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Executive Editor, **Gary Bond**

FROM THE EDITOR

"There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little inclination to sign up for a long apprenticeship in what earlier generations of Christians called holiness."
Eugene H. Peterson

In a letter to his friend, Thomas Rankin, John Wesley wrote, "I have been lately thinking a good deal on one point, wherein, perhaps, we have all been wanting. We have not made it a rule, as soon as ever persons are justified, to remind them of 'going on unto perfection. 'Whereas This Is The Very Time Preferable To All Others. They have then the simplicity of little children and they are fervent in Spirit, ready to cut off a right hand or pluck out the right eye. But if we once suffer this fervor to subside, we shall find it hard enough to bring them again even to this point."

In Hebrews 6, we find "God-breathed" instructions that after the foundation of faith in Christ unto salvation has been established, that the believer needs to go on to perfection. The word "perfection" immediately triggers a negative reaction in the minds of most people. As we research the various translations of "God-breathed" instructions we find the word, "maturity" used about the same number of times as the word "perfection." Today, I would assume that for many believers it is much easier to buy into maturity than perfection. Currently, there is a very popular concept of holiness that centers on process and maturity, but neglects the urgency of a crisis decision implied in Wesley's letter to Rankin.

Nazarene evangelists and musicians have been blessed through the years to have outstanding preachers and theologians speak to us in our annual gatherings. We have been blessed by the ministries and lives of people such as Dr. Paul Reese, Dr. Richard

Taylor, Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, Dr. Norman Wilson, Dr. Thomas Hermiz, and many others. Several years ago, Dr. Norman Wilson dealt with the question, "Is the Holiness Movement Dead?" I believe Dr. Wilson in his response reflected the same conclusion John Wesley did. He stated, "The holiness movement is not dead, but has been neglected." If we no longer urgently encourage believers to go on to perfection and be sanctified through and through, we are guilty of neglect.

In his book, *"A Long Obedience in the Same Direction,"* Eugene Peterson makes a statement about a market for religious experience in our world. I am afraid we have allowed marketing principles to contribute to our neglect of the specific message of holiness of heart and life. In an age of political correctness, pluralism, and non-confrontational preaching, marketing asks the question, "How will your doctrinal package sell?" What seems to be selling today is a package which contains these items: we are all practicing sinners, there is no hell or judgement, God wants us all to prosper financially, and we're all going to a better place one day.

Once in a while, however, a marketing ploy comes along and just makes good sense. In 1986, a very successful auto maker assembled an advertising super team to market their luxury brand. After a visit to the manufacturing plant, the team noticed an obsessive attention to detail. The advertising team came up with the slogan, *"The Relentless Pursuit of Perfection."* There were no apologies, fears of rejection from the public, or concerns about their competitors. This was a statement of purpose and priority.

In his commentary on Hebrews, Dr. Gareth L. Cockerill deals with the classic holiness scripture reference of *(continued on page 21)*



**RUDY
CERVANTES**

HOW DOES AN ITINERANT EVANGELIST SURVIVE WHEN FEWER DOORS ARE OPEN?

Professional evangelism is becoming more difficult to do—not just in our denomination—but across the United States. Though the opportunities for us to work steadily and independently are shrinking, our calling to do evangelism has not faded. So how does an itinerant evangelist survive when fewer doors are open? Survival means supporting oneself financially, but it also means fulfilling the need we have as evangelists to do good work for God.

A YOUNG MAN AND HIS HORN

I was raised in a Christian home in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where my father and maternal grandfather were pastors at Spanish mission churches. My Dad wasn't just the preacher, but the music minister, handyman, and office manager. My parents involved our large family with six siblings and dozens of aunts, uncles, and cousins pitching in toward the ministry.

My siblings and I were the church band. Between us, we played the saxophone, trombone, trumpet, clarinet, flute, and piano. We often joke that even our family Chihuahua would jump in to play the harmonica!



Despite growing up in a God-centered household, I didn't have a close relationship to God until August 1988 when I accepted Jesus

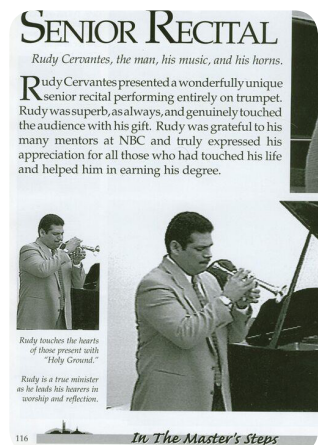
Christ as my personal Savior and I was born again.

The following year, after my parents shipped my old horn from Michigan and I began practicing and doing increasingly more special music in church, I founded Heavenly Trumpet Ministries (HTM) in Sparks, Nevada.

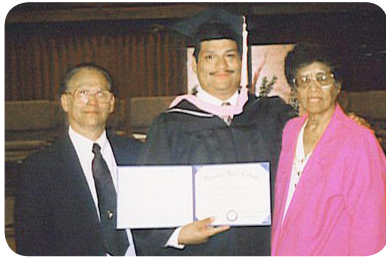
GROWTH OF A SMALL, FAMILY MINISTRY

Within a few months, I was already visiting churches outside our town and state. Between 1989 and 1994, we embarked on several cross-county ministry tours as a family, with my wife Fran supporting me from the pew and teen daughter Danielle assisting with sound checks and singing offertories.

