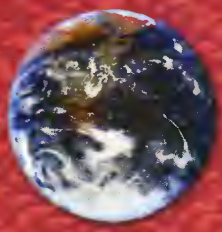
Vol.16/No.1

Indiana Bible College

Perspectives



A Small Town Church

With A Big Heart

Featuring
Bro. Matthew Martin
and the
Dewar
United Pentecostal Church

The Future Is Up For Grabs

The future is up for grabs. This is good news for revolutionaries, but bad news for society at large. How is that America has changed so rapidly? Has it just suddenly flipped from Judeo-Christian consciousness to secular amoral consciousness on its own, or are there other forces at play? If so, what are these forces? If not, then how has this shift in consciousness happened so quickly?

I would like to think that everything will remain the same; that the familiar surroundings will always be familiar, and will serve to remind me of home. I would like to think that people will always be just as they have been, and will provide the same encouragement and comfort that friendship generally entails.

I would like to think that my country will always be the "land of the free and the home of the brave." However, even in the most normal of times, this is of course wishful thinking, and these are not normal times.

In his recent book "The Marketing of Evil," David Kupelian posits that there are certain forces driving the dramatic changes that are presently unfolding. According to Kupelian, this is not just a normal shift of ideas and beliefs that one might expect to come as the result of changing circumstances brought on by advancements in technology, or political evolution, but rather the planned and deliberate marketing of agendas that are intended to realign American's views.

He contends that the purpose of this ultimate marketing campaign is to form a new society that is devoid of the traditional and historic definitions of what is normal, right, moral, and Christian.

Further, Kupelian describes a spirit that has gripped America. It is a spirit of rebellion that seeks to promote the "lower" base things, and a plethora of antisocial behavioral trends for the purpose of making the point that there is no authority, and that God is irrelevant.

This spirit expresses itself in the form of sexual deviancy, tattoos, piercings, homosexuality, and other such bizarre things that cannot be mentioned in this article.

Kupelian says, "History is full of times and places when something—call it a spirit if you wish—sweeps over a particular society. This something is drawn, as into a vacuum, into societies that have lost their way and have harkened to the voice of deceitful leaders and philosophies...True, mass conformity even to bizarre beliefs and practices can be explained somewhat by the sheer power of peer pressure, but there is more to it. It's more akin to mass hypnosis, where large numbers of people simultaneously adopt the same bizarre mind-set, beliefs, and practices. Such instances of spiritual 'possession' of a society, of a people made ripe for such a downward transformation by their sins and rebellion against God, are evident throughout history."

It's likely we have all heard this before, especially those of us in the Church, but what is significant is, as Kupelian points out, we see this spirit — this evil, but we do nothing.

The world is sucking up the church and leaving little to separate Christian life from the secular, yet our people are paralyzed. They send our children home because they dare to bring a small New Testament to school, and we do nothing. The public square is ripped of any Christian symbols, and we return the same Godless politicians to office.

They refuse to include even the smallest Christian reference to be displayed in shopping malls and stores, while Christians are buying Christmas gifts, spending billions of dollars, and making rich the merchants who are instilling their version of Christmas, full of Santa Clause imagery and materialism, into the hearts of our children. It is criminal.

Yes, the culture is up for grabs. The country is up for grabs. The churches are up for grabs. Do we care enough to "stand in the gap?" Do we care enough to fight?

Will our hands emerge to pull our children from the mouths of the enemy, or will we allow the hands of evil take hold of their minds?

TABLE OF CONTENTS

In this Issue
Vol. 16, NO. 1

Editors and Staff

PRESIDENT & PUBLISHER:
Paul D. Mooney
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF:
T. W. Massengale
MANAGING EDITOR:
Anita M. Feliciano
GRAPHICS & PRODUCTION:
J. Ryan Oberhellman
GRAPHIC DESIGN:
Kimberly Coger of Found Truth
STAFF WRITERS:
Christina Li
John Fonzer
Susan Hataway
Finessa Parsons
Charlotte L. Pound
OFFICE MANAGER:
Linda Rorie
OFFICE ASSISTANTS:
Angela Pitchford:
Linda Massengale
WEBSITE COORDINATOR:
Leigha May
AIS FILE CLERK:
Cathy Farney
CIRCULATION MANAGER:
Rebecca Smith
ACCOUNTS:
Carleen Rogers
NETWORK TECHNICIAN:
Nicholle Stoller

Mission Statement

- *To promote revival and growth among Apostolic churches and pastors by encouraging unity and cooperation among those of like faith and by providing a forum for the sharing of new ideas, ministries and programs.*
- *To report on those trends and events which directly affect the work of the church.*
- *To promote and enhance the ongoing ministry of Indiana Bible College.*

NOTE: Indiana Bible College does not endorse or recommend any advertiser or product advertised in this publication.

AIS Apostolic Information Service
P.O. Box 47917, Indianapolis, IN 46247
(317) 781-7712 or 1-800-800-AIS

Subscribe Today!

Subscribe to IBC Perspectives today and receive two bonus issues a year. Your subscription gift supports the mission of IBC Perspectives and Indiana Bible College.

Licensed Ministers: $19.95
All Others: $24.95

IBC Perspectives
P.O. Box 47917
Indianapolis, IN 46247

1-800-800-0247 (Phone)
1-317-781-7712 (Phone)
1-317-781-7700 (Fax)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** ___ **Zip:** _____
Phone: _____

Credit Card : Visa MC Am. Ex. Dsc.
CC Number: _____
Exp.: _____ **(or include check or money order)**

Feature Story 6

A Small Town Church With a Big Heart
Pastor Matthew Martin, Dewar, OK

Opinions 5

Interdenominational Alliances: How Involved Should We Be?

Plainly Speaking 11

Making Room For History
Featuring Robin Johnston

Guest Pulpit 20

Next Step Principles
Featuring Jonathan Suber

09 News You Can Use
13 Answer Forum
14 Columnists
16 IBC Today
17 World News
19 Apostolic News
20 Book Review

FEBRUARY 16-18, 2006

'06

WINTERFIRE

WinterFire continues to focus on ministering to those in ministry. The two-fold purpose is to provide a time of renewing and refreshing while equipping and empowering those in ministry to be the 21st century apostolic church.

POINT OF NO RETURN

Standing at the brink of the bridge that leads to our destiny, every person, ministry, and church is faced with the decision to advance or retreat. Retreat to the comfort and safety of known surroundings, traditional routines, norms that have become acceptable or advance to unknown territory, blazing new paths, stretching norms to redefine reality. Our determined desire drives us in the passionate pursuit of prophetic promises. Our faith is filled with the revelation that what lies ahead is immeasurably greater than any sacrifice the journey will require. We are inviting every laborer to join us for three unforgettable days, crossing that bridge, burning it behind us as the Holy Ghost takes us past the point of no return...

Jeff Arnold

Morton Bustard

Sam Emory

Harold Hoffman

Mark Morgan

Pre-register for free at: **www.winterfire.org**

Doubling for the second consecutive year, the explosive growth of this conference has launched us to a new location. The First Cathedral in Bloomfield, Connecticut has a beautiful campus and sanctuary that will be baptized with Apostolic anointing.

How involved can we be in... INTERDENOMINATIONAL Alliances?

Compiled by John Fonzer

Charles Finnell
Bishop
Indianapolis, IN

I want to get involved in some of the community activities. We can do more when we pull our forces together than we can do by being isolated. The needs in the community do not have a name over them. Hunger doesn't recognize a denomination.

The interdenominational groups have more contacts with the powers that be. They're more able to get things done. When you're isolated, you're not going to have those contacts.

I definitely would feel comfortable being involved in any protests against the sins and the ills that are affecting our communities. It goes back to your principles and whether you're standing on your principles or not.

When you're talking about darkness you're talking about people in sin. These are Christians; many of them having more in common with us than not; so I wouldn't consider them to be in darkness. Some of them have the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Many of them I would put in the category of seekers. Some would fall in the category of the nineteenth chapter of Acts that were believers but had not received the baptism of the Spirit.

I would allow [denominational] ministers to interact with my congregation as far as seminars. There are things that many of the other ministers are doing effectively in the community. They could interact with our congregation as far as training them and giving information. That would be one of the key ways I would welcome involvement.

Stephen Mack
Pastor
Boston, MA

As a church and ministry we are very involved in the social issues of our community. We host a number of community groups and sponsor many youth and community events. For these reasons we have stayed away from formally engaging in the local ministerial alliances here for they tend to be more geared to "political grandstanding" than fulfilling their "God called ministry." We do believe that the church should be well aware of the events that are dominating the thought process of the community in which we labor.

Attending these meetings for this purpose is certainly beneficial, but I do have difficulty with full participation at times because of the false Christ spirit that arises from many of these "Ministers of Christ." I've attended many ministerial meetings (well over 100). As far as being identified with them I have refrained from this because of the grandstanding, and politicizing of many of the urban problems. There is certainly a benefit for attending the meetings (community concerns. etc.), but I only attend as an observer. I do stand and voice an opinion or two.

The meetings tend to be very long, not very focused, and not very Christ-centered. Except for the collars that are worn, one would be hard pressed to believe that they are in a room of preachers, and not local office seekers looking for photo ops. The potential for such a group certainly is great, but the leadership determines the direction that it will travel. There would be more of a focus on the spiritual.

J. W. Atkins, Pine Bluff, AK – I don't see any problem with being involved in a ministerial alliance. I would be comfortable talking about things we could do to help our community and other churches that might be in need. I wouldn't be afraid to be any part of leadership in the alliance. They would have to know where I stood. I wouldn't put anything out there to offend people, but I wouldn't back down from the basics of truth either. In one situation I was asked not to use the name of the Lord.

Timothy Stafford, Fredericktown, MO – The pastor should be strong in doctrine and very cautious, as far as interdenominational ministerial alliances go. It can cause grief. Some of our young people got involved when they had the prayer around the pole at school. One of the young men [new convert] went to the Baptist church and got re-baptized. On the other hand, when 9-11 happened, they actually called us to do the service on the courthouse lawn. It was a benefit in getting our name out there. We have actually won people from denominational churches.

Donald Wineinger, Crawford, GA – There could be positives. A person would have to be real careful at how they went about it. There could be problems. Some of them have the idea we ought to swap pulpits and I definitely see a problem with that. That would definitely create a problem for me. Given the opportunity I would probably serve as an alliance leader. I've had some interactions with them. They are not going to tell me how to pray and they're not going to tell me how to preach.

Norman Kruger, Ocean Beach, CA – I'm not going to get involved unless I think I might win somebody. We don't hob-knob on a regular basis if they're not Oneness people. Anything that's not based on Acts 2:38 and holiness is of no interest to me. What would I have in common with those people? The Bible talks about the blind leading the blind. That's referring to ministers. I wouldn't go out and get involved with people's rights and stuff like that. Campaigning for people's rights? I'm just not interested.

Bishop Edgar Posey, Columbus, OH – I'm strictly Apostolic. If everybody becomes one with Jesus, regardless of what the denomination is you're going to be Apostolic by your commitment. I have a clergy unity conference every year. It's for all the people. It's not their usual clergy type meeting that everybody's on the same footing. I knew what the Lord's purpose was. In the very first meeting the Lord filled a Baptist pastor with the Holy Ghost. I'm not looking for anyone to teach something other than the doctrine of the Apostolic faith.

Gary D. Chism, Delta, CO – We are not. We just don't associate with the Trinity. The scripture speaks for it self. The "trinity" teaching is darkness. Why lower yourself to darkness selling out the truth for a little false fellowship? We are known by our affairs. I refuse to lose my witness in this town. I would really hesitate to putting my support to someone who preaches false doctrine. I would not want to have extended a path to someone who is teaching false doctrine. We're one in the Gospel. There's only one Gospel. I was once in the trinity and refuse to go back.

A Small Town Church

Featuring Bro. Matthew Martin and the Dewar United Pentecostal Church

Dewar, OK, was founded in 1907 with a few houses near the Number 7 coal mine. Its first church, "Little Green Mission," was built in 1912.

Dewar is still a small, blue-collar American town, with a population of 928 people. Its main industry is the nearby glass plant, along with the coal mines and agriculture.

