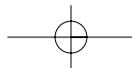


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from the editor



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CHRIST, OUR ALTAR

While out in New Jersey two summers ago, Jeanne and I visited the great Ocean Grove Tabernacle. The tabernacle was built and used during the raging days of the American Holiness Movement in the mid-1800s. The sign on the road pointed us to the Great Auditorium. We stood in that 15,000-seat tabernacle and marveled at what must have gone on there 100 years ago.

The stage, as they call it now, had been remodeled a few years ago, and as they tore the boards away, they saw this ornate carved banister encircling the front of what had formerly been the platform. With a bit of inquiry, an old-timer told them it was the altar where people used to come forward to repent. The renovators have since left it uncovered and preserved its original beauty. Moved by its significance, we knelt at it as if we were kneeling at a place of sacred beginnings in America. There are two huge signs on both sides of the platform back wall: HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD is on one side, and on the other side is BE YE HOLY, with light bulbs in the letters so the messages really stand out.

Let me go back a few years to a time when I was so very young, stranded and hopeless. I stood next to my father on the front row of the huge Chicago First Church of the Nazarene. My heart had been stabbed as if by an ice pick. I felt a pain running all through my little five-year-old body that I knew would only be fixed by going up there to the altar. But the altar was so far away, so I just turned and knelt at the curved oak pew and screwed my tight little fists into my eyes streaming with tears. Soon my Dad noticed me and took in what was happening. He placed his hand on my head and knelt beside me. Dr. L.A. Reed, our pastor, actually came and prayed with me as well. Soon my few sins were confessed and as they said in those days, "Jesus came into my heart." I have never gotten over it. That was my first personal experience with the altar, and it was profound. It was a milestone moment of commitment for me.

The altar in the God-man relationship has changed shapes and forms as His relationship with us has developed from Cain and Abel to the present. It was a ring of stones that maintained a fire for the burning of a sacrifice of meat. This altar evolved into a gold-laden box called

I Had to SURRENDER

by Don Gardner

My heart hammered against my ribs as I stood trembling, weak-kneed, head bowed. Holding on, white knuckled, to the back of the pew in front of me, a battle was raging in my heart. Convicting waves of sorrow and contrition swept over me. My chest ached, throat constricted with shuddering sobs. There was no doubt in my mind. I HAD to surrender! God! Help me! I want you more than anything!

“Step out!” I heard, “take that first step.”

I can’t! My best friend is here. He might see me.

“Come unto me....”

The conviction strengthened until I thought my heart would stop beating. Suddenly, it no longer mattered to me what my friend thought. Only what God thought mattered. His compassion enfolded me and overwhelmed me. I must repent! Peace with God was the only thing that would do. I stepped out into the aisle, tears flowing and made my way to the front. I knelt at the altar and wept my confession into the ear of God, surrendering to His great love. His all-consuming love and peace settled in my troubled soul. At that very moment God’s saving grace cleansed my soul. I was a new creation. Great, unspeakable joy washed over me. New tears fell—tears of joy and praise. Victory! And I rejoiced with new-found life, a new beginning. All things were new!

Thus, I found the Lord at an old-fashioned altar, in a small town in Midwestern America. There are some who now are saying the altar is just an old-fashioned piece of furniture, just a symbol of what used to be. Some say it is no longer politically correct to call people to an altar of prayer in a public setting. It causes too much embarrassment. I am incredulous when I hear it. The altar! What better place to deal with eternity? What will happen to the church if the altar is removed from the sanctuary? What will happen to the people of God? The altar was God’s idea!

Biblically, the altar is a place of sacrifice. Noah built an altar and offered a burnt sacrifice to the Lord. God told Jacob to go to Bethel and build an altar. In public view, Elijah built an altar to God, and God wrought the great victory over the prophets of Baal by sending fire to consume the sacrifice. The whole nation of Israel turned back to God. Sacrifice on the altar in the tabernacle, and later in the temple, for the remission of sin was a corporate and public event—not something to be done in private without public commitment. Strength comes from making a public commitment. Strength to stand firm on that commitment is empowered by the corporate body of the church, the priesthood of the saints. If we make a public claim to Christ, we are more apt keep it. In the Old Testament, repentance was a public event not something to be hidden. The altar was a place of remission of sin, a place to find forgiveness. God’s people were called to an altar of repentance annually. The Israelites brought their sacrificial animals to an altar, to be sacrificed for their sins. The blood of the sacrifice was efficacious for the forgiveness of sin. It was Jesus’ selfless and final sacrifice on the altar of the cross that makes our salvation possible, the shedding of His blood for the remission of sin. Our sin. My sin.

The altar is a place of repentance. The mourner’s bench. A place of cleansing and purification! Isaiah saw the Lord, high and lifted up, the train of His robe filling the whole temple. The seraphim stood above Him, calling to one another, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory, and the foundations of the temple trembled. Isaiah cried out, “Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips.” One of the seraphim flew to him with a live coal and touched his lips, purifying him and said, “Your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is purged.”



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REVIVALISM FUND

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Small Churches Need Your Help!

THE REVIVALISM FUND has been a great success! We went through the first \$10,000 in what seemed like a few minutes! A few districts and larger churches have helped, and those funds were quickly depleted. Now we need to replenish the fund on an ongoing basis.

There are many small churches that want a revival meeting with a Nazarene Evangelist but can't afford it. Will you pray about helping them have a spiritual event that could change everything about their church?

THE REVIVALISM FUND will match up to \$750 for any Nazarene church that meets the criteria, creating \$1,500 for a crusade once every three years.

The criteria are that the church must:

- Raise less than \$100,000 for all purposes...
- Use a Nazarene Evangelist in a Nazarene Church...
- Pay the Evangelist an honorarium of at least \$1,000...
- House the Evangelist in a reasonable motel or pay

for the motor home hookup and pay the cost of a motel less the hookup charge...

- Pay for round-trip travel...
- Give the Evangelist \$100 for food.

It is understood that the \$1,500 will not cover all of these expenses, but as the offerings come in, all the needs will be met.

Revivals are still happening all over, and so many more revivals could take place if funds were available. Before you put this magazine down, would you at least pray a moment about THE REVIVALISM FUND and ask God what he would have you do?

This fund is totally reliant upon the gifts of churches and individuals who believe in this work. Your gift can count towards a 10% credit if you designate a church or district for that purpose. Checks should be made payable to the General Treasurer, marked "The Revivalism Fund," and mailed to the General Church — Global Treasury Services, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131 USA.

Be Blessed,

Charles R. Millhuff, D.Min.

Revivalism Coordinator, The Church of the Nazarene

the REVIVALISM FUND

MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN PRATT, KANSAS *by Dr. Chic Shaver*

Accidentally, a newsletter from the Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism was sent to him. When Pastor Ron Moser of the Abundant Harvest Community Church of the Nazarene, Pratt, Kansas, saw it, he remembered his old evangelism professor from seminary. He contacted Dr. Shaver, invited him to hold a revival, heard him say, “Yes,” hung up the phone, and said to himself, “What have I done?” He had sleepless nights after that with fears that people wouldn’t come.

You see, Pratt Church was a small church, averaging 20–30 in the Sunday morning services. Pastor estimated night crowds might run 13–15. The church had not had a revival since 1992.

Someone questioned me as to why I would go to such a small church. I, myself, wondered how the local church could pull this off. Yet, having pastored two church plants with small beginnings, and having been converted in a church that averaged less than thirty-five on a Sunday, I knew the significant impact small churches could have.

Ron Moser and his church prayed and planned. They heard about the Revivalism Fund, which would make grants to small churches to enable them to have a revival series. They applied and received a grant. The church began to set aside their share of funds for the revival. And they prepared outstanding advertising with fliers, newspaper and district paper announcements, and personal invitations. They arranged for special music and a children’s program on Sunday morning with MidAmerica Nazarene University’s team, Gospel Station. Evenings featured special music from Free Methodist Allison Reed; Kingman Nazarene pastor Paul Jackson; and Leonard Pohl, Baptist. And folks from those churches visited the services.

The church asked for the four-hour seminar, Witnessing Without Fear, to be held on Saturday. They promoted it with other district churches, and people came from Meade, Elkhart, and Kingman. Rev. Tom Boese, pastor in Winfield, even rode his motorcycle 125 miles in 30 degree weather to attend! When the Pratt people saw 27 show up for the seminar, they suspected something very good was happening.

There had been few altar seekers in recent years, but when 40 attended Sunday morning, six came to the altar for commitment. Young adult Stacey said she had slipped away from her relationship with the Lord; she renewed that relationship Sunday morning, and as she left the final service Wednesday night she was positively glowing. Tom recently had begun attending the church regularly, and he came to pray holding hands with his wife. He came to assurance of

his salvation that morning, began Basic Bible Studies, and by the end of the week was trying to help another couple find Christ’s help for their lives and marriage.

Oh, but Sunday night would be a test—would we see the 13 or 15 Pastor predicted? Some Free Methodists helped the crowd and 41 people showed up. Board member Kent knelt at the altar, believed God to sanctify him through and through, testified Monday night he’d had a wonderful day, and got up early so he could have a devotional time with Christ.

Monday we had 24; Tuesday, 34; and the closing Wednesday, 41. Perhaps Tuesday was a high point when the crowd was challenged to be the people God could trust and the church to be the church God could trust (Mt 24: 44-51). Five knelt to become those trustworthy people.

Member Vi said she now realized God had something for her to do. Further she reported, “I didn’t want to go to that [Saturday] seminar. I thought it would be so boring. I left so excited! It helped me so much.” Bruce, another member, said God has blessed us because of prayer and organization.

The church housed me in a most comfortable motel, provided a food allowance, covered my transportation expenses, and gave parsonage allowance and salary far beyond what I had imagined. The Revivalism Fund enabled this church to have its first revival since 1992, and do so in a most positive fashion. I had thought for some time about giving to the Revivalism Fund. After this obvious demonstration of its effectiveness, it seemed as if the Lord prompted me “It’s time!” So I’m sending the first check for this fund from our Evangelism Center.

