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HATE SPEECH

Several years ago my pastor, John L. Shoup, invited Dr. J.C. Crabtree to be the evangelist for our annual revival. Dr. Richard S. Taylor was holding a revival in a sister denomination in our town the very same week. One day the three preachers were enjoying a meal together, and Dr. Crabtree asked Dr. Taylor, "Why is it that the one who calls into question the latest heresy is always accused of being a legalist and marginalized as just being a negative influence?" Dr. Taylor's response was very simple and to the point. "It's always been that way and will continue to be so."

I don't have space here to document the history of how it's always been that way, but G.K. Chesterton came up with a rather terse explanation. "A dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it."¹

The most recent assault on Bible preachers and Biblical preaching has been driven by the subtle stream of political correctness,

unlimited tolerance, and the accusation of promoting hate speech. In many churches sermons that deal with sinful behavior are very seldom heard. The lines between hating sin and loving the sinner have been blurred by the heresy that we are all practicing sinners in word, thought, and deed. Therefore live, and let live. Just encourage the folks and don't make waves!

True preachers of the Word of God are men and women who speak for God who does not change and is not affected by the opinions of His critics. In previous articles I have made the common observation that the more things change, the more they stay the same. Another holiness preacher of a day not too long ago made a similar analysis of the trend of his day. A.W. Tozer, a pastor and evangelist from Chicago, spoke to the issue:

"Within the circles of evangelical Christianity itself, there has arisen in the last few years dangerous and disturbing trends away from true Bible Christianity. A spirit has been introduced which is surely not the Spirit of Christ, methods employed which are wholly carnal, objectives adopted which have not one line of scripture to support them, a level of conduct accepted which is practically identical with that of the world; and yet scarcely one voice has been raised in opposition.. And this in spite of the fact that the Bible-honoring followers of Christ lament among themselves the dangerous, wobbly course things are taking....The times call for a Spirit-baptized and articulate orthodoxy. They whose souls have been illuminated by the Holy Ghost must arise and under God, assume leadership. There are those among us whose hearts can discern between the true and the false, whose spiritual sense of smell enables them to detect the spurious afar off, who have the blessed gift of knowing. Let such as these arise and be heard. So radically is the essential spirit and content

*of orthodox Christianity changing these days under the vigorous leadership of undiscerning religionists that, if the trend is not stopped, what is called Christianity will soon be something altogether other than the faith of our fathers."*²

If we truly speak for God, then we need to understand that God hates sin. Sin is serious and it cannot be tolerated in the life of a true believer. The God of love and mercy whom we worship and have promised to obey has commanded us to hate sin more than we love the use of our hands, feet, and eyes (Matthew 18: 8-9 NIV). Some may label sermons condemning sin as hate speech, but God is very clear on the issue, and we need to be clear when we warn those still living in sin. Preaching the truth in love must be our motivation.

Recently I came across a new perspective from a very unlikely source: Penn Fraser Jillette and his partner Raymond Joseph Teller are comedy illusionists who headline in Las Vegas. Penn stands six foot six and is a very well read and articulate speaker. He is also a very outspoken atheist. After one of his shows he was approached by a man even bigger in stature than himself who handed him a Bible. Penn was impressed with the man's sincerity, and in an interview about their meeting repeatedly said what a big guy and what a nice man he was. This is a brief excerpt of that interview:

"I've always said that I don't respect people who don't proselytize. I don't respect that at all. If you believe that there's a heaven and a hell, and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life, and you think that it's not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward—and atheists who think people shouldn't proselytize and who say just leave me alone and keep your religion to yourself—How much do *(continued on page 22)*



BILL & KATHY ULMET

Many if not all of our Nazarene song evangelists have performed Jon Mohr's beautiful gospel song, "Find Us Faithful." One line stands out: "We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road and those who've gone before us line the way." When I observe the ministry and lives of Bill and Kathy Ulmet, I see a living picture of that entire song. Bill and Kathy come from godly homes, are faithful pilgrims on the narrow road, and are leaving to their children clear footprints to follow. Who better to tell their story than those who are following in those footsteps. - Gary Bond



When thinking about Dad and his ministry, a few phrases and/or Scriptures automatically come to mind:

"Never be lacking in zeal" and "Whatever you do, do it with all your might" automatically flood into my brain when my Dad is mentioned! I have met MANY people in MANY different places in my lifetime. One would have to look long and hard to find someone with more zeal than Bill Ulmet! What we call zeal and "great gusto" in our family extends to literally every part of Dad's life and ministry. I am smiling right now while writing this because even family hide-and-seek games and reading a story to grandchildren involves such incredible action and noise. I find it quite comical! In fact when my children are being loud and crazy (which is quite commonplace), we have said, "You need to use your Grandma Kathy voice NOT your Papa Bill voice." That makes much more sense to our kids than the whole "indoor vs. outdoor voice" thing! I can't think of any part of Dad's life or ministry that is carried out without an amazing amount of excitement and enthusiasm.

"Make the most of every opportunity" is another phrase that reminds me of Dad and his ministry. Since Dad made a covenant with God to share Christ with all he came in contact with as a young teacher/coach/youth worker, he has truly set out to do just that. My

Dad has daily shared Jesus with numerous people in the gas station, restaurant, and auto repair shop. It is very typical for kids to be embarrassed to go to the mall with their parents when they are teenagers. Imagine my horror when my Dad was sharing the Four Spiritual Laws with mannequins in the store! I often wanted to crawl under the table at restaurants because he was "at it again"! Hitchhikers, who thought they were simply getting a ride from point A to point B got a whole lot of Jesus too. Jehovah's Witness missionaries who come door-to-door probably have struck each of Bill Ulmet's addresses off of their lists because after they shared about their Jesus, they weren't allowed to leave until he shared about his Jesus! All joking aside, I am yet to meet anyone who shares the name of Jesus Christ more boldly than my Dad. My Dad has an overwhelming passion to share Jesus Christ with those he comes in contact with whenever, wherever and however.

"Unforgettable" is also a word that comes to mind in reference to my Dad. Once you experience Bill Ulmet, you don't ever forget him. Wow, have we made some memories with Dad! He used to let all four of us girls fix his hair with barrettes and ties while we listened to gospel music on Sunday nights after church. I remember eating grilled cheese sandwiches dipped in ketchup and bean with bacon soup. In the event we actually had a special treat of staying in a hotel, Dad always instigated jumping on the beds and pillow fights, to our delight and my poor Mom's absolute horror! Some memories we wish we could forget, like when a family of six only had one little

Pinto hatchback to drive. Dad and I were the lucky two to be crammed into the hatchback. Where were the traffic laws when I needed them? Thank goodness that's illegal now! I can truly say I never heard Dad complain about not having enough. Not only did he not complain, he always taught us we were blessed and that we had enough to share with others.

My Mom is an introverted, well-mannered rule obeyer who had absolutely NO idea what she was getting herself into. That's probably a good thing!

My Mom doesn't forget ANYONE or the important days in their life. The number of people she has blessed with her ministry of encouragement through writing cards and notes is astronomical. She has given much care and compassion to so many through her words of encouragement. The amount of cardstock, stamps, time, energy and thoughtfulness she has given to let people know she is thinking of them is beyond amazing to me.