Sitting on the site of the first church, the "Little Green Mission," is the Dewar United Pentecostal Church, with an average attendance of 210 — more than 20 percent of the town's population — in Sunday School.

"Our church is a little unusual because our town's population is only 928," Pastor Matthew Martin said. "It's small-town America. We could knock every door in our town in one Saturday."

Matthew and Kala Martin

The Challenges of a Small Town

Unity in the Congregation

Outreach in a small town can't follow the patterns of churches in large cities, Bro. Martin said.

"We can't blitz the town with material because everyone already knows us," he said. "We host functions for the schools regularly, things like baccalaureates and such.

"One of the challenges we face is getting people to visit because they think they know everything about us before they get here," he said.

What has worked for the church in Dewar is one-on-one witnessing. "When people teach Home Bible Studies to friends and acquaintances, and they come to a service and feel the presence of the Lord, that is what works," Bro. Martin said.

The church has a New Converts Class for those who have just received the Holy Ghost. That way, the church is prepared to give each one immediate, one-on-one care.

"Our motto is: 'Reaching up to God, reaching out to others,'" he said. "We just did an evangelism month dedicated to how we can evangelize the community."

Bro. Martin divided the church into three groups: youth, young married couples, and those over 50. He had three teachers that rotated through the groups teaching lessons on: Reaching, Reviving and Retaining.

"Reaching was about how we appeal to people to visit, how to answer questions, what to say and what not to say," he said.

"Reviving was about altar working; how we help them pray through," he said. "And Retaining focused on visitor and new convert etiquette. For instance, one rule is that no visitor sits alone. There is always someone who sits with them."

A Big History

The Apostolic message came to Dewar in 1917, and in a few years, the church relocated to the Little Green Mission. The church was affiliated with the United Pentecostal Church in 1949, and later that same year, the original building burned down. With $1,800 from the insurance company, the church built a block building on the same property.

In 1950 Bro. M.D. Deal and his family came to Dewar to pastor. In the 1960s under his ministry came a face lift, indoor restrooms and air conditioning. In the 1970s two more buildings were purchased to house Sunday School classrooms. The 1980s brought more growth and enthusiasm, but Bro. Deal's health began to deteriorate.

In 1989 Bro. Martin preached at the Dewar church for the first time. Bro. Deal wanted to retire and was looking for a replacement.

"It was a difficult assignment because the church loved him and begged him not to retire," Bro. Martin said.

Bro. Deal became Pastor Emeritus and Bro. Martin was elected pastor of the Dewar church on Dec. 31, 1989. At the time, Bro. Martin was only 28 years old, pastoring a church in Lone Grove, OK, with about 30 members.

"It's really a miracle I'm here because people with far more experience were interested in taking the church," he said. "But the

The Dewar Fellowship Center and the Martin Family

With A Big Heart

Lord saved it for us."

Dewar had an attendance of about 85 when the Martins arrived. "There were a lot of elderly people there when we came, and a few young couples," he said. "We started a youth group with four kids, started a Bible quizzing team, started teaching Bible studies. Our youth attracted people of our age group."

A year later Bro. Greg and Sis. Susie Joki moved to Dewar to be youth pastors and built the youth group from four members to a youth group with more than 50 kids.

"We have so many young couples and children now, we had to start a nursery so these parents could get something out of church," Bro. Martin said.

The 1990s brought continued growth. The Little Green Mission church is long forgotten. Now the church property includes a sanctuary that seats 330, a children's chapel, a youth chapel that seats 75 to 80, a large prayer room and the M.D. Deal Fellowship Center, a 10,500 square foot facility that houses the gym, kitchen facilities and classrooms.

"Nobody would believe in a town this size that our sanctuary was paid off in 18 months," Bro. Martin said. "Our church is debt free, a miracle in itself. Our people just give and support the work of the Lord. We support more than 100 missionaries, and in the last five years two of our ministers have left to start home mission churches."

Priorities of Leadership

The priorities of a small town pastor aren't much different from any other pastor.

"Your relationship with the Lord has to be your top priority," Bro. Martin said. "I'm a firm believer in early morning prayer. If you don't get it done early, you may never get it done."

The second priority is taking care of your people.

"Feeding the flock is number two," he said. "You need to be there when they need you."

Children's ministry is a very important part of the church, he said.

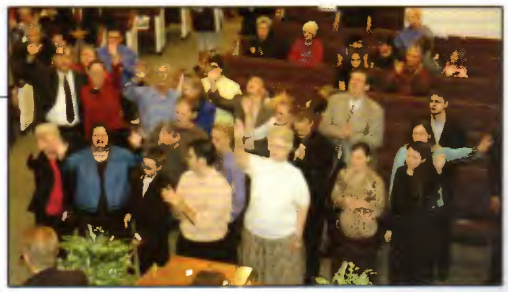
"We've found that you have to build a children's ministry, because it is the feeder system for a strong youth group," he said. "One of our goals is for every child to have the Holy Ghost before leaving Trailblazers."

Bro. Martin has completely departmentalized the church ministries and established a leadership committee that includes every department in the church. It meets quarterly.

The departments include: Trailblazers (children 5-11); Youth Alive (ages 12-18); College and Career (post high school through marriage); Preserving Christian Homes (PCH) (married couples through age 50); Young at Heart (ages 50 and up); Iron Sharpens Iron (men's group); Ladies Ministries; and Sunday School.

"At each meeting we have dinner together, review the previous quarter, have a leadership lesson and a devotional, and then plan the next quarter," he said. "I ask each department to have at least one function on the calendar each quarter."

> "One of the challenges we face is getting people to visit because they think they know everything about us before they get here."



A baptism and a worship service in Dewar

"Nobody would believe in a town this size that our sanctuary was paid off in 18 months. Our church is debt free, a miracle in itself."

The Dewar UPC Fellowship Center

Pastor Martin preaching in Dewar

About 50 percent of the church is actively involved in some form of ministry.

"I teach that everyone has a ministry, and everyone can help somebody," he said.

"Sometimes people are too shy to volunteer, but they qualify for a job," he said. "We just have to invite them to be a part."

The Personal Touch

Bro. Martin grew up going to Calvary Tabernacle in Indianapolis, IN, under the ministry of Bro. N.A. Urshan. He received the Holy Ghost at age 7 in a New Year's revival. He can't remember the day he felt called to the ministry.

"As early as I can remember, it always seemed to be there," he said.

He graduated from Apostolic Bible Institute in 1982 and went on the evangelistic field. When he was 23 he took the pastorship at Lone Grove UPC in Oklahoma. His greatest influences have been his father, Bro. Urshan, Bro. R.D. Whalen and Bro. M.D. Deal.

"My father isn't a preacher, but he is a good Christian man," he said. "And Bro. Whalen was instrumental in our coming to Oklahoma.

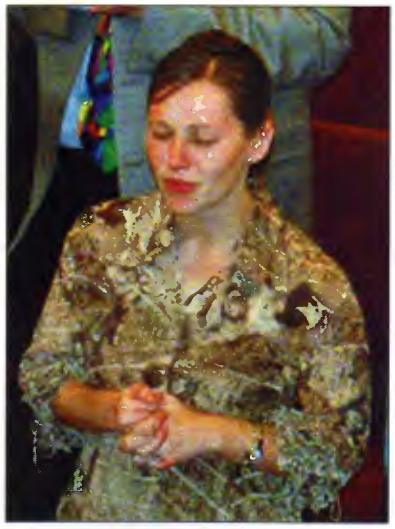
"He invested a lot in my wife and me and taught me a lot from the ministry perspective," he said. "Not being raised in a minister's home, he really mentored us."

A young girl worships in the Dewar church.

Since coming to Dewar Bro. Deal has been very influential. "Anything that has happened here has been with his full support," he said.

Bro. Martin likes to preach and teach on practical subjects and doctrinal material as well as revival and growth.

"Sometimes you preach to potential, and sometimes you preach to need," he said. "It's not just about relevance but about bringing us to a higher place where God wants us to be."



A praying saint

Bro. Martin has served as the district editor of the Oklahoma Beacon, sectional youth leader and president, district youth secretary and president, a sectional presbyter and currently serves as District Superintendent.

He and his wife Kala have two children: Meghan, 18, and Matthew Paul Martin II, 15.

Final Philosophy

What does work in a small town? For Bro. Martin, the important thing is practicing the Golden Rule.

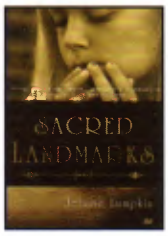
"My philosophy of leadership has always been to treat others like you'd want to be treated," he said. "I've always considered how I'd want to be treated if I were sitting on the other side of the desk."

Bro. and Sis. M.D. Deal and the Dewar Sanctuary

Written By Anita M. Feliciano

RECOMMENDED READING

FOR APOSTOLIC MINISTERS



Sacred Landmarks

Jelaine Lumpkin

"Apostolic women weld the power of their influence to be the moral and spiritual climate of the congregation, the home, and the community. Jelaine Lumpkin masterfully presents the dynamics of truth, worship, and holiness that have gracefully marked the unique heritage of a godly woman." - Pastor Stan Gleason

70-837101088534 DVD $20.00

Three? Two? The One True God

L. Aubrey Gard

Well-researched, and scholarly, yet not so "heady" as to miss the heart of the reader, this book accomplishes the dual purpose of presenting true doctrine while sensitively connecting it to our "real life" walk with God. If scrutinized with honesty and received with openness, this treatise will surely enrich your faith and cause you to stand in awe of our one true God.

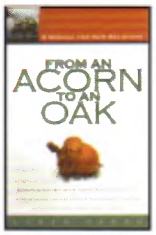
70-09962404810 Paper $15.00

Wallet Bible Study

Bill Hutson

This handy tool supplies immediate scriptural answers to questions on faith and repentance, baptism, the Holy Ghost, and tongues. It is compact enough to carry in your wallet. Use this for personal reference, an outreach tool, or group study.

70-0757732038 $3.00



From an Acorn to an Oak

Loren Yadon

Beginning with an explanation of his newfound experience, the young believer is then alerted to the many possible pitfalls and instructed in ways to achieve growth in Christ.

70-0912315466 Spiral $12.00

pentecostal PUBLISHING HOUSE

Order from Pentecostal Publishing House
8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood MO 63042-2299
T: 314-837-7304 ext. 7
E: pphsales@upci.org
include 15% shipping and handling
www.pentecostalpublishing.com

Seven Reasons Why Your Church Doesn't Volunteer

1. There aren't any jobs I can do.

Answer: Communicate that there's a place for everyone to serve, and that training is available for every role.

2. I filled out a time-and talent-sheet, but no one called me.

Answer: Follow up within just a few weeks of collecting the surveys.

3. I was so frustrated the last time that I'll never volunteer again.

Answer: If you take the time to go through the interviewing process, it means you've thought through who will "fit" best in that job, that the volunteer will have a job description to follow, and that you're creating a structure to provide evaluation and support.

4. I hated my volunteer job.

Answer: Make sure you provide adequate training for the volunteer. Finally, empower the volunteer to do the ministry rather than dumping.

5. No one seemed to care about me or my ideas.

Answer: Volunteers don't care whether you actually implement their ideas. What is essential is that you actually hear the volunteer's ideas and communicate respect both for the idea and the volunteer who suggests it.

6. I don't have the time.

Answer: Never be put off by the claim that there's "no time" for volunteering – the true issue is something else.

7. I feel awkward talking about myself.

Answer: Overcome this obstacle by directly asking volunteers where they'd like to serve. In addition to asking what their strengths are, ask what they'd like to learn.

CHRISTIAN LAW

By: Owen Taylor

Owen Taylor

Discrimination in the Workplace

A recent case illustrated the important principle that churches and religious schools can discipline or dismiss employees who publicly criticize or dispute the religious tenets and practices of the employer.

Courts will use the two pronged approach in the Bishop case that the discrimination laws cannot be applied to a religious organization that would involve substantial questions of a Constitutional nature and if there is no clear expression of legislative intent to apply to religious organizations.

The case involved the dismissal of a teacher who was fired because she had participated in an advertisement that advocated abortions – "right to choose." The church fired the teacher because of the teachings of the church against abortion. She filed suit for discrimination. The Court ruled that she was a "minister" for employment purpose and was under the ministerial exception to the non discrimination laws.