On Tuesday, Pratt Nazarenes committed to be the people and the church God could trust. On the very next day, the invitation came from Dr. Millhuff to write this article for the *Evangelists’ Perspective*—so now Pratt Church not only speaks to Pratt, but also is giving a message of hope to thousands of small churches across the nation! Ron Moser’s note to me was kind: “Thank you for not despising the day of small things in Pratt, Kansas. You have treated us with dignity and honor and optimism, just as if we were a church of a thousand; and who knows that if our Lord is willing, we just may become one day.” And I say “thank you,” Pastor, Pratt Nazarenes, Revivalism Fund, and the Lord. [EP](#)

Dr. Charles (Chic) Shaver has been a church planter and evangelist who for many years filled the chair of Evangelism at Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is now a registered evangelist, preaching in camp meetings, revivals, and retreats.



HEAVENLY TRUMPET

by Rudy Cervantes

The Lord began preparing me for His call when I was very young. I was a preacher's son and the church was our second home. When the church doors were open, the neighborhood knew where to find the Cervantes family. If we weren't huddled in the pews under my mother's protective wingspan, we were up front with my dad, playing music in his ready-made Gospel band. I was handed a trumpet at 8 years old and God's plan began to take shape.

As a teenager, my rebellious nature got the better of me, and I lost interest entirely in church and the trumpet. At 17, I left my

home in Michigan to join the army and eventually settle in California. In no way did my life resemble my Christian upbringing anymore. I lived in sin, making the new world and all it had to offer my new god. My life suffered for it, and I was in deep despair.

My parents and grandparents never stopped praying for me, however, and on one of my darkest days, I made my way to a church service, where I asked Christ back into my life.

A new joy guided my life and changes were immediate. I got up the nerve to call my parents to share the good news. Needless to say, they were ecstatic, and in no time, they shipped me my old trumpet from high school.

I began to play the trumpet regularly again. Within a year, I gave two weeks notice at my job and began music ministry full time. It was difficult to get started. A small, brave church would invite me to play trumpet, and gradually more and more churches would call. Soon, the Lord was blessing my wife Fran and me with opportunities to minister at camp meetings and assemblies.

After five years of evangelism, God called us to Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs. We had no idea how we were going to make it work financially, as we would be starting over in a new place and also supporting our daughter Danielle, who was a freshman at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego.

As usual, God showed us who was in control. I had the opportunity to play a trumpet solo in chapel at Bible College, and the leaders who attended recognized something special in my ministry. Not long after, they offered to cover my tuition if I would represent NBC while I was traveling for my own ministry. Not only was this a great opportunity to encourage other men and women to come to NBC, but also it opened doors to play at two General Assemblies and several PALCONS. More importantly, we met some of our best friends during that time, and they have all been tremendous blessings to our lives and ministry.

I graduated from NBC in 1998. Since then, Heavenly Trumpet Ministries has grown exponentially. I have also developed new skills and created new areas for ministry. In 2003, I attended recording school in Los Angeles and started a studio to develop my own music projects and share the Gospel with a very secularized community.

My call is unique. If you ever have a chance to come to one of my services, you will see something different. I don't just play

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The ALTAR

by Leland A. King

It was Thursday morning during the first week of January, 1996. The work and witness team from College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas, was finishing the Gonzagville Church of the Nazarene in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, West Africa. The roof was on, the electrical work was near completion, the dedication was scheduled for the next day, and the first services had been scheduled for the following Sunday. The platform was being arranged and seating brought in, but something was missing.

One of the team members asked Missionary Doug Runyon about an altar for the church. His response was that all the funds budgeted for the church had been used and that there was no money left to purchase the material for an altar. The day before this I had been asked to substitute teach at the American School by the regular substitute Linda Seaman, the wife of the field director. It was a most enjoyable day. When I checked out of the office and signed a voucher, I was handed an envelope with payment for the day.

The answer for the needed funds was in my hands. Doug Runyon and I went to the local lumber yard to purchase material for an altar. The price of lumber was not marked. It is the practice in Abidjan to negotiate the price of the lumber and then negotiate the actual lumber to be purchased. Not the usual Home-Depot way of purchasing materials. That afternoon Ken Swindler and I were able to build an altar for the church. When Doug Runyon was back in the states, he told of the conversions which had taken place at that altar.

The altar in evangelistic churches is not the altar as described in the Hebrew Bible or the altar mentioned 24 times in the New Testament. In Old Testament times the altars were made of earth or stone and were used for sacrifices or for offerings. The first altar mentioned in Scripture is the one made by Noah as recorded in Genesis 8:20, "Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and taking some of the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it." Other familiar altars mentioned in scripture were associated with Abraham and Moses. Following the exodus from Egypt, there were always two altars in the tabernacle and later in the temple. One was the altar of burnt offering, the "brazen altar" for sacrifices, and another was the "Table of the Lord" for bringing offerings.

The New Testament altar refers to Jesus Christ as a metaphorical altar. It is from this that the doctrine of Christ's atonement led to the Christian celebration of the Last Supper. This has led to the current practice of placing a "Table of the Lord" in a prominent place in the chancels of most of the sacramental denominations, such as Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist and others.

In the *Manual* for the Church of the Nazarene, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper ritual in part says, "The Lord himself ordained this holy sacrament. He commanded His disciples to partake of the bread and wine, emblems of His broken body and shed blood. This is His table. The feast is for His disciples.... Let us not forget that we are one, at one table with the Lord."

During the great awakenings of the 18th and 19th centuries, people were called to repentance and were counseled and prayed with at the front of a tent, tabernacle or, in some cases, in the fields where great evangelists and preachers were calling for sinners to be saved. Out of this experience came what is often referred to as the "mourners' bench." These were wooden benches placed at the front of the church for any who wished to pray.

The "awakenings," later to be called revivals, were at first referred to as "camp meetings" since they were held in open areas where water and wood were available. These two elements were necessary for the people to take care of preparing food and the need for water.

From those very rudimentary benches have come the present altars which are found in churches with an evangelistic message and purpose. The altar can be a single bench or, in larger churches, a series of benches across the front of the sanctuary. These altars have become places where the most significant acts of worship happen in the Church of the Nazarene. The value of the altar cannot be measured. It is the place of repentance, communion, *continued on page 15 >*

These altars have become places where the most significant acts of worship happen.



THE ULTIMATE EPITAPH

by *G. Stuart McWhirter*

Genesis 5:24 states, “Enoch walked with God and was not for God took him.” Here is both the biography and the epitaph for Enoch, unexcelled for brevity, beauty and significance. Like a lonely ray of sunlight in a gray winter sky, like an ode to joy interrupting a dirge, this verse arises amid a tedious recounting of births, descendants and deaths. This terse account of Enoch’s life must be understood in the context of very early Hebrew history. In Enoch’s day the hope of immortality was very dim. It developed much later and very slowly. Yet, Enoch rose above this dim hope and the doldrums of dreary decades to find an exhilarating level of life with God. Indeed, Genesis 5:24 is an exciting, nascent notion of eternal life in fellowship with God. What is truly astonishing about this verse is that here, for the first time in the Bible and so surprisingly soon, strikingly out of line with expected chronology, we find the idea that, through faith and in fellowship with God, eternal life begins here and now in this present world. This is the Bible’s first introduction to the message of eternal life that later dominates the scriptures. This is the earliest inkling of Easter.

In Enoch, time and eternity merged in this descendant of Adam. Adam walked with God in a perfect world before the fall. But this first man disobeyed God and suffered eviction from Eden. Enoch walked with God in a sinful and wicked world. Hebrews 11:5 tells us that

Enoch pleased God. This brings a bright morning of hope for all mankind. A beachhead is formed against the kingdom of darkness and evil. The reign of sin and death is thwarted. John Sailhamer, commenting on Genesis 5:24 said, “A door is open for a return to the tree of life in the Garden. Enoch found that door in his ‘walking with God’ and in so doing has become a paradigm for all who seek to find life.”

But today most people on planet earth are gripped by hopelessness. This hopelessness can hardly be more poignantly expressed than in the words of Omar Khayyam:

One moment in annihilation’s
waste,
One moment, of the well of life to
taste—
The stars are setting and the caravan
Starts for the dawn of nothing—
Oh, make haste!

But Enoch’s life tells us those who walk with God move not toward the dawn of nothing, but toward the dawn of an endless day, a dawn never followed by sunset or night. And those who walk with God never walk alone. Our destiny is more than dust and death and decay. We are not walking through a meaningless maze. We are not forsaken in a night of futility. We are not on an aimless trek to oblivion. We are not specks of dust whirling through an impersonal cosmos. We have not evolved by accident to speed toward annihilation. By grace through faith

our destination is the high, bright palace and home of God. We will walk about His throne, look upon His unveiled face and dwell in the glory of His presence forever. And Enoch’s life is a signpost on the road to that glory.

The eternal life Enoch found is inseparable from the holy life he lived. When the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews described Enoch as having “Pleased God” (Hebrews 11:5), he defined the essence of holy living and gave us a beautiful intimation of sanctification.