Mom is determined, diligent and hard working. She has worn many different ministry hats over the years. Even if the hat wasn't her favorite or the one she chose, she would wear it with effectiveness and perseverance. One such time I remember was when she took on the Children's Ministry Coordination role. She jumped in and organized, planned and worked very diligently even though I don't recall that being a position she was interested in pursuing. During her time in this position, some really "fun" things came up like one of the Sunday School teachers telling all the children Santa Claus wasn't real! There were crying kids and angry

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Pictured from left to right, Elliana 1 1/2, Elizabeth, Andy, Jaden 8. Rev. and Mrs. Andy Bird pastor the First Church of the Nazarene in Bay City, Michigan.

parents, and yet she somehow found a way to creatively resolve the issues and find the humor in the whole situation. Yes, "finding the humor in a crazy situation" has likely become one of Mom's spiritual gifts as well it should be if you are to live with Bill Ulmet!

Many times I have seen my Mom make the best of a situation in quiet strength even though she would have chosen differently if given the option. For example, my Mom has been very creative when stretching the food budget. My Mom will eat just about anything and actually be somewhat happy about it! This continues to amaze me and my sisters to this very day. She laughs in the face of expiration dates on salad dressings, etc. I have warned her on many occasions about this "dangerous" habit! My Mom can survive on very little and actually enjoy it. I didn't always appreciate that especially when she wanted me to do the same. Now as a Mom in a family where we need to watch every penny carefully, I realize what a gift Mom has and hope that I can be more like that, and my children can see that in me. She, like my Dad, always felt we were blessed enough to share with others. They have passed on a rich heritage of sharing all that God has blessed us with. I pray that I continue to pass that rich heritage on to my children.

Elizabeth Ulmet Bird



"I will forever be grateful to Bill and Kathy Ulmet. Not only are they my father-in-law and mother-in-law, but also the Pastor and spouse under whose ministry Jesus

became my Savior. They showed me such great love as they invited me into their home for many meals as a college student. I was dating their youngest daughter, Elizabeth (much to Bill's chagrin), while in college and they adopted me into their family. What a blessing to have my future father-in-law walk with me through the first steps of my new life in Christ. My salvation experience was later followed by a call to the life of a Pastor. I am sure there are many people who have been blessed by their ministry. I pray that one day I will be able to look back over many years of marriage and ministry and have people feel the same way about me and my wife as I feel about my father-in-law and mother-in-law."

Andy Bird



When I think about my parents I can't help but smile because of the memories I have. There is such a vast difference between the two and yet, it seems to work; they



Pictured left to right, Jakob 13, Todd, Angela, Zachary. Angela is a Clinical Specialist at Cookeville Regional Hospital in Cookeville, TN. She is married to Todd Craig who pastors the Jamestown, Tenn. Church of the Nazarene.

seem to balance one another out. I think about the fact that growing up we did not have a lot of money, yet money was never a decider for important decisions like college. Our parents told us we would go

to college and all four of us graduated from Olivet Nazarene University and never got kicked out for financial reasons. (That is a miracle of God).

My dad was very strict on us growing up, and I would hear people say, "He's strict but he loves his girls!" This was a very true statement. I knew my dad loved us and wanted so badly to shield us from poor decisions.

Recently my parents have moved to Tennessee where they are now our neighbors. I now get to frequently share a meal, conversation or walk with them. This has been such a blessing to my husband and me and our children as they get to see Christian faith in their grandparents. My boys, who are 15 and 13 years of age, find a lot of humor in "Grandpa Bill" as he comes up the hill to our house to frequently take out our trash and get a snack that is better than the one in his house just down the hill.

Recently one of my friends was visiting from out of town, and my dad just bluntly asked her how she was treating Jesus. I watched as she was uncomfortable, and we talked together of her need to be closer to Jesus. My friend later commented that she really felt convicted when my dad talked to her. I realized that maybe I need to be bolder in my approach about Jesus and realized how important it is not to miss opportunities for a changed life.

Recently my dad was covering for a church that was without a pastor. I listened to him make countless phone calls and trips to the church or hospital to check on people in the church on a non-church day. He is not just a Sunday or Wednes-

day kind of person to cover. He will give 105%. Even though this was not expected, he did it anyway to the glory of God.

My mom has a different kind of ministry. She sends notes for many different occasions. She pretty much knows special days of many across this country and she celebrates and encourages so many.

I feel so blessed to have a legacy of loving Jesus in my heritage. I am so thankful for my parents and how they minister to others all over the country.

Angela Ulmet Craig



When thinking back to memories from the past 45 years, I believe the biggest characteristic of my mom and dad that stands out is their outreach. They always welcomed people into our home whether it was for a meal, a day, or even months. I don't believe anyone has ever asked them for something to which there wasn't a prompt reply of some sort. I remember not understanding how my parents could be so giving when we didn't have that much ourselves. However, so many times we would see blessings bestowed upon our family that would not have been nearly as divine had we not given most of what we had.

The faith that they portrayed is priceless. Even though the odds were stacked against them so many times, they continually had faith in God, that he would not

leave us or forsake us. Even in troubling times, their faith did not waiver, and it never occurred to any of us girls to turn our backs on God and believe something else. It was quite evident to anyone who came into contact with our family for very long that the foundation of our "home" was built on Christ Jesus. They were never ashamed and taught us never to fear standing up for our Lord.

Another quality I am reminded of is their constant passion for scripture and prayer. Many times I would hear Dad muttering a prayer or see my mother quietly crying in a chair with her Bible open. They sought God for every decision and detail of our lives and depended on their daily quiet times for answers to tough decisions. This trait was also passed down from our grandparents, and it is a quality that continually challenges me in my own spiritual walk.

No family is not without its issues, and to say we were problem free would be a false claim. One thing I can say is that through all of the past trials, struggles, pains, and hardships our family has faced, we all still ask God for direction and guidance in how to react and respond. I believe this is a testament to a Mom and Dad that love Jesus more than anything else. I am so thankful that they continually pointed us to Christ for every decision and crossroad we faced.

I was privileged and blessed to be able to have mom and dad live nearby when our family was going through a traumatic time with some of our children. They selflessly gave of their time, love, and prayers. It would have been easy to be judgmental, or try to explain all

of the things that they thought we should do differently, but instead they consistently helped us by supporting us, spending time with our children, and sometimes just listening. I will hold the memories dear to my heart and am thankful for each day/week we get to spend with them.

Michel Ulmet Maroon



William Aleck Ulmet (Bill) and Kathleen Louise Morris Ulmet (Kathy) were both children of pastors. Their early lives were spent in many different places in Indiana and Iowa, as they both grew up with four siblings each and parents who poured their lives into ministry. In the early 1960's they found each other in high school in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Bill's father, the late Aleck George Ulmet, was the pastor of Oskaloosa Church of the Nazarene while Kathy's father was a professor at William Penn College, and both her mother and father were dedicated to ministry in Quaker and Friends' congregations.

Bill was a basketball jock whose high school records were not beaten for many years after graduation. Kathy was the head cheerleader and homecoming queen. It was Mother's day of their high school senior year that they both bowed at an altar giving their hearts to Christ, and the rest of their lives they have held onto and dug deeper into that commitment.

At a very early age, they found themselves married, at Olivet Nazarene College, with a baby on the way. Bill majored in Math and P.E., worked full-time selling Charlie's Chips, worked *(continued on next page)*



Pictured from left to right, Dustin 23, Darrin 15, Carson 6, Michel, Zea 12, Brian. Michel is a High School Guidance Counselor in Champagne, IL. She is married to Brian Maroon – a P.E. teacher in St. Joe, Ill.

the night shift at the state mental health facility in the criminally insane ward, and lettered in four sports, while Kathy stayed home with their precious newborn who would become the first of four children and took modeling side jobs. Bill was a guard on the first intercollegiate basketball team his senior year at ONC (now ONU) and was later inducted into the ONU Hall of Fame.

