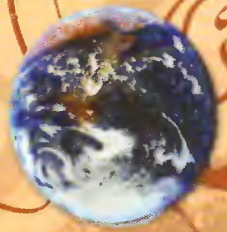


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CELEBRATING THE LEGACY

75th Anniversary - Calvary Tabernacle, Indianapolis, IN
20th Pastoral Anniversary - Rev. & Mrs. Paul D. Mooney



The Kerosene Man



"All the real thanks goes to those wonderful people - saints, members, non-members and even some sinners - who stepped up, did the job, lifted up the walls, and made it work. Micki and I just beat the drum and blew the whistle and shouted go, go! We are just the cheerleaders."

"We've got to swing by and get the kerosene," my father would mumble every Sunday morning as we worked our way across Indianapolis to our inner-city church. It was a messy job, unloading the cans we had brought along and dragging them to the smelly gasoline station's kerosene pumps not far from our small storefront church. The car always reeked with the odor of spilt fuel. Church started at 10 a.m. but we dutifully arrived extra early to stoke up the kerosene heater, after which we would straighten the chairs and clean things up, mostly to keep warm, while the smoky stove did its job pushing the temperature to tolerable. But warmth was only for those sitting close to the stove. Pity the people near the back, especially on a cold Indiana winter morning.

I am ashamed to say I don't recall the man's name, but I can still see his face and remember the Sunday morning he volunteered to be the "kerosene man." What a help. What a difference it made for my folks who both worked secular jobs while giving at least three nights a week, plus all day Sunday, to what they called "church work." The kerosene man is one of the first people I remember who jumped in to help my parents with the duties and chores that were necessary to keep the church operating. A small thing? A trivial thing? Perhaps, but it was a breakthrough, a beginning moment of delegation, the joy of emerging leadership. The kerosene man made a difference.

Now, after pastoring for more than forty years there are hundreds of other faces that come to mind. There are meetings, events, outreaches, revivals, and dinners put together and often inspired by the "saints," by the membership of the church, by the church family, by laity. And who are they? Simply, they are all the people who are not preachers, the non-clergy, and thank God for the amazing things they have done and do everyday around the world.

I love preachers. I appreciate the impact they have had on my life. I am to a great extent the product of the mentoring of preachers. I have benefited greatly from good and Godly ministers in my life, not the least of which are my own parents. I am grateful and blessed. However, the unsung heroes in my memories are the thousands of people who have assisted Micki and me throughout our lives in every aspect of our ministry. All things, anything, everything we have ever accomplished has been possible because of the partnership of loving and faithful people who have walked with us, labored beside us, prayed with us, prayed for us, supported us, loved us, inspired us, encouraged us, stayed close to us in our own personal trials and setbacks, and helped us. They are people who made sure we had a good living and a nice home because they understood and appreciated that full-time ministry and living by faith predisposes the opportunities that secular work might provide.

My heroes are these Godly folks who volunteer to be a "kerosene man," "lock-up man," "trash man," "clean-up lady," "flower lady" or "prayer partner." Holy people who cooked, worked, taught Sunday school classes, witnessed, prayed all night, worked at the altar, greeted at the door, watched over the nursery, sang in the choir,

drove buses, taught Bible studies, and gave hard-earned money to causes both local and around the world. They are all heroes and they are more than wonderful.

Micki and I are grateful for the special touches, cards, notes, comforting words, flowers, pies, cakes, gifts, and all those amazing little things that were really huge blessings; because... (and I will never understand it) they always come when we need strength and encouragement the most. They have kept us going. Funny how little things matter so much. Thanks.

I'm thinking of people like those who brought a "can do" spirit to our Indiana Bible College building when it was nearly hidden by weeds and the walls were literally covered with mold. They scrubbed and mopped it for days. It smelled like a bleach factory. Those folks killed every living germ, mite and mouse in that place. Not only that, but those people, God's people, ordinary people, some might say... but I say great people, extraordinary people, God-called people; they not only killed the mold, they gave the money... because they caught the vision. Poorly cast, I am sure, but they simply knew that Micki and I felt a burden to advance the kingdom through a Bible college, so they gave, so they prayed, so they built, so they cleaned, so they repaired, so they embraced young strangers into the church. It cost. It meant sacrifice. But then these were mostly the same Calvary Tabernacle folks who just a few years earlier had dug a hole and started construction on a 3,000-seat auditorium, by faith and their own muscle. Amazing.

I want to name names. There are so many people who have made a difference in our lives. When I left Muskegon, I brought a poster board with me and it had all the pictures of the children and young people from that church pasted on it. I taped it on the closet wall above the clothes rod so that every time I opened the closet I would see their faces. And I prayed for them. That has been twenty years now and I still see them with their child faces, and I still pray for them. I have a new photo collection now of the Calvary kids, some are 20 years old. I pray for all of them. I like to think that is all right since we are all still children before the Lord. I often fear that those good families in Muskegon and the Calvary families we now pastor will never know how much they mean to Micki and me. A ministry, if it is anything, must first be about the people. It's not soaring rhetoric that matters so much as soaring hearts working together.

Micki and I are humbled when someone approaches us to say that they appreciate us or that they have been blessed and inspired by our ministry. Of course, that always makes us feel good and often they will remark about all the things we've been blessed to do and services we've been blessed to preach. We smile and try to give a proper "thank you." But the truth is, to God be the glory and all the real thanks goes to those wonderful people - saints, members, non-members and even some sinners - who stepped up, did the job, lifted up the walls, and made it work. Micki and I just beat the drum and blew the whistle and shouted go, go! We are just the cheerleaders. Thank you. We love you all.

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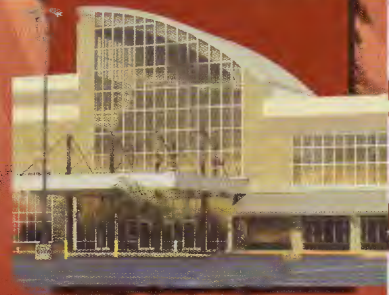
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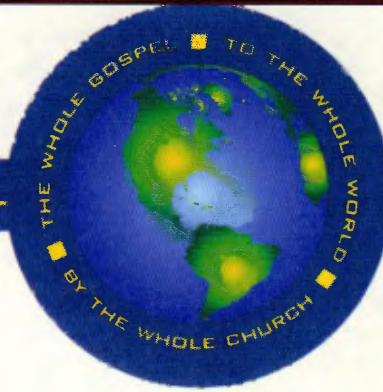
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September 2, 2008

Reverend and Mrs. Paul Mooney
Calvary Tabernacle Church
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Dear Brother and Sister Mooney,

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus! It is my honor to write this letter of congratulations to you both for your faithfulness in ministry and your undying love to this message of truth.

I understand that Calvary Tabernacle is celebrating its 75th anniversary and you are celebrating 20 years of pastoring. Under the umbrella of your great leadership, the church has advanced greatly. You have carried many responsibilities and burdens, and one of your greatest is for Indiana Bible College. God has honored and blessed the college, and that is greatly due to this being your burden and the church getting behind you to fulfill this purpose.

In addition to that, you have made a tremendous contribution to the United Pentecostal Church International. As a man of God, you wear many hats, and one of those is as the Assistant General Superintendent of the Eastern zone. It is a pleasure to work with you on the various committees and ministries you so capably serve.

This is a special day for you. When a man of God gives as many years as you have given in service to this wonderful organization, it is definitely reflected in the lives of many people and the progress of the church. Faithfulness of this nature is a rare ruby, and God has a special place in His heart for His servants who labor so diligently. Only eternity will reveal the impact that your ministry has had upon many lives.

On behalf of the UPCI, I would like to say that we commend you this day for the years of ministry you have rendered to the work of the Kingdom. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Kenneth F. Haney
General Superintendent
United Pentecostal Church International

KFH/jh



HOW CALVARY TABERNACLE HAS IMPACTED MY MINISTRY

Space does not permit for expressions from all the outstanding ministers who are blessed to call Calvary Tabernacle their home church. We trust those listed below represent the expressions of all those who have been impacted by the legacy of Calvary Tabernacle.



Pastor J. Hugh Rose, Jewett, OH - How do we ever express the blessing that being a part of Calvary Tabernacle for 16 1/2 years was to the Rose family? During those years, Nila became a vital part of my life and the Lord added to our family four children. We continue to have marvelous friends there, and we were indeed pleased beyond words

when the Mooney family came to Calvary. We send our warmest greetings to the entire family and their worthy associates at this very special time of commemorating the 20 years of pastoral ministry for Pastor and Mrs. Paul Mooney and the 75th anniversary of Calvary Tabernacle.



Pastor Matthew Martin, UPCI OK District Superintendent, Dewar, OK - Calvary Tabernacle placed a strong foundation under me making the difference in my life. In part that foundation was the ministry of Calvary being dedicated to the Bible, which led me to a desire for truth and the Word. Another part of this foundation is the faithfulness of the saints at Calvary. My parents and others exemplified what it was to be a worker in the church, and for that I say thank you. Thank you to

Calvary Tabernacle for being a steady Christian environment where I could grow up. Your true Christian example will not soon be forgotten.