So here in Enoch not only have we found the wonder of a person entering into eternal life while remaining in this present world, but also we have seen, in this man who pleased God, the purity and power of a holy life. And the miracle of a holy life is exceeded only by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In Isaiah 35:8, we read, “And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness.” This is the route that brought Enoch into eternal fellowship with God. And all who walk with God travel the highway of holiness. But this highway is not a way that requires an understanding of complicated, abstruse or

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**ADAMS, DAVID AND CHARLENE
ADAMS VOICE**

Jan 7, Roanoke, VA, First
Jan 14-17, Birmingham, AL, First
Feb 3, Henryetta, OK
Feb 4, Shawnee, OK
Feb 5, Claremore, OK
Feb 21, Kansas City, MO, M7
Evangelism Conference Concert
Feb 28-Mar 4, Tilton, IL, Southside
Mar 8, Indianapolis, IN, President's
Breakfast/Rudy Guliani
Mar 11-14, Anderson, IN, First
Apr 25-28, Muncie, IN, South Side
Apr 29, Churubusco, IN

ADAMS, MICHAEL

Jan 7-10, Auberry, CA
Jan 14-17, Selma, CA, Family
Fellowship
Jan 28-31, Clovis, CA, Faith
Community
Feb 28-Mar 4, Red River, KY,
Community Church
Mar 5-9, Lawson, KY, Mt. Carmel
Christian HS Revival
Mar 11-14, Ashland, KY,
Cannonsburg
Mar 18-21, Fort Mill, SC, Rock Hill
First
Mar 25-28, Fort Recovery, OH
Apr 1-4, Lakeview, OH, Indian Lake
Northside
Apr 8-11, Canton, OH, Calvary
Apr 18-22, Irvine, KY, Bluegrass Zone
Indoor Campmeeting

**ALDERMAN, ARLO
AERIE MINISTRIES**

Apr 11-15, Marlinton, WV, First

ARMSTRONG, B. ①**ARMSTRONG FAMILY MINISTRIES**

Feb 6-11, Swainsboro, GA, First
Feb 14-18, Andalusia, AL, New
Providence
Feb 27-Mar 4, Henderson, TX
Mar 6-11, Atoka, OK
Apr 3-8, Goodland, KS
Apr 11-15, York, NE, New Life
Apr 17-22, Danville, IL, Cedar Grove
Apr 24-29, Covington, IN

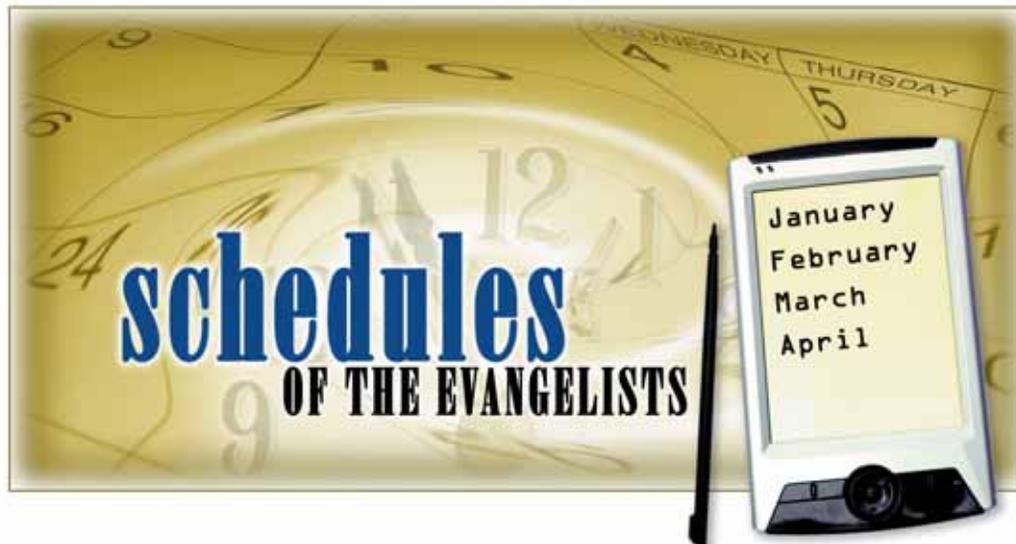
ARNOLD, DANIEL

Jan 19-21, Rogersville, MO, Harvest
Community
Feb 9-11, Indianola, IA, New Hope
Chapel
Mar 11-15, Clarion, IA
Mar 23-25, Cedar Rapids, IA,
Oakland

BENDER, TIMOTHY ①

Mar 13-18, Wrightsville, GA
Mar 21-25, Indianapolis, IN,
Cornerstone
Apr 11-15, Decherd, TN
Apr 24-29, Orbisonia, PA

① Tenured Evangelist is recognized by the church as a lifetime assignment. See *Manual* 407.3

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

Dec 31-Jan 4, San Angelo, TX, First
Jan 5-7, Dallas, GA, Cross Walk
Chapel
Jan 12-14, Phoenix, AZ, Desert Hills
Fellowship
Jan 28-31, Crowley, TX, First
Feb 4-7, Hot Springs, AR, Lake
Hamilton
Feb 9-11, Indianapolis, IN, Indy
District Winter Retreat
Feb 18-21, Hixson, TN, Grace
Feb 25-28, Tahoka, TX, Grassland
Mar 4-7, Temple, TX, First
Mar 11-14, Garnett, KS
Mar 25-28, Anderson, MO, Banner
Apr 1-4, Chandler, OK, First
Apr 8-11, Eules, TX
Apr 15-18, Bluffton, IN
Apr 22-25, Vandalia, OH, Vandalia
Apr 29-May 2, Berne, IN

BOND, GARY ①**GARY BOND MINISTRIES**

Feb 11, Denison, TX, First
Mar 4-7, Nashville, TN, Bethel
Mar 18-21, Des Moines, IA, Des
Moines Eastside
Mar 22-25, Manhattan, KS
Apr 6-11, Stringtown, IN, Stringtown
Apr 15-18, Auburn, IN
Apr 29-May 2, Saint Joseph, MI

CANEN, DAVID ①**DAVID CANEN MINISTRIES**

Feb 4-11, Bainbridge, GA, First
Feb 18-21, Montgomery, AL, Capital
City
Mar 4-7, Blairsville, GA
Mar 11-14, Sharpsburg, GA, First
Mar 20-25, Oak Hill, WV
Mar 28-Apr 1, Warner Robins, GA,
First
Apr 3-8, Versailles, KY
Apr 10-15, Catlettsburg, KY, Twin
Fork
Apr 22-25, Greensboro, IN

CANFIELD, DAVID**CANFIELD EVANGELISTIC MINS.**

Jan 14, Columbus, OH, Grace CCCU

CASSELMAN, GERALD

Jan 1-Apr 29, West Memphis, AR

**COVINGTON, NATHAN
LIFE MENDERS**

Jan 5-6, Tahlequah, OK
Jan 7-10, Coweta, OK
Jan 14-17, Mesa, AZ, First
Jan 21-24, Troup, TX, Martin's Chapel
Jan 28-31, Higden, AR, Greer's Ferry
Feb 4-7, Texarkana, TX, First
Feb 11-14, Gilmer, TX
Feb 16-18, Pittsburg, TX
Feb 25-28, Mount Pleasant, TX
Mar 4-7, Brookfield, MO
Mar 11-14, Pelham, TN, Chapman's
Chapel
Mar 17-21, Grove, OK, Lakewood
Community
Mar 25-28, Montrose, IA
Apr 1-4, Noble, OK
Apr 15-18, Paris, TX, First
Apr 22-25, Red Oak, TX, Ovilla Road
Apr 29-May 2, Arenzville, IL, Bethel
Community

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

Apr 1-4, Roseville, OH

CURRY, J.

Apr 15-18, Geneva, OH

DABYDEEN, ROBERT ①

Jan 20-24, Aiea, HI
Feb 3-7, Cape May, NJ, Seashore
Community
Feb 11-14, Dickson, TN, Jason
Chapel
Mar 4-7, Kingsport, TN, First
Mar 11-14, Charleston, WV,
Southeast
Mar 18-21, Marion, OH, First
Mar 25-28, Sandusky, OH,
Community
Apr 1-4, Carthage, TN
Apr 8-11, Columbia, TN, First
Apr 15-18, Gallipolis, OH, First
Apr 22-25, South Charleston, WV,
Davis Creek
Apr 26-29, Sistersville, WV

DEGENKOLB, WILLIAM

Jan 1-Feb 28, McAllen, TX, Work &
Witness-Taylor Christian Sch
Mar 9-10, Punxsutawney, PA,
WGN Keystone Celebration
Apr 25-29, Sharpsville, PA

DELL, JIMMY ①**JIMMY DELL MINISTRIES**

Jan 7, Coolidge, AZ, Coolidge Valley
Comm. Fellowship
Jan 14-19, Wheelersburg, OH,
Cornerstone
Jan 21-24, Lake Havasu City, AZ
Jan 25-28, Kingman, AZ

DODDS, LARRY**LARRY DODDS MINISTRIES**

Jan 15-21, Avon Park, FL, CCC
Camp Meeting

DONNERBERG, JOHN**JOHN DONNERBERG MINS.**

Feb 18-21, Tyler, TX, Lakeview
Feb 25-28, Abilene, TX, First
Mar 4-7, Conway, AR, First
Mar 11-14, Ashland, KY, First
Mar 18-21, Kenton, OH
Mar 25-28, Mount Blanchard, OH
Apr 1-4, Borger, TX, Trinity
Apr 8-11, Drumright, OK
Apr 15-18, Yukon, OK, First
Apr 22-25, Junction City, KS, First
Apr 29-May 2, Meade, KS

DOWNING, ANN**ANN DOWNING MINISTRIES**

Feb 3, Campbellsville, KY, Elkhorn
Baptist Church
Feb 16, Plant City, FL, Mt. Zion
Assembly Of God
Feb 18, Haines City, FL, Faith Temple
Assembly of God
Mar 17, Sebring, FL, Sebring
Nazarene Ladies Day
Mar 18, Fort Pierce, FL, First
Apr 9-11, Dickson, TN, TN Nazarene
Dist. Prime Timers
Apr 27-29, Franklin, TN, Women's
Retreat

DUNHAM, T.