Life was difficult as there was little money and precious little time together. However, soon after graduation in '67 they found themselves in teaching and coaching positions in Buffalo, Illinois. While there they attended Springfield First Nazarene where Kathy taught a 3rd grade boys Sunday School class and Bill worked with the teens. They moved back to Oskaloosa, Iowa in 1968 where they grew their family from three to six. Bill taught math and coached boys basketball/ baseball and girls' golf and softball. They were mentored and loved on by Nazarene pastors and families that gave them so much. Two of their pastors included Jim Diehl, and Gary Henecke.

It was somewhere in this 8-year time span in Oskaloosa, Iowa that God began working on Bill's heart. He had students, teachers, and community members that he talked to about Christ. Students would, years later, write letters to 'Coach Ulmet' thanking him for his dedication to God, and asking him more about his faith. It was obvious that Bill had the gift of evangelism. And as God moved in on him...God was preparing Kathy's heart as well. She became such a giver to those around her. Birthday cards, sympathy cards, kind words to the hurting, opening her home to those less fortunate, feeding the

hungry, and providing hospitality just became part of her life regimen.

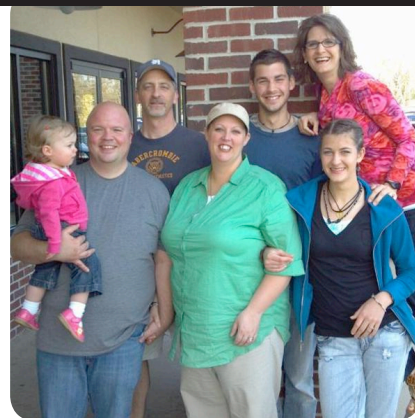
Thoughts from eldest daughter, Teresa...

I am the eldest daughter of Bill and Kathy. I always tell Dad that I helped raise him! When you read some of the things that my sisters tell you, – you will understand.

I will never forget the struggle, the prayer times that Dad would go through as he wrestled with his call to ministry. His father, a pastor and later District Superintendent on the Kentucky District, told Dad, "Son, if you can stay out of hell and not preach – do it." Dad knew that the call was heavy on his heart. He could not walk away from it. I remember filling in at Nazarene churches in Iowa as Dad worked on his course of study. We had wonderful Sundays in the homes of congregation members who would welcome us and care for us. Then, Dad would teach on Monday morning, and we would file off to school.

Dad was eventually called to a church in Catlett, Virginia where we made our home from May of 1975 – May of 1978. It was a beautiful start. We lived in a beautiful parsonage right next to the church that ended up growing and building. Mom taught Sunday School and took all of us to the Warrenton Nursing Home where she would teach, we would sing, and care for the hearts of those who were aging.

In May of 1978 we moved to pastor University Park church of the Nazarene in Wichita Falls, TX where again the church grew and built on. We were all active on the West



Pictured back row, Ken, Tanner 20, Teresa, front row, Brendon Myers holding Makenna, Mary Myers, Tate 18. Teresa is an ordained elder serving as High School Pastor and is married to Ken Garner, an ordained elder serving as the Executive Pastor in the same church – Jackson First Church of the Nazarene, MI. They have two children, Tanner and Tate. They are both at Olivet Nazarene University.

Texas District. Mom worked with choir and special music, teaching a Sunday School class and ministering in four different nursing homes. The partnership in ministry that I saw between my mom and dad has yielded the fruit that I see in my own home and the homes of my siblings. We all work together in our areas of giftedness for the Kingdom of God. We served in this capacity until 1981.

It was in October of my high school senior year that we moved from Texas to New Castle, Ind. Keep in mind that at the time we were moving north – everyone else was moving south! It was a difficult transition, but I remember God's promises of protection and guidance being so real to me during that time. Dad pastored the Southside Church while mom taught a Sunday School Class, started the Teen Bible Quiz program, and transported teens to the weekly early morning prayer meetings started by their younger three girls before school.

August of 1986 through September of 1993, Dad pastored the Rock

Hill West Main Church of the Nazarene in South Carolina. Mom had gone back to school to receive her B.S. and Master's degrees in Speech Pathology. She worked for a clinic there while the two youngest of the girls were at home, and the two oldest were at Olivet Nazarene University.

During all of this time, Dad was always an evangelism enthusiast promoting revivals in each church he attended and pastored, holding meetings himself through the years. Then, the Lord called dad into evangelism. Since September of 1993 to the present Dad has been a full-time, tenured evangelist. Mom traveled with dad until June of 2002, providing music and prayer support. Then, she eventually lived close to Michel and her family where she worked, provided medical coverage, and helped Michel with the children. Since that time, Mom has retired, and they have a home on the same plot of land where Angela, Todd, and the boys live.

Both of my parents taught me several lessons throughout my years at home. First, no one was a stranger. We welcomed people into our home for meals, for rest, for fun. We gave people a home when they had none. Countless people lived with us as we tried to get them back on their feet. I believe that is why we understood/understand clearly the command in James to take care of the widow and the orphan. Each daughter and family has taken seriously the challenge to do the same.

Next, there were two truths that were obvious from day one. God is first. There is no other priority that is greater than Him. He is all! He is everything! And, closely following

was the fact that we were loved. Though I remember Dad as being so strict when we were young, I also remember laughter, great affection, long talks into the night that often ended in prayer, and precious memories of grandparents, uncles and aunts, cousins, and various other family members and friends that surrounded us with love, prayer, and affection.

Thanks mom and dad. I love you. Thank you for believing in holiness, in women in ministry, and in reaching and providing for the lost spiritually and physically. My life is rich with memories and full of future promise because of your commitments to Jesus!

Teresa Beth Garner



It was my privilege to recruit Bill Ulmet to Oskaloosa, Iowa as a high school teacher, varsity basketball coach, and member of Oskaloosa First church. Bill (and his wonderful wife, Kathy) made a tremendous impact on that congregation with their enthusiasm, warmth, evangelistic spirit, and joyful attitudes. They were truly "spiritual spark plugs" in that fine church.

After taking the High school basketball team "from cellar dwellers" to "conference champs" (and a whole lot more!), the day came when the local newspaper printed an article with this headline, "Ulmet Trades (basketball) Bench for Pulpit." This enthusiastic basketball coach and contagious Christian had been called into the full time ministry by the Holy Spirit. That was a sad day for Oskaloosa but a blessed day for the Kingdom of God!

Bill Ulmet has served as an effective pastor, but his greater gift is that of evangelism. For several decades Bill has been anointed by God as an evangelist who confronts congregations with the claims of the gospel but always wrapped in a spirit of love. The same "fire in the belly" of this basketball coach is now "fire in the heart" of this Godly evangelist. He has been greatly used by God in winning men, women, teens, and children to Christ then challenging them to "run for the gold" in this Christian race. Right by his side has been his Spirit-filled wife, Kathy, who also brought her amazing set of God-given gifts to this ministerial calling.

Bill and Kathy Ulmet have been God's gift to the Church of the Nazarene for over 40 years. I honor them today not only as effective evangelists, but as two people who have had a very powerful and positive influence on my life. Now I'm so thankful that Bill "traded the bench for the pulpit"! The Kingdom of God has greatly grown and benefited because this young, successful basketball coach said a total "yes" to the will of God.

James H. Diehl
General Superintendent Emeritus





by Dr. Harold DeMott

Our doctrinal distinctive. That was how my pastor described it when I was just a kid. While I did not know then much about the doctrine, I did understand distinctive. It did not mean that we were completely different from other Evangelical denominations, but we did have a particular calling and a particular doctrine.