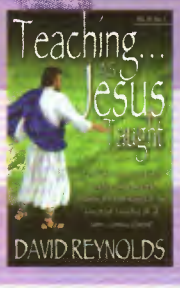
The Court commented that "Title VII's inapplicability is particularly obvious when the alleged victim of discrimination by a religious institution is a minister of the faith..." The courts have consistently ruled that Title VII does not apply to the relationship between and organization and a minister.

The Court concluded that the teacher was a "minister" for the purposes of the ministerial exception even though she was not ordained clergy. The Court indicated that her teaching role was under the ministerial exception.

This fact, coupled with the evident entanglement with the church doctrine, lead the Court to dismiss the Complaint. Curay-Cramer v. Ursaline, 344 F. Supp. 2d 923.

Alpha Bible Publications presents:

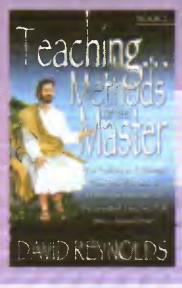
the EDUCATOR'S SERIES
BIBLE COURSES



Book = $10.00
Workbook = $18.00
Powerpoint CD = $30.00
Entire package = $50.00

Teaching as Jesus Taught

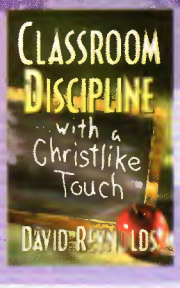
A powerful book that helps Pastors and Christian Workers to learn the art of teaching from the greatest master teacher of all time – Jesus Christ!



Book = $10.00
Workbook = $18.00
Powerpoint CD = $30.00
Entire package = $50.00

Teaching...Methods of the Master

In book two, Bro. Reynolds continues with key insights into the teaching methods and philosophy of the greatest master teacher of all time – Jesus Christ!

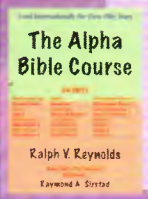


$10.00

Classroom Discipline

Excellent book for Sunday School and Christian School teachers. Learn insights for handling various types of problem students effectively.

David Reynolds



Taught to and studied by tens of thousands throughout the world, the Alpha Bible Course has established itself as a premier course within the Apostolic ranks. Consisting of 25 units and 300 lessons spanning Old and New Testaments, this course is excellent for the new convert, minister-in-training or to use on Bible Study night. Now you may choose between print (6 binders), CD-ROM or both. Order your set today!

CD Rom = $59.99
Print Form in 6 Binders = $200.00
Entire Package = $250.00

Alpha Bible Publications
3064 SW Corbeth Lane
Troutdale, OR 97060
(503)-573-1214
www.alphabiblepublications.com

When someone you know needs help... we're here

New Beginnings offers a Maternity Care Center for all clients. There are full-time house parents who will transport our guests to and from doctor's visits and provide meals and other needs. The staff at New Beginnings will also ensure that our guests receive the counseling that they need and help them to make their ideal adoption plan.

NewBeginnings
International Children's and Family Services

P.O. Box 7055, Tupelo, MS 38802-7055
Office: 662.842.6752
Birthmother Hotline: 1800.264.2229
Email: office@newbeginningsadoptions.com
www.newbeginningsadoptions.com

Every Child Deserves a Forever Family

New Beginnings appreciates the generous support of the Ladies Ministries of the UPCI through their annual **Mothers Memorial fund-raising** campaign.

Making Room for History:

The Center of Oneness Pentecostalism

Written By Christina Li

Robin Johnston

Bro. Robin Johnston, please tell us a little about yourself and how you came to be involved in the Center for the Study of Oneness Pentecostalism.

I am presently a Ph.D. student at Regent University, pursuing a doctorate in renewal studies. My dissertation topic is on Howard Goss and the rise of Oneness Pentecostalism. I'm using the life of Goss as a lens through which to look at the development of Oneness Pentecostalism. The primary archive for that was the Historical Center of the United Pentecostal Church. It has a great collection, but for various reasons has not been progressing for the last couple of years. As a result of that, I made that fateful statement, "If you can't find anybody else, I'll try to do something." Soon after, I was asked to take it over. We renamed it the Center for the Study of Oneness Pentecostalism for a number of reasons. I think the primary reason is that the archival collection is broader than just the history of the United Pentecostal Church. It goes across all Oneness Pentecostal movements. The other reason was we wanted a web presence that was positive and would counterbalance the host of cult-watching sites that typically show up when you "Google" Oneness Pentecostalism.

What's currently being done with the Center?

It's in a very beautiful, historic building, located on the campus of Gateway College. The first floor of that, about 4,000 square feet, is being leased by the Center of the Study of Oneness Pentecostalism from the Missouri District. On one end, it will have an interpretive museum that tells the story of Oneness Pentecostalism and the United Pentecostal Church in particular. The other end will have an archive. One of the things we did when we moved it from the World Evangelism Center over to the Gateway College campus was affiliate it with Urshan Graduate School. It's not run by the graduate school, but having the Center for the Study of Oneness Pentecostalism will help the graduate school gain credibility. Also, being affiliated with a seminary will help the Center gain credibility as well.

Why does this need credibility?

Credibility in the academic community means that this is a serious collection. Part of the reason I'm pursuing a Ph.D. is I'm in the field of education and I want to do the best I can in educating my students. The other part that really pushes me is to have a 'seat at the table,' to be able to tell the story of Oneness Pentecostalism in a community that we have often been excluded from, the academic community. Other people have told that story for us. I don't think that they tell it the way it should be told, the way an insider could tell it. So, for me, it allows me to tell what Oneness is and isn't, dispelling some of the myths, and to write about it in a way that is accepted by the academic community.

What are the plans for the future and where do you see this Center several years down the road?

We're in the process right now trying to put together a Hall of Honor. We're taking 100 spaces to honor men and women of the past. People may choose to honor their pastor, their district superintendent, anyone they think is worthy of honor. To put somebody in the Hall of Honor, they would give a donation of $2000. This would include a 3 minute multimedia clip that would tell a little bit about the person whom they honor. The $200,000 that we hope to raise from this would go to help develop the museum. Then, I want to get the archive up to the place where it is computerized and cross-referenced and cross-indexed so that all the material is available to the public.

Can you tell us about the archive of the old Pentecostal Heralds?

We are working on a complete run of the Heralds from 1945 to 2004 digitized in Adobe format, so they're indexed and word searchable. We are hoping they will be available no later than the beginning of the year. At this point, it will be on either two CD's or one DVD.

You've had a recent amazing find with a handwritten book by Elder McClain, can you tell us about that?

I was doing some research on Howard Goss and ran across some notes where Bro McClain makes reference to Bro Goss. In looking for that, I found a manuscript Bro McClain had hand-written in 1967 that told his life story. It begins with his days in the Assemblies of God before the Oneness movement and tells of his coming into Oneness and the incredible journey of his life. He probably planted about 20 churches and superintended four districts. The book is called Seek First the Kingdom, the Story of S.C. McClain and can be ordered through the Pentecostal Publishing House.

How can we help you with your work and what do you need?

We need partners in a Oneness Pentecostalism Society. I'm looking for nominations to the Hall of Honor and also membership. I need archives, stuff in people's basements. I also need oral histories and stories across the spectrum. Sometimes we think that the only people who should have a history written about them are people who are "important," but the lady in the church who's been there for 60 years, is a prayer warrior, taught Sunday School classes, and watched us grow, that story is important. Artifacts, archives, and letters will make the museum more complete.

Closing Comments?

You can visit the web site www.onenesspentecostalism.org. However, it is currently under development. For information on where to send archival information and stories, e-mail: rjohnston@gatewaycollege.net, phone: (314) 838-8858 ext. 2107, or snail mail: 700 Howteshell, Florissant, MO 63031.

For information about these events, call the event coordinator. If you would like your event on this list, call (800) 8000-AIS. IBC Perspectives does not endorse any seminar or conference listed. This page is provided simply as a service to the greater Apostolic community.

apostolic calendar 2006

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	SPEAKERS	CONTACT / INFO
JAN 4-7 2006	Winter Break 2006 Spring break in winter, The North American Retreat for Apostolic College Students.	Sheraton World Resort Orlando, FL	Activities: Connection Cafe; Relevant Discussion for College Students; Islands of Adventure; Theme Park; Sea World.	See: campusnow.org for further details.
FEB 8 2006	IBC Ministry Opportunity Day Indiana Bible College chapel opens to ministers looking for Bible College students to serve in their churches.	Indiana Bible College 1502 Sumner Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46227	Bro. Andrew Romine, Emcee	For more info call (317) 781-7712 or e-mail officemanager@apostolic.edu
FEB 16-18 2006	Winterfire 2006 A conference for your entire leadership/ministry team offers a time of renewal & refreshing in the heart of New England.	Co-hosted by Faith Tabernacle, Pastor Kent Elliott & The Pentecostals, Pastor Jon Petoskey.	Jeff Arnold, Harold Hoffman, Sam Emory, Mark Morgan, Morton Bustard.	For more info: (860) 649-9848 or (860) 528-9834 or go to: www.winterfire.org
MARCH 16-19 2006	Times of Refreshing - Bossier City, LA Five-fold Apostolic ministry conference with power-packed services that provide healing and deliverance to those in need. Also Pharr TX April 27-29, Columbus, OH Sep 1-3, Houston, TX Sep 14-16	First United Pentecostal Church, 2833 Viking St. Host Pastor Jerry Dean	Speakers TBA	www.gordonpoe.com www.timesofrefreshing.cc Conference coordinator: Malinda Webb (318)747-5336
APRIL 19-21 2006	Music Festival - In Pursuit of Excellence... For His Glory - A Music Conference created to inspire and challege your Music Ministry.	Calvary Tabernacle, 902 Fletcher Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46203 - Host pastor - Paul D Mooney	Paul Mooney, Calvin Jean, Nancy Granquist, Dedie Cooley, Silent Praise, Jonathan & Alicia Moore, The McGrudders, IBC Choir, Chorale & PRAISE	For more information: ibcmusicoffice@aol.com or www.ibcmusicfest.com Lindel M Anderson, Dean of Music or call (317)262-4030
MAY 11-13 2006	4th Annual Eagle's Summit Confernce A Conference which focuses on equipping the minister and believer for spiritual warfare and encourages a spiritual atmosphere. Daytime split sessions include "Kids Zone" and "Impact Youth Ministries"	The Pentecostals of St. Joseph, 3822 Cook Road, St. Joseph, MO - Host Pastor Jon Arcovio	Jonathan Suber, Tony Bailey, Stan Gleason, and more Daytime registration: $15 online, $25 at time of Conference.	For more information: (816) 279-5866 or go to: www.tpsj.com email: admin@tpsj.com
JULY 25-27	IMPACT Family Conference 2006 Day sessions for the whole family; Men's, Ladies, GAP kids, Youth, and Couples.	Woodlawn UPC Columbia, MS Host Pastor: James Carney	Speakers TBA	Church: (601) 736-5128 Info: www.woodlawnupc.org Email: kristen@woodlawn.org
JULY 2006	Heritage 2006 A Conference for Apostolic Youth.	First Pentecostal Church Colorado Springs, CO Host: Bishop Tom Johnson	Speakers TBA	For Info: (719) 390-5130
JULY 2006	Mile High Conference Rocky Mountain Region Meeting designed to strengthen the cause of Oneness, holiness-minded preachers, churches and families.	Calvary Apostolic Church 5900 E. Yale Ave Denver, CO 80222 Host Pastor: D.E. Haymon	Speakers TBA	(303) 758-5900 www.milehighconference.org mhc2005@cacdenver.org
AUG 2-4	Children's Ministry Convention A conference that ministers to those who minister to our children. Sponsored by the General Sunday School Division — UPCI.	St. Louis, MO Host Church: New Life Pentecostal Church Host Pastor: Garry Tracy	Speakers: K. Haney, T. Black, R. Keyes, R. & J. Hamby, B. Lambert, E. McDougall, D. Norris, and others.	For more information: e-mail: lfarnell@upci.org or call (314) 837-7304 ext. 362
AUG 22-24	Week of Anointing Focused learning tracks for young ministers, evangelists, youth workers, and music ministers.	The Pentecostals 1255 Glenwood Dr. West Monroe, LA Host Pastor: Mark Foster	Speakers TBA	For more information, call (318) 322-1467 or visit www.weekofanointing.com
AUG 2006	P.A.T.H. Conference Preserving Apostolic Truth and Holiness. A preaching conference that promotes an unfettered pulpit.	Faith Tabernacle 745 N H St., Madera, CA Host Pastor: Dennis Garza	Speakers TBA	For more information call: (559) 673-3233
SEPT 27-OCT 1	81st Annual General Conference UPCI	Columbus, OH	Speakers TBA	For more info visit the UPCI website at www.upci.org
SEPT 2006	MARC: Mid-America Revival Conference Power-packed preaching in the heart of the Mid-West.	Calvary Tabernacle 902 Fletcher Ave. Indianapolis, IN. Host Pastor: Paul D. Mooney.	Speakers TBA	For more info call: (317) 262-4030 or visit our web site at: www.calvarytabindy.org
OCT 2006	Steadfast Conference Indianapolis, IN Defending Apostolic Doctrine In An Ecumenical World.	Calvary Tabernacle 902 Fletcher Ave. Indianapolis, IN. Host Pastor: Paul D. Mooney.	Speakers TBA	For more info call: (317) 262-4030 or visit our web site at: www.calvarytabindy.org
OCT 2006	AQUA- Apostolic Quartet United Association A wonderful, exciting conference devoted to Apostolic gospel quartets.	Revival Tabernacle 1765 Pentecostal Way San Diego, CA Host Pastor James Larson	Groups TBA	For more info call: (619) 264-1166 or visit our web site at: www.aquamusic.org
NOV 2-3	East Coast Conference Host Pastor: Johnny Godair	Durham UPC, 2008 Carver St., Durham, NC	Speakers TBA	For more info call: (919) 477-6555
NOV 8-10 2006	West Coast Conference A Meeting Place for the Whole Family. Hispanic Conference Nov 11.	Fresno CA Host Pastor: Vaughn Morton	Speakers TBA.	For Info (559) 225-1622.