Jan 1-Feb 3, Olathe, KS, Olathe
College

FLINT, ROBERT
LIFE THROUGH THE WORD
MINISTRIES

Jan 8-Mar 10, Marysville, OH, Ministry Development Center
 Mar 11-14, Salem, OH, First
 Mar 18-21, Steubenville, OH, First
 Mar 25-28, Defiance, OH
 Apr 1-8, Milford Center, OH, Trinity Chapel
 Apr 13-14, St. Mary's, OH, Ministry Development Center

FOX, JEREMY, ADAMS VOICE

Jan 7, Roanoke, VA, First
 Jan 14-17, Birmingham, AL, First
 Feb 3, Henryetta, OK
 Feb 4, Shawnee, OK
 Feb 5, Claremore, OK
 Feb 21, Kansas City, MO, M7 Evangelism Conference Concert
 Feb 28-Mar 4, Tilton, IL, Southside
 Mar 8, Indianapolis, IN, President's Breakfast/Rudy Guliani
 Mar 11-14, Anderson, IN, First
 Apr 25-28, Muncie, IN, South Side
 Apr 29, Churubusco, IN

GALLIMORE, DAVID
DAVID GALLIMORE
INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

Jan 21-24, Waycross, GA, Martha Memorial United Methodist
 Jan 28-31, Belleville, IL, St. Matthews United Methodist
 Feb 4-7, Yukon, OK, Canadian Hills
 Feb 15-25, Lakeland, FL, Florida Holiness Camp
 Mar 4-7, Alpha, GA, First United Methodist Church
 Mar 11-18, Wrightsville, GA, Mount Olive
 Mar 25-29, New Boston, OH, Cedar Street CCCU
 Apr 15-18, Gainesville, GA, First
 Apr 22-25, Newell, WV, Glendale
 Apr 29-May 2, Parkersburg, WV

GESSNER, DON AND SHIRL
GESSNER MUSIC MINISTRIES

Jan 7-13, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis Grace Pointe
 Jan 12-21, Brooksville, FL, Wesleyan Camp Meeting
 Jan 23-Feb 18, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis Grace Pointe
 Feb 19-21, Kansas City, KS, M7 Conference
 Feb 22-Mar 4, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis Grace Pointe
 Mar 5-6, Columbus, IN, Wesleyan Pastor's Retreat
 Mar 7-Apr 29, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis Grace Pointe

GRAY, ROBERT, BOB & BECKY
GRAY MINISTRIES

Feb 19-21, Kansas City, MO, M7 Evangelism Conference

GREENWAY, KENNETH
GREENWAY MINISTRIES

Jan 1-5, Ramseur, NC
 Jan 19-21, Marietta, GA, Gospel Light Evangelistic Methodist
 Jan 24-28, Garner, NC, First
 Feb 4-11, Gloster, MS
 Feb 18-21, Waynesboro, VA, Wesleyan Church
 Feb 25-28, N. Myrtle Beach, SC, Faith Wesleyan Church
 Mar 4-7, Stuart, VA, Minnies' Chapel Wesleyan Church
 Mar 8-11, Taladega, AL, Wesleyan Church
 Mar 18-22, High Point, NC, Covenant Life
 Mar 25-28, Winston Salem, NC, First Wesleyan Church
 Apr 1-4, Linville, NC, Evangelical Methodist Church
 Apr 8-11, Salem, VA, First Evangelical Methodist Church
 Apr 22-26, Archdale, NC, Wesleyan Church
 Apr 29-May 3, Spartanburg, SC, First Wesleyan Church

HAINES, GARY 
GARY HAINES EVANGEL. ASSOC.

Jan 7-10, Casper, WY, First
 Jan 21-24, New Smyrna Beach, FL
 Feb 9-11, Pueblo, CO, First
 Feb 18-21, McAllen, TX
 Mar 9-11, Akron, OH, Indoor Zone Campmeeting
 Mar 25-28, Greeley, CO, First
 Apr 8-11, Brentwood, NY
 Apr 22-25, Rock Hill, SC, Grace

HAMPTON, DEBORAH
SINGING PRAISES TO THE LORD
MUSIC MINISTRY

Jan 5, Valparaiso, IN, Canterbury Place
 Jan 14, Shelby, IN, Shelby Church
 Feb 7, Portage, IN, Fountainview Place
 Feb 9, Valparaiso, IN, Canterbury Place
 Feb 10, Portage, IN, Portage Grace
 Mar 3, Portage, IN, Fountainview Place
 Mar 7, Portage, IN, Fountainview Place

HANCOCK, TIMOTHY 

Jan 12-14, Coshocton, OH, North Central OH Winter Youth Ret.
 Feb 4-7, Carey, OH, Ridge Chapel
 Feb 11-14, Leesburg, FL
 Feb 21-25, Joliet, IL, Zone Revival
 Mar 4-7, Belle, WV
 Mar 18-21, Timberville, VA
 Apr 15-18, Fredericktown, OH
 Apr 22-25, Wright City, MO
 Apr 29-May 2, Flora, IL

HICKS, JOHN DAVID
FAITH ENCOUNTER

Jan 21-24, Colorado Springs, CO, Central
 Feb 4-7, Prineville, OR
 Feb 11-14, Hood River, OR
 Feb 25-28, Loveland, CO
 Mar 4-7, Nacogdoches, TX
 Apr 15-18, Anaheim, CA, First

HUDDLESTON, BILLY
BILLY HUDDLESTON MINISTRIES

Jan 21-24, Pataskala, OH

JONES, EDDIE
BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM

Feb 4-7, New Paris, IN
 Feb 17, New Paris, IN
 Apr 1, Anderson, IN, Eastview

JONES, MARVIN

Jan 1-Apr 29, Nashville, TN, Trevecca Community

KEARCE, DOUGLAS AND DARLA
CROSSTYLE KIDS

Jan 12-14, Phoenix, AZ, Cross Style Conference
 Jan 26-28, Covington, KY, Cross Style Conference
 Mar 2-4, Beavercreek, OH, Cross Style Conference
 Mar 16-18, Waterford, MI, Cross Style Conference

KYONKA, JAMI

Jan 25, St. Peters, MO, Harvester
 Feb 22, St. Peters, MO, Harvester
 Mar 22, St. Peters, MO, Harvester

LACOMBE, CHARLES

Jan 7-14, Millinocket, ME
 Jan 21-28, Portland, ME

LECKRONE, LARRY 

LECKRONE MINISTRIES
 Jan 6-10, Lake Placid, FL
 Jan 20-24, Melbourne, FL, First
 Jan 27-31, Belleview, FL
 Feb 24-28, Sanford, FL, First
 Mar 3-7, Tifton, GA, First
 Mar 10-14, Virginia Beach, VA, Tidewater Central
 Mar 17-21, Charleston, WV, Calvary
 Mar 24-28, Dunbar, WV
 Mar 31-Apr 4, Clendenin, WV
 Apr 5-8, Reading, MI
 Apr 14-18, Willard, OH
 Apr 21-25, Ironton, OH, First
 Apr 28-May 2, Mount Sterling, OH

LIDDELL, P.

REVIVE ALIVE MINISTRIES
 Jan 28-31, St. Petersburg, FL, Victory

LIVERSAGE, JERRY
JERRY LIVERSAGE MINISTRIES

Jan 12-14, Phoenix, AZ, Desert Hills Fellowship
 Mar 18-21, Anadarko, OK

MANLEY, STEPHEN, SMEA 

Feb 4-11, Pensacola, FL
 Feb 18-21, Woodward, OK
 Feb 21-25, Tulsa, OK, NE OK District Renewal Week
 Feb 25-28, Pryor, OK
 Mar 2-4, Dayton, OH, Beavercreek
 Mar 5-9, Quincy, MA, Eastern Nazarene College
 Mar 11-14, Mobile, AL, First
 Mar 16-18, Waterford, MI, Williams Lake
 Mar 21-25, Vineland, NJ
 Mar 28-Apr 1, Uniontown, PA
 Apr 2-4, Uniontown, PA
 Apr 5-8, Woodbridge, VA
 Apr 11-15, Roanoke, VA, First
 Apr 18-22, Round Hill, VA, Community Worship Center
 Apr 25-29, Ladoga, IN, Crossroads Community

MCKENZIE, ROBERT
RLM MINISTRIES

Feb 13-19, Pinellas Park, FL
 Mar 18-23, Macon, GA, Shurlington
 Mar 30-Apr 1, East Point, GA, Decatur Mission
 Apr 18-22, Niota, TN, Beulah Chapel

MILLER, C., C. WESLEY MINISTRIES

Feb 18-21, Ponca City, OK, Trinity
 Feb 25-28, Wichita Falls, TX, Lakeview
 Mar 4-7, Stillwater, OK, First
 Mar 25-28, Tahlequah, OK
 Apr 15-18, Hennessey, OK

MILLHUFF, CHARLES 

MILLHUFF MINISTRIES
 Jan-Feb, Olathe, KS, Ankle Surgery & Rehabilitation
 Mar 7-11, Harrison, OH

MITCHELL, ROYCE
LIBERTY QUARTET

Jan 5, Paul, ID, First Baptist Church
 Jan 6, Gooding, ID, United Methodist Church
 Jan 7, Nampa, ID, First
 Jan 11, Talent, OR, Friends Church
 Jan 12, Ripon, CA, Immanuel Christian Reformed
 Jan 13, Clovis, CA, Faith Community
 Jan 14, Lodi, CA, The Home Church
 Jan 19, Menlo Park, CA, Presbyterian Church
 Jan 20, El Monte, CA, First Baptist Church
 Jan 21, Hemet, CA
 Jan 21, Rancho Mirage, CA, Victory Christian Center
 Jan 26, Desert Hot Springs, CA, Sky Valley Resort
 Jan 26, Desert Hot Springs, CA, Sky Valley RV Park Night Concert
 Jan 27, Desert Hot Springs, CA, Caliente Springs Resort
 Jan 28-28, Desert Hot Springs, CA, Desert Springs Community Church
 Feb 1, Lake Havasu City, AZ
 Feb 2, Apache Junction, AZ, Rock Shadows RV Park
 Feb 3, Fountain Hills, AZ, First Baptist Church
 Feb 4, Surprise, AZ, Palm Vista Baptist Church
 Feb 4, Mesa, AZ, Val Vista Village RV Park
 Feb 6, Sun Lakes, AZ, First Baptist Church
 Feb 7, Sun City, AZ, American Lutheran
 Feb 8, Tempe, AZ, Grace Community XYZ Seniors
 Feb 9, Tucson, AZ, Pantano Christian
 Feb 10, Sierra Vista, AZ
 Feb 11, Tucson, AZ, Oro Valley
 Feb 16, Yuma, AZ, First Christian Church
 Feb 18, Mesa, AZ, East University Church of God
 Feb 18, Mesa, AZ, Good Life RV Resort
 Mar 2, Mesa, AZ, Tower Point RV Resort
 Mar 3, Sun City, AZ, Paradise RV Resort
 Mar 4, Apache Junction, AZ, Road Haven RV Resort
 Apr 6, Tempe, AZ, AZ Community Church In-Joy! Seniors