We believed in imparted grace. We believed in a genuinely transformed life. We believed that God really did change our hearts. We believed in holiness.

Early in my life I received Jesus Christ as a personal savior. Like many, I struggled through my teen years and finally came to a full surrender to the Lord in Seminary. In response to my full surrender, the Holy Spirit sanctified me wholly, filled me with His presence and cleansed my heart. From that moment I experienced His presence and power.

I believed completely in the Holiness message, and as a pastor, attempted to preach it clearly. Like many of my fellow pastors, I sought an illustration that would be simple enough to understand and at the same time complete enough to be effective. I stumbled upon just such an illustration one day in our garage.

I was making one more attempt to clean the garage when I came across my son's



football shoes. They were a mess, muddy and worn. It was as if the Spirit said, "Take the shoelace." So I did.

I asked, "If this shoelace is my life and I want to restore it to new condition, what should I do?" Well, first I washed it. That is what Jesus does for us. He washes us and takes away the mess of our sin.

"And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." (1Co 6:11 NIV)

"...he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth ..." (Tit 3:5 NIV)

So, I washed the shoelace. I used detergent, I used bleach, I used whitener. When I was finished, I think the shoelace thought it was finished. I remember well that when the Lord was washing away my sin, Satan told me that He was also washing away all my friends, all my future, and all my plans and dreams. Little did I know that He would actually fill my life with friends and give me a future and a hope.

My next step in restoration was to iron the shoelace. So, I tugged and pulled. I applied pressure and heat and steam.

Again I was reminded of what God did in my own life. He applied heat and pressure and steam. He tugged and pulled. The result was that I began growing in the Lord.

“Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.” (2 Pet 3:17 NIV)

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.” (2Pet 3:18 NIV)

Growing in grace is not easy business. The Lord uses all manner of circumstances and conditions to develop character within us. He is not so much interested in our comfort as in our character.

Now, I had not gone far with the ironing process when the point of the iron stopped at a knot. The shoelace had somehow become knotted. I was reminded that God created mankind to live in fellowship with him. Even our upright stature teaches us that we were meant to gaze into the face of God. After Adam sinned, God came into the garden and called to him. Adam was hiding.

I think Adam hid like my granddaughter used to hide. She would cover her eyes, and because she could not see me, she thought I could not see her. Adam bowed his head ... slumped his shoulders and cowered, thinking that he was hiding from God. Not only did Adam turn away from God, he turned all the way in upon himself until in selfishness, his heart was tied in a knot.

So I set about to untie the knot. It was tight and very difficult. With some pliers I grabbed one side and with an awl I poked and pried until I was able to release the knot. Again I was reminded of the full surrender in my own life. I had tried to surrender ... mostly to the Lord. “You can do anything with my life, except pinch me, or use anything sharp, or ...” Well, you get the point. Finally, I said “yes” to anything God needed to do to untie the knot in my heart. He could pull, pry, tug, probe, turn me upside down. I only wanted victory. Then it hit me. This is perfect. The knot was gone, but no one could say exactly where. How many times

had I heard someone ask, “If sin is eradicated how can it come back?” Well, the knot had no ontological existence. It was not possible to lay the shoelace at one end of my desk and the knot at the other end. The knot was a condition of the shoelace, not something in and of itself. It is possible for a person to turn again away from God, turn all the way in upon themselves and tie their heart once again in a knot.

With the knot gone, I was now able to return to the task of ironing. Growth in grace never stops. Pressure, heat, steam, stretching and pulling. These are a way of life for a growing Christian.

Finally, I was ready to lay the shoelace next to one just taken from the package. Sadly, the shoelace on which I had worked so hard did not look like the new one. It was frayed, the aglets were gone, it just looked bad. Once again Paul helped me.

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.” (Phil 3:12 NIV)

“Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, Phil 3:14 (NIV) I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Phil 3:13 NIV)

Much of the damage of sin remains in our lives. Our intellect is darkened. Our emotions are damaged. We see as through a darkened glass. Much is left yet to be done. Thankfully, the grand sweep of salvation includes glorification. One day all will be fully restored. Until then we press on toward the goal. ★

Dr. Harold DeMott is a friend and encourager to evangelists. After over four decades of pastoral ministry, he continues to be active in preaching holiness and modeling the sanctified life. He and his family live in Lansing, MI and are members of the Michigan District.



GREAT CAMP MEETING



**EVANGELIST
BOB HOOTS**



**EVANGELIST
STUART MCWHIRTER**



**SONG EVANGELIST
RALPH DUNMIRE**

Talk about a dream team of real pros. You say, "Who would they be?" Now, it's really a big camp meeting, so we need the very best in the way of workers. Let's start with Stuart McWhirter who has a memory like a vault, world-traveled with a mind not unlike a library and a delivery that is stunning. Now, let's lighten this thing up a bit with a sort of Uncle Bud and a Will Rogers combination with a million-dollar smile. Of course that would be Bob Hoots. This combination can play off each other in a dramatic fun-filled, yet deeply convicting way. Now we need an experienced Song Evangelist that understands the camp meeting way of doing things. He can set the stage for the preaching and has a feeling for the altar call. Well, I understand they got Ralph Dunmire. Wow, what a team. You may say, "Chuck, are you dreaming?" Well, yes and no. And you may want to know where this camp meeting is going on. Well, all of them got the call years ago and booked the camp in their little date books we all carry. The meeting just started in heaven. As usual Bob was late, but who cares. He always was worth waiting for. Stuart was flying high when he got there, and as usual Bob cheered him on. Ralph was all smiles. The campmeeting was booked for two thousand years unless it breaks into one of those meetings you can't shut down. Be sure to get there, whatever else you do.

- Chuck Millhuff



The year 2012 witnessed the promotion to heaven of these three seasoned campmeeting evangelists along with several others whose ministries may not be as fresh to our memories. Their ministries continue to bring forth spiritual fruit through the lives of those they touched during this brief time on earth. I personally have met young pastors and missionaries and singers whose lives were forever changed because of the powerful and faithful ministry these and other evangelists. Please continue to remember the families they left behind in your prayers. - Gary Bond

THE LITTLE COPPER PIN by Bob Hoots

We went off to Kansas City
a wearin' a big Kentucky grin
cause all the big shots were waitin'
to give me a special pin

Right in the middle of the meeting
when I felt so done in
the chairman brought me forward
And gave me a copper pin.

When I got back to Kentucky
You should have seen my kin
They said, "Old Bob is famous-
He's wearin' his very own pin."

I'm not sure it was worth it
When I think of where I've been
Should have gone to Woolworths
and bought myself a pin.

Kansas City knows about me now
I'm one of their special men
They took 50 cents from the General Budget
and bought Bob Hoots a pin.

Don't want to hurt your feelings
Don't want to lose a friend
Its just I needed money
I already had a pin.

Its been tough out there boys
Cause some things you can't spend
We sit by an empty table
And stare at this silly pin

When just a kid in the mountains
The church said, "Who can we send?"
I answered, "Here I am folks."
and for my effort got this pin.

Yes, I gave my whole life
Poor souls a tryin' to win
The church made it up to me
And gave me a 50 cent pin.

Now when I get to heaven
St. Peter will say with a grin,
"Here comes ole Hoots the Evangelist
A wearin' that ridiculous pin."



