God's Word. Dr. Dennis Kinlaw said their work proves the Holy Spirit recognizes the office of the Evangelist even when the church does not.

The lineage of the evangelist carried on through John Wesley himself. For years he rode horseback through England, preaching often five times a day. He was, if anything, an itinerant evangelist.

The lineage reached through Francis Asbury who, though titled a bishop, was, without a doubt, an itinerant evangelist. He traveled by horseback through dangers of the American wilderness frontier, reading his Greek New Testament by the light of his lonely campfire and preaching Christian Holiness all the way.

The Nazarene evangelist has descended from such noble pioneers

as Mary Lee Cagle, C.B. Jernigan and many others. Jernigan lived an uprooted life for years, traveling from town to town and organizing the Church of the Nazarene in seven states, which had not had churches of the Nazarene. The long lineage has continued through Allie and Emma Irick who raised their gospel tent in town after town. Behind this tent they placed a smaller tent in which they and their children lived. This dynamic team dotted the countryside with newly organized churches of the Nazarene. There are countless stories that show the pivotal role of the evangelist in Nazarene history. These stories are more than sentimental journeys into yesterday. They are at the heart of Nazarene history.

The times in which we now live call for creative, innovative methods of evangelism. It is good to see many new strategies for evangelism developed within our denomination as well as throughout the evangelical world. However, with all these improvements, there are some ministry roles that, while perhaps needing to be superficially changed, should remain essentially the same. One such order is the itinerant evangelist.

It is strange and puzzling to see the seemingly growing disdain for the evangelist. What are the root causes for this? I frankly suspect a subtle, collective inferiority complex. Previous generations of Nazarenes probably experienced this complex more than the present generation. But it seems to me we are still tainted with it. The origins of our denomination were largely humble. Socially and economically we were generally an "across the tracks" church, often meeting in storefronts, rented halls

and tattered tents. The Nazarene evangelist of the 21st century is perhaps the most distinct reminder of our past. Are we shying from revivals and the evangelists because our revivalistic roots embarrass us? Certainly, in the life of a healthy, maturing church, from time to time, some cultural and provincial practices and ways of thinking might need to be left behind, but the essence of our heritage must never be suppressed or denied. It should, indeed, be celebrated.

Can a church dismiss or discourage a biblical office while professing to live under the authority of Holy Scripture? A vital, spiritually hot church should be quick to recognize and encourage all who have a calling and gifts for full-time ministry. And some of these should be evangelists.

In the current cadre of Nazarene evangelists, young evangelists are conspicuously absent. Is this because the present environment of the denomination might appear to be adverse to the itinerant evangelist? Is the environment such that the best evangelists of our day have not entered the field of evangelism?

But let us not dwell primarily on problems. Our main focus should be on possibilities. I have a dream of a church so permeated with holy passion that a thousand evangelists

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**ADAMS, DAVID AND CHARLENE
ADAMS VOICE**

Feb 3-4, Camby, IN, Indpls District
Men's Retreat
Feb 5-8, Indianapolis, IN, Westside
Feb 12, Middletown, IN
Feb 24, Britt, IA, Zion
Feb 26, Des Moines, IA, First
Feb 26, Des Moines, IA, Eastside
Apr 2, Burlington, IA, First
Apr 23-26, Eureka, IL
Apr 29, Angola, IN
Apr 30, Angola, IN, Community

**ARMSTRONG, B. (T)
ARMSTRONG FAMILY MINISTRIES**

Feb 1-5, Arcadia, FL, First
Mar 1-5, Shaawmut, AL,
Chattahoochee Valley Zone Camp
Mar 7-12, Merigold, MS, Sunflower
Mar 21-26, Sherwood, AR, First
Mar 28-Apr 2, Conneaut, OH,
Kelloggsville
Apr 4-9, Meadville, PA, First
Apr 11-16, Montpelier, IN, Union
Chapel
Apr 19-23, York, NE, Life
Apr 25-30, Britt, IA, Zion

ARNOLD, DANIEL

Feb 17-19, Rogersville, MD, Harvest
Community
Feb 24-26, Brookfield, MO
Mar 3-8, Severy, KS
Mar 26-29, Council Bluffs, IA,
Emanuel
Apr 2-6, Cedar Rapids, IA, Oakland
Apr 28-29, Des Moines, IA, Iowa
District Men's Retreat
Apr 30-May 3, Newton, IA, New Life
Community

BELZER, DAVID

Apr 25-30, Lees Summit, MO, New
Beginnings

BENDER, TIMOTHY (T)

Apr 4-9, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis
South Irvington
Apr 11-16, Lucasville, OH, Candy Run
Wesleyan Tabernacle
Apr 18-23, Carnegie, OK