Pastor Edward Goddard, Anderson, SC - Through the years, Calvary Tabernacle has stood for the truth, which is evident by the many families that have passed the gospel from one generation to another. When grandmothers and grandfathers look around and see their grandchildren growing up in the truth, it is proof that the church has done a wonderful thing. I attended Calvary under the pastorate

of Bro. Urshan and the most impacting things he taught me were his lessons and instructions in balance. Thank you, Calvary family and Bro. and Sis. Mooney, for your support and openness to my family and me as we have gone on to fulfill our calling. Calvary has been an anchor of stability to all of us who have left to go into the ministry.



Corliss Williams, UPCI FL District Ladies President, Pastor's Wife, Ocala, FL - I was five when I began attending Calvary Tabernacle. We rode the Sunday school bus and came to evening services by taxi. One night, Stan and Mary Sleevea followed our taxi and realized they lived nearby. They began picking us up every service for 11 years. Bro. N. A. Urshan was the only pastor I ever had. He, Bro. J. Hugh Rose, my mother and other mentors from Calvary put truth and faithfulness in

me that has stayed during 40 years of ministry with my husband, C. Patton Williams. I will always be thankful to the Mooneys and the saints of Calvary who were so kind to my mother and stepfather during their elderly years. I am so blessed to have had Calvary Tabernacle as my heritage.



Becki Reinking Enis, UPCI Missionary, Europe/Middle East Without doubt, the most impacting force in my life has been the consistently sound ministry of Calvary Tabernacle from the pastoral years of Bro. N. A. Urshan and Bro. J. Hugh Rose to the present ministry of Pastor and Sis. Paul Mooney. My earliest memories are of Pastor and Sis. Urshan who

dedicated me as a child, pastored, and then married me to my husband, Arlie Enis. The gracious temperament and Christian example of Sis. Urshan's life impacted my formative years so powerfully. Also, the influence of my parents, their respect for the ministry, and consistent attendance to church achieved a mark of certainty into my walk with God. Thank you for holding the torch and the standard high for generations of Apostolic believers.



Pastor Melvin L. Clifford, Little Rock, AR - You ask, "What has Calvary Tabernacle meant to me through the years?" I grew up attending Calvary Tabernacle and Calvary Christian School. My membership there set the direction for my entire life. After Bible college, I traveled the country in evangelistic work and it was then I realized how privileged I had been to call Calvary home. I am grateful for Pastor Mooney and the wonderful leadership that continues today, for Bro. Nathaniel A. Urshan and the saints who structured my life, and for my 97-year-old mother, Marjorie, who still attends Calvary. To all of you I say, "Thank You!"



Co-Pastor Tim Wachtstetter, San Diego, CA - Calvary Tabernacle is not only the flagship church for the United Pentecostal Church International, but also for the entire Oneness movement. When I think of Calvary I think of good, solid, Bible, doctrine-based teaching and preaching which breed Apostolic revival and renewal. I am reminded of the great leadership through the years beginning in the forties, to Bro. Urshan, the pastorate of Bro. Larson and now the tremendous leadership of Bro. and Sis. Mooney. Calvary started a Christian school before you "had" to start one and now Calvary sponsors Indiana Bible College. It is a perfect pairing of Christian education.



Pastor Bill Hobson, Longwood, FL - Without question Calvary Tabernacle has had a profound impact upon my life and ministry, beginning with the outstanding Sunday school teachers and the experience of receiving the Holy Ghost under the piano during a Calvary Christian School chapel service. The knowledge and experience gained from the staff at Indiana Bible College, and the leadership of Bro. Urshan, Bro. Larson, and Bro. Mooney, shaped who I am today. Calvary taught me to live, give, sacrifice and to serve. Seldom does a day go by I do not reflect and glean from my years at Calvary Tabernacle.



James Sleevea, Dean of Missions, Indiana Bible College - My parents began attending Calvary when I was almost three. The impact of growing up in a Word-rich environment, surrounded by mighty men of God and powerful moves of the Spirit is impossible to measure. Whatever I have become is primarily because of my parents, the influence of Calvary Tabernacle, and the foundation of doctrinally sound preaching initially by Bro. Urshan and then others. The mentorship of Bro. Rose and his personal interest in my life were huge shaping factors. The golden memories of Harvestime Songfest, CCS, and revival services provide a feast of blessings for me and countless others. It continues now through the ministry of Pastor Mooney and his revival vision, including IBC, that has provided me a place of ministry.



Stephen M. Drury, UPCI, Director of Stewardship, Florissant, MO - I started attending Calvary at age twelve. Bro. J. Hugh Rose, Calvary's youth pastor at the time, took me in and provided confidence and mentoring that I was not receiving from my father. Also, our ability to impact and raise more than a thousand children during our ministry at Tupelo Children's Mansion was because of his unconditional love, and support from the entire Calvary family. Bro. Urshan will never realize what it meant when he asked me one Sunday after church to go with him on hospital visitation. Including me that night was an indelible impression of his love and made me realize the power of ministry.

CALVARY TABERNACLE

A Legacy of Apostolic Truth



It is the people, not the building, not the programs, that sustain and make Calvary Tabernacle a dynamic, revival-focused church. Few churches are comprised of a more dedicated and supportive membership than Calvary Tabernacle. The devotion of the core families, both old and new members, is the reason that this church has the strength to carry out its multi-dimensional ministries. Calvary has supported a Pre-K-12 Christian school for more than 60 years, trained hundreds of Apostolic ministers through Indiana Bible College, fostered three Spanish-speaking daughter works, sponsored Apostolic Information Service and Voice & Vision Publications, all while maintaining a high level of giving to foreign missions and other ministry projects both locally and abroad.

The history of this great assembly is truly a legacy for generations of Apostolic believers. In 1932 the doors opened for worship on Prospect Street in Indianapolis. The nucleus of people who inspired this first assembly included the Andrew Habig family, Ervin and Flossie Jackson family, the Anton Sohn family, the Floyd Hicks family, Margaret Miller, Hattie Suddeth, the Ira Perry family, the Herman Basore family, "Mom" French and her children, the Whitson family, the Moore family, Evan and Nellie Gant, Elizabeth Brown, Laura Reeves, Meda Lockhart, and the Donohues. These pioneers weathered innumerable adversities but never wa-

vered in their faith.

The first Pastor, Oscar Hughes, labored faithfully for three years. During these depression years, the assembly purchased Holy Innocents (Episcopalian), located at the corner of Fletcher and Cedar Avenue to house the growing congregation. Bro. and Sis. Andrew Habig, the parents of William Habig, Betty French and Jean Urshan, put their signature on the note to the bank, assuming all responsibility for the debt.

Following Pastor Hughes, Oliver Fauss was elected pastor of what was then known as Fletcher Pentecostal Church. He and his family labored for almost two years, before moving to Houston, Texas.

In 1937, Fletcher Pentecostal Church chose 21-year-old Raymond G. Hoekstra to pastor the church. Despite his youth he proved a bright-eyed visionary and an indefatigable worker. The church grew quickly under his leadership; the white frame Fletcher Pentecostal Church was replaced by a cinder block church and the new church was named Calvary Tabernacle. Before resigning in January of 1949 Pastor Hoekstra initiated one of the greatest launching pads of Apostolic Christian education, Calvary Christian School.



Pastor Mooney preaching at Calvary

With the recommendation of Raymond Hoekstra, Nathaniel A. Urshan became the pastor of Calvary Tabernacle in June 1949, receiving 224 votes from 227 voting members. In 1956, Calvary Tabernacle and Calvary Christian School were enlarged to accommodate the increasing number of worshippers attending this revival church. From 1949 through 1979 more than 1,000 people were added to the congregation. Also during his pastorate, Calvary Christian School expanded to become a wellspring which brought a steady surge of Jesus' name preachers and Christian workers. Calvary is blessed to have ministers and their wives laboring all over the world who call Calvary Tabernacle home.

Bro. Urshan inquired of then Mayor Richard Lugar, currently United States Senator from Indiana, if the city council would consider the changing of the street name Cedar Street to Calvary Street. Today if you are traveling south on I-65, you will see the



The Calvary Four sings in the old sanctuary



Sis. Jean Urshan and the Calvary Tabernacle orchestra

sign for Calvary Street from the freeway - a symbol of the impact this church has made on the city.

Bro. Urshan remained pastor until 1979 when he moved to St. Louis to assume the position of General Superintendent for the United Pentecostal Church International. In the same year, James N. Larson was elected pastor of Calvary Tabernacle. During his leadership a beautiful edifice with the large prayer tower was built. The imposing building and its crosses stand as a monument to the hundreds of people who make Calvary Tabernacle their place of worship. Pastor Larson labored eight and one-half years for Calvary Tabernacle before resigning in December 1987 to take a pastorate in San Diego, California.