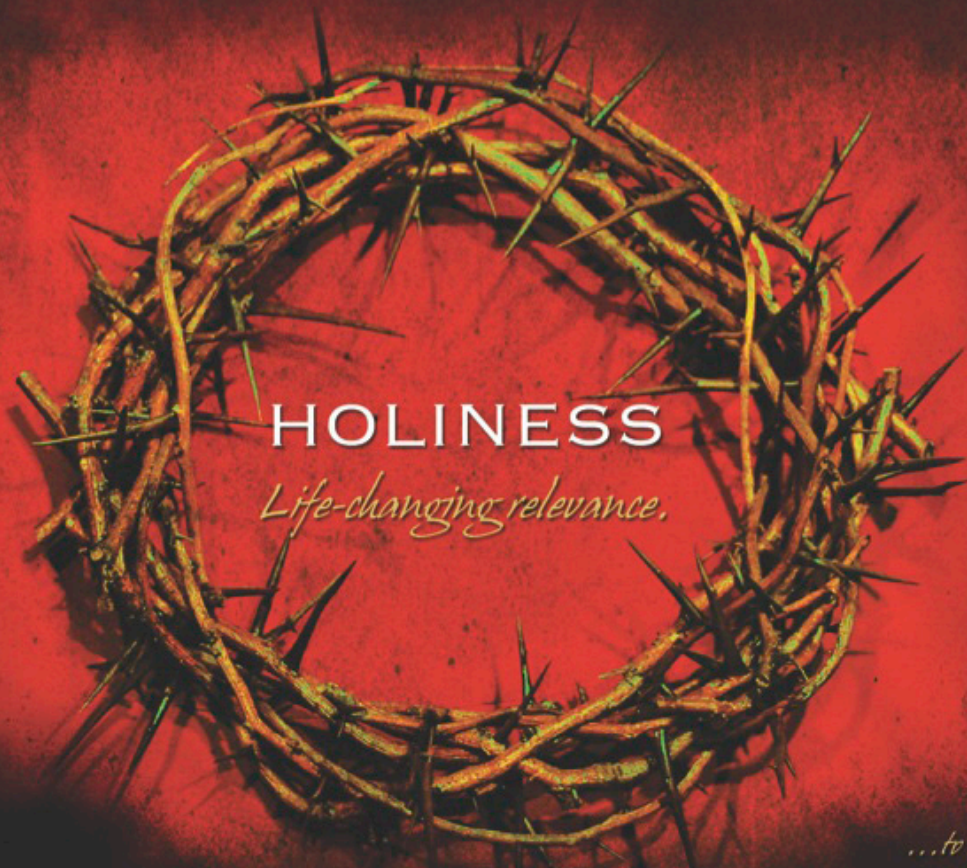


U.S. soldiers reaffirm their oath during the 5th Signal Command's Operation Solemn Promise commemoration event, Nov. 16, 2012, at the Wiesbaden Fitness Center, U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden, Germany. U.S. Army photo by Karl Weisel

All branches of our military require ceremonies in which members pledge their loyalty and reaffirm their mottos and core values. These U.S. army soldiers are once again focusing on "This We'll Defend" their official motto written in small print on their seal. Most Americans recognize "Semper Fidelis" (Always Faithful) or the shortened version, "Semper Fi" of the U.S. Marines. The U.S. Coast Guard has the similar Latin motto of "Semper Paratus" (Always Prepared). The core values of the U.S. Navy are "Honor, Courage, Commitment." The U.S. Air Force embraces the core values of "Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence in All We Do." We as Christians would do well to apply the aforementioned mottos and core values to our lives as well. The apostle Paul writes to the Philippian church about "defending" and confirming the Gospel."(Philippians 1:7) In II Timothy 4:2 Paul tells Timothy to "be prepared" in season and out of season." Frederick W. Faber in his beloved hymn wrote, "Faith of our fathers! Holy Faith! We will be true to thee till death!" Realizing that honor demands courage and commitment, Paul tells the Corinthians, "We are careful to be honorable before the Lord..." (II Corinthians 8:21 NLT) Finally, "Excellence in All We Do" is found in the admonition, "...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (I Corinthians 10:31 NIV) - Gary Bond

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Nelson Perdue

The call to holiness is the highest possibility of our nature. The motive behind such a high calling is simply because He is holy. In His holiness, we have the source of all moral values. His holiness is underived and eternal, in a word, "absolute." He is holy in all His character and all His works. He is therefore as free from mistakes as He is from sin. In creation He made man in His image and likeness. Through disobedience man fell from his original state. By this same standard He provides redemption for man, and by this standard He will finally judge all men.

The holiness which redemption provides is in quality like God's own holiness. It is, however, imparted to our earthen vessels and therefore modified by human limitations. This allows for a margin between what man is and what he does, and therein lies the difference between absolute and Christian perfection. One may be pure in heart and yet because of limitations and infirmities, may fail in judgment and conduct. This will not impugn his motive, but does acknowledge mistakes. Such mistakes are entirely compatible with a holy heart.

Roy S. Nicholson states in his book entitled "True Holiness": "The holiness God calls man to is relative to our creaturely experience and earthly limitations; derived from God's grace in Christ, not based on any merit of our own; progressive, or capable of indefinite improvement; alienable, or forfeitable; not guaranteed to perpetuity, but conditional on faith, our striving against sin, and steadfast abiding in the love of God."

The Psalmist says, "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Beauty is not only a great incentive to holiness; it is its essential essence. There is nothing more beautiful than holiness, nothing more desirous than purity, *(continued on next page)*

and nothing more abiding than love. These are the qualities of a holy life.

However, the word "holiness" and its cognate term "sanctification" have lost their attractiveness due to misrepresentation by those who are opposed to their true meaning. C. S. Lewis said, "Rather than rejoice at the very notion of holiness; sinners scheme to ambush and attack it."... Good words often suffer what Lewis called "verbicide," the willful destruction of a word's meaning. Quoting Oliver Wendell Holmes, he said: "Life and language are alike sacred. Homicide and verbicide—that is—violent treatment of a word with fatal results to its legitimate meaning—are alike forbidden." Lewis declared, "We cannot stop the verbicides. The most we can do is not to imitate them."

Why does God call us to holiness? Why did He provide redemption for man to be restored to this high and holy state of grace? Man is not the man he was made to be until he is in his right and normal relationship with God. Samuel Chadwick said, "The more a sinner a man is, the less a man that sinner is." Man's purpose, happiness, and felicity are being at one with his Creator. Holiness is the only quality of character that can please God and provide fellowship with God, and it is the only quality of character that will fully and permanently satisfy man.

There would be no pleasure for a bird if there was not air for it to fly in or a fish without water

to swim in, and so it is with man. There could be no pleasure for man if there is no presence of God in his soul or likeness of God in his nature.

God created this world for man's enjoyment, but He created man to share with him His glory and enjoy sweet fellowship and communion with one another. God never created even an angel to fill the place man is to fill. "For unto which of the angels said He at anytime, thou art my son; this day have I begotten thee?" Hebrews 1:5

How can we have communion with a holy God while groveling in the things of earth and living below the favor of His love? "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" In order for God and man to walk together in holy splendor some things must be held in common. We are called to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The highest exercise of which man is capable is the privilege of worship. Christ is the only person to walk upon the earth that man can bow down and worship without committing idolatry. That is because He is holy, and we can worship Him from a holy heart. No being, however great or wise, could ever become the object of the adoration and worship of man if in that being there could be found any moral imperfection whatsoever. On the other hand, it takes the grace of entire sanctification and of imparted righteousness to fit man for this highest exercise.

How important it is to heed the call to holiness. The price

God paid to redeem fallen man speaks loudly concerning the urgency of this call. It is not optional but essential if man is ever to be as he was created. If man rejects this call to holiness, he likewise rejects the one who extends the call. The Apostle Paul said: "God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, (rejects) despiseth not man, but God, who has given us his Holy Spirit." (I Thessalonians 4:7-8) Eternally lost man will forever be something other than he was created to be.