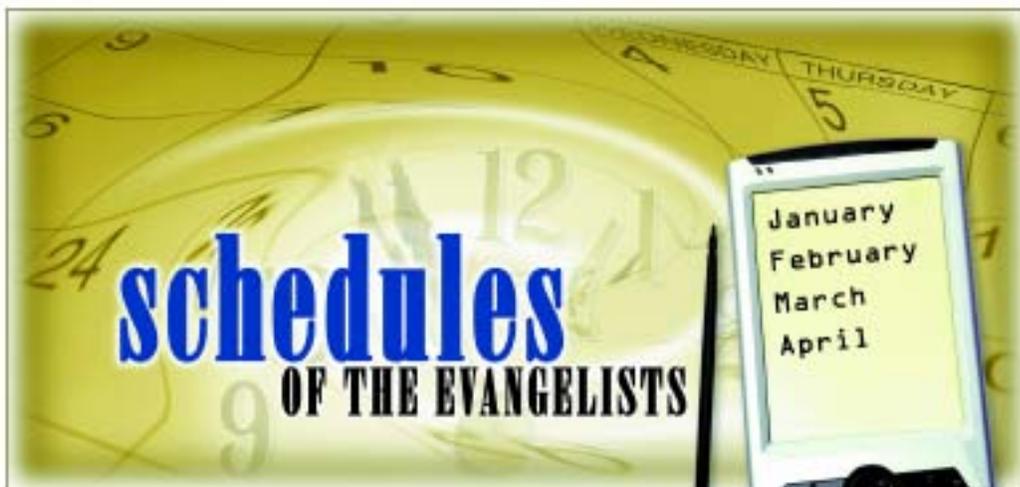
**BOLICH, JEREMIAH
CROSS STYLE INTERNAT. MIN.**

Feb 5-8, Portland, OR, First
Feb 12-15, Eugene, OR, First
Feb 19-22, Bend, OR
Feb 26-Mar 1, Portland, OR, Central
Mar 3-5, Hood River, OR
Mar 19-22, Woodward, OK
Mar 26-29, Marshfield, MO
Apr 2-5, Chandler, OK, First
Apr 9-12, Banner, MO,
Apr 23-26, Frankfort, IN, Wesleyan
First Church
Apr 30-May 3, Kewanee, IL, Grace

**BOND, GARY (T)
GARY BOND MINISTRIES**

Feb 2-5, North Fort Myers, FL,
Northside Comm.

(T) Tenured Evangelist is
recognized by the church as a
lifetime assignment. See
Manual 407.3



Feb 7-12, Biloxi, MS, Gulf Coast
Nazarene Indoor Camp
Feb 15, Orlando, FL, Metro West
Feb 16-28, Lakeland, FL, Lakeland
Holiness Camp
Mar 5-8, Sullivan, IN
Mar 12-15, Virginia Beach, VA,
Tidewater Central
Mar 19-22, Sistersville, WV
Mar 26-29, Grand Haven, MI
Apr 2-5, Warner Robins, GA, First
Apr 9-12, Archdale, NC
Apr 16-19, Mineola, TX
Apr 23-26, Fayette, OH
Apr 30-May 3, Columbus, IN, First

**CANEN, DAVID (T)
DAVID CANEN MINISTRIES, INC.**

Jan 31-Feb 5, Fountain, FL, United
Methodist
Feb 8-12, Orangeburg, SC, Memorial
Feb 21-26, Tullahoma, TN, Eastside
Mar 6-12, Middleport, OH, Indbor
Holiness Camp
Mar 19-22, Charleston, WV,
Southeast
Mar 26-29, Albany, GA, Grace
Mar 31-Apr 2, Warren, OH, Champion
Apr 9-12, Quincy, KY, Kentucky
Heights
Apr 4-9, East View, KY, Wesleyan
Apr 11-16, Swainsboro, GA, First
Apr 19-23, Greensboro, IN
Apr 26-30, Shirley, IN

CHAFFINS, BRYAN

Feb 5-26, Ironton, OH, Christian
Baptist Church
Apr 9-14, Huntington, WV, Kellogg
Holiness Church

**CHAPMAN, JAMES
BIG CHAP MINISTRIES**

Feb 24-26, Ava, MO, Ava Highway
Mar 6-9, Branson, MO, Joplin Dist.
Pastor/Wife Retreat
Mar 10-11, Carthage, MO, Joplin
District Youth Fest

**COVINGTON, NATHAN
LIFE MENDERS**

Jan 29-Feb 1, Anderson, IN, First
Feb 5-8, Fort Smith, AR, First
Feb 12-15, Vici, OK
Feb 19-22, Many, IA
Feb 26-Mar 1, Pittsburg, TX

Mar 5-8, Winchester, IN
Mar 12-19, Wheeler, WI, New Life
Mar 22-26, Menomonie, WI
Apr 2-5, Douglasville, GA, First
Apr 9-12, Searcy, AR
Apr 16-19, Tahlequah, OK
Apr 23-26, Three Rivers, MI

**CRABTREE, JAMES
THE VOICE OF EVANGELISM**

Apr 9-12, Arenzville, IL, Bethel
Community Church

**CUNDIFF, VICKIE
SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE**

Apr 7-9, Dayton, OH, Maryland Ave.

CURRY, J.

Mar 19-22, Clarence, MO
Mar 26-29, Griggsville, IL
Apr 7-8, Tishomingo, OK, SE
Oklahoma District Ladies Retreat

DABYDEEN, ROBERT (T)

Feb 4-8, Mannington, WV
Feb 11-15, Pelham, TN, Chapman's
Chapel
Feb 18-22, San Antonio, TX, First
Feb 25-Mar 1, Indianapolis, IN, South
Side
Mar 4-8, Salem, IL, Grace
Mar 11-14, Charleston, WV,
Southeast
Mar 18-22, Jamestown, TN, Pleasant
View
Mar 25-26, Greenville, SC, First
Apr 1-6, Chester, SC
Apr 9-12, Carthage, TN
Apr 16-19, Parkersburg, WV, First
Apr 22-26, Charleston, WV, First

DEGENKOLB, WILLIAM

Mar 10-11, Punxsutawney, PA, WGM
Keystone Cel-Pantel Hotel
Mar 25, Mt. Chestnut, PA, District
Senior Day-Nazarene Center
Apr 21, Lancaster, PA, District Senior
Day-Sight & Sound
Apr 26-30, Confluence, PA