In March 1988, the Calvary Tabernacle membership voted to call Paul D. Mooney, Michigan District Superintendent, to pastor the flagship church. Pastor Mooney is a visionary leader who fervently defends Apostolic doctrine. Pastor Mooney served as Superintendent of the Indiana District from 1993 until 2002 with the full support of Calvary's members who continue to dedicate hours of service to the district and its campgrounds. In 2005, Pastor Mooney was elected as Assistant General Superintendent for the Eastern Zone of the United Pentecostal Church International.

Calvary Tabernacle's worldwide ministry involves commitment to excellent educational programs. The contributions of Calvary Christian School will not be fully known until we stand in the presence of our great King Jesus. The fine people who taught in the school and who have led it through the years have been instruments in the hands of God that have cultivated some of the finest Christians and church workers in the world.

In 1989 Pastor Mooney led the church in the undertaking of accepting the work of Indiana Bible College. An outstanding staff has joined Pastor Mooney in making Indiana Bible College a part of world outreach through the training of young men and women for the ministry.

On Oct. 28, 2001, Pastor Mooney, joined by former pastors James Larson and N. A. Urshan, held a mortgage-burning ceremony for the Calvary Tabernacle property during the anniversary service. That same evening, Bro. Mooney and Bro. Tom O'Daniel, then Executive Vice-President of Indiana Bible College, held a similar ceremony for the college property. The church rejoiced as the simulated mortgages went up in flames, signifying that both properties were paid in full.

With this symbolic ceremony, the relocation of Calvary Christian School was launched, and a search for property was underway. After investigating several locations around the city, the church board felt assured that the former Cub Foods store and property, located at I-65 and Keystone Avenue on the city's near south side, was the optimal location offering several advantages over other locations, including a 63,000 square feet building.

After much prayer, Pastor Mooney and the Board introduced

the property to the congregation in a business meeting on April 9, 2002. It was during this meeting when Pastor Mooney also presented a visionary idea: moving Calvary Tabernacle and



l-r: Former pastors James Larson, N.A. Urshan, Raymond Hoekstra and current pastor Paul Mooney

all its ministries from Fletcher Avenue to I-65 and Keystone. The congregation was enthusiastic and voted nearly unanimously to proceed. An initial fund-raising effort was launched shortly afterward, and the congregation responded by pledging monthly building program donations totaling \$42,000 per month. These "brick" pledges laid the foundation for Phase One of the project.

From the beginning of the relocation plan, Pastor Mooney cautioned the Board and the church that the relocation effort for the church depended on the acquisition of additional property. The proposed 5,000-seat auditorium on the Cub Foods property would not be feasible because of parking issues. The bottom line remained: additional property was needed.

Subsequently, a parcel of land off Hanna Avenue became available which provided an additional three and a half acres for parking. In the spring of 2003, the last hurdle was removed when the owner of a sheet metal fabrication building and the associated acreage, located immediately behind the Cub Foods property, approached Pastor Mooney and indicated an interest in selling. The negotiations went quickly, and in June of 2003, the owner accepted a purchase offer.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new facility was held on Feb. 26, 2006. Soon afterward, the roof was torn off the Cub Foods building and the metamorphosis was underway. Rising in place of the defunct grocery store was a state-of-the-art, two-story school and Family Center. In August of 2007, the doors opened to the students, and the following June the Calvary Christian School Class of 2008

celebrated their commencement ceremonies in the new chapel.

Calvary Tabernacle is looking forward to Phase Two when the new sanctuary will be built and the congregation will move from its present location to its new home off Interstate 65. It has been the most ambitious growth and expansion effort in Calvary's history and has fueled a new journey of faith, and a challenge of giving that has proven again the strength and beautiful spirit of this congregation. Stepping out by faith has been built into the thinking of the church by outstanding leadership through the years, and the legacy of walking by faith is part of the spiritual fabric passed from one generation to the next.



l-r: James and Joni Larson, Paul and Micki Mooney, Jean and N.A. Urshan



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Dear Brother and Sister Mooney and Calvary Tabernacle:

Seventy five years of existence as a lighthouse for the lost! There are thousands of people whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life as a result of the seventy five years of labor. Various pastors have labored to guide this great congregation. Most recently, Reverend and Mrs. Nathaniel Urshan served as our General Superintendent for many years and they were a representation of Calvary Tabernacle. Reverend and Mrs. James Larsen through his exciting leadership style served in a role of importance. And now Reverend and Mrs. Paul Mooney are celebrating twenty years as your pastor. Brother Mooney serves as our assistant general superintendent and represents this congregation.

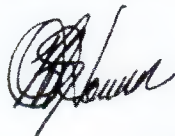
Your support of the Foreign Missions Division has been an integral part in our growing from preaching in nine (9) nations in 1945 to one hundred and eighty four (184) in 2007! Many missionaries have left the fold of Calvary Tabernacle to go to the mission field abroad and there are churches and hosts of saved people because of their ministry. Just in the last ten years (1996-2007) you have given \$2,273,647.77 to the cause of foreign missions.

Brother and Sister Mooney, I congratulate you on your twentieth anniversary as pastors of Calvary Tabernacle. What devoted, dynamic, dedicated, and cutting edge leaders you are. You have served on many boards, commissions, and committees to see our organization move forward. The kind and generous congregation of Calvary Tabernacle has shared your leadership both with the fellowship of the United Pentecostal Church International and with the Foreign Missions Board. It was an honor to have you serve on the Foreign Missions Board. Your expertise and excitement was such a great help to us in fulfilling our commitment to reach the world with the gospel.

On behalf of the Foreign Missions Division of the United Pentecostal Church International, Diane and I congratulate Calvary Tabernacle on 75 wonderful years and 20 years of pastoral care from Brother and Sister Mooney.

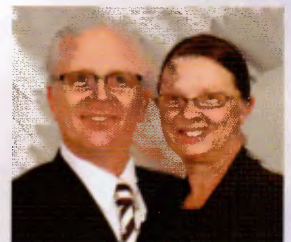
Your history is outstanding, and we rejoice with you; however, our prayer is if the Lord tarries that the future will be even greater than the past.

With sincere congratulations.



Bruce A. Howell
General Director of Foreign Missions

BAH/btl



BRO. AND SIS. MOONEY

A Legacy of Pastoral Leadership

Compiled By Jaye M. Rodenbush

This uncharacteristic, candid talk was delivered by Pastor Mooney at an IBC chapel service; portions were added for publication.

My parents pastored a small, independent church about five blocks from the great Calvary Tabernacle. We never thought about it much except on some Sunday mornings when the Calvary buses would pick up the children we had enlisted to come to our Sunday school during Saturday visitation.

Often, Calvary would get there before we could with our bus. This infuriated me. On one occasion, I complained to my father about the situation. He asked me if the children were going to a Oneness church. Of course I had to admit that they were, and he said, "Well, that's all that matters." He never would have dreamed that one day I would pastor Calvary Tabernacle.

My father and mother lived 36 miles from their inner-city storefront. The expense forced them to resign. The church folded soon after they left. It was a heartache they bore the rest of their lives. Ironically, many who attended my parents' church I have had

the privilege to pastor during my years at Calvary Tabernacle.

I graduated high school, had a short stretch at Indiana University, and married my sweet Micki. Micki's parents were not preachers, but they placed in Micki's heart a love for the work of God that has never diminished. She never questioned my calling or her own. We both agreed to quit our jobs and strike out on the "evangelistic field."

I preached here and there and worked at everything from mowing lawns, washing cars, painting houses, and picking tomatoes. We were never really "booked up" on the evangelistic field nor did we ever really get financially settled. It was almost our third year before we started preaching in UPC churches. Thankfully, most never asked us if we were licensed. Finally, a pastor in California booked us for six months. We were on our way west when we got a call to consider taking a small church in Muskegon, Michigan. We never made it to California as an evangelist.

We had no clue what we were doing. I was 22, Micki was 21, and we had a new baby. The church had no money and no strong concept that a preacher should receive financial support. On our third day in town I went to work at Sears and Roebuck. We had no friends, there was no fellowship, and the people distrusted

me a bit, at first, due to my age and enthusiastic style. They wanted to see how things were going to go before they fully released their faith. Within a

few months a number of those great saints gave themselves to the work and to us.

We learned to give, work, pray, fast, evangelize, organize, delegate and train. Our home became a restaurant, fellowship hall and hotel. When we ran out of money, we organized rummage sales and made lots of peanut brittle. We bought buses, held parades, staged puppet shows, songfests, outdoor carnivals and picnics. The church grew, and we grew in faith.

During my last years as an evangelist I had joined the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ. They ordained me, and I found great help there. I served as National Evangelistic Coordinator, and at 21 was the youngest person to preach their national conference, a distinct honor I will never forget. However, the lack of fellowship in the area led me to seek out the United Pentecostal Church.

The UPCI opened up new opportunities to serve. I was embraced by many wonderful men who inspired me and helped me expand my vision. At thirty, I was elected as presbyter and my preaching opportunities began to expand. The rallies, camp meetings, and special events that Micki and I have been a part of throughout our ministry have been a personal blessing.