The ministry grew steadily and I released my first three albums in those years, but I was starting to learn my limits. I knew the next step—the next commitment to God—was to attend Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, where I could study music and theology and grow more deeply in the Nazarene community.



That trust in God and investment in our future paid off. After I graduated in 1998, we visited hundreds of new churches, excited about our ministry in revivals, full concerts, or even just special music and offertories. We also traveled to several Palcons, NIROGAs, general assemblies, and regional conferences.



In short, we were busy with bookings and my new career as registered evangelist was just taking off. However, Bible college didn't prepare me for the change in the cultural tide that was about to happen in our church.

CHANGES TO THE CHURCH LANDSCAPE

In the early 2000s, Sunday evening services began to disappear, which complicated many evangelists' schedules and budgets, as most of us depended on two Sunday congregations to cover our travel expenses to get us from our hometowns to churches across the U.S.

With Sundays looking so challenging, I did some research and learned that Seventh-day Adventist churches wanted to open their doors to our ministry on Saturdays, which would relieve some of the pressure to have two meetings on Sundays.



In fact, between 2002 and 2006, we ministered to more than 300 SDA churches! Though we

were blessed by this work, juggling three to four congregations in one weekend proved too emotionally taxing, and it eventually affected my energy for Sunday morning services, which was counterproductive.

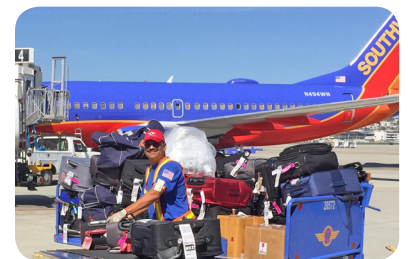
So for the first time in many years, I decided in 2006 to take a sabbatical to catch my breath, regroup, and re-evaluate our strategies.

But unlike pastoral service, evangelists don't get paid if we don't work. Even though I was taking a legitimate sabbatical, I knew I needed to make a living to support my family.

THE START OF SOMETHING DIFFERENT

It turns out that after all our travels to and from San Diego, the skycaps at Lindbergh Field had become friends of HTM. One day, a young man said in passing, "Hey, Rudy, when you need a break from God's work, how about joining us at Southwest Airlines?" He was talking about me becoming a baggage handler. I thought, "What? Me? That's heavy, hard work! Thanks, but that's not for me, brother."

However, months after that man's initial invitation, our needs had changed, and the job looked more appealing to help with expenses during my sabbatical. Moreover, around that time, my father-in-law in Reno became ill, and Fran and I needed to care for him from San Diego. Also, we were aware that one of the best benefits of working for an airline was free flights, which would be a perfect solution to my wife and I needing to



visit my ailing father-in-law as often as we liked.

I figured I could work for six months as a ramp agent (baggage handler), but return to the ministry after the New Year. Because I was going to make just \$8.75 hourly, however, I couldn't travel for HTM at the same time. I was too busy working 16 hour days, 6 days a week to earn a livable wage. I kept wearing a smile, even though I was physically exhausted, but I would work side-by-side with the normal, everyday worker who was just trying to make ends meet.

During that time, I missed ministering at churches. I never talked much about God with my co-workers, though I did try to show them how a Christian lived, to be Jesus in a new way. There was no shortage of invitations from colleagues to join them in mischief after work, but I had no desire to participate in that darkness. Instead, I wanted to show them more deeply what kind of person I was.

In December 2006, before I was due to return to HTM full-time and resign from Southwest, I embarked unknowingly on a new evangelical path.

I had been thinking, "Lord, help me show an act of kindness to the Southwest family who have welcomed and accepted me as their own for six months." And then God gave me great inspiration: Record a new Christmas CD with my testimony about Jesus and then give them away for free!

The CD was a huge success for God. As I walked around the airport during my day, employees stopped and thanked me for sharing my music and story. Many of them



mentioned reading my testimony and experiences being a minister. "Something was different about you, Rudy, and of course now this explains why you declined the party scene with us, but that's cool man!" they said.

Some of them elaborated that they had once been part of a church, but sin had pulled them away. They didn't feel comfortable even stepping foot in a church. But they began to realize, "Rudy, you are our friend, so maybe you could talk to God about me and pray for me."

They started to call me Pastor Rudy. Praying "for me" became "with them"—a lot of them—and an internal light bulb lit up: Why don't you stay with Southwest and keep ministering there? Why does this ministry have to end?

I remembered hearing a pastor say, "People don't care how much you know, but how much you care." I knew I wasn't offering my co-workers anything materially as their de facto pastor, but it made a difference to them that someone in the church cared for them.

EVANGELISM 2.0

It's been nine years now since I started at Southwest Airlines, and HTM is the better and more blessed for it! God has made it work, with me splitting my time between ministry and working as a ramp agent. It's not easy, but it works; and the benefits of my relationship

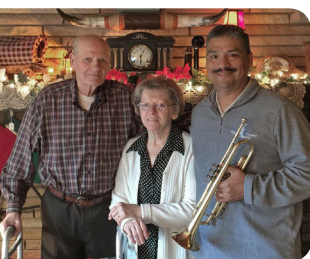
with Southwest Airlines have gone way beyond a paycheck.