MOORE, BENJAMIN
INTERACTIVE MINISTRIES
 Feb 11-12, Garnett, KS

MOORE, NORMAN ①
 Jan 4-7, Whittier, CA, College Avenue
 Jan 14-17, La Puente, CA
 Jan 21-24, Florence, OR
 Jan 28-31, Webster Groves, MO
 Feb 4-7, Sun City, AZ
 Feb 11-18, Olathe, KS, College
 Feb 25, Prescott, AZ, First
 Mar 4-7, Oklahoma City, OK, Western
 Oaks
 Mar 11-14, Anderson, IN, First
 Mar 18-21, Missoula, MT
 Mar 25-28, Temple City, CA
 Apr 1-4, Fostoria, OH, First
 Apr 15-18, Mifflinburg, PA, First
 Apr 22-25, Pittsburg, KS

MORGAN, EARL
 Apr 21-22, Decatur, IL, West Side

NAJARIAN, BERGE
 Jan 20-21, Avon Park, FL, First
 Jan 28, Naples, FL, First
 Feb 23-25, Sebring, FL
 Mar 9-11, Tilton, IL, Southside
 Apr 20-22, Hershey, PA

NICHOLAS, CLAUDE
RENEWING LOVE MINISTRIES

Jan 28-31, North Fort Myers, FL
 Feb 11-14, Brandon, FL, First
 Feb 22-25, Webb City, MO
 Mar 4-7, Atlanta, GA, Sanctified
 Church
 Mar 11-14, West Milton, OH
 Mar 18-21, Bethel, OH
 Mar 25-28, Spencer, WV
 Apr 1-4, Reynoldsburg, OH
 Apr 8-11, Ashland, KY, First
 Apr 15-18, Fremont, OH
 Apr 22-26, Inez, KY, Turkey Creek
 Apr 29-May 2, Springfield, OH, First

PETTIT, BENJAMIN AND AMANDA
ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES

Jan 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Waiting
 School Three - Oakwood
 Mar 11-14, Sikeston, MO, First
 Mar 27-Apr 1, Elkton, KY
 Apr 22-25, Port Arthur, TX, First

PETTIT, ELAINE ①
ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES
 Jan 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Waiting
 School Three - Oakwood
 Jan 26-27, Coudersport, PA, Free
 Methodist-Prayer Awakening
 Jan 28-31, Coudersport, PA, Free
 Methodist Church
 Feb 4-7, Altus, AR
 Feb 11-14, Collinsville, OK
 Feb 25-28, Harrisburg, PA, Bethany
 Mar 4-7, Wickes, AR
 Mar 11-14, Rock Hill, SC, Trinity
 Mar 18-21, Wilmington, OH
 Mar 25-28, Coldwater, MI
 Apr 8-11, Millinocket, ME
 Apr 15-18, Columbia Station, OH, New
 Life Wesleyan Church
 Apr 22-25, Paden City, WV
 Apr 29-May 2, East Tawas, MI

PETTIT, JEREMY
ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES
 Jan 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Waiting
 School Three - Oakwood
 Jan 26-27, Coudersport, PA, Free
 Methodist-Prayer Awakening
 Jan 28-31, Coudersport, PA, Free
 Methodist Church
 Feb 4-7, Altus, AR
 Feb 11-14, Collinsville, OK
 Feb 25-28, Harrisburg, PA, Bethany
 Mar 4-7, Wickes, AR
 Mar 11-14, Rock Hill, SC, Trinity
 Mar 18-21, Wilmington, OH
 Mar 25-28, Coldwater, MI
 Apr 8-11, Millinocket, ME
 Apr 15-18, Columbia Station, OH, New
 Life Wesleyan Church
 Apr 22-25, Paden City, WV
 Apr 29-May 2, East Tawas, MI

PHELPS, PHILLIP
PHILLIP PHELPS MINISTRIES
 Jan 28-30, Texarkana, AR, Cathedral
 Heights
 Feb 25-28, Green County, OK, Green
 County Holiness Campmeeting
 Apr 22-27, Hominy, OK

PORTER, REVA
 Feb 23-25, Macon, GA, Grace
 Mar 23-25, Atlanta, GA, Brookhaven

RAEBURN, STEPHEN AND JANET
RED NOSE MINISTRIES
 Jan 7, Otisville, MI, Richfield
 Jan 12-14, Syracuse, IN, Waiting
 School Three - Oakwood
 Jan 28-31, Flint, MI, West
 Feb 11-14, Dickson, TN, Jason Chapel
 Mar 11-14, Bedford, IN,
 Bedford/Bloomington Zone Revival
 Apr 6-8, Delaware, OH, Highpoint

RITTGERS, DELBERT
DEL RITTGERS MINISTRIES
 Mar 2-4, Winterset, IA
 Apr 8-11, Fairfield, IA, New Life
 Community Free Methodist
 Apr 13-15, Climbing Hill, IA

ROACH, JERRY & BARBARA
ROACH EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES
 Jan 1-31, Paris, TN, Paris First

ROACH, CLIFFORD
 Jan 1-31, Paris, TN, First

ROTH, RONALD
RON ROTH MINISTRIES
 Mar 4-7, Teays, WV
 Mar 8-11, Chesapeake, OH
 Mar 13-18, Jamestown, KY
 Mar 20-26, Anna, IL, First
 Apr 11-15, Chattanooga, TN, East
 Ridge
 Apr 24-29, Marksville, LA

SCUTT, M.
 Apr 15-17, Ravenswood, WV
 Apr 22-25, Vienna, WV, River Valley
 Community

SHANK, GARY AND MARLA
 Jan 1-31, Olathe, KS, Olathe Westside

SHARPE, VANCE AND JEANNIE
SHARPE MINISTRIES
 Jan 16-21, Decker, MO, First
 Feb 11, Goose Creek, SC, Calvary
 Mar 4-7, St. Louis, MO, Indoor
 Nazarene Campmtg

SHAVER, CHARLES
CHIC SHAVER CENTER
FOR EVANGELISM
 Feb 2-3, Jasper, AL, AL North District
 SS Convention
 Feb 4, Jasper, AL, First
 Feb 24-28, Winfield, KS
 Mar 3-7, Lacey, WA, WA Pacific
 Pastor's Evang. Training
 Mar 10-11, Vancouver, BC, First
 Mar 17-21, Mexico, MO
 Mar 24-28, Newberg, OR
 Apr 14-18, Masontown, WV
 Apr 21-25, Dothan, AL, First
 Apr 27-29, Talladega, AL, Shocco
 Springs - Lay Retreat

SHELLENBERGER, SUSIE
SUSIE SHELLENBERGER
MINISTRIES
 Jan 6, Baltimore, MD, Girls Conference
 Jan 19-20, Largo, FL, CLOSER: Moms
 & Daughters
 Jan 24-25, Lake Buena Vista, FL,
 Speaker: Children's Pastors
 Jan 26-27, Phoenix, AZ, CLOSER:
 Moms & Daughters
 Feb 2-3, Tulsa, OK, NE OK District
 Women's Retreat
 Feb 5-8, Nashville, TN, Trevecca
 Nazarene University
 Feb 9-11, Sparks, NV, First
 Feb 17, Silver Spring, MD, CLOSER:
 Moms & Daughters-Immanuel
 Feb 24-25, San Diego, CA, First
 Mar 2-3, Lancaster, CA, New Life
 Mar 16-17, Spartanburg, SC, CLOS-
 ER:Moms/Daughters-Baptist
 Mar 23-24, Buffalo, NY, First
 Apr 3-4, Olathe, KS, MidAmerica
 Nazarene University
 Apr 7-15, Independence, KS
 Apr 20-22, Crestline, CA, Women's
 Retreat
 Apr 14, Carthage, MO

SMITH, DUANE ①
DUANE SMITH MINISTRIES
 Jan 24-28, Summit, MS, GraceWay
 Community
 Jan 31-Feb 4, Trout, LA
 Feb 7-11, Crestview, FL
 Feb 25-28, Bradenton, FL, Bayshore
 Mar 7-11, Tuscaloosa, AL, Indoor Zone
 Camp Meeting
 Mar 18-21, Redkey, IN
 Mar 27-Apr 1, Mackey, IN
 Apr 18-22, Greenwood, KY
 Apr 25-29, Annapolis, MO
 May 2-6, Fairview Heights, IL,
 Parkview

STARK, EDDIE
WORTHYCAUSE MINISTRY
 Feb 11-14, Newcastle, OK, Life
 Springs

THOMPSON, L.
L. ALAN THOMPSON MINISTRIES
 Jan 19-21, Prescott, AR, First
 Feb 25-28, Nashville, TN, Grace
 Mar 4-7, Shawnee, KS
 Mar 10-11, Gardendale, AL
 Apr 25-29, Salisbury, MD, Cross Pointe

TOMPKINS, JOE AND DOROTHY
CROSS SHAPED MINISTRIES
 Jan 14-17, Benton, AR, First

ULMET, WILLIAM ①
ULMET MINISTRIES
 Jan 14-17, Melbourne, FL, Harbor City
 Feb 16-18, Montgomery City, MO
 Feb 19-21, Kansas City, MO, M7
 Evangelism Conference
 Feb 21-25, Moultrie, GA, First
 Mar 4-7, Wichita, KS, Eastridge
 Mar 11-14, Royaltown, IL, First
 Apr 1-4, Baraboo, WI, First
 Apr 17-22, Port Homer, WV,
 Community Church
 Apr 29-May 2, Rutland, OH

WILLITS, ERIK
ERIK WILLITS MINISTRIES
 Jan 2-31, Bourbonnais, IL, Olivet
 Nazarene University
 Feb 9-11, Chicago, IL, Prime Time Jr.
 High Youth Conference
 Feb 16-18, West Chester, OH
 Mar 9-11, Chicago, IL, Prime Time Sr.
 High Youth Conference
 Mar 30-31, Kansas City, MO, NYI
 Event
 Apr 15-18, Kewanee, IL, Grace

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Garrick, John	www.eternalimpact.org
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Manley, Stephen	www.crossstyle.org
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Mitchell, Royce	www.libertyquartet.com
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Smith, Duane	www.duanesmithministries.com
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The altar is a place of commissioning, where God confirms a Call. Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Isaiah said, “Here am I. Send me!” He was filled with a burning to carry the message, which God gave him. The altar is a place to seek the will of God. It is a place to call upon His name and to know His will and His agenda, both for the church and for the individual. It was at another altar of prayer that God made my call clear to me to preach the Gospel. The altar is where I “prayed through” about my call to missions. It was at an altar of prayer that God commissioned me to preach, teach and live holiness. I will never forget that Sunday morning when—after I had run for years—God finally melted my heart, and I surrendered to the call to preach.