Theology — The Gifts of the Spirit

Talmadge French

Theology

tltrench@hotmail.com

In light of the many misinterpretations and abuses of the gifts throughout the charismatic movement, could you comment on the Biblical teaching on the Gifts of the Spirit, especially the classic discussion in 1 Corinthians 12-14? (Part One)

The Spirit-filled church knows the difference between a real move God and the shallow demonstrations of pretense and self-promotion on display in a made-for-the-cameras religion. "The body is not one member, but many," (12:14). Thus, the gifts were never intended to elevate individuals, set up super power elitists, and draw attention away from the Spirit and the body of Christ, the church corporate. "God set the members every one of them in the body" (12:18), rather than draw attention to individuals. "God hath tempered the body together" (v. 24), that is, "blended, mixed or united" it into one church. So, an elitist spirit is exactly the opposite spirit of the intent of the Spirit of God.

Proper acceptance of each others' roles in the church (or function in the body) allows the Spirit to have free course among His people. That acceptance is always based in "charity" or love (13:1). Remember, one might be able to "remove mountains," yet have mere "sounding brass" Christianity! But, the Church that upholds the Apostles' doctrine is impressed with what fills up the Kingdom, not with what fills up the coffers. Therefore, prophetic preaching is clearly of greater significance than all the other gifts (14:2), because it "edifieth the church" (v.4). This word, oikodomai (Gk), means literally to "build." The gift of the anointed, prophetic word builds the kingdom, advances the truth, and strengthens the Church upon its foundation.

Before considering Paul's discussion of the gift of tongues (Part Two), notice the relationship of the Spirit and the gifts to the primacy of doctrine, established early on in chapter twelve. Be sure that no amount of giftedness or demonstration can take the place (or substitute) for the truth about Jesus' absolute deity and godhead. "No man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed," (v.3). Only "by the Holy Ghost" can one say "Jesus is Lord!"

O. C. Marler

Church Today

ocmarler@comcast.net

I like the way you have of expressing your opinion on various subjects. Would you, in the light of today, give us your thoughts on Christmas?

To be honest, I think most of the celebration of Christmas is in my mind. I won't allow myself to think of it until after Thanksgiving. *Silent Night, Holy Night, I'll Be Home for Christmas If Only in My Dreams* ... Christmas meant so much to me when I was a boy. A highlight of the season was the finding of a tree (Some Apostolics don't decorate trees, and I respect their conviction). We walked in the woods until we saw the perfect tree, whether it was the top of a tree or a small one standing alone. The highlight of the celebration was the opening of gifts at Grandpa's house. Packages would be stacked all around the wall, because everyone got a gift for everyone else – moms, dads, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins. After the opening of the gifts came the fire works. (In Louisiana we didn't celebrate July 4 with them.)

The annual Christmas play at the church was something else. That wire that ran across the top of the platform, over the pulpit, was finally put to use. Sheets were draped across it to form a curtain. And it was fun to watch Pete Terrell, wearing a beard made of moss, making the announcement as the shepherd in his impossible-to-disguise Louisiana drawl: "We have seen a sight tonight!" While Sister Gladys, as Mary, sat quietly by the baby doll, Elwood, who had stepped too close to the edge of the stage, fell off, while I was waiting to be prompted on a line of my three-line poem....

I must say, however, that even as a child gifts and fire works were not the main part of Christmas. The birth of Jesus and the spirit of giving were brought home so forcefully that it over shadowed everything else. I still shudder when I hear of people giving whiskey and getting drunk at Christmas. To me it is blasphemy.

I told you that a lot of Christmas is in my mind. Some of the most exciting memories, in fact, happened in the days preceding the actual day. Packing the car with overnight clothes...gifts piled up on the back window ... *I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas* playing on the radio.

Christmas Day, itself, can be rather depressing to me. The actual getting to the day is the most fun. I always dreaded to see things get over with--everyone leaving, etc. But usually, after dinner, I would find the New Testament (KJV) and read the Christmas story as if I had never heard it before. It never gets old.

T. W. Massengale

Church Growth

sysop@apostolic.edu

We have a growing bus ministry and would like to see more of the bus children receive the Holy Ghost and more of our bus parents saved. Any suggestions?

Several things come to mind. First, to see the bus children receive the Holy Ghost you need to regularly provide an opportunity for them to seek for the Holy Ghost. In many, if not most Sunday School classes, prayer time is not a regular occurrence. So the church should consider having a monthly Holy Ghost Sunday (a Sunday in which all classes, primary to adults, teach their lessons with the intent of having an alter call at the end), or they will have a monthly Children's church for all the Sunday School classes that is evangelistically oriented. Many have also seen considerable success with the 'Super Church' concept of Sunday school which provides many salvation opportunities.

Then, in addition, each year you should plan one or more Children's Crusades with an outside Children's Evangelist. Many have a full week or more of services and run the buses each evening during the Children's Crusade, as well as Sunday morning.

Finally, I am a strong believer in taking up several special offerings to provide scholarships for bus kids to attend your district youth camp each summer. Experience has shown that many, if not most, will come back with the Holy Ghost.

To reach parents you need to provide as many opportunities as possible for the parents to visit services. The best way to encourage them to visit is to have their child participate in some kind of children's program: Christmas Programs, Easter Dramas, Children's Musicals, Children's Choir Recitals, Sunday School Open House, Bring Your Family Day, and others have seen good success in many churches. While you will never get all the parents to come, be thankful for those who do come and make sure they are offered a home Bible study and are properly followed up on.

Finally, encourage your bus ministry to institute the 'ParentReach' concept of Bus Ministry. ParentReach is a program that encourages the bus captain to work each week on building a relationship with the bus parents and then, once they have won their friendship, they begin to encourage them to take a home Bible study and attend church. They also look for opportunities to minister to the family during times of trial and crisis.

If you would like more information on the Monthly Holy Ghost Sunday or the ParentReach program, contact the AIS office at 1-800-800-0247 or email AIS@apostolic.edu and request file 104.

Carol Clemans

Spiritual Growth

carol@carolclemans.org

What Does It Mean to "Be Holy as God is Holy?"

Through my 13 years of pastoral counseling and 40 years of teaching the Word of God for spiritual, emotional and relational growth, my heart has been deeply saddened by the pain, destruction and brokenness that sexual sins cause in the family of God. Yet, we sit on our pews and pretend that the sins of the world have not crept into the church of the living God. God is coming for a people without "spot or wrinkle or any such thing." God openly sees what we do in the 'dark'. What we do in the 'dark' defines our character whether we are people of integrity or hypocrisy. Matt. 15: 19 (NIV) says, "Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality." When one researches sexual sins, it includes adultery, fornication that is immoral sexual conduct, including taking pleasure in pornographic pictures, films, or writing. Any sexual activity that is done by a male and female who are unmarried to each other is having sex.

If we have the Holy Ghost in us, we are the temple of God! How can we take the temple of God in to a sexual sin activity? We must question ourselves, "Do I have a religion or a thriving personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ?" Our actions define our relationship with God. We all need to understand that our conduct should be based on God and His truth, not rules and regulations of man. If we hide His Word in our hearts, it gives us the strength not to sin against God! This is how we can be Holy as God is Holy! I recommend every man read *Every Man's Battle* by Stephen Arterburn & Fred Stoeker. Every woman should read *Every Woman's Battle* by Shannon Ethridge.

Carol Clemans is a certified pastoral counselor/Bible teacher. She served in this capacity for ten years under Pastor Kenneth Haney in Stockton, CA. Order her book, *God's Healing for Hurting People*, by sending a $6.00 check to Carol Clemans, P.O. Box 663, St. Peters, MO 63376. Contact for seminars: (636) 448-0121 or www.carolclemans.org

Jeff Thomas

Architecture

jeff@omegachurchdesign.com

Church Basements

Many of us who have bought or built a home have been led to believe that the living space in a basement is less expensive to build than the living space above grade. In some instances this is true, but it may not be the case for your next church facility.

A church design that includes a basement will require many features not required in a home. For instance, most codes require at least two exits directly out of a basement to a hard surface such as a parking lot. This may require the construction of retaining walls and outside stairways with proper drainage and handrails. Also, in order to meet ADA guidelines, an elevator may be required.

Some codes prohibit child care in a basement or may require a window in each room or even a door exiting from each room to ground level. Also, special consideration should be given to potential moisture and mold hazards. Dehumidification, ventilation, under-slab drainage and waterproofing may be needed in your area.

A fire sprinkler system may also be required for the basement while not being required for above-grade space. And if the basement is below the level of the sewer main, an ejector pump may be needed to pump the sewer water up to a point where it can gravity-drain to the sewer main.

Many other potential costs and design issues should be considered before deciding on a basement for your new church facility.

Jeff Thomas is Vice President of Omega Church Consultants, Inc., Church Designers and Builders, located in Indianapolis. You may contact him at jeff@omegachurchdesign.com or (317) 328-2681 or on the web: www.omegachurchdesign.com.

Aubrey Jayroe

Finance

ajayroe@swbell.net

It is so confusing trying to get things done for the year end at the church. Basically what is required for the church secretary to do to complete all necessary forms, documents, etc.?

Yes, there are several things that are required of churches and because of the swing in responsibility, the church secretary must be aware of these items. The basic ones are listed:

1. Fourth Quarter payroll tax deposits are due January 15, 2006.
2. Year end payroll tax reports (941 Forms if required) are due on January 31, 2006.
3. Annual W-2 Forms are due on January 31, 2006.
4. Annual Form 1099 reports are due to the individual by January 31 and the copy to the IRS is to be mailed by February 28.
5. Contribution reports should be printed and distributed by January 31. It is necessary that the church secretary inform the membership they should not file their 2005 tax returns until the contribution reports are completed and distributed.
6. Church financial statements should be printed out and maintained in a safe location.

Church schools shoudl complete Form 5578 to certify the annual racial nondiscrimination by May 15th.

7. Update the employee's W-4 Forms if necessary.
8. Make sure all resolutions are up-to-date and in order.

Aubrey L. Jayroe is an Accredited Tax Advisor, Accredited Tax Preparer and Enrolled Agent by the IRS, as well as an Apostolic pastor. Contact him at: (870) 633-6045. Jayroe & Company, P.O. Box 1217, Forrest City, AR 72336

Fred Childs

Leadership

fastforward@houston.rr.com

It's Here!