Dr. C. W. Butler said: "The most terrifying picture of an eternally lost soul is depicted in the words of the inspired writer, 'They rest not, day nor night.' This eternal unrest of a lost soul consists of despair without hope, darkness without light, sorrow without any alleviation. It will be sin let loose on itself, without any of the mollifying influences of the presence of righteousness." However, heaven represents to us eternal rest; not the rest of inactivity, but the rest of perfect harmony, the absence of all friction and care, the presence of fullness of joy.

God has provided for us to be holy through the sacrifice of His Son. Let us, by a supreme moral choice and a humble faith, appropriate the provisions He has made. Let us be faithful to love, serve, and worship in the beauty of holiness until our race is run, and the crown is won. "But as He which has called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, be ye holy; for I am holy." ★

Fires of Revival

Revival News from Pittsburgh District Teen Camp

The message of holiness that brings victory in the hearts of believers will be a lost truth if it is not instilled and experienced by the younger generations. The first night was directed towards salvation and rededication. It was overwhelming to see the front lined two and three deep with young people asking God to wash their sins clean by the power in the blood of Christ. Tuesday morning, I spoke on forgiveness. It became evident to me, while working the altar, that our teenagers have a plethora of hurts ranging from broken homes to abusive relationships. It was heartwarming to see these young people make the choice to forgive with God's help. During the course of the week I preached on sanctification. The Pittsburgh District teens responded overwhelmingly; they made their way forward to ask God to crucify their sinful nature and raise them filled with His Holy Spirit. We rejoiced as over 100 teens responded. On Friday night the Holy Spirit came in a special way after communion. I felt impressed to give a second altar call. The young people, without being prompted, flooded the altar to meet with God. We are still hearing reports of victory. Even through struggles and failures, these young people are seeking and living out our victorious message through the power and presence of Christ. *(Scott, Scotty, and Holly Ferguson pictured)*



Revival news from the Northridge New Life Church of the Nazarene, Porter Ranch, CA, Dr. Chuck and Dixie Smith

"We had a rewarding revival with Evangelist Norman Moore, July 1-4. His messages targeted the needs of the congregation. We had a large response during the Sunday morning service with many seeking the Lord at the altar. Each evening service was well attended and Norman's preaching addressed everyone's spiritual needs. We had an outstanding outdoor 4th of July potluck and fireworks event that brought a great turnout with many who made commitments to the Lord. After the revival, our next Sunday service was filled with testimonies of the new commitments made, lessons learned and help received from the Lord. On Wednesday evening, our attendance was doubled. I highly recommend Norman for his ability to connect with the people and bring a practical biblical message with illustrations that touch the heart and convey deep spiritual life-changing truth." *(Chuck and Dixie Smith pictured)*



Revival News from The Church of the Nazarene, Parrish Alabama, Pastor P. Carroll Smith.

"Thank God the days of revival are not over. We just had a great one! Evangelist Robert Dabydeen, (pictured) brought Spirit anointed messages every service. Prior to the revival date the church conducted a 48-hour chain of prayer. In the very first service on Sunday morning, the Lord came in a mighty way. While the choir was singing, people started coming out of the choir to the altar. God heard their prayers. After the message Brother Dabydeen gave the altar call and others prayed through. In every service there were seekers praying through at the altar. I just wanted you to know that when the church prays, God answers. I really enjoy getting the "Perspective Magazine." Keep up the good work." *(Robert Dabydeen pictured)*





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**ADAMS, MICHAEL (T)**

- Jan 6-9 Merced, CA (Christian Life Center)
- Jan 13-16 Lemoore, CA
- Jan 27-30 Modesto, CA (Cornerstone Community)
- Feb 3-6 Florence, OR
- Feb 10-13 Concord, CA (Christ Community)
- Feb 17-20 Atwater, CA
- Feb 24-27 Littleton, CO (Columbine Hills)
- Mar 3-6 Madill, OK
- Mar 17-20 Edmond, OK (First)
- Mar 24-27 Woodward, OK

BENSON, MICHAEL

- Jan 6 Decatur, IL (First)
- Jan 13 Decatur, IL (First)
- Jan 14-18 Bourbonnais, IL (Olivet Nazarene University)
- Jan 19-23 Columbus, OH (Lifepoint)
- Jan 27 Monte Vista, CO (Monte Vista Valley)
- Feb 4-5 Marion, IN (Northeastern Indiana Spirit Rally)
- Feb 10-13 Orange, TX (First)
- Feb 17-20 Sparks, NV (First)
- Feb 24-27 Anderson, IN (First)
- Mar 10-13 Carrollton, MO
- Mar 14-17 Rockport, IN

BOLICH, JEREMIAH

- Jan 5-8 Grand Rapids, MI (International Fellowship)
- Jan 11-13 Lebanon, TN (Cross Style)
- Jan 20-23 Arlington, TX (First)
- Jan 27-30 Crowley, TX (Fort Worth First)
- Feb 3-6 Fort Worth, TX (Grace Tabernacle)
- Feb 10-13 Euless, TX (First)
- Feb 17-20 Burleson, TX
- Feb 24-27 Stephenville, TX
- Mar 3-6 Phoenix, AZ (NorthGate)
- Mar 10-13 Murrieta, CA (Gateway)
- Mar 17-20 Pixley, CA
- Mar 24-27 Brookings, OR
- Mar 29-31 Cody, WY

BOND, GARY

- Mar 3-6 Tuscaloosa, AL (First)
- Mar 10-13 Shelbyville, TN (Himesville Nazarene)
- Mar 17-20 Tidewater, VA (Central Nazarene)
- Mar 27 Elkins, WV (First)

BURKHALTER, PAT (T)

- Jan 30-Feb 3 Post, TX
- Mar 6-10 Mount Vernon, IN (Point Township)
- Mar 20-24 Iberia, MO
- Mar 27-31 Kearney, NE

CERVANTES, RUDY

- Jan 4 San Diego, CA (Westfield Horton Plaza)
- Jan 6 Alva, OK (Alva)
- Jan 11-25 San Diego, CA (Westfield Horton Plaza)
- Jan 27 Colorado Springs, CO (First)
- Feb 1-22 San Diego, CA (Westfield Horton Plaza)
- Feb 24 Coshocton, OH

COVINGTON, NATHAN (T)

- Jan 20-23 Centerview, MO (Countryside)

DONNERBERG, JOHN

- Jan 11-13 McAllen, TX
- Feb 8-10 Wichita Falls, TX (First)
- Feb 17-20 Borger, TX (Trinity)
- Feb 24-27 Harrison, OH
- Mar 3-6 New Castle, IN (First)
- Mar 10-13 West Milton, OH
- Mar 17-20 Fayetteville, AR (First)
- Mar 24-27 Lawton, OK (Lawton Heights)

FERGUSON, SCOTT

- Jan 13-16 Kannapolis, NC (Westside)
- Jan 20-23 Fort Oglethorpe, GA (Battlefield Parkway)
- Jan 27-30 Tennille, GA (Good Shepherd)
- Feb 3-6 Woodbury, GA (Harmony)
- Feb 17-20 Excel, AL (Enoch Johnson Memorial)
- Feb 24-27 Cascilla, MS (Rosebloom)
- Mar 3-10 Houston, MS (Pearson Chapel)
- Mar 16-20 Robbins, NC (Browns Chapel Christian Church)
- Mar 24-27 Wrightsville, GA