The altar is a place of commitment. Abraham built an altar to YHWH when God showed him the holy land. He built an altar and called on the name of the Lord. He built an altar when God asked him to sacrifice that which was most important to him—his only son! In fact, Abraham built an altar at every major change God made in his life. As a place of self-sacrifice, he built an altar and made a sacrifice to the Lord to seal the covenant of his obedience and as a reminder to himself and his descendants of his commitment to unqualified obedience to the Lordship of God.

The altar is a place of victory, where we can take our burdens and leave them at the feet of the Savior. It is a

place where we can pray through. It is a place where we can leave the “unknown bundle”—our future, our lives, our hopes, our pain—all not yet known to us.

The altar is a place of prayer. In the Book of Revelation, John saw the prayers of the saints under the altar of heaven, kept as precious gems. It is a place for extraordinary prayer, a “prayer closet,” where one can pour out his heart to God as an offering. It is a place where we can cry out to the Lord in surrender to His will and to lift up to the Lord those whom we love who still need Jesus.

The altar is a place of infilling and transformation. I will never forget the crisis moment when God sanctified me, purifying my heart, and instilling within me the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. His infilling washed through me with a cleansing fire, purging my soul with a holy flame, giving me a burning desire for more of His presence. He made a transformation within me that has changed me forever. It gives me the strength to live the life he wants me to live. He continuously and constantly works His transforming grace within me through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is a call for the church to turn back to the altar. Let us not lose the significance of what the altar means. It is more than mere furniture. It is a place to meet God! 

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I wept my confession into the ear of God,
surrendering to
 His great love.





FAREWELL, JIM CRABTREE

Jim Crabtree, the longest living Nazarene evangelist, died in the late fall of 2006. He was looking forward to the next meeting as his eyes were closing for the last time. He went into heaven preaching. For almost 70 years he was an evangelist without interruption. His departure has left a great cavity on the tree line of our horizon. I loved him dearly. —*Charles R. Millhuff, D.Min.*

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the trumpet, but I get the congregation involved in a musical and visual worship experience. I call on young musicians in the church to perform with me. Sometimes, we will enlist the whole choir to back us up. That way, the music is not about one person on stage but the entire community of believers.

Sometimes, I hear back from parents whose children were changed by the concerts. Ryan Ketchum and Josh Hermsmeier, two such kids who jammed with me on stage when they were barely out of elementary school,

ended up repaying the favor by arranging my latest album, “Breathe,” and by playing piano and drums on many tracks.

In 18 years of serving God, I have never given up on his call, though there have been countless discouraging situations. It has taken me years to understand that God uses these circumstances to reaffirm my vocation. Ministry is the hardest thing that any of us will do. It is not always clear where God is leading us, but we trust and obey with all our hearts, we lean not on our understanding, and eventually we find ourselves heading down His straight path. 

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the Ark of the Covenant or promise which was contained in a very private tent out of reach of the people.

Once a year the high priest poured the blood of a perfect animal on its golden lid called the mercy seat under the overarching golden wings of the angels of mercy. It was here that God promised to meet with man. At that moment all the sins of the people who had themselves killed a sacrificial animal were forgiven. With up to 200,000 people in Jerusalem killing calves and sheep and doves, the Brook of Kidron ran deep with the blood of this slaughter. It was this brook that Jesus stepped over before His death on His way to the garden of Gethsemane. He understood full well the significance of it all.

These Levitical laws were to continue for hundreds of years until Jesus shed His blood on the cross and—once and for all—paid the blood price for our sins from all the way back to Adam and Eve and to the end of this present age.

Today, Jesus is our altar or the place where we meet God the Father in His grace through the blood of His son. I do not mean to make an icon of this piece of furniture in our churches, but I do want to make a very salient point. I have been preaching for about half as long as there has been a Church of the Nazarene, and it has had altars all this time. These altars refer to at least these things:

- A place to make a public confession of our faith in Christ
- A place where a decision is made
- A place to humble ourselves before God and man
- A place to make of ourselves a sacrifice to the will of God

- A place of repentance after the sanctifying work (I John 1:8-10)
- A therapeutic place to meet the Savior in grace and love
- A place to remember and forge a vow

And I could go on and on. Coming to the front of the church and there humbling oneself in repentance before God and man has been a part of our church since its beginning. Charles Finney popularized the public altar or mourner’s bench in America in the mid-1800s. I frankly have mixed feelings about the mid-service open altar. Those who go forward to the altar early in the service feel quieted in their spirit. At the time of the altar call when the pastor or evangelist is drawing the net for the unsaved and unsanctified as well as the broken and bleeding there is confusion about their feelings, having

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consecration, weddings, dedication of babies, reception of new church members, and a place to bring the deceased to commemorate their lives in celebration. It is perhaps most sacred when those called to Christian ministry are ordained into the order of elders.

What is the future of the altar? Churches that were once evangelistic in practice and intent but have gone away from that style of ministry no longer have altars in their sanctuaries. If Nazarenes are to fulfill the Wesleyan traditional theology—the Holiness Movement—and continue to move toward a global church, then the altar is a necessary part of that mission.

The altar is an integral part of who we are and should be one of the effective evangelistic tools present in our churches today and always. The following testimony of Debbie Daniels appeared in the September/October issue of *Holiness Today* and is included with her permission.

Wanting to get a look inside at the beautiful stained-glass window, I woke up early and headed to Seattle Aurora Church of the Nazarene.

As I got out of my car I remember thinking, “What am I doing here? I don’t go to church.”

I was met with the love of Jesus Christ in the form of a greeter named Dolly Kirkeide. She welcomed me with a genuine love I had not felt before. After being warmly received in Sunday school, I followed people into the sanctuary and sat on the second to the last row. As the pastor preached, I wondered how this man knew my story.

At the end of his message he said they had an altar and invited anyone wanting to accept Jesus Christ to come to the altar and pray. I wanted to go, but I couldn’t move. The pastor, Tharon Daniels, then felt the Holy Spirit telling him to describe what an altar is and what to do there. As he verbally walked me through the next step, I moved forward and met Jesus Christ that Sunday morning in November 1988.

I left the altar feeling free and loved for the first time. God immediately became alive in my life.

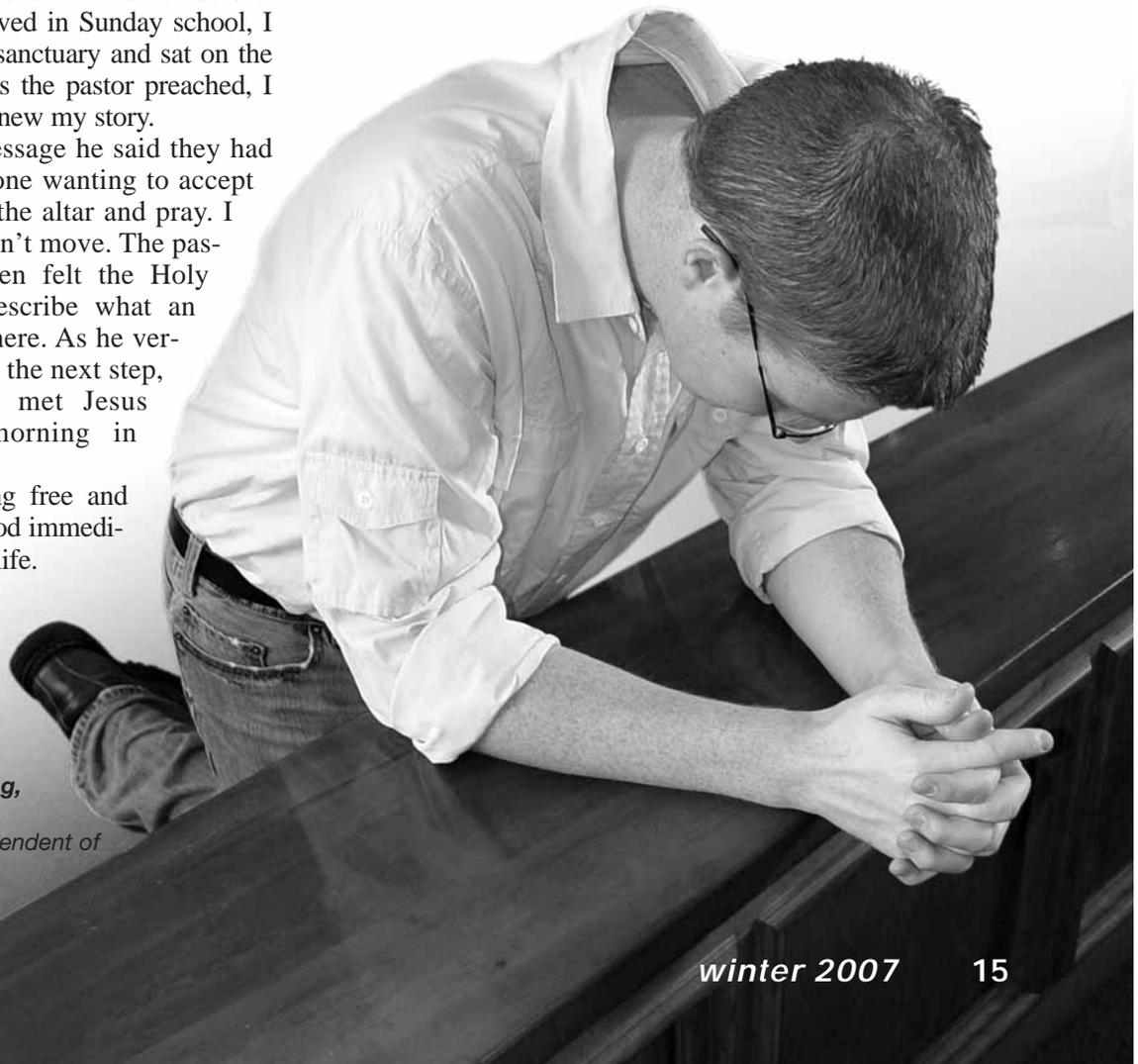
What was my first altar? In a small rural church in western Kansas, on a Sunday morning, the evangelist was so effective in his call to repentance that I, as a very young child, was convicted of my need to repent. What had I done that was so sinful? My heart told me that this was the time for me to accept Christ as my Savior, so I took my father’s hand, and he went with me to pray. The altar was full. The pianist had left the piano to pray with one at the altar, so my altar became the piano bench. I have never gotten away from that commitment to Christ and have always had a desire to follow Him.