I have been offered supervisory and flight attendant positions since I started in 2006. I haven't accepted them because they weren't compatible with the ministry. However, in August 2009, I was chosen by Southwest to be in the airline's "Grab Your Bag" advertising campaign. These television commercials aired during NFL and college football games all around the country, including the Super Bowl.

Those commercial residuals and continued free flights have allowed me to minister to small mission churches that wouldn't otherwise be able to afford my travel expenses. And I've been able to share some of my additional free tickets with other ministers and Christian families who need

to travel and can't afford it. I am also able to travel for free to minister to long-time supporters like Don and Betty Allen of West Virginia, who are now elderly and house-bound.



In fact, even when I get on a SWA flight, I'm ministering. On full flights, I have to take the "jump seat" in the back of the plane to earn my way. I'll offer my assistance to the crew by handing snacks to passengers, all the while wearing my HTM shirts as I am strolling down the aisle. Often, crew and passengers ask, "What is HTM?" and I get to share that I am God's servant. Later during flight, someone will have Googled HTM or visited our website, and they will exclaim, "Dude, that's really

you!" All the while, I didn't have to say a word about Jesus. But they asked, and I was there to answer.



One time in the air, there was so much turbulence that people were frightened and screaming. A flight attendant sitting next to me said, "Rudy, aren't you scared?" And I said, "Why, no! I'm going to heaven! What about you?" She grabbed my hand and said, "I'm with you!"

Back at the Lindbergh Field, I have had so many different opportunities to serve: weddings, funerals, renewals of vows, and blessings over meals.



What have I described? A pastor's role. An evangelist's work.

NEW FRIENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

When I released the Christmas CD for my co-workers, one named Barbara approached me and said, "I love your Christmas CD! In fact, our entire family has enjoyed it!

She mentioned that her 12-year-old son Daniel had just started playing the trumpet and asked if I could take some time to hear him play. Her family thought he was good; he'd been taught by his grandfather who played with The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, but they wanted an outsider's opinion. So I said, "Sure!" and we scheduled a time for me to work with Daniel in the HTM studio.



This wasn't the first time I mentored a young musician as I'd also worked with Ryan Ketchum, who eventually arranged one of my Gospel-jazz albums, and Joshua Hermsmeier, who I first met when I was his counselor at Nazarene summer camp.

And once again, I was amazed by what I heard from a 12-year-old; I immediately began mentoring him and including him in the ministry. In fact, Daniel came on board for five years at HTM, traveling as my roadie and playing trumpet duets with me. Daniel, now a Marine Sergeant, just finished four years of service as a trumpet player in the prestigious "The Commandant's Own" United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps in Washington, D.C.

I have since started mentoring his younger brother, Matthew, who will continue to travel occasionally with HTM until he graduates from high school next year.

GOING FORWARD, BACK TO THE BEGINNING

In the last few years, we've also involved my sister Noemí in the ministry. She travels with her clarinet and meets me several times a year, turning HTM into a duet. In January, we were invited on a music cruise where God used us to evangelize non-believers.

My daughter Danielle now says she "croaks like a frog," so she has shifted her contributions to the ministry from singing and traveling to design and marketing; my son-in-law Dave, a cartoonist, is illustrating a book I'm writing about my experiences working with Ryan, Josh, Daniel, and Matthew.



On Sunday afternoons when I am not traveling or working at the airline, I do street ministry on the boardwalk near the U.S. Midway in San Diego. I set up a small stage and play my horns for tourists, the homeless, food hawkers, and passersby. I've also played at Horton Plaza in downtown San Diego and at The Legends mall in Sparks, Nevada, for holidays. I don't always know if people are listening or enjoying the music, but I know God is doing something with this new outreach ministry.



In the beginning of this article I asked, "How does an itinerant evangelist survive when fewer doors are open?" Survival means supporting oneself financially, but it also means fulfilling the need we have as evangelists to do good work for God.

I have found you survive by being where God puts you. You just have to be open to doing evangelism outside of how you were trained, how you are comfortable, and away from the pulpit.

I'm not a perfect human being, trumpet player, or evangelist, but God has taken who and what I am and used me outside the box. I trust God has HTM where he needs us.

Have you examined where God may need you in the 21st century?





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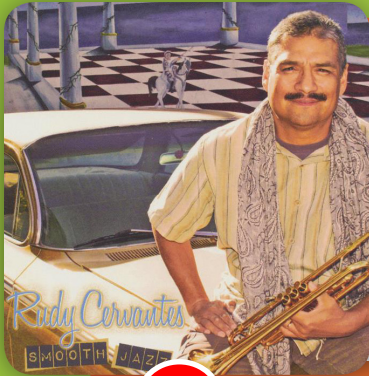
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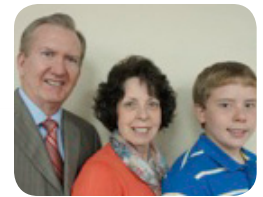
Revival is in the DNA of Harris Chapel. Twice a year we have services with an evangelist who God uses to bring a fresh touch from His Holy Spirit. On September 13-16th we hosted Evangelist Jeremiah Bolich. The Sunday PM and weeknight services featured a meal before the service as well as great preaching to follow. Revival is always a lift to my soul (the pastor) as I am hungry to hear a fresh Word. For me, the exciting thing about this series of meetings was what the Holy Spirit did the week following revival. The Lord woke me up to the realization that we were slipping back to 'church as usual.' God convicted me about being distracted like the church at Ephesus in Revelation. As a result, I repented over having lost 'my first Love'. There's a new passion/ anointing that God has brought to my heart. Praise God for Evangelist Jeremiah Bolich and the experience of revival!