DELL, JIMMY, JIMMY DELL MINS. (T)

Jan 29-Feb 1, Clovis, NM, First
Feb 5-8, Dover, TN, First
Feb 12-15, Louisville, KY, Nazarene
Zone Camp Meeting
Feb 26-Mar 1, La Junta, CO, First

Mar 12-15, Webster Groves, MO
Mar 18-22, Ottumwa, IA, Trinity
Apr 2-5, Harrison, OH
Apr 9-12, Lansing, MI, First
Apr 23-26, Carlsbad, NM, First
Apr 30-May 3, Reading, MI

**DODDS, LARRY
LARRY DODDS MINISTRIES, INC.**

Apr 30-May 3, Pittsfield, IL

**DONNERBERG, JOHN
JOHN DONNERBERG MINISTRIES**

Feb 1-5, Pampa, TX
Feb 8-11, Memphis, TN, Zone
Crusade
Feb 15-19, McAllen, TX
Feb 26-Mar 5, Sterling, IL, First
Mar 12-15, Dayton, OH, Beaver Creek
Mar 19-22, Selma, IN, Harris Chapel
Mar 26-29, West Chester, OH
Mar 30-Apr 2, Carey, OH, Ridge
Chapel
Apr 9-12, Choctaw, OK
Apr 16-19, Fort Morgan, CO, Morgan
Apr 23-26, Ada, OK
Apr 30-May 3, Hillsboro, TX

**DOWNING, ANN
ANN DOWNING MINISTRIES**

Apr 21-22, Schroom Lake, NY, Word
of Life Dist Ladies Retreat
Apr 28-30, Tulsa, OK, NW OK
Women's Retreat

ELLIS, PAUL, LIBERTY QUARTET

Feb 2, Lake Havasu City, AZ
Feb 3, Apache Junction, AZ, Rock
Shadows RV Resort
Feb 4, Sun City, AZ, Paradise RV
Resort
Feb 5, Apache Junction, AZ,
Community Christian Church
Feb 5, Surprise, AZ, Palm Vista
Baptist
Feb 7, Surprise, AZ, Sunflower RV
Resort
Feb 7, Phoenix, AZ, Arizona
Community Church Sr's
Feb 8, Phoenix, AZ, Hillside Baptist
Church
Feb 9, Tempe, AZ, Grace Community
XYZ Sr's
Feb 10, Tucson, AZ, Pantano
Christian/Christ's Comm.
Feb 11, Sierra Vista, AZ

Feb 12, Tucson, AZ, Oro Valley
Feb 17, Yuma, AZ, Grace Bible Fellowship
Feb 18, Fountain Hills, AZ, First Baptist
Feb 19, Tempe, AZ
Feb 19, Prescott, AZ, First Baptist Church
Feb 22, Boise, ID, First

FLINT, ROBERT
LIFE THROUGH THE WORD MINS.

Feb 5-26, Milford Center, OH, Trinity Chapel
Mar 6-17, Findlay, OH, Winebrenner Seminary
Apr 5-9, Carey, OH, Ridge Chapel
Apr 23-26, Fredericktown, OH

GALLIMORE, DAVID, DAVID GALLIMORE INTERNAT. MINS., INC.

Feb 2-12, Avon Park, FL, Avon Park Holiness Camp
Feb 19-22, Alma, GA, First
Feb 26-Mar 1, Alapaha, GA, Glory United Methodist Church
Mar 5-8, Indianapolis, IN, Southwest
Mar 12-19, Wrightsville, GA
Mar 22-26, Beckley, WV, Wesleyan Chapel
Mar 29-Apr 2, Roanoke, VA, Calvary Tabernacle
Apr 23-26, Parkersburg, WV, Calvary Memorial Church

GESSNER, DON AND SHIRL
GESSNER MUSIC MINISTRIES

Feb 1-Apr 30, Indianapolis, IN, Grace Pointe Evangelism Focus

GRAY, BOB AND BECKY GRAY
SINGING UNTO THE LORD

Feb 10-12, Shelbyville, TN
Mar 5-8, Winchester, IN
Apr 9-12, Carthage, TN
Apr 19-23, Beattyville, KY, Kentucky Bluegrass Zone Revival
Apr 28-30, Louisville, KY, Farmdale

GREENWAY, KENNETH
GREENWAY MINISTRIES

Jan 29-Feb 1, Garner, NC, Raleigh First
Feb 5-8, Belmont, NC, Grace Wesleyan
Feb 12-15, High Point, NC, Covenant Life
Feb 19-24, Alma, GA, Coffeeville Wesleyan
Feb 26-Mar 1, Gloster, MS, Woodland U M C
Mar 5-8, Nancy, KY, Naomi
Mar 12-16, Spartanburg, SC, First Wesleyan
Mar 19-22, Prescott, AZ, First
Mar 23-30, Houston, MS, Pearson Chapel
Apr 2-5, Troy, NC, Calicutt Wesleyan
Apr 6-9, Greensboro, NC, White Rock
Apr 16-21, Bridgewater, VA, Spring Creek
Apr 23-26, Hillsborough, NC, Wesleyan

HAINES, GARY (T)
GARY HAINES EVANG. ASSOC., INC.