When Bro. Glen Henderson unexpectedly passed, I was asked to serve as District Secretary/Treasurer, a position I held for six or seven years. Then the untimely death of Bro. W. R. Starr brought a great cloud of grief over the church and the Michigan district. Like hundreds of others, I was forever affected by his life and his death. He had been a mentor and an example to me in almost every aspect of my life. When I was asked to succeed him as District Superintendent I was both humbled and frightened.

The last three years or so of my tenure in Michigan were quite traumatic. My increased responsibilities were coupled with a revelation that I would be leaving Muskegon. My time in the pulpit was blurred. The same night that I was elected District Superintendent of Michigan for a second time, I received a call from Indianapolis asking me to consider the pastorate of Calvary Tabernacle. It was an interesting moment.

From the age of 18 or so, I thought I would someday pastor Calvary Tabernacle. This was a seemingly absurd idea that I shared only with my diary, my sister, my wife, and one friend. My diary said nothing. My sister smiled. My wife condescendingly said, "Let's pray about it." My friend said, "Mooney, you're nuts!"

Eventually, Micki and I knew we were going to Indianapolis. The how, the why, the when, and the details were unknowable. The few months after Bro. Larson's call were an indescribable



emotional roller coaster. We preached at Calvary, talked to the church board, but beyond that we spoke to no one. But, for some strange reason, I

felt led to put aside any expectations and hand deliver a letter to the Calvary Board. The letter asked that my name be withdrawn from consideration. Bro. Larson kindly expressed regret. As Bro. Larson turned to go back inside, and I turned to get back in my car, something seemed to say, "It's not over." A couple of months later, I got a call from Bro. Urshan, on behalf of the Calvary Tabernacle Board, he asked me to reconsider. I did.



Departure and arrival are two totally different matters. The Sunday morning we left Muskegon in tears, and the same evening walked into Calvary Tabernacle while the congregation was singing, "To God be the Glory," will forever be burned into our emotions. Whatever was hard about the transition was due to our own sentimentality. I felt pain over leaving people I had loved so deeply. I felt regret over leaving things undone that I had hoped to complete.

Concerning the people of Calvary, we felt literally baptized in love and acceptance. I can't speak for the members, but for me I felt like I had been at Calvary all my life. I am sure the people's adjustment was difficult, but they never showed it, and they went out of their way to make us feel welcome. From the Board to each member, I have known nothing but cooperation and respect since I've been at Calvary. Sometimes people ask, "What makes Calvary tick?" I think two of the primary components are a deep respect for the truth and a great love for the ministry.

Micki and I hope others can look back with the same thankfulness as we can about our work here at Calvary. Nothing that anyone does is ever as powerful or as creative as he or she would hope. I think a lot about untraveled roads and unpreached sermons, but I hope that my life is never reflected upon as unused. We have much yet to do. I love Indianapolis. I love the people of Calvary Tabernacle. It is a joy and a privilege to labor here. Of course, there's more to the old story, but it's the new stories that thrill me. It's the new day and the challenge of making new history that compels us on.

Micki and I flew to the West Coast. We sat on the beach literally for five days and talked about every aspect of our lives and ministry. We anticipated every problem and emotion we could imagine. We talked about the possible hurt to the Muskegon church and to the district. It wasn't that we felt irreplaceable, but we felt indebted. We owed a lot to Michigan and still do. We talked about the stress of following the successful ministry of Bro. and Sis. Larson and stepping into a new building we had not struggled to put in place.



Then there was the matter of being at such a well-known pulpit that not only was presently pastored by a dynamic preacher, but the history of the church under Bro. and Sis. Urshan was impressive and challenging. Bro. and Sis. Urshan were and still are heroes to us and thousands of others. The influence of their lives will not be matched in our generation. The thought of jumping into this type of spotlight did not hold much comfort.

One evening while overlooking the Pacific Ocean we held hands, and while watching the sunset, tears formed in our eyes and God gave us a peace. I say a peace because it was as specific and as spiritually dramatic to us as anything that had ever happened. We just knew that everything would be all right. It was in His hands.

The night we were elected as Pastor I was preaching a rally. I am sure that Micki and I were the last people in the country to know what had happened. We were driving home (pre-cellular) and kept delaying the call back to Indianapolis. Finally, I called. I was told that I had been elected. There was only one question remaining, "Would I accept?" I said, "Yes." The drive home after that call is difficult to remember.



l-r: Rob and Jaye Rodenbush; Bro. and Sis. Mooney holding Micki Rodenbush; Maci, Adena, Tim and Georleon Pedigo



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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	SPEAKERS	CONTACT / INFO
OCT 2-4	Help Me Heal 2008 - Muskegon, MI <i>A national healing conference for women. Three days of intense teaching, worship and healing. Visit web site for other locations: Rhode Island & Illinois</i>	Abundant Life Tabernacle 3445 S. Dangle Rd Muskegon, MI Host: Ronald A. Prather	Lynda Allison Doty, Claudette Walker, Barbara Hilderbrand, and others.	For more information call: (231) 737-9136 or visit: www.awpministries.org director@awpministries.org
OCT 5-9	Open Bible Conference 2008 <i>20th Pastoral Anniversary. Powerful Preaching. Clear Bible Teaching. A Mighty Move of God! All welcome!</i>	Apostolic Tabernacle 1500 Miller Ave. Shelbyville, IN 46176 Host: Robert W. Cavaness	Doug Turek, Aaron Evens, Steven Schwing, Robert Condron, Edwin Young, Henry Mobley, Aston Ngota, Terry Meade, Brad Lambeth	For more information call: (317) 398-7834
OCT 15-19	85th Annual General Conference UPCI <i>Official conference of the UPCI. Don't miss it!</i>	Greensboro, NC	To Be Announced	For more info visit the UPCI website at www.upci.org
NOV 5-7	West Coast Conference <i>A Meeting Place for the Whole Family</i>	Fresno, CA Host Pastor: Vaughn Morton	Caleb Adams, Jeff Dykes, Nathan Morton, Don Meade, Gregory Rikken, Noe' Trevino	For more information call: (559) 225-1622 www.truthtabfresno.org
NOV 6-8	New Wineskins Small Group Conference <i>Preconference Nov. 6: Small Group Basics; Anthony Tamel. Nov. 7-8: "Connected"; featuring Randy Frazee and Joe Tamel. Register at: www.smallgroupmaterials.com</i>	Parkway Apostolic Church Oak Creek, WI Host Pastor: Anthony Tamel	Anthony Tamel, Randy Frazee, Joe Tamel	For more information call: (414) 571-2680 - ext. 188 or visit our web site at: www.smallgroupmaterials.com
JAN 1-4	Times of Refreshing, Odessa, TX <i>Additional conferences will be held throughout the nation in 2009. Check our web site for dates and locations. www.gordonpoe.com/TOR</i>	Life Challenge UPC 4500 N. Grandview Ave. Odessa, TX Host: Dan Smelser	Jeff Arnold, Bill Davis, Gordon Poe, John Bernardini, Dannie Hood	For more information: visit www.gordonpoe.com/TOR/conference . (432) 363-5433
FEB 5-7	Winterfire 2009 <i>A conference for your entire leadership/ministry team offers a time of renewal & refreshing in the heart of New England.</i>	Co-hosted by Faith Tabernacle, Pastor: Kent Elliott & The Pentecostals, Pastor: Jon Petoskey	Sam Emory, Greg Godwin, Anthony Manguin, Mark Morgan, Mike Williams	More information: (860) 649-9848 (860) 528-9834 www.winterfire.org
APRIL 15-17	IBC Music Festival - In Pursuit of Excellence... <i>For His Glory - A Music Conference created to inspire and challenge your Music Ministry. Under the direction of Lindel M. Anderson, Dean of Music.</i>	Calvary Tabernacle 902 Fletcher Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46203 Host: Paul D. Mooney	To Be Announced	ibcmusicoffice@aol.com www.ibcmusicfest.com or call (317) 262-4030 or (317) 554-8069
APRIL 2009	13th Annual F.I.R.E. Conference 2009 <i>Faith, Inspiration, Renewal, Edification. Special leadership weekend with T. F. Tenney</i>	The Pentecostals Of Henderson, 638 White Ave. Henderson, TN 38340 Host Pastor: Chris L. Tharp	To Be Announced	For more information: Web site: www.pentecostal-sofhenderson.org or call (731) 989-7142
APRIL 2009	The Esther Assignment Ladies Conference Host: First Lady Yvette Ellis Register: www.estherassignment.com	Abundant Life Outreach Ctr Clarksville, TN Host Pastor: Gary D. Ellis	To Be Announced	Web site: www.estherassignment.com or call (931) 648-8577
MAY 2009	Eagle's Summit Apostolic Conference <i>7th annual conference. A conference for saints, staff and leadership alike which focuses on equipping the minister and believer for Apostolic ministry.</i>	Apostolic Tabernacle 2745 East Hwy 140 Merced, CA 95340 Host Pastor: Sam Emory	To Be Announced	For more information: (209) 478-7018 www.spiritled.org
JUNE 2009	Man 2 Man Conference 2009 <i>Every year great men of God bless the Man 2 Man Conference with fresh Word from heaven!</i>	Abundant Life Outreach Ctr Clarksville, TN 37042 Host: Gary D. Ellis Sr.	To Be Announced	For more information, call (931) 648-8577 or register at www.apostolicman.org
JULY 2009	Mile High Conference: 2009 <i>Rocky Mountain Region Meeting designed to strengthen the cause of Oneness, holiness-minded preachers, churches and families.</i>	Calvary Apostolic Church 5900 E. Yale Ave. Denver, CO 80222 Host Pastor: D.E. Haymon	To Be Announced	(303) 758-5900 www.milehighconference.org DEH2@comcast.net
JULY 2009	IMPACT Family Conference 2009 <i>Day sessions to meet the needs of your entire family unit (Married, Single, Parents, Teenis & Children) and your church leadership.</i>	Woodlawn Church Hwy 98 - Columbia, MS Host Pastor: James Carney	To Be Announced	www.woodlawnchurch.cc Info: (601) 736-5128 ext. 107 Jerron@woodlawnchurch.cc Coordinator: Jerron Carney
AUG 2009	Week of Anointing <i>Focused learning tracks for young ministers, evangelists, youth workers, and music ministers.</i>	The Pentecostals 1255 Glenwood Dr. West Monroe, LA Host Pastor: Mark Foster	To Be Announced	For more information, call (318) 322-1467 or visit www.weekofanointing.com
AUG 2009	P.A.T.H. Conference <i>Preserving Apostolic Truth and Holiness. A preaching conference that promotes an unfettered pulpit.</i>	Faith Tabernacle 6 West Loop Madera, CA 93637 Host Pastor: Dennis Garza	To Be Announced	For Information: (559) 706-7818 Coordinator: Alicia
SEPT. 2009	Rushing Mighty Wind & Steadfast Conference <i>Indianapolis, IN. A power packed preaching conference in the heart of the Midwest.</i>	Calvary Tabernacle 902 Fletcher Ave. Indianapolis, IN. Host: Paul D. Mooney	To Be Announced	For more info call: (317) 262-4030 or visit our web site at: www.calvarytabindry.org