A tremendous and essential tool of leadership and organizational management is a policy manual. Every church should have a policy manual that is complete, up-to-date, and thorough. If you do not have one you should obtain one immediately.

The problem with obtaining a good and thorough policy manual is the difficulty of finding one that is appropriate for the church. Most churches cannot afford to develop one, because to hire a professional to do it properly would cost many thousands of dollars and require quite a substantial investment of time. When I began my search for a policy manual for non-profits I was sorely disappointed that a suitable one could not be found. The ones I did purchase were sadly inadequate at best. I found books that told how to build a policy manual, but again there is the tremendous expenditure of time and effort required to actually create it.

So I determined to develop one myself; a project that took the better part of an entire year. Today our Leadership Strategies International has a *Complete Master Policy and Procedures Manual* that has hundreds of policies, procedures and standard forms already written and applicable for your non-profit organization.

The *Complete Master Policy and Procedures Manual* also includes a separate section for a "Youth Protection Policy Manual," an "Internet and Information Systems Policy Manual," an "Employee Handbook and Policy Manual," and a "Wedding Policy." It also includes numerous blank forms and logs that may be utilized anytime. It also include guidelines, instructions, and illustrations for proper accounting procedures and such.

Having these policies in place and adopted protect a church in numerous ways. In the event of a crisis or accusation, a staff that is trained and following policy can defend its position by stating that it was acting in accordance with standard approved policy.

The "Youth Protection Policy Manual," "Internet and Information Services Policy Manual," "Employee Handbook and Policy Manual," and the "Wedding Policy" are available for download through at www.churchpotential.com. The *Complete Master Policy and Procedures Manual* is available only by hard copy and may be purchased through the website or by sending your request and check for $399 made payable to: FCLSI, 2800 E. Broadway, Suite 423, Pearland, Texas, 77581. Be sure to include the name of the church (or other non-profit organization), the name of the pastor, and the church address with your order request. Your copy will be personalized.

Dr. Fred and Monica Childs are full-time evangelists, ministry and business consultants. Contact them or order Fast Forward at 2800 E. Broadway, Suite C423, Pearland, TX 77581. Phone or fax 281-997-8732. Email fastforward@houston.rr.com

C.O.D.E.

Conference of Drama Evangelism

3 Days
9 Regions

dramacode.com

Howi Tiller

Terry Vik

Help the Wolfram's Return to the Mission Field.

Purchase "A Call to Arms"
John's Amazing Autobiography and Testimony
$15 donation plus $3 S & H
All donations go to missions
John Wolfram Ministries
182 Vinings Dr.
McDonough, GA. 30253

John and Deborah Wolfram

The Wolfram's are available for:

Revival Services
Mission Conferences
Special Occasions
Holy Ghost Rallies
PIM Services
Faith Promise Services

johnwolfram@mac.com
229-343-5430
770-957-4904
johnwolfram.org

Partner with the Wolfram's online or send funds to
FMD, 8855 Dunn Rd, Hazelwood, Mo. 63042 (Acct. #208)

Day Apart Builds Relationships and Memories

Written By Leigha May — Photos by Ryan Oberhellman and Sonna Patrick

Part of IBC life is running to classes, staying up late doing homework, and cramming for exams; however, both the students and staff members at IBC can become a little burnt out during the course of the semester.

While ministry and academics are the main focus at Indiana Bible College, once in a while we all need a little break. For this reason, "A Day Apart" was created.

Bro. French, Bro. and Sis. Anderson and Sis. Rorie serve breakfast to the hungry masses.

"During a staff meeting, Bro. Sleeva (instructor at IBC) suggested we have a retreat day to just enjoy being with the students and each other outside the college campus," said Bro. Paul D. Mooney, president of Indiana Bible College. The first Day Apart was held during the fall semester of the 2004 school year, and one has been held each semester since.

The location and events of A Day Apart are always secret until the morning of the event. The day is started by a loud wake-up call made over the intercom system heard throughout the dorms. Students are told how to dress for the occasion and to meet in the cafeteria where the instructors of IBC serve them breakfast and announce the location of the day's events.

Following Bro. Mooney

This year's A Day Apart was held at Turkey Run State Park. The day began with a hike through the terrain of the park led by Bro. Mooney, followed by a cookout, and then by football, recreation, and a time of relaxation.

Patricia Bruender, an IBC senior from Little Rock, AR, commented on the outdoor scenery. "It was so beautiful out there, well, except for all the mud and slime," she said.

"I thought it was good. I love the outdoors, and the football was cool. I was able to connect with different people," Lawrence Matthews, Student Body President from Gaithersburg, MD, said.

Bro. Paul D. Mooney said "They [The Days Apart] have accomplished a good deal in helping to create stronger morale on campus, but more importantly they have brought joy and laughter as we interacted with each other. Happiness is important to good living and a good ministry. Happiness must be created; it does not come automatically.

"The purpose was to strengthen relationships and morale, and to give us all a lift in sprits. The goals have been met. The day has provided a buzz and memories. Youth, generally speaking, do not appreciate the value of memories. Later in life they will recall the good times in a more meaningful way and those memories will contribute to their well being and balance. Building relationships is part of the educational process, and it is also a source of joy for the staff and makes what they do seem more fulfilling."

Meagan Beall, from Myrtle Beach, SC, recalled how much fun it was to see Bro. French [IBC Vice President], and Bro. Mooney [IBC President] supporting the fact that girls can play football too, and cheering along the sidelines.

Was the day successful in its endeavor to provide a time of enjoyment and relaxation? "The feedback has been very good and this gives us reason to believe that the students really enjoyed the day," Bro. Mooney said.

Who needs a Day Apart? We never study anyway!

THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS

What Could Be Wrong With ... ?

Kids' Beer, a non-alcoholic drink from Japan that tastes similar to cola, is expected to arrive in shops in England soon much to the dismay of many. It's sold in brown glass bottles and has a frothy, beer-like head when poured. The labels depict cartoon characters and carry the slogan: "Even kids cannot stand life unless they have a drink." One ad for Kids' Beer shows a boy crying after failing a math test and then weeping for joy after drinking a Kids' Beer. Another ad reads: "for you who cannot drink, a bubbly head that you will like and a fizzy flavor that spreads refreshment through your body – perfect for those evenings when you want to be a bit like an adult." The illustration shows a man clinking his beer glass with his young daughter's glass of Kids' Beer.

SOCIAL TRENDS

Seven Sins, Revised

Remember the Seven Deadly Sins (Anger, Gluttony, Sloth, Envy, Pride, Lust, Greed)? Well, there's a new Top Seven list according to a British survey: Cruelty, Adultery, Bigotry, Dishonesty, Hypocrisy, Greed, Selfishness.

You many notice there's only one survivor (Greed) from the old list. So what happened to the others? Knowing today's culture, it's not hard to guess. Gluttony? I deserve a break today. Sloth? If I don't have a job, it's society's fault...

The new additions aren't hard to figure out either. Bigotry, in practice, means "Don't' slam 'alternative lifestyles.'" Cruelty means "Don't say anything that makes me feel bad about myself." Even the traditional-sounding Adultery is considered bad strictly because it hurts other people, not because marriage is sacred before God.

Speaking of whom, by the way – where is He, anyway? The original list stressed that all sins are sins against the Lord. The new one mostly talks about relations with other people; God is nowhere to be found.

The old Christians used to call that Pride. What a relief to know that's not a sin any more either.

The Challenged Church of Britian

This year, the people of the United Kingdom bowed their heads and observed two minutes of silence in honor of their countrymen lost in the recent bombings.

There is no way to calculate how many churches around the Kingdom are calling their people to services, but there are many. Some religious leaders hope this occurrence will create a hunger for God in the lives of the British.

In his article entitled "Christianity Vanquished in Britain," Ed Vitagliano quotes a noted sociologist, Christine Davies, as saying, "At the end of the 19th Century there were comparable levels of religiosity in Britain and the United States. The British lived in a culture in which the assumptions of Protestant Christianity were taken for granted."

The website www.church-survey.co.uk asked, "How did such a spiritual catastrophe occur since the end of World War II?" More than 14,000 people responded. Here is what they said:

1. The decline of Believing and caring Shepherds. The failure of many ministers to defend the faith and responsibility carry out parishioners' expectations.
2. Lack of solid Teaching. There was a spiritual hunger among congregations for a greater understanding of a wide-range of relevant topics. Congregations want to hear what the Bible says in a relevant way. Services that "bordered on entertainment rather than worship" were the most disappointing.
3. A Prophetic Church. 75 percent of those responding saw the lack of a clarion call for holiness as a very real explanation for the decline of Christianity in the U.K.
4. Defense of the Faith. Many said they wanted churches to "emphasize the many reasons why believing in God and Christianity makes sense and would challenge a doubting society."

"If the church would only defend the beleaguered values," one respondent said, "and stop being silent and lukewarm."

NEWS IN BRIEF

■ Forty-seven percent of Christians admitted pornography is a serious problem at home, according to *World* magazine. In addition, 37 percent of pastors have viewed Internet porn, according to *Christianity Today*.

■ A recent survey by the Annenberg Public Policy Center found that the percentage of high-school boys who play cards for money weekly is 11 percent. Twenty-six percent gambled in the last month.

■ The average church member (from across the denominations) today gives about 2.6 percent of his or her income – a quarter of a tithe – to the church... If the average American Christian tithed, we'd have another $143 billion.

MEDIA TRENDS

100 Minute Bible Sells Well First Day of Release

Britain launched the "100 Minute Bible" on Sept. 21 to grab the attention "of the man in the street," says Publisher Len Budd. The response has been overwhelming with 4,000 copies sold the morning of its release.

Instead of 780,000 words and 1,200 chapters, there are just 20,000 words in fewer than 60 pages. The idea was to reproduce the 66 books into 50 400-word chunks which take about two minutes to read – or less than two hours to skip through.

Rev. Michael Hinton, who helped write it, says "it's the ideal read for plane or train." He added, "We have majored on Jesus, because he is the central figure in the Bible.

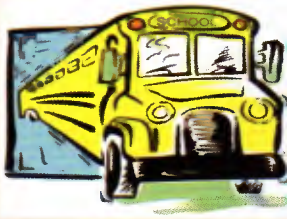
RELIGIOUS TRENDS

The Changing Sunday School

"In a culture saturated with change, one of the most stable aspects in the religious sphere has been the Sunday School," according to a recent Barna Update. The report also points out that a new study shows that while many aspects of Sunday school remain constant, there are also significant changes taking place.

The vast majority of churches (95%) still offer a Sunday school program, but changes in three areas were revealed by the Barna research.

• Fewer pastors (15% compared to 22% in 2002) consider Sunday school to be the church's highest priority.



• Fewer churches are offering Sunday school programs for children underage six or for junior-high or high-school students.

• More churches (18% compared to 10% in 2002) are creating their own "customized" curriculum.

Barna also identified two major shifts taking place in the church which are affecting other children's programs.

• A 15 percent decline since 1997 (from 81% to 69%) in the number of churches offering VBS programs.