Feb 19-22, Topeka, KS, Lakeview
Mar 5-8, Marietta, OH, First
Mar 26-29, Lincoln, NE, First
Apr 9-12, Roseville, MI, Metropolitan
Apr 23-26, Homer City, PA

HANCOCK, TIMOTHY (T)

Feb 5-8, Mattoon, IL, East Side
Feb 15-15, Freeport, IL
Feb 19-22, Selinsgrove, PA
Mar 5-8, Cleveland, MS, First
Mar 12-15, Jasper, IN
Mar 19-22, Wilmington, OH
Mar 26-29, Paulding, OH
Mar 31-1, Fredricktown, MD, Missouri District Men's Retreat
Apr 2-5, Fremont, OH
Apr 23-26, Beckley, WV, First
Apr 30-May 3, Xenia, OH

HAZLETT, GEORGE

Feb 5-April 26, Clinton, OH

HERMIZ, THOMAS
TOM HERMIZ MINISTRIES

Feb 12-18, Nashville, TN, Grace
Feb 19-22, Pataskala, OH
Feb 26-Mar 1, Yukon, OK, First
Mar 5-8, Bluffton, IN
Mar 12-15, Flora, IL
Mar 19-22, Indianapolis, IN, Southport
Mar 26-29, Sikeston, MO, First
Apr 9-12, Manteno, IL
Apr 19-21, Mount Vernon, OH, Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Apr 23-26, Brockville, PA, Calvary
Apr 30-May 4, Kansas City, KS, Victory Hills

HICKS, JOHN DAVID
FAITH ENCOUNTER, INC.

Jan 29-Feb 1, Prineville, OR
Feb 5-8, Oak Harbor, WA
Feb 12-15, Ephrata, WA
Feb 26-Mar 1, Oak Harbor, WA
Mar 5-8, Springfield, IL, First
Mar 19-22, Hurst, TX
Mar 26-29, Kirkland, WA
Apr 2-5, Okanogan, WA, Okanogan Valley
Apr 9-12, Canon City, CO, Lincoln Park
Apr 23-26, Twentynine Palms, CA
Apr 30-May 3, Mt. Vernon, MO, Covenant Baptist Church

HUDDLESTON, BILLY
BILLY HUDDLESTON MINISTRIES

Feb 5-8, Fitzgerald, GA
Feb 12-15, Royalton, IL, First
Feb 19-22, Windham, OH
Mar 5-8, Brazil, IN, First
Mar 12-15, Seymour, IN
Mar 19-22, Fairborn, OH, Rona Missionary Church
Mar 26-29, Lancaster, OH, Gloryland
Apr 2-5, Rogers, AR, New Hope
Apr 9-12, Reynoldsburg, OH
Apr 16-19, Cincinnati, OH, Fellowship Tabernacle
Apr 23-26, Logan, OH
Apr 30-May 3, Hurricane, WV, First

JOHNSON, CAROLYN
A FIRM FOUNDATION

Feb 17-19, Vancouver, WA, Washington Pacific District
Feb 25-27, Bend, OR, Baptist Church
Mar 3-19, Forest Home, CA, Forest Home Conference Center
Mar 31-Apr 2, Fort Worth, TX
Apr 22, Orange, CA, Anaheim

KEARCE, DARLA
CROSSSTYLE KIDS

Feb 1-5, Sparks, NV, First
Feb 10-12, Eagle, ID

LEAGUE, PAUL
LEAGUE EVANG. MINISTRIES

Feb 5-8, Kearney, NE
Mar 12-15, Wichita, KS, Trinity
Mar 19-22, Wichita, KS, Eastridge
Apr 2-5, Cheyenne, WY, Grace
Apr 9-12, Cheyenne, WY, First
Apr 16-19, Laramie, WY
Apr 23-26, Palelo, MT
Apr 30-May 3, Victor, MT

LECKRONE, LARRY (T)
LECKRONE MINISTRIES, INC.

Jan 28-Feb 1, Bradenton, FL, Bayshore
Feb 12-15, Leesburg, FL
Feb 12-15, Cass City, MI, Thumb Zone Nazarene Revival
Feb 18-22, Port Charlotte, FL
Apr 26-Mar 1, Lake Placid, FL
Mar 4-8, West Palm Beach, FL, First
Mar 18-22, Fayetteville, NC
Mar 25-29, Charlotte, NC, Calvary
Apr 1-5, Lebanon, TN, First
Apr 8-12, Brownstown, IN
Apr 15-19, Covington, IN
Apr 22-26, Kankakee, IL, Limestone
Apr 29-May 3, Oak Hill, WV

LEIDY, ARNOLD
UPWARD CALL MINISTRIES, INC.

Feb 15-19, Marianna, FL
Feb 22-26, Live Oak, FL, First
Mar 5, Dothan, AL, Dothan First
Mar 19-20, Dalton, GA, Grace
Mar 22-26, Rome, GA, First
Mar 30-Apr 2, Hamilton, OH, Millville Avenue

LEWIS, CHRISTOPHER
CHRIS LEWIS MINISTRIES

Feb 5-12, Atwater, CA
Feb 17-24, Fresno, CA, Central Calif.
Feb 26-Mar 1, Lemoore, CA
Mar 5-8, Myrtle Point, OR
Mar 12-15, Dinuba, CA
Mar 19-22, Coalinga, CA
Mar 29-Apr 2, Modesto, CA, Eastridge Community
Apr 9-12, Missoula, MT
Apr 16-19, Butte, MT
Apr 23-26, Wimmer, SD
Apr 28, Butte, MT, Fundraiser for SEED International

LIVERSAGE, JERRY
JERRY LIVERSAGE MINS., INC.