Yes, the altar is important, but more important is the act of acceptance of Christ in a person’s life. If the church is to continue to be an evangelistic outreach for lost and broken people to accept Him, the altar must be more than a piece of outdated furniture. Continue to tell the story as the Rev. Daniels did. Without the evangelistic purpose made possible with the use of the altar, the Church of the Nazarene will lose its reason for existing. **ep**

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Revival Fires

unusual breakthroughs of the Holy Spirit in our churches!

REFLECTIONS ON A REVIVAL

by Rev. Les J. Williams, Maysville, KY

We were blessed to have the Rev. Norman Moore come to Maysville, Kentucky, for a Sunday-through-Wednesday revival meeting August 20–23, 2006. This is the third revival we have had since beginning our pastorate here about a year-and-a-half ago, and my second time to have the Rev. Moore hold a revival for me. The other location was in Tennessee a few years ago.

Much concern has been expressed here as to how we can get more people to come out to revival services. Past revival attendance had been as low as 20 percent of the regular morning attendance. Some are wondering if revival meetings are a thing of the past and not relevant to our modern U.S. culture. I have certainly been praying for God to show us as His church how we can effectively use the resources he has provided to see the best results in ministry.

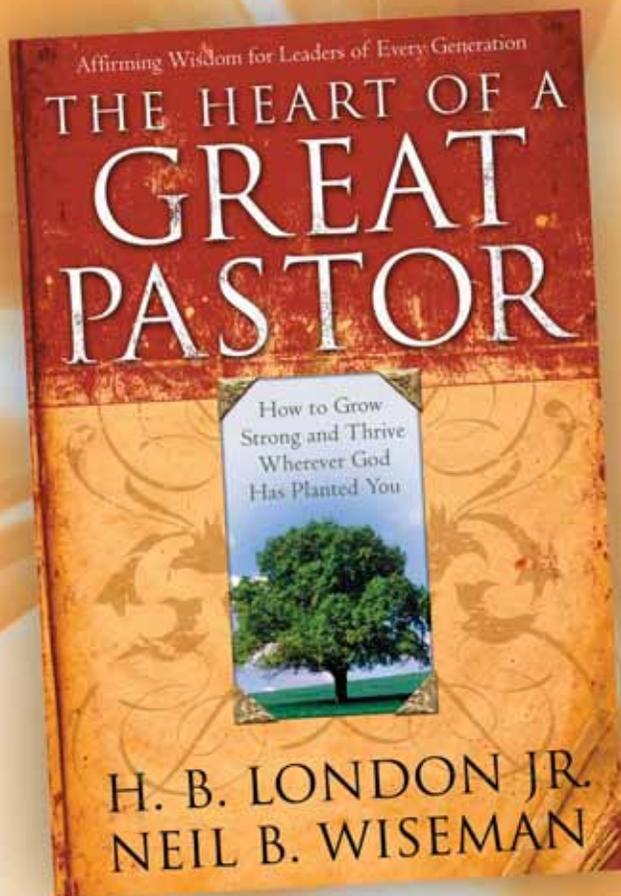
The revival was promoted by normal means—bulletin, newspaper and announcements. And we also prayed specifically for God to use the revival to restore and refocus the church. I explained to the church the biblical role of the evangelist as established in Ephesians 4 as one of the God-ordained offices given the charge to build up the body of Christ. We established Psalm 95:8 as the key verse for the revival—“Today if (when) you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

The Sunday turnout was good, with 270 in attendance, which is a little above our average for worship. One hundred thirty came back for the Sunday night service and the week-night attendance was 80, 90 and 150. While this may seem low with 270 in Sunday morning attendance, it was the best attendance this church had had through the week for revivals in a long time. What made the difference? I believe the focus I made as pastor on the revival was important, but also the first message by the Rev. Moore was so clear and positive that people were more inclined to come back.

And God used the clear, genuine and biblical appeal of the Rev. Moore to draw us into a deeper relationship with Him. God’s word became personal and relevant to us in every service. The Rev. Moore is a gifted communicator and his delivery was very well received. People were at the altar following every service, responding to God’s message. His message on the sanctified life from 1 Thessalonians was very clear and powerfully presented!

I have always appreciated the personal ministry the Rev. Moore gives to others and to me while he is here. He spoke to our worship team and visited with many people individually through the many meals we shared together. Our personal visits enabled me to process some issues and see more clearly my role as pastor. There is a lot to a revival that really works, and God seemed to use it all in Kentucky that week. To God be the Glory! 

Has God been working in an unusual way in your church or camp meeting? We encourage you to submit written accounts.



"A book to stretch your faith and help you deepen your love for the Lord of the Church"

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"Father, send revival and renewal to my soul and church. Invigorate, rejuvenate and revitalize every phase of my ministry. Help me live by the reality that I can do nothing without You. Amen."

A Fresh Encounter With God

"It's Me"

by **Neil B. Wiseman**

From the recently released new edition of
THE HEART OF A GREAT PASTOR
by **H.B. London, Jr., and Neil B. Wiseman**,
Regal Books, Ventura, CA

A Prayer for a Personal Revival and Awakening

"A few members of any church must get thoroughly right with God," was evangelist Dr. R.A. Torrey's first rule for revival. However, if a pastor is serious about renewal in his ministry and church, the rule must be personalized with her/his name and address and zip code.

Then the rule reads, "Let [insert your name] get thoroughly right with God as a first step of revival." To reinforce the revival rule we sing, "It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer."

A Pastor Shares His Need of Renewal

H.B. London writes: A life-changing renewal came to me after I had been a pastor for 15 years in Salem, Oregon. I was a pastor of a spiritually vibrant church, but I still saw myself as a phony. I went through the right motions without the right motives. I saw myself accomplishing about what anyone could do if given the same opportunities. My success, however, was not comfort enough. I needed healing, revival.

One night in a dark, silent church when no one was present,

I fell across the altar

in a mood of spiritual desperation. I began to pray the most humiliating prayer you could imagine. I prayed, "O God, I want out of this. I want out of the ministry. I'm not worthy of this church. I'm artificial and a play actor. You need to get me out of this. I would appreciate it if you could get me out gracefully. But if it is not graceful, that's okay, too. I just can't go on with this pain inside."

At that point, I humbled myself. I admitted to God that I was not authentic. I acknowledged that I was inadequate. I confessed that I was an unworthy vessel, full of cracks and holes. I admitted that I was running on spiritual empty.

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At that moment, the presence of Christ came over me with empowerment and meaning. The Lord seemed to say in that moment, “Now I can use you.” The results of that encounter with the Lord changed my whole life. It revolutionized my ministry.

Personalizing Torrey’s rule may seem a bit uncomfortable at first. But spiritual development never works for “them” before it starts with “us,” for “me.” Like so many things in ministry, revival is a matter of leadership, priority and visibility.

From what you know about God and about how churches function, you know that few congregations will become spiritual powerhouses until their pastors first experience a fresh personal encounter with God. Consequently, the first step for authentic revival is personal renewal of the pastor at any cost.

The second step follows the first automatically. A genuine spiritual awakening causes a pastor to feel a holy dissatisfaction with things as they are. Thousands of ministers who become fed up must speak up in kindly but unmistakable ways about what needs to be changed.

Our legitimate discontent centers around playing church, coddling emotional infants, worrying about personal security, preaching arid doctrinal scholasticism, baby-sitting trivia, being controlled by spiritual pygmies and living by savage schedules that leave no time for prayer, study or outreach.

It’s time to face the fact that the nation’s and world’s moral malaise and the Church’s navel-gazing apathy are sobering, serious spiritual issues. It’s time to seek reality in knowing God, to fast, to receive God’s perspective and to insist upon authenticity in ourselves and in church leaders above and below us. It’s time to get serious about holy living so that it becomes a personal and congregational obsession.

It’s time to move beyond puny image building about small successes to accomplishing truly supernatural exploits for God—the kind that transform individuals and revolutionize society. It’s time to rally all the church’s facilities, finances and personnel to win the war against evil and godlessness.

For such a revival, we must pray Habakkuk’s prayer for ourselves, our assignments, our denominations, our colleges and our publishing houses, “O Lord, revive thy work!” And we must march and sing:

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us;
Revive Thy Church with life and power.
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us;
And fit Thy Church to meet this hour.* 

* Bessie Porter Head, “O Breath of Life,” first published circa 1914. *The Cyber Hymnal*.