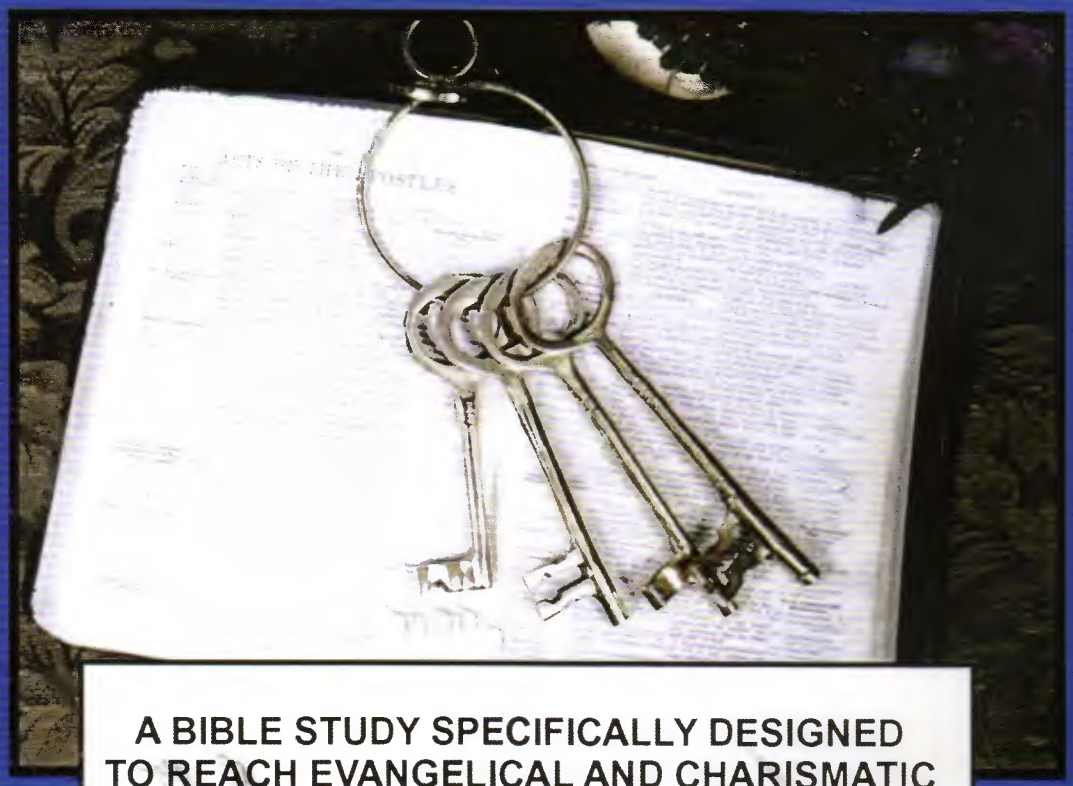
• A 10 percent decline since 1997 (from 64% to 58%) in midweek programming for children.

A complete report can be found at at www.barna.org.

FROM RTA MINISTRIES--
INTRODUCING

THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BOOK OF ACTS



A BIBLE STUDY SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO REACH EVANGELICAL AND CHARISMATIC COMMUNITIES WITH THE TRUTH OF ACTS

Throughout denominational Christianity there are many who have experienced the baptism of the Holy Ghost but have never been taught the significance of their experience from the apostolic perspective in the book of Acts. This Bible study will open up the full truth of Acts in such a way as to revolutionize their understanding of what it really meant to be a New Testament Christian and what it still means today. By repeatedly emphasizing the foundational nature of Acts and the doctrines of the early church, this study will be a defining experience for sincere denominational Christians who want more of God

Visit us at WWW.RTAMINISTRIES.COM for more information. Order online, or call 1-800-205-6864 and reserve-

A 24 PAGE FULL COLOR CHART+TEACHER'S MANUAL+STUDENT'S MANUAL+DVD

all for $50.00 + $5.00 P+H =$55.00

Music That Leaves A Legacy

By Susan Hataway

Robin Rorie

"Making the world a better place one song at a time is our mission statement at Legacy Music LLC," said Bro. Robin Rorie, founder of Legacy Music LLC in Covington Louisiana, an Apostolic-Christian-based, non-profit record company.

Legacy Music LLC is different from traditional record companies in many aspects. "First of all, Legacy Music LLC is a non-profit ministry funded by contributions, grants and corporate sponsorships, which means that our recording artists retain a bigger percentage of their end product sales," Bro. Rorie said.

Legacy Music recently released an artist-compilation CD that has been getting radio play and lots of exposure.

"We are currently putting the venues and tour together. We were invited to a Governor's press conference recently, before the press conference was over the Governor and other VIPs had a copy of our newest CD in their binders," he said.

What criteria does Legacy Music use to select the artist's they work with?

"First, we spend a lot of time in prayer when reviewing potential artists & their material. There are three of us at Legacy Music that review every artist and then we present those artists selected, to our Advisory Board," he said.

"It works in the artist's favor if they have been involved in ministry and servitude either at their local church or within their communities. This is very important. Talent without consecration and servitude equals nothing," he said.

Legacy Music is also looking for a unique quality that exceeds talent.

"It also works in their favor if they have a unique & original sound. At Legacy Music we want to release fresh music and uniquely anointed artists that cause people to listen with their hearts.

"Proportionate to their particular style within the Christian Music or Gospel Music realm, the artists we select and sign, must have a strong anointing, strong songs, strong talent, strong performance and a strong, professional visual image," concludes Brother Rorie.

The compilation CD is a fund-raiser and the proceeds go back into the ministry of Legacy Music. Additionally, a portion of the proceeds will go toward the Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts.

The CD is not yet in stores, but is available online at: www.cdbaby.com/cd/legacymusic or by sending $10.00 to this address: Legacy Music LLC, 700 Covington Point Drive Covington, LA. 70433. Please be sure to include a return address.

www.legacymusic.org

Fighting in Iraq, Singing in a Choir

By Kent D. Curry

He was fighting in Iraq, his camp was bombed over 100 times in 10 months, and he barely knew how to strum a guitar, but Corporal Cortt Chavis thought it was the perfect time to start a church choir.

Cortt Chavis and his family

Not that Chavis had planned on wartime singing when he joined the North Carolina Army National Guard six years previous, but with six months notice his unit had been shipped overseas.

"We took over a camp that was built for about 200 men with about 800 men," he revealed. "The first night we were there a bomb landed less than a 100 feet from where me and my section were."

A praise break was needed, so Chavis began leading worship during the twice-weekly church services.

"A lot of the men would tell me I was the only reason they even came; they told me that when I sang it made them feel better and a lot of their worries and fears were lifted," he said. "I told them that had nothing to do with me but the power of the Holy Ghost that dwelled in my soul."

An idea emerged—a choir would be starting. Eight people sang in the next service. God moved. The choir tripled the next week and continued until they were recalled. "For a lot of people I think it was a getaway and even though some of them could not understand it, when they sang those praises, God gave them peace and reassurance of his presence. For me, it just gave me an opportunity to minister in worship and that is my passion."

"I will say that honestly we did not sound that good, but for us to be in such a terrible place and no way to leave, and for everyone of us going through our own personal trial," he admitted. "For us to lift up our hands and sing praises to God in a desert place spiritually and physically, you know that must have sounded so sweet in His ears."

Now home and out of the Guard, Chavis gushed about Iraq being "the greatest experience in my life. I learned so much about my God and myself. Those lessons are priceless, and I am an overcomer by the power of my testimony. God has given me another level of anointing and to whom much is given much is required. I look forward to serving in the kingdom."

Answering The Hard Questions for Denominational Christians

By Charlotte L. Pound

Glenn Howard

People who already attend a church need a different Bible study than the unchurched. Bro. Glenn T. Howard in San Antonio, TX, has developed a Bible study just for that – *The Keys of the Kingdom.*

The concept of *The Keys of the Kingdom* came to Bro. Howard one morning in 1994, while in prayer. Through the years, he had begun to see the need for a Bible study that was oriented toward the reaching those of denominational Christianity.

"There are many fantastic Bible studies available and I have used most all of them, through the years," he said. "However, when you are dealing with people who already have some knowledge of scripture, you not only have to have a comprehensive presentation of overwhelming logic, you also have to have some solid scriptural responses to the denominational questions that will inevitably be raised," he said.

The study fills the gaps left by denominational teaching.

"There are many sincere people in denominational churches, particularly those who are of the evangelical or charismatic persuasion, who will accept the truth when it is revealed to them," he said.

The Bible study builds on what people already know, putting things together in a different way than what they have ever before considered.

"It establishes three essentials: (1) the authority of scripture (2) the authority of the Apostles, and (3) the specific gospel of redemption, preached by the Apostles. Everything else revolves around these three key elements," he said.

He is already working on a secondary study which is called, "The Power Of One."

"It will be designed to further amplify the great truth that the resurrected Christ is absolutely the Almighty, and that the doctrine of the trinity is purely the invention of men," he said.

In time he plans to have a seminar available designed to organize soul-winners into an effective outreach group within respective churches. It will be entitled "Fishers Of Men."

The Keys to the Kingdom Bible study is approximately two hours long and sells for $50 plus shipping. It comes with a full color, 24-page flipchart with Teacher and Student manuals, and a DVD.

"Winning a soul is the highest form of praise," Bro. Howard said. "Even angels are not allowed to do it. It is a privilege that is reserved for the church. The Keys of the Kingdom is a tool to make it happen."

For more information call (210) 264-4969, or e-mail: gthoward2@aol.com.

www.rtaministries.com

NEXT STEP PRINCIPLES

By: Jonathan Suber

And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn. Genesis 48:14

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. John 19:28

My future is going to be greater than my past. The word Manasseh means forgetful; the word Ephraim means fruitful. There comes a time when God takes his hand off of your past and puts his hand on your future. The Bible says that he knows our end from our beginning. If you did not have the failures that you are going through right now, then you could not fulfill the future that God has in store.

Everywhere I go I hear messages about the next level and new dimensions. It is exciting to talk about new levels, but when I leave church, I am still going through the same trials as before. You want to go to a new dimension if only you knew where it was and how to get there.

The first principle to attain a new level is understanding that your failures are not fatal. The second is understanding that your failures are not final, and finally know that if you are still here, God has a plan for your life.

Your failures are not fatal. In fact, they are the ingredients to your future. What you need to realize is that the devil is rejoicing about the very weapon that God has placed in your hands to cut his head off. I may have failed, but God's grace brought me out of darkness into this marvelous light. If I have come this far, then God is not through with me yet.

You need to understand the arithmetic of God. Your failures plus God's grace equals a ministry that will turn the devil's playhouse upside down. Lord, who are you going to call? I think I'll use Peter after he denied the Lord. I think I'll use David after he committed adultery and murder.

God is not finished just because you make a mistake. Someone just needs to get up, brush yourself off, and say "If God be for me, who can be against me?" Get over failure; it is a new season. God is bringing you to the next level.

Your failures are not fatal. Warfare always surrounds the birth of a miracle. For every Messiah there will be a Herod; for every word of prophecy that is born in your spirit, there will be a Herod demon to destroy it.

But the Word says that we are born again "not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible by the word of God." This seed inside me is from the Word of God, and it shall come to pass.

Failures are not fatal. In fact, the greater your adversary is, the greater your destiny is. The size of Goliath determined the size of David's kingdom.

The bigger your giant is, the bigger your future is. Get your eyes off of the giants in your city and get your eyes on the harvest. Get your eye off of the negative and focus on the word that God has given you.

Your failures are not fatal. The greater the attack is, the greater your anointing will be. Your level of attack determines your level of anointing. Bro Tenney said this way: "For every new level, there is a new devil."

You need to use the devil as a tool in the plan of God. If you can understand that Satan is

Evangelist Jonathan Suber
Bogalusa, Louisiana

simply a created being that will be bound and cast into a lake of fire, then you will understand that the greater the attacker, the greater the anointing is.

In order to go to the next level, you must leave where you have been to get where you are going. When God gets ready to take you to another level, the manna will dry up and the cloud of fire will stop being in the sky.

God will frustrate you to help you make up your mind. Step out of your fear, condemnation, and guilt and step into your future. We must leave where we were in order to get to where we are going.

Everything you have been through up until now is only a test. Quit shouting over only a test.

True, your church has only grown by 50 in two years, but it is only a test to see if you can handle a church of 500.

True, your wife survived cancer, but it is only a test to see if you can handle the miracle ministry that God is about to impart to you.

The adversary standing in your way is your doorway to greatness. David used the sling against the giant. It was the same instrument that killed the lion and bear, but it was not the sling that killed the giant. It was the enemy's sword.

It was years before David's physical structure could handle that sword. God only allowed him to taste of and touch his future weapon. Some of you are feeling the frustration of transition, and the miracles, the prayers, and the victories of your past are simply a foretaste of what God has in store for you in the future.

Before you step into a new dimension, you will feel forsaken by the last one. That is why before Jesus said "it was finished," He said, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me."

Before you step into a new level, you will always be forsaken and abandoned by the level you have been living on. Nothing is wrong with you; you are simply getting ready to leave where you were to go to where God wants you to be.

After years as an outcast in a cave, David enters Judah and asked the priest of God for a sword. The priest replied, "The only sword here is the sword of your enemy."