Mar 12-15, Roseville, OH
Mar 22-26, Anadarko, OK

LOMAN, LANE, LOMAN MINS. (T)

Feb 5-8, Columbiana, AL
Feb 12-15, Portsmouth, VA
Feb 19-22, West Columbia, SC, First
Feb 26-Mar 1, Greensboro, NC, Southeast
Mar 5-8, Sheffield, AL, First
Mar 12-15, Bowling Green, OH
Mar 19-22, Sharpsburg, GA, First
Mar 26-29, Des Moines, IA, Eastside
Apr 2-5, Mexico, MO
Apr 9-12, Fairmont, WV, First
Apr 16-19, Beckley, WV, First
Apr 23-26, Parsons, KS
Apr 30-May 3, Mt. Airy, NC, Wesleyan

MANLEY, STEPHEN, SMEA (T)

Feb 1-6, Sparks, NV, First
Feb 11-13, Indianapolis, IN, Grace Pointe
Feb 16-26, Lakeland, FL, Florida Holiness Camp

MCKENZIE, ROBERT
RLM MINISTRIES

Feb 26-Mar 2, Rockledge, GA, Wilkes
Mar 5-8, Lancaster, KY
Mar 12-15, Little Rock, AR, First
Mar 19-22, Glens Fork, KY
Mar 26-29, Scottsville, KY
Mar 31-Apr 2, East Point, GA
Apr 16-19, Campbellsville, KY

MILLER, C., C. WESLEY MINISTRIES

Feb 26-Mar 1, Lawton, OK, Lawton Heights

MILLHUFF, CHARLES (T)
MILLHUFF MINISTRIES

Feb 15-19, Seymour, IN, Peter's Switch
Feb 21-27, Kansas City, MO, General Board Meeting-Ch of the Naz
Mar 2, Katy, TX, Westside
Mar 8-12, Fort Walton Beach, FL
Mar 15-19, Jamestown, KY
Apr 25-30, New Boston, OH, First

MITCHELL, ROYCE
LIBERTY QUARTET

Feb 2, Lake Havasu City, AZ
Feb 3, Apache Junction, AZ, Rock Shadows RV Resort
Feb 4, Sun City, AZ, Paradise RV Resort
Feb 5, Apache Junction, AZ, Community Christian Church
Feb 5, Surprise, AZ, Palm Vista Baptist
Feb 7, Surprise, AZ, Sunflower RV Resort
Feb 7, Phoenix, AZ, Arizona Community Church Sr's
Feb 8, Phoenix, AZ, Hillside Baptist Church
Feb 9, Tempe, AZ, Grace Community XYZ Sr's
Feb 10, Tucson, AZ, Pantano Christian/Christ's Comm.
Feb 11, Sierra Vista, AZ
Feb 12, Tucson, AZ, Oro Valley
Feb 17, Yuma, AZ, Grace Bible Fellowship
Feb 18, Fountain Hills, AZ, First Baptist Church
Feb 19, Tempe, AZ
Feb 19, Prescott, AZ, First Baptist Church
Feb 22, Boise, ID, First

MOORE, NORMAN (T)
NORMAN MOORE MINISTRIES

Jan 29-Feb 1, Peoria, AZ
Feb 17-19, Fresno, CA
Feb 22-26, Tulsa, OK
Mar 5-8, Elkhart, IN, Northside
Mar 12-15, Englewood, CO, First
Mar 19-22, Vienna, WV, River Valley Community
Apr 9-12, Waynesburg, PA
Apr 23-26, Dublin, GA, First
Apr 30-May 3, Capitan, NM, Angus

MUNCIE, E., BOB AND JANE MUNCIE

Feb 4, Pasadena, TX, First
Feb 12-15, Vidler, TX
Feb 19-22, Henderson, TX
Mar 5-9, Dana, IN
Mar 12-16, Darville, IL, Cedar Grove
Apr 2-5, Dunkirk, IN

NAJARIAN, BERGE

Apr 22-23, Columbiana, AL

NICHOLAS, CLAUDE
RENEWING LOVE MINISTRIES

Mar 5-8, Franklin, OH, First
Mar 12-15, Dayton, OH, Vandalia
Mar 19-22, Troy, OH, First
Apr 2-5, Reynoldsburg, OH
Apr 9-12, Memphis, TN, Grace
Apr 19-23, Red River, KY
Apr 30-May 3, Ironton, OH, First

PERDUE, DR. NELSON (T)
PERDUE MINISTRIES

Feb 5-8, Havana, IL
Feb 12-14, Springfield, OH, First
Feb 16-19, Richmond, IN, First
Feb 22-26, Ironton, OH, Faith United
Mar 1-5, Jackson, OH
Mar 8-12, Churubusco, IN
Mar 15-19, Virginia Beach, VA,
Tidewater Central
Mar 22-26, Mount Sterling, OH
Mar 30-Apr 2, Murphysboro, IL
Apr 5-9, North Royalton, OH, State
Road Community
Apr 19-23, Gallipolis, OH, First

PETTIT, BENJAMIN AND AMANDA
ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES

Jan 29-Feb 1, Meridian, MS, First
Feb 3-5, Olive Branch, MS, Cross
CommUnity
Feb 10-12, DeRidder, LA
Mar 28-Apr 2, Great Cacapon, WV,
Wesleyan Chapel
Apr 4-9, Elkton, KY
Apr 11-16, Benton, KY
Apr 20-23, San Diego, CA, Wesleyan
Holiness Women's Clergy

PETTIT, ELAINE (T)
ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES

Feb 5-8, Holt, MI
Feb 19-22, Wichita Falls, TX, Univ Park
Feb 26-Mar 1, South Point, OH
Mar 5-8, Galeon, OH
Mar 9-12, Willard, OH
Mar 15-19, Cinn., OH, Montana Ave.
Mar 25, Richmond, VA, Wedding-
Chris. Pettit/Sara Lemmon
Apr 2-5, Saint Joseph, MI
Apr 9-12, Oklahoma City, OK, Western
Oaks
Apr 16-19, Owensboro, KY, Calvary
Wesleyan
Apr 20-23, San Diego, CA, Wesleyan
Holiness Women's Clergy
Apr 30-May 3, Ludington, MI

PHELPS, PHILLIP
PHILLIP PHELPS MINISTRIES

Mar 12-15, Many, IA

PICKLE, ROBERT
SET FREE MINISTRIES, INC.