*Rev. Jim Ballenger
Senior Pastor
Harris Chapel Nazarene
Selma Indiana*



We at Flint Hills Church of the Nazarene in Burlington, Iowa have held revivals with Pat, Donna, and Jonathan Burkhalter the past 23 years. Their ministry each and every time has brought revival and encouraged the church to keep going and growing. Pat is a gifted evangelist and proclaims the Word with God's power and authority. Through his anointed preaching the Holy Spirit speaks to the hearts of our people. Others from outside our denomination will come to revival services when the Burkhalters are here. Last evening the presence of the Holy Spirit saturated our sanctuary with His presence and the whole congregation was invited to come forward as we sought a deeper walk with Jesus. It was a glorious time! We are looking forward to the remaining revival services expecting God to do miraculous things. I, as the pastor, and we as the church have been blessed by the ministry of Pat, Donna, and Jonathan. They are more than friends--they are family.



*Rev. Ronald S Jewett
Senior Pastor
Flint Hills Church of the Nazarene
Burlington, Iowa*



Revival

As the pastor of the Vincennes, Indiana First Church of the Nazarene, I believe that the setting aside of regularly scheduled times for revival services is still a crucial part of spiritual development. I can personally look back over my own walk with the Lord and see precious moments when God did something amazing in my life.

Most of those moments happened during the course of scheduled revival services. Last week we were able to have these precious moments again in our local church. It was such a blessing to have Rev. Larry and Tamla Leckrone with us and reconnect with them. It was back in 2001 when they were here for revival services and I was still wrestling with my call and God used them to get me to step out and take the plunge. God used them in a powerful way once again. In conversations with my people, I was told how the Spirit of God moved and brought confirmation, challenge and conviction. I have had a couple of people asking me how they can get involved with our Wednesday night children's and youth ministry because they knew God was speaking to them during the revival services. The flow of the services allowed our focus to be where it should be. The music and



the message created a strong thread that became a conduit of the Holy Spirit.

The prayer emphasis alone was instrumental in bringing us into a position of readiness. Many of our people came early to invest time in pre-service prayer. I felt as though we were quite literally touching Heaven during those times of coming together in the agreement of prayer. I believe that everything we do must be bathed in prayer. Our evangelists not only challenged us to pray but were living examples of how a lifestyle of prayer is fleshed out.



*Rev. Garret Sloan
Senior Pastor
Vincennes First Nazarene
Vincennes, Indiana*

(L-R) Danielle, Madalyn, Pastor Sloan wife Shelley Sloan, Gary



“Lord We Need a Fresh Anointing”



This was the theme of our recent revival with Evangelist Mike Adams and Dr. Gary and Beth Bond. Rev. Mike's messages

coupled with the music ministry of the Bonds were used of God to bring that fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit on our people. The services were so permeated with the power and presence of God that the full range of one's awareness was at times so moving that we found ourselves moved from laughter and joy to tears, and all by the fresh touch of God in our lives. I can assure you that it was nothing worked up or the result of the effort of some group psychology. It was a fresh touch of the Holy Spirit of God on His people. In Psalms 119 the psalmist cries out "...revive me (v25) ...revive me in your way (v37) ...revive me in your righteousness." (v40) May I say that was the outcome of our fresh anointing in the days of revival.



Rev. John L. Shoup
Senior Pastor
Sturgis Nazarene
Sturgis, Michigan



On Wednesday September 25th I finished a powerful week of preaching at Faith Community Nazarene in Buckley, MI. The Lord moved in some unusual ways. The pastor was mightily touched. His arthritis was healed and he no longer has to move every half hour because of pain night and day. People were saved, sanctified, encouraged, and healed, but there was a personal episode brought to my attention that blesses me enormously and reminds me that God creates great wonders that we are oblivious to. I just have to share this story. You may remember that there was a time a few years ago when I had surgery.

In that time, because we were paying cash, I sought help from the hospital for the cost of the surgery. There was a lady, Sheila, who was my voice before the hospital board. In appreciation for her help I gave her a full set of my CDs. During this revival I met Sheila's mother, and through e mail was reconnected with Sheila, who is now unable to work due to MS. Here is the story she shared with me. A lady came into her office that was very ill and "afraid of the devil." Sheila told her that if she was afraid of the devil, she should get closer to God and then wrote down some Bible verses she should read, only to have the lady tell her she couldn't read and then ask, "but what are you listening to?" She was listening to "Stuck", one of my CDs. At that moment Sheila knew God was telling her to give this fearful lady the whole set, and she did. Months later her daughter stopped in to say thank you and to tell her that her mom was saved before she died. Sheila asked about the CDs thinking she would get them back. The daughter responded, "Oh no, our family is still listening to them and coming to Jesus." What an amazing work of God. I was thrilled to the core and will be delivering a new set of CDs to Sheila.