FLINT, BOB

- Jan 1-20 Shelby, OH (Shelby)
- Jan 21-24 Findlay, OH (Winebrenner Seminary)
- Feb 10-13 Paris, TX (First)
- Feb 17-20 Mesquite, TX
- Feb 24-27 Camden, SC (First)
- Mar 1-31 Shelby, OH

GALLIMORE, DAVID

- Jan 20-23 Lafayette, LA (Nouvelle)
- Jan 27-30 Kingman, AZ
- Feb 3-6 Safford, AZ (Mount Graham)
- Feb 10-13 Alma, GA (First)
- Feb 17-21 Council Bluffs, IA (Emanuel)
- Feb 22-27 Council Bluffs, IA (First)
- Mar 3-6 Nashville, TN (Bethel)
- Mar 10-13 Nappanee, IN (Missionary Church)
- Mar 17-20 Corbin, KY

**GESSNER, DON AND SHIRL**

- Jan 8-13 Brooksville, FL (Wesleyan Camp)
- Jan 15-31 Newark, OH (Evangelism Outreach)
- Feb 1-28 Newark, OH (Evangelism Outreach)
- Mar 1-31 Newark, OH (Evangelism Outreach)

GREENWAY, KENNETH (T)

- Jan 20-23 Waycross, GA (Faith Temple)
- Jan 27-30 Lizella, GA (Open Bible Tabernacle)
- Feb 3-10 Seagrove, NC (Mt. Zion Wesleyan)
- Feb 17-21 Butler, GA (Bethel Congregation Methodist)
- Feb 24-27 Waycross, GA (First)
- Mar 3-6 Burlington, NC (Shamrock Evangelical Methodist Church)
- Mar 10-14 Granite Falls, NC (Rock Chapel Church of God)
- Mar 20-24 Newark, OH (Church of God)

HAINES, GARY (T)

- Jan 2-31 Colorado Springs, CO (Nazarene Bible College)
- Feb 4-28 Colorado Springs, CO (Nazarene Bible College)
- Mar 4-27 Colorado Springs, CO (Nazarene Bible College)
- Mar 29-31 Buena Vista, CO (High Country)

HISE, RONNIE

- Jan 11 Highland, IN (Kolas's Book Store)
- Mar 2 Rockford, IL (First)

JUNEMAN, JOHN

- Feb 24-27 Issaquah, WA (Mountain Creek Christian Fellowship)

LOMAN, LANE

- Jan 6-9 Savannah, GA (Harvest)
- Jan 13-16 Thomasville, AL (Springfield Methodist Protestant Church)
- Jan 20-23 Leavittsburg, OH
- Jan 25-27 Orlando, FL (Faith Springs Church)
- Feb 3 Kissimmee, FL (Grace Fellowship)
- Feb 10-13 Westport, IN (Waynesburg Christian Church)
- Feb 17-19 Columbus, IN (Wesleyan Area Indoor Camp)
- Feb 22-24 Jasper, AL (First)
- Mar 3-6 Sharpsville, PA
- Mar 7-10 Martins Ferry, OH
- Mar 17-20 Oak Hill, WV (Gospel Tabernacle)
- Mar 21-24 Man, WV

LECKRONE, LARRY (T)

- Jan 31-Feb 10 Avon Park, FL (Avon Park Camp Meeting)
- Feb 11-13 Winter Haven, FL (First)
- Mar 1-3 Jacksonville, FL (Lighthouse)
- Mar 23-27 Clarence, MO
- Mar 30-Apr 3 Washington, PA (First)

LIVERSAGE, JERRY

- Jan 3-17 Garden Grove, CA (Real Help/Responding Recovery)
- Jan 24 Costa Mesa, CA (Responding Recovery Television)
- Jan 26 Banning, CA (Association of Christian Alcohol & Drug Counselors)
- Jan 31-Feb 14 Garden Grove, CA (Real Help/Responding Recovery)
- Feb 16 Anaheim, CA (Valencia Inn)
- Feb 21 Garden Grove, CA (Real Help/Responding Recovery)
- Feb 21 Costa Mesa, CA (Responding Recovery Television)
- Feb 28-Mar 14 Garden Grove, CA (Real Help/Responding Recovery)
- Mar 16 Anaheim, CA (Evergreen Royale)
- Mar 21-28 Garden Grove, CA (Real Help/Responding Recovery)
- Mar 28 Costa Mesa, CA (Responding Recovery Television)

MANLEY, STEPHEN

- Jan 11-13 Lebanon, TN (Cross Style)
- Jan 27-30 North Chesterfield, VA (Cross Pointe)
- Feb 24-27 Terra Haute, IN (Faith Wesleyan)
- Mar 10-12 Michigan, MI (Holiness Summit)

MITCHELL, ROYCE

- Jan 6 Nampa, ID (First)
- Jan 11 Ripon, CA (Immanuel Christian Reformed)
- Jan 12 Paradise, CA (Christian Missionary Alliance Church)
- Jan 13 Roseville, CA (Pleasant Grove Community Church)
- Jan 18 Los Altos, CA (Bridges Community Church)
- Jan 19 Desert Hot Springs, CA (Caliente Springs RV Resort)
- Jan 20 Moreno Valley, CA (Christian Assembly)
- Jan 20 Hemet, CA
- Jan 25 Fresno, CA (Northwest)
- Jan 27 Indian Wells, CA (Southwest Community Church)
- Jan 27 Quartsite, AZ (Alliance Church)
- Jan 28 Indian Wells, CA (Southwest Community Church)
- Feb 1 Lake Havasu City, AZ
- Feb 2 Sierra Vista, AZ
- Feb 3 Green Valley, AZ (Community Church)
- Feb 9 Buckeye, AZ (Liberty United Methodist Church)
- Feb 10-12 Oro Valley, AZ
- Feb 19 Tempe, AZ (Community Church)
- Feb 21 Humboldt, AZ (Junction Christian)
- Feb 22 Apache Junction, AZ (First Baptist Church)
- Feb 24 Surprise, AZ (Grand Community Baptist Church)
- Feb 24 Mesa, AZ (Good Life RV Resort)
- Feb 28 Phoenix, AZ (Southwest Gospel Music Festival)

NICHOLAS, CLAUDE

- Jan 20-23 Lakeland, FL (Eastside)
- Mar 3-6 Charleston, WV (First)
- Mar 10-13 Clendenin, WV
- Mar 17-20 Marysville, OH

PERDUE, NELSON (T)

- Jan 31-Feb 10 Avon Park, FL (Camp Meeting)
- Mar 3-6 Circleville, OH (Crossroads Churches of Christ in Christian Union)
- Mar 10-12 Jackson, OH
- Mar 13-17 Flemingsburg, KY
- Mar 24-27 Hagerstown, IN

PERKINS, HAL

- Jan 1-3 Kansas City, MO (Prayer Conference)
- Jan 5 Spokane, WA (Cluster Conference)
- Jan 6-8 Cheney, WA
- Jan 8-10 Colville, WA
- Jan 12 Coeur d'Alene, ID (Cluster Conference)
- Jan 13-15 Hayden, ID (True North)
- Jan 15-18 Grangeville, ID
- Jan 19 Lewiston Orchards, ID (Cluster Conference)
- Jan 20-22 Lewiston, ID (First)
- Jan 22-25 Prosser, WA
- Jan 26 Pasco, WA (Cluster Conference)
- Jan 27-29 Kennewick, WA
- Jan 29-Feb 1 Yakima, WA (Bethel)
- Feb 2 Yakima, WA (Cluster Conference)
- Feb 3-5 Zillah, WA (First)
- Feb 5-8 Chelan, WA
- Feb 9 Wenatcee, WA (Cluster Conference)
- Feb 10-12 Othello, WA
- Feb 17-20 Pomeroy, WA
- Feb 24-27 Fremont, NE
- Mar 3-6 Crowley, TX (Fort Worth First)
- Mar 21-24 Fort Worth, TX (Crossroads Tabernacle)