Mar 26-29, Peoria, IL, First
Apr 2-5, Bloomington, IN, Zion Comm.

RAEBURN, STEPHEN AND JANET
RED NOSE MINISTRIES

Jan 29-Feb 2, Zephyrhills, FL
Feb 19-22, Orlando, FL, Metro West
Feb 27-Mar 2, Kansas City, MO, INCM
Children's Pastors' Conference

REED, SHERMAN
LIVING TRUTH MINISTRIES

Feb 5-8, Washington, DC, ROA
Feb 18-Mar 13, Honolulu, HI, Hawaii-
Pacific District Revival
Mar 14-16, Flemingsburg, KY, East TN
Prayer Retreat

Apr 7-10, Lakeland, FL, Holiness
Camp

Apr 18-23, Smithfield, IL
Apr 24-27, Charlotte, NC, Billy Graham
Evangelism Conference

ROTH, RONALD
RON ROTH MINISTRIES

Feb 17-19, Marksville, LA
Apr 16-20, Spencer, WV
Apr 23-26, Weirton, WV, First
Apr 27-30, Marlinton, WV, First

SCUTT, M.

Apr 26-30, Mannington, WV

SELF, ERWIN, WINONA MINISTRIES

Feb 1-Mar 31, Lakeland, FL, Florida
Holiness Camp

SHERWOOD, W.,
WESHERWOOD MINISTRIES

Apr 4-9, Cornersville, IN, First

SMITH, DUANE (T)
DUANE SMITH MINISTRIES, INC.

Feb 15-19, Claxton, GA, Bellville Trinity
Feb 22-26, Moultrie, GA, First
Mar 1-5, Macon, GA, Trinity
Mar 8-12, Wrightsville, GA
Mar 15-19, Augusta, GA, First
Mar 22-26, Lexington, KY, Lafayette
Apr 5-9, Plainfield, IN, United
Community
Apr 19-23, Anna, IL, First
Apr 26-30, Columbia, MD, First

SPEARS, DANNY, VISUAL MINS.
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Feb 13-19, Haywood, OK, Arpelar
Mar 22-26, Clinton, IL, First

THARP, JAMES
CHRISTIAN RENEWAL MINISTRIES

Mar 19-22, Harrisburg, PA, Bethany
Apr 23-26, Portland, IN

ULMET, WILLIAM, ULMET MINS. (T)

Jan 31-Feb 5, Cascilla, MS,
Rosebloom
Feb 19-22, Waterloo, IA, Crossroads
Community
Mar 5-8, Yukon, OK, First
Mar 12-15, Stuart, OK, Friendship
Mar 22-26, Temple, TX, First
Apr 2-4, Evansville, IN, New Life
Apr 4-9, Williamsburg, IN
Apr 9-12, Redkey, IN
Apr 18-23, Terre Haute, IN, South Side
Apr 26-30, Newell, WV, Glendale

WHITWORTH, MARCUS

Feb 24-26, Colcord, OK, Joplin District
Singles Retreat
Mar 5-8, Farmington, MO
Mar 12-15, Pittsburg, KS
Mar 19-22, Paducah, KY
Mar 26-29, Council Bluffs, IA, Emanuel
Apr 9-12, Crowley, IA, First
Apr 19-21, Jackson, MS, Missionary
Conv. and Dist. Assembly
Apr 28-29, Des Moines, IA, District
Men's Retreat

WILLITS, ERIK
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Mar 3-5, Pekin, IL, First

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Revival Fires

unusual breakthroughs of the Holy Spirit in our churches!

We Help Save Lives

by Adam's Voice

(David and Charlene Adams and Jeremy Fox, New Castle, Indiana)

The bright Texas sun set the stage as a prelude to the moving of the Holy Spirit. For us, the stage is our workplace. Our names are not dignified by significant acronyms that would denote an ability to save a life; however, we feel our calling is just that.

Every concert, every service is more than just about making music. It is about using music. With its hypnotic patterns and melodies, music has the ability to reach somewhere deep in the crevices of our divine design.

Recently while in Texas, we experienced the omnipresent power of the Holy Spirit. A couple of weeks prior to our visit, death's choke seized our time. Under the drab blue open-sided tent we sat. Everyone had left except the funeral director, clergy and the bewildered mommy and daddy of our three-year-old friend, Gabi. Her death was tragic and sudden. The petite, white basket-like casket seemed too beautiful to cover under the darkness of the earth. We knelt on the ground behind the couple and grasped for every word of comfort that had ever been given us.

"...the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows." 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (NIV)

Two weeks had passed. So on our way to Texas, we called the family to reassure them of our prayers and thoughts. We left the message that the Texas concert could be seen live via Internet if they wished to join in. On concert night, we shared testimony and scripture of faith, hope, comfort and the peace of God that sustains and can lead to a place of "new normals". Jeremy spoke before the song "Hit Me With The Rain," referencing Isaiah 59:19 (KJV), "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." He highlighted the importance of our positioning in relation to God's shield of protection.