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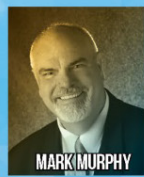
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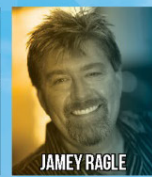
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Perdue's Pen

"God is Speaking"

Hebrews 1:1-2



Nelson Perdue

The unnamed author of this letter opens with God, who is responsible for the beginning of all things in time. The opening words of Hebrews parallel the opening words of Genesis which says "in the beginning God", and the opening words of the Gospel of John which says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." In these passages, we are introduced to the uncreated, transcendently glorious God who inhabits eternity. In Revelation 22, it is recorded that He is "the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end." He is the first cause and the fixed center and the final conclusion of everything.

Genesis 1:1 starts with the words "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Here we are presented with the fact of original causation. The word used in Hebrew translated 'create' does not mean the changing of the form of something already in existence, but the bringing into existence of that which did not previously exist. It happened by the Word through His words. At least nine different times in the first chapter of Genesis, we read, "then God said." He spoke and each time something transpired because His words are deeds. "Thou, Lord, in the beginning has laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thy hands." Hebrews 1:10

Consider with me: What if God had never spoken? Perish the thought! If He would have clothed Himself in perpetual silence, the world would have been shrouded in a speechless hush and be nothing but a voiceless void. But, Praise the Lord, He came out of eternity and shattered the silence of the ages; He spoke and time began. The writer says that God in "various times and in various ways spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets." The phrase 'times past' spans from the creation of Adam and ended when Christ "appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."

During that time, God did not give a full understanding of His Divine plan in one revelation.

Across several millenniums, He disclosed phases of His plan in many ways to many and various prophets. It was through His promises, precepts, and patterns revealed to the prophets that He gave the knowledge of salvation to His people. They were never without hope of the coming Savior. Seven hundred years prior to Jesus coming into the world, Isaiah 9 gave the prophecy concerning the birth of the Christ child. The second chapter of Joel reveals the promise of the Holy Spirit that occurred at Pentecost. The various offerings including the lamb without blemish were all types pointing to the time when Jesus would come as “the Lamb of God” and offer Himself as the supreme sacrifice for man’s redemption.

However, “In these last days he has spoken to us by His Son.” Paul Rees stated, “We have now moved from the vocal Word sounding across the spaces to the visible Word spelled out in human form. This is not the language of creation but the language of re-creation, the language of redemption.” John said, “The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” God had a message that neither a poet nor prophet could deliver, so God sent His only begotten Son into the world not only as messenger, but as Messiah. He came “fashioned as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” Philippians 2:8

As a result of the disobedience of man in the Garden of Eden, the human race became a prodigal race. Like the prodigal son, Adam desired and declared his rights to himself. He demanded his inheritance and the Father reluctantly submitted to his demand. He departed into a far country and went into business for himself. The dividends of his selfish passion and sinful perversion reaped spiritual bankruptcy for him and the whole human race. When Adam sinned, he disinherited the whole human race. Christ, the firstborn Son of God, has come to restore our lost estate. The lost estate reverted to God—the original owner; He has in turn bestowed it upon His only begotten Son and He has been appointed heir of all things. He now holds the birthright of all of Adam’s lost race. Salvation is a complete restoration of all things lost in the fall of Adam.

As children of God, we become joint-heirs with Him. Hebrews 1:14 says the children of God are “heirs of salvation.” Paul tells us, “Thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.” Remember it is one thing to be an heir and another to receive your inheritance. The Holy Spirit of promise is the “earnest of our inheritance” Ephesians 1:14. This is the birthright of every child of God. We must experience the birth of the Spirit before we can claim our birthright blessing, which is the baptism of the Spirit. These two works of grace are what Paul calls the earnest of our inheritance. An earnest is a sample and certainty (a foretaste) of the final and eternal inheritance to come. Peter describes our final inheritance as being “incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.”

We are cautioned in the second chapter of Hebrews to “give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.” In the garden, it was sin that interrupted communion and caused Adam to hide from God. Nevertheless, the Lord God kept seeking and speaking. He spoke “Adam where are you?” He has continued to speak throughout the ages. In the last book of the Bible He said, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hear my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me.” God is still seeking and speaking. Don’t allow the noise of this world to drown out His voice. The writer speaks of the urgency of this matter in chapter 4 when he said, “Today if you will hear His voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation.” Let us heed the admonishment given by Eli long ago to little Samuel, who was hearing a voice in the night and mistakenly thought it was Eli speaking. Eli instructed him that when he heard that voice again to simply say, “Speak Lord for thy servant heareth.” Let us give the more earnest heed to that voice when we hear Him speak and let us hold it fast lest we should ever let it slip away.