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TRIBUTE TO

REV. & MRS. NATHANIEL A. URSHAN

Pastor of Calvary Tabernacle 1949-1979

Pastor Emeritus 1979-2005

Calvary Tabernacle is without words to express the thanks and appreciation to Bro. & Sis. Urshan for the heartfelt compassion, far-reaching vision and dynamic leadership that they brought to Calvary Tabernacle. In July of 1949, Nathaniel A. Urshan became the pastor of Calvary Tabernacle and during his time as pastor, the church enjoyed one of the legendary revivals in Pentecostal history. Many outstanding ministers in the Apostolic movement today point to Bro. and Sis. Urshan's pastoral touch as having impacted and inspired them to fulfill their ministerial calling. In 1960, Bro. Urshan became the preaching voice of the Harvestime radio program and Calvary Tabernacle and choir were privileged to be a part of this great outreach ministry. In 1977, Calvary Tabernacle was called upon to share its great leader with the entire movement as Bro. Urshan was elected as General Superintendent of the UPCI. With a heavy heart, Calvary Tabernacle accepted the call of God on Bro. and Sis. Urshan's lives. After Bro. Urshan's 24 years of service as General Superintendent of the UPCI, Calvary Tabernacle once again had the privilege to renew its relationship with these two legendary leaders as Bro. and Sis. Urshan moved back to Indianapolis and often graced the church with their presence until they both received the call of God to come Home. For 30 years, Calvary Tabernacle had the privilege and honor to call Bro. Urshan "Pastor" and Sis. Urshan "First Lady." Both Bro. and Sis. Urshan continue to be deeply missed by the leadership and members of Calvary Tabernacle.



Calvary Tabernacle honors the family of Rev. and Mrs. Nathaniel A. Urshan and thanks each of them for sharing their great father and mother with us. Calvary Tabernacle would not be the great church it is today without the leadership that Bro. and Sis. Urshan provided.



The Anchor.....

SAN DIEGO

Pastor Paul and Sis. Micki Mooney – Worthy of Double Honor;

Upon the celebration of Calvary Tabernacle Church, Indianapolis, reaching a 75th milestone celebration... we are rejoicing and celebrating with you this day for all of God's rewards and faithfulness for your ebullient passion to be faithful to Apostolic truth.

God bless you Pastor and Sis. Mooney for your obvious anointed leadership. Now the passing of time has given us the honor and opportunity to take a look at our successor at Calvary Tabernacle. We have watched with amazement as others have found out the high caliber of quality people that you, your wife and extended family are. You make deep and lasting impressions on all who sit under your anointed ministry, and you create friendships that don't fade with the passing of time. You have led God's people unwaveringly in Apostolic preaching and teaching while directing a Christian School, a world-wide Bible School called IBC, pastoring a huge congregation like a father and now becoming an Assistant General Superintendent of the UPCI. You have recently erected the finest, state of the art Multiuse Christian School. Not many people would know the real challenge that I see from my personal vantage point as your faith and vision surged ahead, when voices, banks, setbacks, and mathematics said it could not be done. Way to Go, Bro Mooney and Calvary Tabernacle.

And to Calvary Tabernacle Church, how could we even begin to cover Seventy-five wonderful years in this short space. It's time to celebrate with a congregation that has stood the test of time in defending the Apostolic Doctrine in it's purest form just as strong today as the Apostles did in the past until Bro. Nathaniel Urshan and on to Bro. Mooney today. Seventy-five years of untold thanks to thousands of faithful saints who crossed the threshold of time and eternity with your giving, your support, your loyalty, and fresh faith to follow the vision of your Godgiven leadership. Anniversary stirs up too many names to mention, but just a few come to mind that made it special. Nathan and Jean, Roses and Trapanis, Elms, McKellars, Ted Black, Betty Miller, Ernie and Shirley Copple, the Staffords and Baffords, Gary Gray and the ushers, Spalls, Harvestime Choir, Calvary Four, Calvary Orchestra, The cooking of Dodie, Doris and Pat, The serving of Mel Anderson, Coogans, Barcus, Butlers and all the other elders and as you can see I do not have enough room here.

Oh what praising, Oh what preaching, Oh what music, and Oh what a Savior and Oh I wish we were there with all the new faces and new names that fill these slots today.

With much love and respect,

Pastor and Mrs. James N. Larson



Rev. & Mrs. James N. Larson Pastor of Calvary Tabernacle 1979-1987

Thank you, Bro. and Sis. Larson and family, for your years of service to Calvary Tabernacle. Your burden and ministry are a dynamic part of the legacy of this great church. Your vision and leadership made the outstanding facility at 902 Fletcher Avenue a reality.



Calvary Tabernacle Historical



Church doors first open at Prospect Street location
Pastor: Oscar Hughes

1932

Raymond G. Hoekstra chosen as pastor

1937

Calvary Christian School begins under Raymond Hoekstra's leadership

1945

Raymond G. Hoekstra resigns - N. A. Urshan becomes pastor

1949

First Harvestime broadcast recorded at UPC national convention

1960

1935

Building at corner of Fletcher and Cedar purchased with a down payment of \$840.50

O. F. Fauss comes to pastor the church

1941

Jean Habig and Nathaniel Urshan married at Calvary Tabernacle

1948

First Calvary Christian School Graduation

1956

Calvary Tabernacle enlarged & three story addition added to rear of building

1977

Nathaniel A. Urshan goes to St. Louis to serve as General Superintendent of the UPCI



Cedar & Fletcher



GRADUATING CLASS OF 1950



GRADUATING CLASS OF 1949



A portion of the crowd at the Sunday School Rally

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 18, 1954

Tabernacle Timeline



James Larson
comes
pastor
1979



Groundbreaking
for new church
facility
1982



James Larson
resigns as
pastor
1987

Indiana Bible
College moves
to Indianapolis
1989



Business
Meeting -
Congregation
votes to move to
3639 S. Keystone
2002

Calvary Christian
school opens at
3639
South
Keystone
2007

1980
Calvary Christian School expands to include grades 9 - 12



1985
Dedication of new church facility



1988
Paul D. Mooney becomes pastor

2001
Mortgage burning ceremony



2003
Sheet metal building purchased



Special Offering envelopes on the altar



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We Must Have Integrity With God!

David's prayer to the Lord says, "You tested my thoughts and examined my heart in the night. You have scrutinized me and found nothing amiss, for I am determined not to sin in what I say (or do)" – Psalm 17:3 (NLT). Yes, I added the "or do" at the end because this should be the determination of all of us who have the Holy Ghost in our hearts.

I'm thoroughly amazed that people who have sat on our pews for years do not seem to recognize that God is scrutinizing everything that they say and do. There seems to be a general concept that as long as I come to church and "look" Pentecostal and "act" Pentecostal that I'm right with God. God says that man looks on the outward appearance but God looks on the heart. We tend to be very judgmental of the looks and actions of others. But we can have our secret sins that are done in the dark and somehow we convince ourselves that we are righteous!