The Bible references that the moment that David placed his hand on Goliath's sword, his entire life turned around. He went from living in a cave to living in a palace. When he progressed to the point where he could hold in his hand structurally to what he had already held spiritually, then the Lord made him King. The devil has convinced someone that they are to be destroyed, but really everything you have been through has been to get you to this point.

God is about to put that anointing that you have felt once or twice before on you full-time. Do not let go of what God has allowed you to taste. You have had your hand on that sword before. You know you have had a word from God.

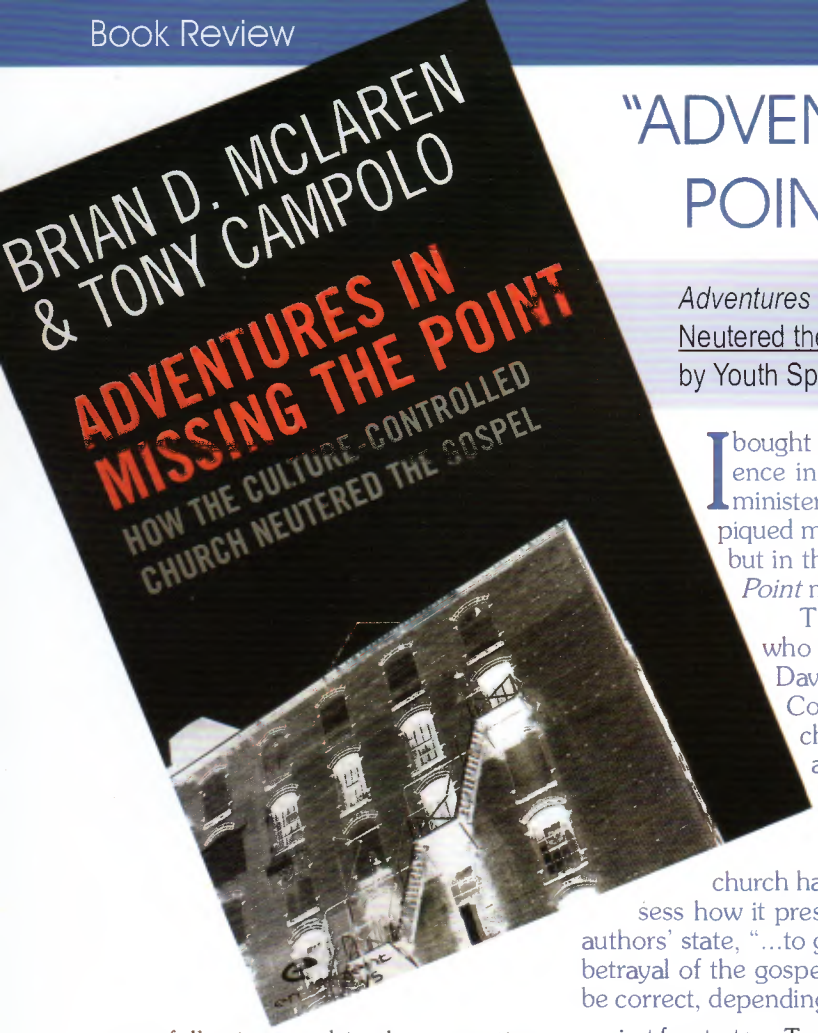
You have a choice to get bitter or get blessed. Jesus on the cross could not say "it is finished" until he said "Father, forgive them." You always feel forsaken when you are on the precipice of a new dimension.

If you want to get to the next level, you have got to step out of the level you have been living on and into the level God has prepared for you. Your dream must be greater than your dilemma. You must be like Joseph.

The name of your first must be Manasseh. You have to forget about all that stuff you went through to get to Ephraim, your fruitfulness. God has not forsaken you; He is simply switching hands. He is taking his hand off of your past, and He is going to place that right hand of authority on your future.

When God gets ready to take you to another level, the manna will dry up and the cloud of fire will stop being in the sky. God will frustrate you to help you make up your mind. Step out of your fear, condemnation, and guilt and step into your future. We must leave where we were in order to get to where we are going.

Transcribed by Josh Bault



"ADVENTURES IN MISSING THE POINT," MISSES THE POINT

Adventures in Missing the Point, How the Culture-Controlled Church Neutered the Gospel, by Brian D. McLaren & Tony Campolo. Published by Youth Specialties Products, El Cahon, CA, 2003, $19.99, 259 pages.

I bought Campolo and McLaren's book at our recent General Conference in Richmond, VA. It had been promoted and recommended to ministers. Its title, *Adventures in Missing the Point,* was catchy and piqued my interest. Just who or what had missed the point? I found out, but in the process, I've come to realize that *Adventures in Missing the Point* misses the point.

The book is written by two well-known authors, Tony Campolo, who is professor emeritus of Sociology at Eastern University, in St. Davids, P.A. and Brian McLaren, who is senior pastor of Cedar Ridge Community Church in Washington, D.C. Each writer contributed chapters to this book with the other author providing a response at the end of each chapter. This is an interesting format in which the responding author has the opportunity to agree with or point out the weaknesses of the other writer's argument.

The book's basic premise, as the title suggests, is that the church has missed the point on some issues and therefore needs to reassess how it presents the gospel to the world. "This book is our attempt," the authors' state, "...to get us thinking about the frightening possibility of unintentional betrayal of the gospel by those entrusted with it." (P. 12) This premise may indeed be correct, depending on which issue is being discussed, but the real problems arises in the pages following and in the suggestions they incorporated. The church, the book contends, has missed the point on a whole range of Gospel related issues, such as salvation, theology, the Kingdom of God, the end times, the Bible, evangelism, social action, culture, women in ministry, leadership, seminary environmentalism, homosexuality, sin, worship, doubt, truth and being postmodern.

Take for instance the chapter on theology by Campolo and this interesting statement: "God is greater than any theology or system of ideas we come up with about God. God is not defined by our systems, by our theologies – not even by our firm convictions about him or her." Wow! "Him or her." Now here is an author with a clear understanding about who God is! Or how about this idea: "New times need new theologies." Thank you, but no. I think I'll take the theology that was once delivered to the saints. Or try this one: "Our goal? Not absolute and arrogant certainty about our theologies, but a proper and humble confidence in God." So in other words, there is no doctrine that we can really hold on to for sure. This doesn't sound like the firm foundation of the Apostles' doctrine to me. These three statements early on in the book (pages 32, 33 and 41 respectively) are just for starters. To list all the times these author discuss an idea that most Apostolics would disagree with, would entail a book review of multiple pages.

I doubt that too many Apostolics would see the Kingdom of God on this earth as largely the vehicle to bring about social justice in our world, nor would they agree that the events of Matthew 24 & 25 along with the most of Revelation have already been fulfilled. The authors discounting of Dispensationalism attacks a cardinal doctrine held among most Apostolics.

Campolo has been known for a number of years as a rocker of Christianity's boat, and perhaps this is a useful function, for at times the boat does need to be rocked. We all need to be challenged not to get too comfortable, but to strive to live at a higher level of Christian behavior. The basic theme of the book calls attention to this function.

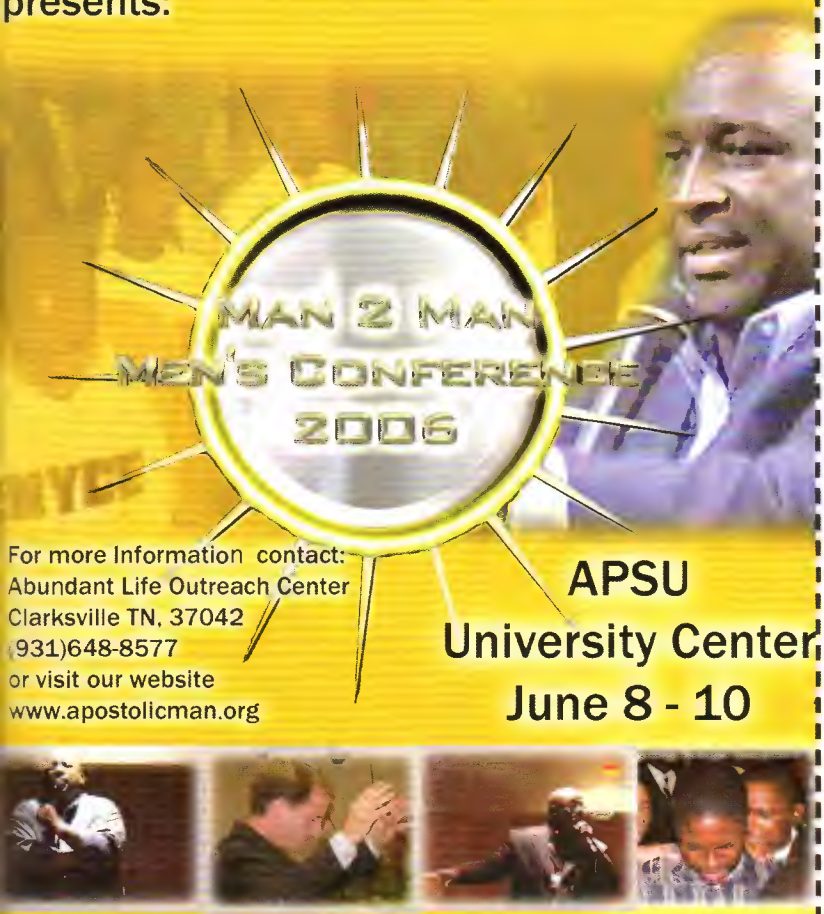
At times however, Campolo rocks the boat to the degree that the only acceptable alternative is to just get out of the boat. Such is the chapter on homosexuality, in which he attempts to atone for his own behavior of not speaking up for a homosexual man who ultimately committed suicide. He has bought into the idea that homosexuals are born that way and that the church must open its arms and accept those who have no control over their orientation. He then examines a number of scriptures often quoted to condemn homosexual behavior, and then for all practical purposes, relegates them all away. In so doing, he follows the thinking of some current so-called Biblical scholarship that says there is no scripture that condemns homosexual behavior. And to top it all off, he down plays the importance of the fact that homosexuals can have a life-changing experience with Jesus Christ and be filled with the Holy Spirit resulting in changed behavior. For a man who preaches social justice so much, he sure limits the power of the Cross here. Perhaps I shouldn't expect more from a man who also wrote *How To Be Pentecostal Without Speaking in Tongues.*

Another item of note: this book is published by Zondervan but it is copyrighted by Youth Specialities Products. It is obvious to me that this book is not written to men like me, who have already made up our minds on some of the issues mentioned therein; it is intended for youth who can still have their thinking molded. This should cause every pastor and youth leader concern. Do we really want the Apostolic church to look like the type of church recommended in *Adventures in Missing the Point*?

You've probably heard the statement, "Eat the meat and throw out the bones." This is good advice for any book. Personally I don't care to eat ribs, since it's just too much work for too little meat. Campolo and McLaren's book has a lot of bone, fat, and gristle. There are some tasty morsels, which does redeem the book on occasion, but in the end you just throw away too much of it. And if you're like me, you will want to throw the book through a window by page 101, and burn it by page 190.

DAVID G. BROWN
is Director of Library Services at Indiana Bible College where he teaches numerous courses including religious education & church history.

Abundant Life Outreach Center
presents:



For more Information contact:
Abundant Life Outreach Center
Clarksville TN, 37042
(931)648-8577
or visit our website
www.apostolicman.org

APSU
University Center
June 8 - 10

Need a Bus?

Buy with confidence from
Carpenter Bus Sales -
America's #1 Church Bus Dealer

New or Used • 15-47 Passenger • Trade-ins welcome
Large Inventory • 100% financing available

Carpenter BUS SALES
1-800-370-6180
carpenterbus.com

Going the extra mile since 1953

Pentecostal Writers INSTITUTE

March 15-18, 2006

"Stablish you in every good word and work" (II Thessalonians 2:17).