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- Nov 29-Dec 2 Elkins, WV
- Jan 1-8 Orlando, FL (Reserved Dates)
- Feb 21-24 Poteau, OK (Zone Revival)
- Feb 28-Mar 2 Big Spring, TX (First)
- Mar 6-9 Fortville, IN
- Mar 13-16 Celina, OH
- Mar 20-23 Ravenna, KY
- Mar 27-30 Dublin, GA (First)

**BENNETT, ROBIN**

- Dec 4 Akron, OH (Stan Hywet Hall)

**BOND, GARY (T)**

- Jan 3-24 Sturgis, MI
- Feb 4-14 Avon Park, FL (Camp Meeting)
- Feb 18- 28 Lakeland, FL (Camp Meeting)
- Mar 6-8 Avon Park, FL (Holiness Summit)
- Mar 11-13 Lakeland, FL (Holiness Summit)
- Mar 20-23 Arenzville, IL
- Mar 27-30 Sturgis, MI

**BURKHALTER, PAT (T)**

- Dec 2-6 Haltom City, TX
- Jan 27-31 Post, TX

**DUBBELD, MARK AND JANENE**

- Dec 13 Tippecanoe, IN (Christmas Concert at Riverview Community Church)

**GALLIMORE, DAVID**

- Nov 15-18 Salisbury, MD (Cross Pointe)
- Feb 18-28 Lakeland, FL (Florida Holiness Camp Meeting)
- Mar 6-9 Sandersville, GA
- Mar 13-16 Crowley, LA (Ebenezer)
- Mar 18-20 Morehead, KY
- Mar 27-30 Paden City, WV

**GESSNER, DON AND SHIRL**

- Nov 12-15 Danville, IN (First)
- Nov 16-30 Brownsburg, IN (Velocity-Evangelism/Discipleship)
- Dec 8 Logan, OH (S Central OH District Christmas Banquet)
- Dec 9-31 Brownsburg, IN (Velocity-Evangelism/Discipleship)
- Jan 1-31 Brownsburg, IN (Velocity-Evangelism/Discipleship)
- Feb 1-28 Brownsburg, IN (Velocity-Evangelism/Discipleship)
- Mar 1-30 Brownsburg, IN (Velocity-Evangelism/Discipleship)

**GREENWAY, KENNETH (T)**

- Nov 15-18 Sophia, NC (Clay Potter's Baptist)
- Nov 22-25 Wrightsville, GA
- Jan 10-13 Trinity, NC (Trindale Baptist)
- Jan 17-20 Cascilla, MS (Rosebloom)
- Jan 24-27 Decatur, IL (First)
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- Feb 14-21 Seagrove, NC (Mt. Zion Wesleyan)

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- Nov 22-25 Des Moines, IA (Eastside)
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- Feb 5-7 Cortland, OH (Wildare United Methodist)
- Feb 14 Portsmouth, OH (Rubyville Community)
- Feb 21-24 Circleville, OH (Crossroads Church of Christ in Christian Union)
- Feb 28-Mar 2 Youngstown, OH (Grace)
- Mar 6-9 Knoxville, IA
- Mar 13-16 New Castle, IN (First)
- Mar 20-23 Albany, KY (United)
- Mar 27-30 Saint Joseph, MI

**LECKRONE, LARRY (T)**

- Nov 14-18 Elkhart, KS
- Nov 20-22 Greeley, CO (First)
- Nov 28-Dec 2 Glasgow, KY (First)
- Dec 5-9 East Liverpool, OH (LaCroft)
- Dec 17-Jan 8 Norman, IN (Reserved Dates)
- Jan 16-20 Tifton, GA (First)
- Feb 4-14 Avon Park, FL (Camp Meeting)
- Feb 20-24 Fort Myers, FL (First)

**LIVERSAGE, JERRY**

- Nov 19 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Nov 19 Fullerton, CA (Roberta Apartment Outreach)
- Nov 20 Anaheim, CA (Evergreen Royale Motel Outreach)
- Dec 3 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Dec 10 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Dec 10 Fullerton, CA (Roberta Apartment Outreach)
- Dec 13 Westminster, CA (Huntington Westminster Apartments Outreach)
- Dec 17 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Dec 17 Costa Mesa, CA (Responding Recovery Television)
- Dec 18 Anaheim, CA (Evergreen Royale Motel Outreach)
- Dec 31 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)

**LOMAN, H. LANE**

- Nov 18-22 Princeton, IN (Friendship Christian Church)
- Nov 29-Dec 2 Watervliet, MI (Free Methodist)
- Jan 2-4 Fredericksburg, VA (Salem Fields Community)
- Jan 10-13 Phenix City, AL (Landmark)
- Jan 17 Kissimmee, FL (Grace Fellowship)
- Jan 19-21 Orlando, FL (Synergize Conference)
- Jan 23-30 Cape Canaveral, FL (Northeast Indiana Nazarene Mission Cruise)
- Feb 7-10 Hortense, GA (Wesleyan)
- Feb 12-14 Deland, FL
- Feb 16-18 Melbourne, FL (North American Roundtable on Biblical Preaching)
- Feb 21-26 Jackson, KY (Kentucky Mountain Bible College)
- Feb 28-Mar 1 West Columbia, SC (First)



- Mar 3-6 Orleans, IN
- Mar 13-16 Little Rock, AR (New Hope)
- Mar 17-20 Alexander, AR (Collegeville)

**MANLEY, STEPHEN**

- Nov 28-Dec 2 Leesburg, FL
- Jan 8-10 Lebanon, TN (Cross Style Conference)
- Jan 17-20 Harlingen, TX (First)
- Feb 17-21 Myrtle Beach, SC (The Connection)
- Mar 13-16 Xenia, OH