Psalm 139 tells us that God knows what we are going to say even before we say it. Because God knows all things from the beginning to the end; He knows what we are thinking, what we will say and what we will do. Many politicians who had a microphone on for a public appearance seemed to forget the "live mic" and have said things they deeply regretted because it was made public. Some believers in God seem to have the same problem. They forget that God's "mic" is constantly tuned in to their lives, and He sees/hears everything they say and do.

God, help us all to live in a "God-conscious" state of heart and mind minute by minute. Help us to love You with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength so when You scrutinize us You will find nothing amiss. Then we will give You glory through our integrity!

Note: Contact Carol at (636) 448-0121 or by e-mail above, for phone counseling or scheduling a seminar in your church. Go to blog: miemieclemansof2.wordpress.com.

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Strategic Group Has Partners For Church Construction

All pastors who have dreamed with passion of the next level in church growth know that somewhere along the way additional facilities are part of the equation. History has shown that once a church reaches 80 percent capacity, attendance does not typically increase. Purchasing property and building a new facility, adding a new building at present location, or perhaps expanding present facilities and remodeling, is necessary to accomplish the dream.

The Stewardship Group's mission is to



Howard Pastorella

Spirit of Freedom
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Substance Abuse

Substance abuse is defined as the overindulgence in and dependence of a drug or other chemical leading to effects that are detrimental to the individual's physical and mental health, or the welfare of others.¹

At one time in our history, the term *substance abuse* would conjure thoughts of a small population of "skid row" residents clustered in some obscure corner of our communities.

That is no longer the case. Recent studies state that over 35 million Americans (12 years old and over) reported having used illicit drugs in the year previous to the study. And that 30 percent of our American population say they have problems with alcohol.

Let's bring it closer to home. In my travels as Director of the Spirit of Freedom Ministries, I ask each congregation, "How many know someone using alcohol or other drugs?" The response is consistently 60-90% in the audience indicate they know someone using one or more of these substances. The phone calls to our office are predominately made by people of faith including those within our Apostolic families.

In addition to the problem, only 24% of that population ever gets treated for the use of these killers. Each year, approximately 1,900 young people under the age of 21 die from alcohol-involved motor vehicle crashes. In 2006, 791 American military personnel died from combat-related causes in Iraq. Just in that year alone, alcohol killed over 2.5 times that of active combat casualties in Iraq.

The wonderful news is that there is an answer to these devastating problems. Every treatment known to the medical and recovery industries must eventually arrive at a point of abstinence for the user. That is the same conclusion the Apostle Paul came to in I Cor. 6:9-11: "And such were some of you." The New Birth in Jesus Christ remains the determining factor in the deliverance, discipleship and ultimate deployment as Holy Ghost-empowered soul-winners of those who were formerly classified as the chemically dependent.

Wikipedia, (1998). *Mosby's Medical, Nursing, & Allied Health Dictionary*. Edition 5.

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provide safe resources of God's provisions for His work. We now have two strategic partners in church construction.

One of our strategic partners, Zion Church Builders, is presently under contract or has constructed 16 United Pentecostal Churches, with five of them starting since our partnership agreement. As you can see, they already have a history with Apostolic churches and understand our needs from design to construction. Because they build so many churches, they do not have to utilize third party vendors for many of the materials, thus providing major savings for the local assembly during a critical time when expenses seem to sky-rocket. Some pastors, who already had their church designed, have commented they wish they had started with Zion Church Builders in the design stage, as they could



Aubrey Jayroe

Finance
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Most pastors have the advantage of using a special church administrative checking account for administrative purposes. Who owns and is responsible for that account?

This is a controversial issue today among church pastors and the church. As to who owns the documents and records of these type accounts is a volatile subject but one that needs utmost attention. Adherence to the tax laws is important and should any type account of this form be used, certain tax and legal situations could arise if these accounts are not handled properly and maintained by the church.

It is very common for a pastor to use an administrative account. Out of this account (also called tithing fund, ministerial fund, discretionary fund), qualified business expenses, salaries for staff, housing allowances, and other approved church administrative-related expenditures are paid. No personal bills should ever be paid from any church-owned account. To do so could jeopardize the non-profit status of the church. As to the ownership, it is clear that these banking records belong to the church.

A church is a legal entity whether incorporated or not. Documents that relate to the church belong to that congregation and not to any individual, including the pastor. Churches are required by law to maintain various records for the benefit of its members and to remain in compliance with governmental regulations. For a church to be without these records is in violation of these regulations.

Any record in the name of the church, including bank statements of the administrative account, is the official property of the church. If the pastor leaves that church, it is acceptable to make copies of any record; however, the original documents *belong to the church* and should remain in the care of the church.

In addition there must be strict accountability with these accounts. The pastor should never sign any church check on a regular basis. There should be financial reports prepared annually that summarize the activity of the account. The pastor is always accountable to the church board or committee for the funds going in and out of these accounts.

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have saved even more money.

Our second strategic partnership is with ARKS, also a nationwide church builder. They can provide services from design to build, find funding, and assist with insuring that financial records are in place in order to qualify for traditional financing later, and even do a capital campaign.

Come by the booth at General Conference and meet both of our church construction partners. We can give you names and references of pastors who have utilized their services. You can also contact us on the web at www.upcstewardship.com or call Stephen Drury at 314-837-7304, ext 309.

Stephen Drury is Director of Stewardship, President of the United Pentecostal Foundation, and Co-Founder and Chairman of New Beginnings International Children's and Family Services. You may contact him at smdrury@upci.org or 314-837-7304 Ext 309.

INDIANA BIBLE COLLEGE

A Legacy of Apostolic Ministry



As far as Apostolic Bible colleges are concerned, Indiana Bible College, founded in 1981 in Seymour, Indiana, was new to training young people for Apostolic ministry. In 1988, just days after Bro. Mooney was elected pastor of Calvary Tabernacle, the IBC Board of Directors asked Bro. Mooney to consider assuming the responsibility of IBC. Bro. Croucher, IBC founder and president, felt the need to relinquish IBC, but only if it could be assured of a positive future. He was confident this would be the case if IBC could move to Indianapolis and come under the direction of Bro. Mooney.



An aerial view of IBC campus

Calvary Tabernacle's newly elected pastor immediately felt a passion for IBC and asked the saints of Calvary to share his burden. "I saw the college as an opportunity to provide Calvary with a challenging future and vast unlimited potential to serve the Kingdom worldwide. I was deeply humbled by the request and felt that I would be remiss not to at least consider the possibility," said Bro. Mooney.

The support of the saints of Calvary was remarkable. Out of several hundred voters there were only 12 dissenting voices. The first challenge was to find a facility to house students, prepare meals and have classes. Bro. Mooney was told about an old hospital that had been vacant for about five years and was becoming an eyesore in the community. Windows were broken and weeds obstructed the entrances, but the building had potential.

Word reached Bro. Mooney that the property owner urgently needed a buyer and might sell for a rather low amount. The property appraised at several million dollars but by faith Bro. Mooney offered the sum of \$500,000 and after some negotiation the purchase price was set at \$660,000 - a miracle.

Equally miraculous was the cleanup project that transformed the rundown hospital into a modern Bible college facility. "We bought it without ever having lights or power turned on. It was quite a scene trying to go through with flashlights to figure out how bad the building was. We had guys crawling around in pipes and in the furnace room hoping we could get the place up and running," reflects Bro. Mooney.

During that first summer Cal-

vary rallied to the cause. Bro. Mooney recalled one Saturday during which 125 Calvary saints came to start the cleaning and repairs. The church ladies were there with bleach, brooms and hot water doing their part. Men were fixing water pipes; at one time there must have been 100 leaks in the pipes. It was a lot of people working together, a lot of people who had faith in God that produced the miracle on Sumner Avenue.



"God is God, and I am not"

In the fall of 1989, IBC reopened in Indianapolis and welcomed its first class of 47 students. The following year enrollment doubled to 95 and by the late 1990s, under the leadership of then Executive Vice-President T.R. O'Daniel, enrollment was consistently over 250. God has continued to bless the efforts of IBC, and in May of 2008 IBC graduated its largest class ever: 48 students were awarded bachelor's degrees and accepted the challenge to move forward into Apostolic ministry.



Exec. Vice President Rob Rodenbush and Bro. Felipe Pagan welcome IBC's first class of Spanish-speaking students

Training for Apostolic Ministry

Today, there are few signs of the rundown hospital that used to be. In its place an Apostolic Bible college stands to train pastors, preachers, missionaries, teachers and music ministers. IBC's facilities encompass more than 100,000 square feet, including classrooms, offices, cafeteria, chapel and dormitories. The growing library holds in excess of 20,000 volumes available for study and research. The 13-acre campus site offers promise for future expansion.

IBC instruction offers practical, hands-on training with many opportunities to get involved in the harvest field. Every week IBC students are in nursing homes, prisons, special preaching crusades, neighborhood Sunday schools and churches throughout the Midwest, all proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ while sharpening their preaching, teaching and music ministry skills.



IBC Choir, under the direction of Lindel Anderson, sings at Monument Circle, downtown Indianapolis



Opportunities to get involved in practical training with the latest in music and video technology are available in IBC's recording studio, video production lab and MIDI lab.