WRITERS at Work

Dan and Judy Segraves

Rodney Shaw

Barbara Westberg

R. M. Davis

P. D. Buford

Pre-PWI Special: Advanced Track Classes

Preregistration Deadlines:
Advanced Track — January 1
Writer's Institute — January 31

WORD AFLAME PUBLICATIONS

For more information: www.upci.org/wap • wap@upci.org • 314-837-7304 ext 457 or 409

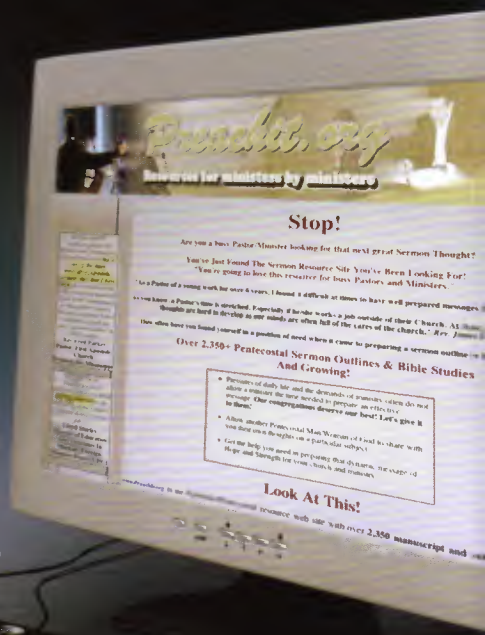
Busy Schedule...
and you have to preach Sunday!

Need some help?

Be A Part Of Pentecost's Fastest Growing Premiere Resource For Apostolic Ministry.

PreachIt.org is your one stop resource for fully executable Sermon outlines and Bible Studies.

- Over 2400 Sermons Outlines & Bible Studies and Growing.
- Edit, Copy, Paste & Print to Your Churches Needs.
- Search Sermons by Subject, Scripture, Author, or Keyword.
- Over 150 Home Friendship Group Edifications
- Many Series Type Messages.
- Messages With Power Point
- Over 110 Contributing Pastors/Ministers and Growing.
- Audio & Video Sermons Area – "Just for Preachers!"
- Classifieds – Find the Ministry Helps You Need.
- Miracles Page – Full of Testimonials of Healing and Deliverance.
- Ministers Chat Room – Meet Other Preachers with Similar Interests and Vision.



PreachIt.org is an Apostolic/Pentecostal resource web site with over 2,400 manuscript and outlined sermons of various topics. They can be used as they are, edited or downloaded from the site and printed. With categories like:

- The Godhead
- Faith
- Baptism
- Holidays
- Holy Spirit In filling
- Love
- Communion
- Revival
- Spiritual Warfare
- Spiritual Growth
- Bible Prophecy
- Men's Ministry
- Prayer
- Women's Ministry
- The Family
- Mental Illness
- Worship
- The mind
- Leadership
- Stewardship
- Miracles
- Doctrine
- Salvation
- Christ's Return
- Encouragement
- Witnessing
- Fasting
- Weddings
- How To Receive The Holy Ghost
- Many Series Messages Of Various Topics
- Funerals
- Baby Dedications
- Creation
- The Cross
- And More!

Word For The Wise:

"The people who complain about the way the ball bounces are usually the ones who dropped it."

Old farmer Joe went to the city one weekend and attended a big city church. He came home and his wife asked him how it was.

"Well,' said the farmer, "it was good. They did something different, however. They sang praise choruses instead of hymns."

"Praise choruses?" said his wife. "What are those?"

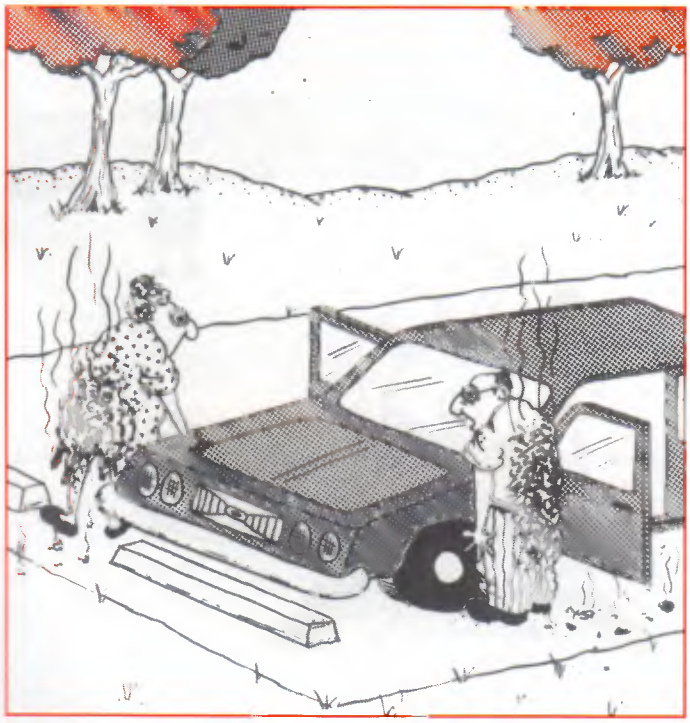
"Oh, they're okay. They are sort of like hymns, only different," said the farmer.

"Well, what's the difference?" asked his wife.

Joe said, "Well, it's like this — if I were to say to you, 'Martha, the cows are in the corn' — well, that would be a hymn. If on the other hand, I were to say to you:

"Martha, Martha, Martha,
Oh Martha, MARTHA, MARTHA,
The cows, the big cows, the brown cows, the black cows
The white cows, The black and white cows,
The COWS, COWS, COWS
Are in the corn,
Are in the corn, are in the corn, are in the corn,
The CORN, CORN, CORN.

"Then, if I were to repeat the whole thing two or three times, well, that would be a praise chorus."



That was one firey sermon today!

With all the new technology regarding fertility, Pastor Jones had a 65-year-old church member who was able to give birth to a baby recently. When she was discharged from the hospital and went home, her pastor and his wife came to visit. "May we see the baby?" the pastor's wife asked.

"Not yet," said the mother. "I'll make coffee, and we can visit for a while first." Thirty minutes passed, and the pastor asked, "May we see the new baby now?"

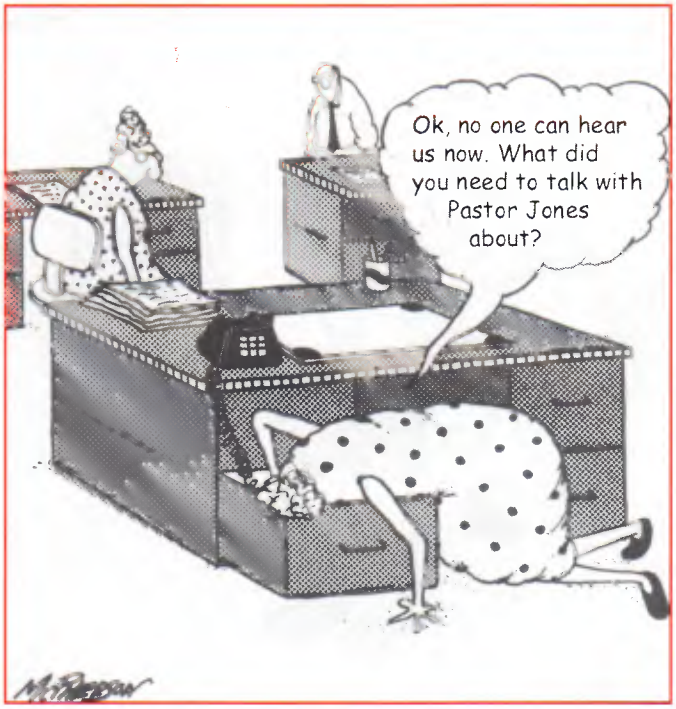
"No, not yet," said the mother. After another few minutes had elapsed, they asked again. "May we see the baby now?"

"No, not yet," replied the mother sternly. Growing very impatient, they asked, "Well, when can we see the baby?"

"WHEN HE CRIES!" she told them.

"When he CRIES?" they wondered. "Why do we have to wait until he CRIES?"

"BECAUSE ... I forgot where I put him!"



Like any good church secretary, Sis. Toomes knew how important it was to keep things confidential.

Notice to liberal judges: With hurricanes, tornados, flooding and severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, are you sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?

Church Bulletin Notice: Sis. Thomas has informed us that the man who fell into the upholstery machine is fully recovered.

After several phone calls, Pastor Bob decided not to let new converts go doorknocking.

Website Design » Website Consulting » Secure Website Hosting » Graphic Design Services

"It has been a pleasure working with Champion Designs. They have produced for us a website and I feel a sense of pride every time I look at it. The maintenance of the site has been exceptional and I would recommend their services to anyone who is interested in a truly quality web presentation."

Rev. Randy G. Keyes - Asst. General Superintendent UPCI

The Internet is full of wannabees and has-beens... But for the best, who rise to the top, one title is reserved: **champion.**

Those who have chosen Champion Designs for Internet services:

- Ken Gurley Pearland, Texas
- America On fire Mark Morgan
- Randy Keyes Asst General Superintendent UPCI - Western
- Texas Bible College Lufkin, Texas
- Norman Paslay Cincinnati, Ohio
- Tom Foster Dallas, Texas
- Closer Than Close Conference Dallas, Texas
- Jesse Williams - Asst General Superintendent UPCI - Eastern
- Beyond Conference
- Timothy Spell...and a host of others...

Shane West, Owner

800.918.9267 | contact@championdesigns.com | www.championdesigns.com

CHAMPION DESIGNS

FIFTH ANNUAL

EAGLE'S SUMMIT

APOSTOLIC CONFERENCE

MAY 11-13, 2006

JOHN ARCOVIO - HOST PASTOR

Eagle Summit is an Apostolic conference that seeks to capture the experience of the eagle. You will be drawn to the heights, find rest in the heavens, stretch your wings, catch the wind and soar in an atmosphere of intense pursuit of the things of God.

To Register Online:
www.tpsj.com
$15 - Online • $25 - At The Door
Fee covers day sessions, syallbi and other materials

Hosted By:
The Pentecostals of St. Joseph
3822 Cook Road • St. Joseph, MO 64505
Phone: 816 279 5866 • Fax: 816 279 3357

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
Registration - 12-1 PM • Focused Prayer - 2 PM
• John Arcovio - 2-3 PM • Jonathan Suber 7:30 PM

FRIDAY
Tony Bailey - 10-12 PM • Stan Gleason - 1-2 PM
• Jonathan Suber - 7:30 PM

SATURDAY
Krug Park Bowl - Free Concert/BBQ - 11-1 PM
• Healing Crusade - Jonathan Suber - 1 -2 PM
Worship Music and Concert By Michael England

KIDS ZONE
Ages 5-12 - Jeremy Joyce - All Services Simultaneously

GUEST SPEAKERS

TONY BAILEY

STAN GLEASON

JONATHAN SUBER

INDIANA BIBLE COLLEGE

Music Festival 2006

"IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE ... FOR HIS GLORY"

APRIL 19-21, 2006
MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND

Speakers: Rev. Paul D. Mooney & Rev. Calvin Jean

Nancy Grandquist - Dedie Cooley
Chad Erickson and the First Apostolic Church Sanctuary Choir
Silent Praise - Doug & Vicki Davis - Jonathon & Alicia Moore - The McGruders
Marianne Porter & Percussion Praise
Indiana Bible College Choir, Chorale & PRAISE

For More Information or to Register
E-mail: *ibcmusicoffice@aol.com*
www.ibcmusicfest.com
Lindel M. Anderson, Dean of Music
Paul D. Mooney, IBC President

Enhance your home, office or church with art that presents the truth found in the word of God!

Found Truth
Digital Art & Graphic Design

For more information contact us at.....
1-479-751-8877
contact@foundtruth.com

One of the greatest things we can do is memorize the word of God. That is why we have combined our photography and graphic design with scripture. Creating an image that is spiritually uplifting and a constant witness of the truth found in the word of God.

Digital Art
13 Different designs to choose from!

Graphic Design
We specialize in serving ministry needs for graphic design

Website Design
We provide design and hosting!

16x20 Prints
Standard frame size

ORDER TODAY!

and receive
Free Shipping
Promotional Code
OrgMa82

Visit our online catalog at...
www.foundtruth.com

www.foundtruth.com

IBC Perspectives
Indiana Bible College
Calvary Tabernacle
P.O. Box 47917
Indianapolis, IN 46247-0917

Send To:

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
INDIANAPOLIS, IN
PERMIT NO. 447