**MILLS, HENRY**

- Nov 15 Richmond, TX (Houston Southwest)
- Nov 22 Richmond, TX (Houston Southwest)
- Nov 29 Richmond, TX (Houston Southwest)

**MITCHELL, ROYCE**

- Nov 15 Gresham, OR (Family Worship Center)
- Nov 15 Roseburg, OR (Church on the Rise)
- Nov 20 Sun City, AZ (Evangel)
- Nov 21 Moreno Valley, CA (Christian Assembly)
- Nov 22 Hemet, CA
- Nov 22 El Cajon, CA (Wesleyan)
- Dec 4 Layton, UT (Layton Hills Baptist)
- Dec 5 Kimberly, ID
- Dec 6 Weiser, ID
- Dec 6 Boise, ID (Covenant Presbyterian)
- Jan 3 Wilder, ID (Homedale Mountain View)
- Jan 3 Nampa, ID (First)
- Jan 8 Ripon, CA (Immanuel Christian Reformed)
- Jan 9 Paradise, CA (Alliance)
- Jan 10 Roseville, CA (Pleasant Grove Community)
- Jan 10 Los Altos Hills, CA (Bridges Community)
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- Jan 22 Rancho Mirage, CA (Victory Christian Center)
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- Jan 24 Mesa, AZ (Regal RV Resort)
- Jan 29 Lake Havasu City, AZ
- Jan 30 Sierra Vista, AZ
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- Feb 19 Sahuarita, AZ (Grace Church)
- Feb 20 Sun City, AZ (American Lutheran)
- Feb 21 Surprise, AZ (Grand Community Baptist)
- Feb 21 Sun City, AZ (Grace Bible)
- Feb 25-27 Phoenix, AZ (Southwest Gospel Music Festival)
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- Mar 13 Yuma, AZ (First Christian Church)
- Mar 18 Shreveport, LA (Pilgrim Nazarene)
- Mar 20 Coldspring, TX (First Baptist)

PARRISH, JONATHON

- Nov 19-22 Carthage, NC (Community Friends)

**PERKINS, HAL O.**

- Nov 15-18 Lapeer, MI
- Nov 21-24 Rolla, MO
- Jan 9-13 Lemont, IL (Chicago First)
- Jan 16-20 Naperville, IL (Trinity)
- Jan 22-23 Pineville, LA (Louisiana District SDMI Family Conference)
- Jan 24-27 Lafayette, LA (Nouvelle)
- Jan 31-Feb 3 Shreveport, LA (GracePointe)
- Feb 14-17 Raymore, MO (New Vision)
- Feb 21-24 Clarksville, AR (New Hope)
- Feb 28-Mar 2 Birmingham, AL (Center Point)

**SHAVER, CHIC (T)**

- Nov 14-18 Pasadena, TX (First)
- Dec 5-9 Council, ID
- Jan 16-20 Naples, FL (First)
- Feb 6-10 Hamlin, TX

**SHELLENBERGER, SUSIE (T)**

- Nov 15-18 Ontario, OR
- Jan 8-10 Mesa, AZ (First)
- Jan 22-24 Killeen, TX (First)
- Feb 2-4 Harriet, AR (Camp Directors' Conference)
- Feb 12-14 Oro Valley, AZ
- Feb 19-21 Milford, DE
- Feb 26-28 Apple Valley, CA
- Mar 4-6 Lancaster, PA (Mid-Atlantic District Lay Retreat)
- Mar 11-13 Gladewater, TX
- Mar 18-20 Mackey, IN

**STIVERSON, CYNTHIA**

- Nov 21 Newark, DE (First-Woven Women's Marketplace)
- Jan 8-10 Newark, OH (First-Woven Women Retreat)
- Mar 19 Newark, OH (First-Woven Women's Weekend)

**ULMET, BILL (T)**

- Jan 3-6 Honea Path, SC (Genesis)
- Jan 24-27 Decherd, TN
- Mar 6-9 Sweetwater, TN
- Mar 17-20 Sumter, SC (Calvary)

**WHITWORTH, MARCUS**

- Dec 19 Baxter Springs, KS (First Baptist)

**WILKERSON, DR. BOB & JENNIFER**

- Nov 15-18 Spencer, IN
- Nov 22 Lincoln, IL (First)
- Nov 29-Dec 2 Lehigh Acres, FL
- Dec 14 Scottsburg, IN (Turning Point)
- Dec 19 Brentwood, TN (Concord Community)
- Feb 6-7 Decatur, AL (First Independent Methodist)
- Feb 21-24 Roxana, IL
- Mar 4-6 Flora, IL
- Mar 13-16 Jacksonville, AR (First)
- Mar 20-23 Hiwassee, AR

Hebrews 12:14. "Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord." Dr. Cockerill states, "The translation of the New International Version is smooth but obscures some important aspects of the meaning of this verse, which are preserved by the New Revised Standard Version: Pursue peace with everyone and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord." I certainly appreciate and agree with the NIV rendering, "Make every effort." This rendering leans toward the challenge to be relentless. But I also agree that the word "pursue" captures the urgency of seeking and pressing on to perfection Wesley was concerned about.