PETTIT, BENJAMIN AND AMANDA

- Jan 13 Deltona, FL (Life Fellowship)
- Jan 15-16 Deland, FL
- Jan 18-20 Jacksonville, FL (Oak Hill)
- Jan 23-27 Ashburn, GA (Dayspring)

PETTIT, ELAINE (T)

- Jan 13 Deltona, FL (Life Fellowship)
- Jan 15-16 Deland, FL
- Jan 18-20 Jacksonville, FL (Oak Hill)
- Jan 23-27 Ashburn, GA (Dayspring)
- Feb 10-15 Bradford, PA (Spiritual Life Crusade)

PETTIT, JEREMY

- Jan 13 Deltona, FL (Life Fellowship)
- Jan 15-16 Deland, FL
- Jan 18-20 Jacksonville, FL (Oak Hill)
- Jan 23-27 Ashburn, GA (Dayspring)
- Feb 10-15 Bradford, PA (Spiritual Life Crusade)

PHILLIPS, GENE

- Jan 7-13 Marksville, LA
- Jan 14-20 Crowley, LA (First)
- Jan 21-27 Bossier City, LA

SHELLENBERGER, SUSIE (T)

- Jan 4-6 Boise, ID (New Hope)
- Jan 11-13 Lubbock, TX (First)
- Jan 19-22 Vero Beach, FL (First)
- Jan 27-30 Bourbonnais, IL (Kankakee College)
- Feb 1-3 Pueblo, CO (First)
- Feb 6 Marion, IN (Indiana Wesleyan University)
- Feb 10-13 Winter Haven, FL (First)
- Feb 15-16 Omaha, NE
- Feb 17-20 Mobile, AL
- Feb 22-24 West Columbia, SC (First)
- Mar 2 Nevada, TX
- Mar 6-10 Valley, AL (Indoor Camp Meeting)
- Mar 10-11 Saginaw, MI (Holiness Summit)
- Mar 16-21 Dothan, AL (First)
- Mar 22-24 Spokane, WA (First)
- Mar 29-31 Wichita, KS (Woodland Lakes Community)

ULMET, BILL (T)

- Jan 9-13 Vivian, LA
- Jan 16-20 Evansville, IN (Evansville Rescue Mission)
- Jan 23-27 Decherd, TN
- Mar 3-6 Independence, KY (Florence Community)
- Mar 12-17 Elizabethtown, KY (First)

WHITWORTH, MARCUS

- Jan 25-27 La Junta, CO (First)
- Feb 17-21 Council Bluffs, IA (Emanuel)
- Feb 22-27 Council Bluffs, IA (First)
- Mar 1-7 Carthage, MO

WILKERSON, DR. BOB

- Jan 6 Taylorville, IL (First)
- Jan 13 Virden, IL
- Jan 13 Carlinville, IL (First)
- Jan 16 Decatur, IL (Parkway)
- Jan 20 Anna, IL (First)
- Jan 20 Paducah, KY
- Feb 15-18 Green Acres, FL (EBC Ministries)
- Mar 1-3 Lewisburg, TN (First)
- Mar 10-17 Jacksonville, NC (City Wide Crusade)
- Mar 22-24 Mount Erie, IL
- Mar 24 Olney, IL
- Mar 30-Apr 3 Glen Carbon, IL

you have to hate somebody to not proselytize? How much do you have to hate somebody to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?

"I mean, if I believed, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that a truck was coming at you, and you didn't believe that truck was bearing down on you, there is a certain point where I tackle you. And this is more important than that."³

Yes, this is eternally more important than avoiding being hit with a truck. Maybe Penn has something here. Maybe there is something we can call "hate non-speech." I believe Franklin Graham would agree with the atheist on at least this point, for he said, "Each person we meet on a daily basis who does not know Christ is hell-bound. That may make some folks bristle, but it's a fact. When we refuse to warn people that their actions and lifestyles have eternal consequences, we're not doing them any favors. If everybody feels good about his or her sin, why would anyone repent?"⁴

Maybe we all need to re-focus on Franklin's term "hell-bound." When I was a boy I would ride in my dad's truck as we passed by the open doors of the Chicago and Gary, Ind. steel mills. I would watch the men as they tended the blast furnaces and came so close to the flames. To me it was a frightening thought that sinners would suffer in the flames of hell. When Jesus spoke of that place he used the ever present reminder just outside the walls of Jerusalem, mentioning Gehenna twelve times. The early evangelists had a vivid picture of the consequences of sin. That picture helped to motivate them as they spread the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, is said to have made the comment that if it were possible, he would dangle his

street evangelists over hell for twenty minutes before going out in the streets. Evangelist C.H. Spurgeon uses the following illustration of a surgeon who knows his patient is dying but fails to warn him for fear of offending him:

"Ho, Ho, Sir Surgeon. You are too delicate to tell the man that he is ill. You hope to heal the sick without their knowing it. You therefore flatter them. And what happens? They laugh at you. They dance upon their own graves and at last they die. Your delicacy is cruelty; your flatteries are poisons; you are a murderer. Shall we keep men in a fool's paradise? Shall we lull them into soft slumber from which they will awake in hell? Are we to become helpers of their damnation by our smooth speeches? In the name of God we will not. If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms around their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for."⁵

From the perspective of one atheist, "How much do we have to hate someone to not warn them of the consequences of sin?" It takes a revived church to stand against the stream of spiritual indifference and ethical compromise.

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G Bond

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CHURCHES NEED REVIVAL

by DR. NORMAN MOORE



Purposefully scheduled services focused on revival can be tremendously productive. Both evangelism and renewal can result from these specific efforts.

1. The need is severe. Lost people need to be saved. Many churches go an entire year without any new people being saved and baptized.
2. Believers need to be sanctified, and live a committed, Spirit-filled life. The cleansing, indwelling power and presence of the Holy Spirit must continue to be preached and experienced.
3. Congregations need renewal. Apathy, stagnation, disunity, neglect and decline characterize many churches. In some churches the average Sunday morning worship attendance and membership are smaller than they were ten years ago. Both pastor and people can benefit from hearing a different voice.

Is there a solution? Yes! A genuine working of the Holy Spirit in individual hearts and the entire life of the local church is the answer! This renewing work can be accomplished in the context of purposefully scheduled revival services, saturated in persistent prayer! The unique giftedness of a God-called evangelist is valuable in both the proclamation and the altar-call.

Objections or obstacles often target the difficulty of securing commitment among the people for week-night attendance. Church finances also cause people to question their ability to pay for the expenses of a revival. Perhaps these are more excuses than valid reasons.

In regards to the attendance difficulty, advanced planning and tailored scheduling that gives strong consideration to peoples' time demands is very helpful.

In regards to stretched church finances, again, advanced planning, along with prioritized budgeting and allocation are necessary. The financial issue can also be lessened when several churches cooperate in a combined area revival. Also, the evangelist may have Ministry Partners who surround him or her with prayer and financial support.

Genuine revival can make a substantial difference in a local church. We don't need to settle for conditions as they are. The church needs revival, and you and I can be a part of it! ★

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And he was absolutely right. (Isaiah 61) "The Spirit of the Lord is on me ... to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes."

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