To preface "Grace Wrapped Around Me," David reminded us of how Paul, in 2 Corinthians, through his suffering and weakness, discovered the sufficiency of God's grace.

"Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12:8-10



Has God been working in an unusual way in your church or camp meeting?

We encourage you to submit written accounts.

Charlene shared the story of losing her sister in the tragic van accident with Olivet's Orpheus Choir ('90). For the first time in several years, she was compelled to share the very first song the Lord gave her, "Greatest Physician," a song birthed from tragedy. She testified how through prayer, God released the weight in her heart and healed her emotions and mind.

"The righteous cry out and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all." Psalm 34:17 & 18

It was through devastating pain and darkness that He literally gave her a song. That Sunday night in Texas, God's spirit saturated our praise and flooded that place with power.

Often people will share how a song or scripture was ordained for them; this night, there were four. First, one man, through heavy tears, told how cancer had stolen the last year of his wife's life. He had been a pastor for several years in West Virginia. Since her death, he had moved to Texas to be close to his daughter. He testified to God's healing power and how God reassured him of His unmerited favor and love. Next, a woman shared how she had lost her job. She was planning to move to Florida the next day to live with her son. She said every song, from beginning to end, was ordained for her. God had affirmed to her His guidance and presence in her life. Another told us that prior to attending the service, she and her husband spent the afternoon at her niece's house holding and saying goodbye to a four-week-old infant who had just passed away. She commented that God's comfort covered her that night.

We packed up and headed for Kentucky. Late Monday evening, our cell phone rang and it was Gabi's mommy. Through tears, she told how she and her husband sat in the stillness of their home and tuned into the service across the miles. She said the message in the music had given them enough strength to begin reaching for hope.

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power, His understanding has no limit." Psalm 147:3-5

Sitting in our green van, now showing signs of the miles, we were reminded that every mile is worth the wear. There are lives teetering on the brink of devastation. There are souls so calloused that they have convinced themselves they're somehow "good enough." When our names are announced from the stage, God reminds us that He has called us. You see, every stage is a job for us. We have to let go, open up, focus in and prepare to enter the Holy of Holies.

A suffering heart, left untouched, can lead to spiritual ruin. Let us be wise in our counsel, to introduce Christ to the lost as well as to shepherd the sheep and lift the fallen.

What do you do for a living?

Us...we help save lives! 

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permit me to tell of all the miracles I have witnessed in the life of my family and in the ministry.

I am committed to evangelism because God is still in the revival business. Revival is not a phenomenon of the past! Isaiah 57:15 says, "I who dwell in the high and holy place, I will revive the hearts of the humble and the hearts of the contrite ones."

I believe in true Holy Ghost revival. Revival that will bring back to life that which is dead. Revival that will restore—to a healthy vigorous and flourishing condition—churches that are cold and lethargic. Revival that will eliminate all of the frivolous contentions within the body of Christ. Revival that will exalt the name of Christ and set the church in pursuit of SOULS. 

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would not be enough to meet the requirements of a resurging spirit of revival. I dream of an environment where, in addition to a thousand evangelists, hundreds of pastors will be needed to leave their pastorate for at least twice a year to preach revival campaigns. Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, a distinguished scholar and a United Methodist minister, has inspired me with his breathtaking vision for the Church of the Nazarene. He sees our denomination as blessed to have such a large number of evangelists. He believes we have great potential for modeling the role of the evangelist for the Christian community beyond our denomination. He thinks we could set an example in this respect that could bring blessing and renewal to our churches and many other denominations. What a thrilling concept!

As in every other generation of Christians, the present generation of Nazarenes has the awesome privilege to carry out God's mission on earth. We may be facing an opportunity for evangelism of unequalled magnitude in the history of our denomination. If so, may we, in the power of the Holy Spirit, eagerly rise to meet this challenge. 

MY CAREER AS A THEOLOGIAN BEGAN IN REVIVAL

by Rob L. Staples

My ministry of 43 years (eight years as a pastor and 35 years as a college and seminary professor) began in revival. Actually it began before my birth, when my maternal grandparents, along with several others, were sanctified in a brush arbor revival in western Kentucky in 1920. Those folks began to rejoice in their new “heart felt” salvation, and they were consequently made to feel unwelcome in their churches.

They met together in homes for a few months, and then my grandfather felt led to donate some land at the corner of his farm, in a grove of locust trees, on which to build a holiness church. As he told my grandmother what he planned to do, he said, “Someday I will have a grandson in the ministry.” That was nine years before I was born, but out of several grandchildren I am the only one whose life has been spent in full-time ministry. Of course I knew nothing about my grandfather’s prediction until after I had settled my call during a revival while I was a student at Trevecca Nazarene College. One weekend when I was home, my grandmother told me the story saying, “For some time now I have thought you would be the one to fulfill your grandfather’s prophecy.”

It was in that church, the Locust Grove Church of the Nazarene, where at age 11 *in a revival* I accepted Christ as personal savior. Two years later, *in another revival* in that church, I responded to the message of sanctification and consecrated my all to God.

Then in the above-mentioned *revival* during my college years, in which Dr. Mendell Taylor was the preacher, I accepted God’s call to give myself to full-

time ministry. So my Christian life and ministry were shaped by revival.

That rural church in western Kentucky had a fruitful ministry for more than 70 years, but as most of the young people moved away and the older folks passed away, the church had to be closed. But I will always be thankful for that church and for my grandfather’s vision. That church was born in a revival and in a revival in that church I was “born again.”