Andrew Murray, the South African missionary and one of the foremost authorities on prayer said, "God wills my holiness. Rest not until your will has surrendered unconditionally to the will of God, and found its true destiny in receiving that Divine will and working it out." The concern here is that the most effective deterrent for the new believer to avoid backsliding is to pursue holiness. Wesley's concerns and Peterson's observations are witnessed far too often today in those just seeking a religious experience, but showing no interest or little inclination for pursuing perfection. It may be time for 21st century holiness people to be willing to accept Wesley's observation that, "we have all been wanting." Perhaps it is again time for us to remember the details of our purpose and priorities.

X. Christian Holiness and Entire Sanctification

10. We believe that sanctification is the work of God which transforms believers into the likeness of Christ. It is wrought by God's grace through the Holy Spirit in initial sanctification, or regeneration (simultaneous with justification), entire sanctification, and the continued perfecting work of the Holy Spirit culminating in glorification. In glorification we

are fully conformed to the image of the Son. We believe that entire sanctification is that act of God, subsequent to regeneration, by which believers are made free from original sin, or depravity, and brought into a state of entire devotement to God, and the holy obedience of love made perfect.

It is wrought by the baptism with or infilling of the Holy Spirit, and comprehends in one experience the cleansing of the heart from sin and the abiding, indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, empowering the believer for life and service.

Entire sanctification is provided by the blood of Jesus, is wrought instantaneously by grace through faith, preceded by entire consecration; and to this work and state of grace the Holy Spirit bears witness.

This experience is also known by various terms representing its different phases, such as "Christian perfection," "perfect love," "heart purity," "the baptism with or infilling of the Holy Spirit," "the fullness of the blessing," and "Christian holiness."



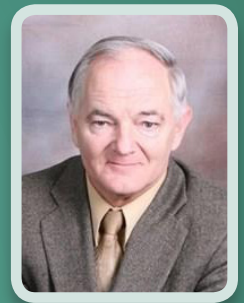
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NEWS

Blair Leon Armstrong, 69, of Greensboro, North Carolina, passed from this life to his Eternal Home on September 15, 2015, following a brief battle with cancer with his wife and family at his side.

Leon was born on June 28, 1946 to John Blair and Alice White Armstrong. He grew up in Greensboro and graduated from Southern Pilgrim High School in 1964, then earned an AA degree from Southern Pilgrim College in 1966. He served in the US Air Force from 1966-1973 and married the love of his life, Linda Gale Cockerham in 1967. After working at AT&T in Greensboro, he attended Olivet Nazarene College and graduated in 1979 with a Theology degree; and earned his Master's Degree in Religion from Liberty University in 2008. Leon served as associate pastor for Chicago Heights Church of the Nazarene in Chicago Heights, Ill. and Roanoke First Church of the Nazarene in Roanoke, VA before becoming a full time Evangelist. Driving and maintaining a Silver Eagle bus was Leon's hobby and pastime. The bus served as the family home for his wife and children for more than 30 years as they traveled and sang together. While evangelizing, Leon became a professor in 2010, and began teaching on-line classes for the Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, CO. Upon retirement from evangelism, he continued to teach while also serving as a Chaplain in Market Place Ministries, and as interim pastor at First Church of the Nazarene in Winston Salem, NC, and then as an interim music minister at the Church of the Nazarene in Archdale, NC. Leon was a perfect example of what a Nazarene Tenured evangelist is all about. He and his wife Linda touched the lives of us all as well as the thousands that only Heaven will reveal. Please continue to pray for Leon's family in the days ahead.



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5th Annual EVANGELISTS' HOMECOMING CAMP MEETING

Once again the Lord richly blessed our annual Labor Day weekend gathering in an old fashioned camp meeting setting in Vicksburg, Michigan. Our Friday evening banquet was a bountiful buffet style meal. Fellowship around the dinner tables was filled with laughter and encouragement. After the banquet we made our way to the tabernacle for some singing and praise time. Dr. Ted Lee brought an anointed message and led us in a healing service followed by communion. Our Saturday morning service was blessed with another anointed message by Rev. Pat Burkhalter along with special music and testimonies. Drs. John and Linda Seaman were especially blessed by Pat's message. An afternoon of rest and relaxation brought us back to the tabernacle again for another great service with special music and a powerful message from Rev. Dale Freed. Sunday morning a great camp meeting crowd gathered in the old tabernacle to hear Rev. Michael Adams preach and Mark Murphy sing. It was truly an awesome service. On Sunday evening, we celebrated our camp meeting weekend with a concert featuring our song evangelists, along with a tremendous salvation message by Rev. Steve and Janet Raeburn of Big Blast Ministries. Phil Phelps, Jimmy Dell, The Burkhalters, Robin Bennet, Esther Crabtree, Dale Freed, Dale and Elly Owen, Marilyn Tran, and The Bonds all sang leading up the final package by Mark Murphy. The Lord blessed Mark as usual and the shouts rang out and folks stood up and a few folks could not stand still when he sang "Oh what a Savior." It just seems like each year the people say, "this was the best one." We were blessed to have saints travel from Franklin, Indiana and Pittsfield, IL just to be in an old fashioned camp meeting. As the Lord makes it possible we are looking forward Labor Day week end 2016.

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