Students with an interest in multimedia ministry or publication have an outstanding opportunity to get involved in the ministries of Apostolic Information Service and *IBC Perspectives* magazine. AIS provides a massive on-line library of more than 25,000 files including Bible studies, sermon outlines, evangelism programs and more. The *IBC Perspectives* is sent to about 12,000 pastors and church leaders of the Apostolic Pentecostal faith in more than ten different ministerial organizations. IBC students are involved at every level of the IBC Live Recording and IBC Music Fest, the largest music conference in the Apostolic movement. Students serve as musicians and singers for the annual recordings and songs written by students are often chosen for the projects.

September of 2007 marked the start of IBC en Español with over 40 Spanish-speaking students enrolling. With three established Spanish-speaking daughter works and a fourth soon to start, Calvary Tabernacle and IBC are responding to this expanding area of needed ministry.

The Shortage

The Bible is clear that in the last days there will be a shortage of workers ready for the task of end time revival. We are even challenged to pray that workers will be sent: "pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers" (Luke 10:2).



Students in class at IBC

Denominational churches worldwide are desperately trying to fill vacancies that are being created by retiring clergy. Once seen as admirable and the highest calling, the ministry is now denigrated and dismissed. Sadly, the Oneness movement has not been immune. Figures show a drop in the number of young ministers pursuing license with the UPCI and unfortunately some of our Bible colleges have not had enough students to keep their doors open.

While it does not take a Bible college degree to fulfill a call to ministry, we are reaping the benefits of Apostolic higher education with Bible college alumni filling leadership positions throughout the Apostolic movement. Bible colleges provide a unique environment for young people to be academically and spiritually challenged. Secular higher education is becoming increasingly hostile toward those who possess a Christian worldview. Bible college can serve as a preparation ground and a place to reaffirm the values that will keep students grounded in the Word in uncertain times. Too many Bible college students must push through the discouragement of those who see their pursuit as a waste of time. They are passionate, they are burdened to reach the lost, and they know that they are not taking the easy way out.



IBC graduates its largest class of 48 students in 2008

There is a need for more preachers, more missionaries, more music ministers and more Christian teachers than ever before. And while our Bible colleges are not equipped to train doctors, lawyers, engineers or accountants, neither are the liberal, secular colleges and universities able to train our young people for Apostolic ministry. Young people who feel the call to ministry or who want to ground themselves in Apostolic doctrine are not settling for less because they attend Bible college. They are making a conscious choice to fulfill the call of God on their lives. Thank you, Calvary Tabernacle, for catching the vision and making the sacrifice to invest in future Apostolic leaders.



The IBC Chorale

The Future

By embracing the challenge of IBC, Calvary Tabernacle has embraced the future. Today, IBC graduates are involved in every aspect of Apostolic ministry. They are district officials, pastors, missionaries, music ministers, teachers and faithful saints around the world who are doing great things for the Kingdom. Every year a new group of academically gifted and talented young people step through the doors of IBC ready to pursue their calling and fulfill their ministry. They are the miracle. They are the legacy.



IBC students at Turkey Run State Park during Day Apart

Indiana District

Dear Ones,

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

I am writing on behalf of all of the ministers and saints of the Indiana District of the United Pentecostal Church, to congratulate you, the members of Calvary Tabernacle, on the 75th anniversary of your great church, and you, Brother and Sister Mooney, upon your 20th Pastoral Anniversary. CONGRATULATIONS!

Having been raised in the Indiana District, Calvary Tabernacle has had a huge impact upon me throughout my life. During my childhood and teen years and into adulthood, Brother and Sister Urshan were bigger than life – truly my heroes. We were all so proud that they and Calvary Tabernacle were part of our district. We felt important because they were.

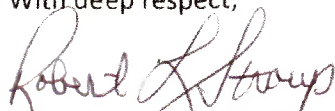
Little has changed in that regard in the years that have since passed. Now, Brother and Sister Mooney, you are our heroes. We are so proud that our Assistant General Superintendent is a part of our district. You and Calvary Tabernacle make us all look good. We still gladly claim Calvary to be a vital part of us and we of them.

Brother and Sister Mooney, we want to thank you again for the nine years of tremendous, visionary leadership that you gave to the Indiana District as our superintendent and first lady. You, Brother Mooney, are one of the outstanding leaders of our day – truly a leader of leaders. We thank you for your honesty, integrity, love of the truth, love of righteousness, love for God and His people, and love of the lost. We all have the utmost respect for you and Sister Mooney! Calvary Tabernacle, you have been uniquely blessed to have had the leadership and ministry of Brother and Sister Mooney for the past twenty years. As you know, this devoted couple has been tremendously used of the Lord both in Indianapolis and throughout the fellowship of the United Pentecostal Church.

On this very special occasion we want to once again express our gratitude to you, Calvary Tabernacle, and to you, Brother and Sister Mooney, for all you do for our district – much of it behind the scenes. Thank you for hosting so many of our district meetings, including conferences, board meetings, plan sessions, banquets, etc. You are always such gracious hosts and constantly go way beyond the call of duty. What a blessing! Thank you!

Once again, on behalf of the Indiana District and the Pentecostals of South Lake in Merrillville, Sister Stroup and I congratulate you. Not only does Calvary Tabernacle have a great heritage and history – you have a great future as well. Things are good now. Yet I fully believe that the best is yet to come. We love you all!

With deep respect,



Robert L. Stroup, District Superintendent



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THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS**Senator Sues God**

Nebraska Senator Ernie Chambers (I-Omaha), an atheist, is moving forward on a controversial lawsuit he filed last year against God for creating "fearsome floods, egregious earthquakes, horrendous hurricanes, terrifying tornadoes, pestilential plagues, ferocious fam-

ines, devastating droughts, genocidal wars, birth defects and the like." The senator also blames God for causing "calamitous catastrophes

resulting in the wide-spread death, destruction and terrorization of millions upon millions of the Earth's inhabitants including innocent babies, infants, children, the aged and infirm without mercy or distinction."

The court told Chambers the lawsuit would be thrown out if he was unable to serve notice to his Creator. He argued he had attempted to contact God on multiple occasions, but that he should not be required to verify God's existence when the U.S. government acknowledges God by printing "In God We Trust" on its currency.

**MEDIA TRENDS****Poor Reflection of Marriage on Network TV**

A new study by the Parents Television Council includes a strongly worded condemnation of prime-time TV, contending it "seems to be actively seeking to undermine marriage by consistently painting it in a negative light."

The study, released this week, shows that marriage gets little respect and that TV shows revel in the pleasures of extramarital and even kinky sex.

References to pornography, sex toys and "kinky" behavior are now common on TV, the report said. Visual references to practices such as voyeurism and sadomasochistic sex outnumbered married-sex references by a ratio approaching 3 to 1. The effect on young viewers is dire, the PTC contends. The study also found that the "family hour" – the first hour of prime-time TV which draws the most young viewers – contained the highest ratio of references to non-married vs. married sex.

**Legal or Illegal?**

A new study from Ellison Research of Phoenix, Arizona, shows that Americans rarely agree about what is legal or not legal when it comes to religion and morality in the public arena. The study presented a number of scenarios to people and asked whether each is currently legal, not legal or in a gray area still being decided in the courts. Out of nine different scenarios, only three showed a majority of Americans agreed about the legality:

- A public school teacher wearing a religious symbol, such as a cross or a Star of David, during class time - 58% believe this is legal, 22% feel this is not legal, and 20% call it a gray area.

- Religious groups renting public property, such as a public school gym or a library room, for meetings if non-religious groups are allowed to do so - 72% legal, 9% not legal and 19% gray.

- A landlord refusing to rent an apartment to a homosexual couple - 9% legal, 77% not legal and 19% gray.

The other six scenarios showed widespread disagreement:

- The display of a nativity scene on city property, such as a city hall, during Christmas - 38% believe this is legal, 32% feel this is not legal, and 30% call it a gray area.

- The display of a scene honoring Islam on city property, such as a city hall, during Ramadan - 26% legal, 39% not legal and 35% gray.

- A public school teacher permitting a "moment of silence" for prayer or contemplation for all students during class time - 49% legal, 29% not legal and 22% gray.

- Voluntary student-led prayers at public school events, such as football games or graduation ceremonies - 49% legal, 27% not legal and 24% gray.

- The display of a copy of the Ten Commandments inside a court building - 26% legal, 45% not legal and 30% gray.

Factors such as income, race, region of the country, religious beliefs or political perspectives did not seem to make any difference in the confusion or disagreement over these issues.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- McDonalds Corporation has recently contributed \$20,000 to the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce in exchange for a membership and a seat on the group's board of directors. The NGLCC lobbies Congress on a wide range of issues, including the promotion of same-sex "marriage."

- The four major television networks have sued the Federal Communications Commission for the right to air profanity at any time of day. The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the networks last year; the FCC has appealed the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. The case is to be reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court in November.

- Some of the nation's most offensive pornographers are preparing for the launch of

the newer, faster and cheaper iPhone from Apple. That's because it is expected to make pornography more accessible and more attractive. Penthouse and Vivid Entertainment, among others, are sinking millions into iPhone-specific technology.