My own gifts were never in Evangelism. God knows what He is doing when He calls us. After eight enjoyable years as a pastor in California, and after doing graduate studies, I found my true niche as a professor of theology—13 years at Southern Nazarene University and 22 years at Nazarene Theological Seminary. At the latter institution it was a joy to be a colleague of Dr. Mendell Taylor until his retirement, for it was his preaching that first drove home to my heart the realization that God wanted me in full-time ministry.

I never would have made an effective evangelist. But I know that were it not for revivals and evangelists who were able to speak to my soul’s hunger, the teaching career that has been so fulfilling to me would probably never have happened. 



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SOUND FROM HEAVEN

by Stephen Manley

The proclamation of truth has always been one of God's highest priorities. Every major encounter of God with man has always been communication. On Mount Sinai the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words were so powerful, those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore (Hebrews 12:19). It was the communication of the righteousness of God through the law. The communication of the heart of God strengthened, as He became flesh. He was called "The Word" (John 1:1).

The great "indwelling of God within man" was no different. It was the introduction of the fullness of the new covenant described as: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts (Jeremiah 31:33). This was communication on a new and higher level. Luke describes the Pentecost event as: And suddenly there came a sound from heaven (Acts 2:2.) Everyone heard them speak in his own language (Acts 2:6) was Luke's explanation of the effect of the sound. There is a consistent connection between being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in boldness (Acts 1:8, 2:4, 2:33, 4:8 and 4:31).

The proclamation of the truth was and is engrained in my personal call to Evangelism. I quickly became aware this encompasses more than preaching and singing. I have a personal interaction with God who wants to say something in and through me! The Greek word used for the sound of Pentecost is "eechos." My life is to be the echo of the communication of God. This means I do not produce the sound. I do not mimic or imitate the communication. I am a megaphone through which His voice flows. I do not attempt to be like Him, but I allow Him to be who He is in and through me. This is Evangelism in its full and complete calling. 



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partner with churches and colleges to share the heart of this ministry to which God is still calling young people—to which God is calling me. What better way to encourage and continue the call of the evangelist than for an evangelist to share the heart of this ministry and calling.

I remember when I was first called into the ministry and was trying to figure out my place and role in life. A young evangelist came to my hometown preaching and encouraging my church to follow Jesus. I remember watching and listening intently to him, thinking that maybe this ministry was what God would have me to do also. It was during those services with that evangelist that I heard God answering, "Yes, I want you to travel and preach my words to my people. I want you to be an evangelist."

Then in college an evangelist came and spoke to one of my classes, Fundamentals of Christian Ministry. I remember the stirring I felt in my heart as I heard this evangelist talk about what it meant to fulfill the calling God had placed on his life. It was through men and women like these that the call to be an evangelist was placed so clearly on my life and confirmed time and time again. I want to partner with the churches and colleges that are supported by the Church, and continue to direct and encourage young evangelists in the same ways I was encouraged and directed.

So I come back to the real question. Not, "Is God calling young evangelists"—I think lives like mine are more than proof of that—but rather, "Where will the young evangelists serve?" I think the answer is clear. We will serve in partnership with churches to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and encourage each other to be revolutionary followers of Jesus.

As an evangelist I am excited and encouraged for the days ahead. Excited about those Jesus-fires we all remember so well continuing to blaze out of control in our churches and in our lives because we are partnering together to ignite them and to ignite the entire world with the fire of Jesus Christ! 



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While preaching a year or two later at the North Dakota District Camp Meeting with General Superintendent Dr. Hardy C. Powers—who had ordained me after my first year at NTS—I came to know his wife. For some reason she took a liking to me and became my agent at large. No one person did more for my early ministry than Mrs. Powers, a quiet little lady who carried a lot of influence that sure helped me.

Dr. Lawler was my hero and as the Secretary of Evangelism was the one to whom I most related. My neck burns as I remember some of the corrections he gave me. He had a way of making himself clear. Yet he cheered me on over and over.

Jim Bohi, the man I consider to be the greatest revival-time singer we have ever produced, gave me invaluable advice, having worked with the very best. We worked as a

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team and held more than 250 revivals together over much of the world.

I could list so many other names, but these were the ones who got me started.

I can well remember walking down the gravel drive from our little yellow Cape Cod house with the black shutters in Mission, Kansas, to the road and the mailbox, praying for a letter with a request for a revival. In those days, it was the Wednesday over two Sunday variety and weeks away from home traveling on the train and bus. My leaving Jeanne and the children in the big Kansas City Union Station was overwhelming for Jeanne. One night at First Church, she went to the altar to pray about her commitment. Helen Temple, the writer of so many missionary books, prayed with her. I do not know just what she said to Jeanne, but God touched my wife's heart and it has never been the same for all of these now 45 years.

All these people made the difference. There are young and talented evangelists out there who desperately need our help. The goal of this issue of *Evangelists' Perspective* is to point out a few of them. Please give them a chance. God has called them as much as He called me. They are stunning in their ability and passion. As David took care of the prophets in the cave while King Saul was seeking to kill them, we must do the same.

To the young evangelist I will say that I have been put into this position by The Board of General Superintendents to vitalize revivalism in the Church of the Nazarene. Preaching the gospel of full salvation is our privilege and delight. Dr. Nees, our director, has a very rich heritage of evangelists in his family as well, and he loves the work we do. He could not be more helpful. As a church, historically, evangelism is in our very DNA. There will be new methods, but God still calls very special people for this very special work. 

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