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already been to the place of prayer. It could be a place to find cheap grace.

Altar calls for a specific work of grace appear to have fallen out of favor with Nazarenes as proved in my 1994 doctrinal dissertation. After making a survey of more than 600 of our churches, I found that the average Nazarene Church has 12 altar calls a year for a specific work of grace (to be born again or to be filled with the Holy Spirit). That would mean that in one year, 52 weeks, an altar invitation is given in only 12 services. If the church has Sunday night services, the number of opportunities increases to more than 100 services. A weak concept of original sin or a journey/process theology that makes no vital point of these crisis moments would not want such a thing anyway. If there is no need for our people to experience a crisis experience, then the crisis maker with the Holy Spirit through the evangelist would not be needed. This, in part, may explain the downsizing of the use of this biblical office of the evangelist. Of course I believe in the process of the journey before and after these works of grace. Indeed the crisis was preached to the exclusion of the process in some places, and that is a serious error as well.

So you can see why the altar is so important to me. I have been calling folks to this place all over the world all these years for what Billy Graham calls “The hour of decision.” May the altar never become only furniture in our churches! May it always be that place where so many wonderful things happen in God’s grace.

Let us tear the boards off our altars and use them often and well. Perhaps some board members and pastors need to be removed from obscuring the significance of the altar in our churches—as unthinkable as that may be. Of course any place can be your altar. We need to discover again the life-changing solution to the greatest needs in our lives. A crisis of life-changing grace in the midst of our journey of grace with public confession is still very much in order. Some “Just as I am” and tears on our altars can still do what few other methods can accomplish. 



OUR TRADITION

by *Stephen Manley*

For the itinerant evangelist, the first item of business upon arrival at the church is to view the sanctuary where we will worship. Whether old or new, large or small, it is a place where we have focused our prayers for God's activity during a week of revival. Worship is a mystical thing! It cannot be bought or sold. There is no way to make it happen. Worship takes place in spite of good or bad music, the dressy or casual attire of those attending, or whether we stand or sit while we sing. Worship comes when a group of people are willing to open themselves to the movement of the Spirit of Christ.

The purpose of worship is to clear the atmosphere of the sanctuary. Demonic activity hinders the movement of God. There is a spiritual battle raging in the unseen world of the heavenly realms. We, the congregation become the platform upon which the war takes place. How will a person be liberated from their blindness to see spiritual truth? The demonic oppression is strong as they move from place to place in the world. Should not the church be the place where an individual can come to know the pure speaking of God?

If the purpose of worship is to clear the atmosphere, surely the preaching of the Word is the avenue of God's voice being heard. When the Word of God is unhindered, it will cut to the heart of everyone in the sanctuary. All, from the oldest saint to the youngest unsaved individual, will be captured by the truth of the Word. Preaching is not a time to expound what I have learned from Dr. Phil. The sermon is to be an exposition of the Words of Christ contained within the Scriptures.

Would it not be absolutely ridiculous to worship and preach and not expect response? Truth by its very nature demands response. There is no such thing as a nice truth or sermon. A sharper-than-a-two-edged-sword Word does deep surgery on the human life. We cannot treat it like the statement of "fact." There is a difference between "truth" and "facts." We can know lots of data, information, and facts, but not know any truth. Truth is ultimately who He



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is! Preaching is the process of the Holy Spirit taking the preacher and exposing His revelation of Christ through the spoken Word. Does this not demand a response?

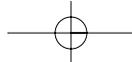
In the setting of the congregation, how should we respond to the call of truth? When the pastor takes me into the sanctuary for the first time, I immediately go to the front and view the altars. Sometimes they are beautiful, and other times they are plain. Often they are permanently fixed to the floor, but others are movable. However they may look or be, they are still altars for response. Whatever their style, I know this congregation has a tradition. The tradition is simple. When God speaks to an individual through His Word, they are expected to respond by kneeling at the altar of prayer in openness.

In a local church setting, I have never had to request altars. The tradition is already in place. Did you know that "altar calls" are not that old? Jesus did not have altar calls as we view them. John Wesley would simply preach until men fell over in conviction. The altar call as we practice it was started by Billy Sunday when he held tent campaigns in the logging camps. He watched the loggers take the sawdust and sprinkle it behind them as they went into the woods. They could easily follow the sawdust trail back home at the end of their work day. Thus Billy Sunday put sawdust down the main isle of the tent and called the men to come home. Though we do not use sawdust, we have followed his example by calling men home down the main isle of the church since the early 1900s. It is our tradition.

It is safe to state that there is nothing sacred about an altar call; rather, it is simply a tradition. Traditions are flexible and can be changed. If we decide to remove the altars and respond to God's call in another way, I am sure God would still accept us. It is not the altar but the openness and willingness of response which He desires. But the "way we have always done it" is the altar call. I guess my advice is to either respond according to our tradition or get rid of those pieces of wood at the front of the sanctuary.

I am extremely bothered by those who cling to the altar tradition but never respond in openness to kneeling. If worship takes place and the Word of God is spoken, should we not be shocked if there is no response? If those who hear God speak do not respond, would we not suppose spiritual rebellion is taking place? If God speaks and we do not hear, the problem is even greater. If we do hear Him and do not respond, how are we any different than those who are spiritually rebellious?

If I respond to the altar every time God speaks to me in a worship service, would I not find myself at the altar every service? This is an awesome concept! It produces spiritual leadership. When I respond openly to the call of God, my children learn by my example. I am teaching everyone present how to respond to God. The unsaved for whom I have been praying see that it is safe to respond to God. This is an appeal to reactivate our tradition of the altar and actively participate in this avenue of response to God! 

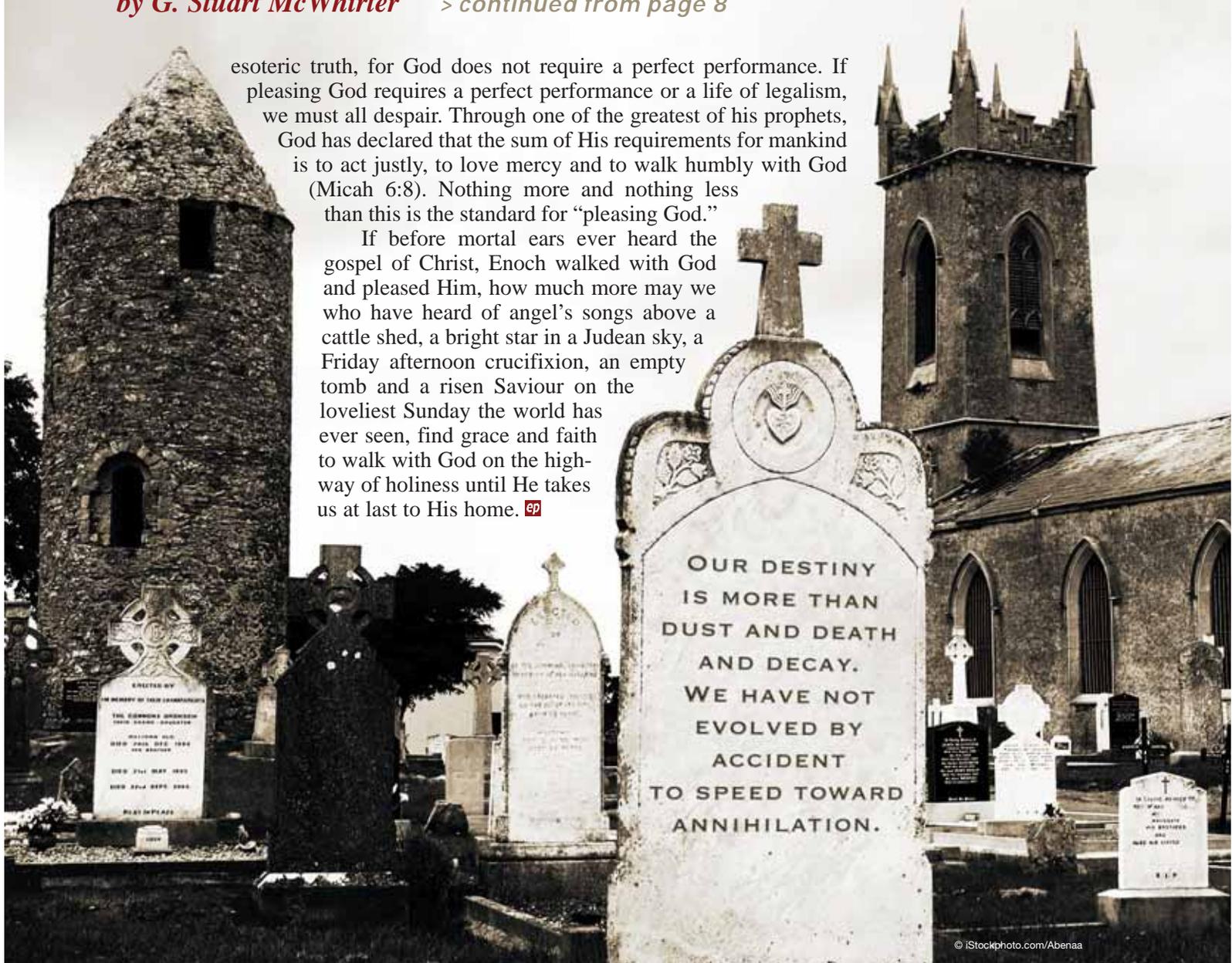


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esoteric truth, for God does not require a perfect performance. If pleasing God requires a perfect performance or a life of legalism, we must all despair. Through one of the greatest of his prophets, God has declared that the sum of His requirements for mankind is to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). Nothing more and nothing less than this is the standard for “pleasing God.”

If before mortal ears ever heard the gospel of Christ, Enoch walked with God and pleased Him, how much more may we who have heard of angel’s songs above a cattle shed, a bright star in a Judean sky, a Friday afternoon crucifixion, an empty tomb and a risen Saviour on the loveliest Sunday the world has ever seen, find grace and faith to walk with God on the highway of holiness until He takes us at last to His home. **EP**



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