- A new poll conducted by LifeWay Research reveals that 30 percent of Protestant churchgoers believe that eternal life can be obtained through religions other than Christianity. A recent Pew Research study, which asked a similar question but in an ambiguous way, found that nearly 60 percent of those attending evangelical churches believe that many religions can lead to eternal life. The complete study will be released in the upcoming book, *The Shape of Faith to Come*.

SOCIAL TRENDS**Church Attendance Drops as Marriage Declines**

According to a study by Robert Wuthnow, sociology professor at Princeton University, a dramatic decline in marriage – particularly among young adults – has led to a decline in church attendance over the last three decades.

Men are 57 percent less likely to regularly attend church if they are not married. Single women are 41 percent less likely to attend church than their married counterparts. "It exaggerates only a little to say that Americans in their 20s and early 30s divide into two groups of about equal size: those who are married, the majority of whom participate in religion; and those who are not married, the majority of whom do not participate," Wuthnow said at a conference at The Heritage Foundation.

**NATIONAL TRENDS****New U.N. Terminology**

During a recent meeting on HIV and AIDS, the United Nations adopted interesting new terminology. For the first time, most members of the U.N. referred to prostitutes as "commercial sex workers." "This was the first meeting where homosexuality, prostitution and injection drug use was promoted as acceptable behaviors that should be protected," said Thomas Jacobson, Focus on the Family Action's representative to the U.N. He said the idea behind the new terminology is to remove the stigma from these behaviors.

FAMILY TRENDS**Men Who Attend Church Are Better Fathers, Husbands**

Men who are part of Christian communities have happier marriages, fewer divorces and are better fathers, according to a report from the Institute for American Values. The report shows 65 percent of men who attend church regularly enjoy happier and more stable marriages. "Churchgoing fathers and husbands are more involved and affectionate with their kids," said Brad Wilcox, sociology professor at the University of Virginia. "It situates men in friendship networks, where they see other men who value family life."

CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A Legacy of Christian Education

Written by: Julia Reinking

It has been a year since the opening of the new Calvary Christian School (CCS) in Indianapolis, but the staff and students are still counting their blessings.

The fully-accredited school, which has been in operation since 1946, has provided a quality education and impacted the lives of thousands of students through the years. That tradition promises to continue in the new facility, situated in a prime location just off Interstate 65.

"It is truly a blessing," said principal Charles Barcus. "At times, the building process was challenging, of course, but it was well worth the wait. Faith sometimes comes with a time-delayed reaction."

Although he has been in leadership at CCS for over 25 years, Bro. Barcus is quick to give credit to the mother church for the success of the project. "This school wouldn't exist without the prayer and financial support of Calvary Tabernacle," he said. "Calvary is very much into Christian education as is evident with CCS and Indiana Bible College. And we certainly wouldn't be in this building if it weren't for the vision and support of Pastor Mooney."

With its unique architectural design, the new 109,000 square feet facility is quickly becoming a landmark on the near south side of Indianapolis. It has many special features, including a slanted-floor chapel/teaching theatre, science lab and an impressive two-story library with skylights.

Many people would be surprised to learn that the \$8.6 million facility was once a former Cub Foods grocery store that was extensively renovated to house grades Preschool-12, along with an impressive gymnasium in the

adjoining Family Center.

"The first year in our new school was tremendously exciting," said Bro. Barcus. "The most obvious blessing is more space. More space lends itself to greater comfort and efficiency, which is a benefit for the teachers as well as the students.

"We have found that the larger classrooms have worked very well. Having more space enables the teachers to incorporate more fun and creativity into their lessons."

Currently in its second year of operation at its new location, CCS has an enrollment of 157 students. The present capacity is 480, although the school could potentially house up to 620 students with the future development of an upstairs wing.

"We definitely want to increase the population of our school, but one of the challenges is to get the right students," Bro. Barcus said. "They must understand who we are and what we stand for. It's almost impossible to separate the spiritual from the education. We are clearly an Apostolic-founded education, taught by Apostolic teachers in an Apostolic environment. That is the core of our success.

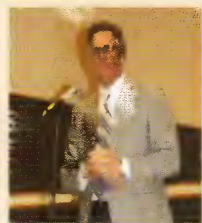
"We have a strong majority of Apostolic children, and we don't want to lose our identity. Growth must

be careful."

In order to help maintain the element of spirituality, the school's policy has been changed to say that all families of current students must be attending a church faithfully at least once a week.

The community interest in the new school has been strong, with Bro. Barcus and his staff giving tours almost daily. His goal is to showcase the fact that students will receive a solid, traditional education that well prepares them for college.

According to statistics, more than 75 percent of past CCS stu-



Principal Charles Barcus preaches during chapel



Thank you Asst. Pastor Tim Pedigo for heading up the construction of the new CCS Building



Mooneys and Sis. Urshan at groundbreaking



CCS students display drawing of the new CCS



dents have gone on to post-secondary education after graduation.

"During the process of getting accreditation, we were able to show a long history of strong test scores," explained the principal.

"Continuous achievement tests are one of the top benchmarks of quality education that people look for. We have a lot of bright kids, and we want to continue to provide them with opportunities to succeed."

Getting students to come to school faithfully can sometimes be a challenge, so the CCS board and staff decided to strengthen the attendance policy last year. It has paid off. "We had a 95 percent attendance rate during the first year

in our new building," said Bro. Barcus. "That is very high, very respectable."

Besides providing a quality education, CCS continues to expand its sports and arts programs. The students are being taught on a daily basis by teachers with art and music degrees.

"Due to funding issues, many public schools are pulling the plug on their arts programs, but we are actually getting stronger in that area," said Bro. Barcus. "Our kids participate every year in a national student convention [ACTS] to showcase their talents, and they consistently bring home trophies. In my opinion, that is an indicator of the success of our institution."

Besides offering a great arts program, the staff at CCS also wants to help the students to grow spiritually. The beautiful new chapel - professionally equipped with good acoustics and lighting - has been a tremendous blessing.

"The environment lends itself to singing, preaching and worship," said Bro. Barcus. "The chapel has already been anointed. During one of our grade school chapels last year, 13 children received the Holy Ghost. The service was still going on when the parents arrived to pick up their children from school, so the teachers had to go out to the cars and let them know that their kids were still praying.

"This was an example of CCS being an outreach facility. We want to fulfill both elements of our mission - education and spiritual growth."

Keeping the students safe during school hours is also a priority at the new school. Separate entrances are provided for high school and elementary students, and there are computerized locks on all the doors. The front office is surrounded by glass to provide optimal visibility.

"In general, safety is the number one reason parents turn to private education," said Bro. Barcus. "And we are committed to that safety - inside and out. Our kids have access to a wonderful outdoor playground in a clean and safe environment."

The principal is confident that the unique features and size of the new facility will greatly enhance the educational environment for the children. "This new building is something we've dreamed and prayed about for years," he said. "We're blessed that it has become a reality."

For a virtual tour of the new school, go to www.ccs-indy.org. Former students who attended or graduated from CCS are invited to visit the alumni page and sign up to receive an e-newsletter which will announce future meetings or activities of the alumni association.

If you'd like to consider dedicating a special area of the new school or Family Life Center in the memory of a loved one, contact Calvary Tabernacle at 317-262-4030.



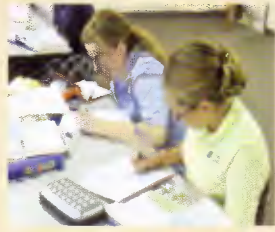
First place CCS basketball team coached by Andy Purcell, CCS building project manager



Third graders enjoy free time



Olivia Martin, a junior, makes a cooking presentation to the class



8th graders Ashley Tiller and Elizabeth McCreery study history



Kindergarten students get their diplomas at graduation



Ninth graders in class at CCS

Photos by Tonya Voris

Reality CRASHES WITH ILLUSION

Transcribed by Jaye M. Rodenbush



beginning, he works to no end...life falls into place only with God. Only with God who fights through men against Blind Force and Might and Non-existence; Who fights with men against the confusion and evil within us and without, and against death in every form; Who loves us as a great captain loves his men, and stands ready to use us in his immortal adventure against waste, disorder, cruelty and vice; Who is the end, who is the meaning, who is the only King" (from "Mr. Britling Sees it Through" and "God the Invisible King").

Are you prepared to say there is no evil in this world? No confusion? No death? No emotional turmoil? No immorality? No vice? Personally, I am not prepared to say that everything is all right, that everything is okay, and what we feel is merely the same old historical generational shift. Dear ones, there is a darkness coming upon this earth with regard to values and faith in God. There is a complete unraveling in North America. The question is, "Where is the wake-up point?" "Where is the point of antagonism?" "Where is the point of contention?"

Progressive Theology

The destruction of the Christian faith has many accomplices whose role has been unwillingness to be stirred, to be moved, to get past negative thinking. Closer to home, the pervasive spread of worldliness and non-biblical concepts among our Apostolic families too often produces little reaction from parents and grandparents who don't want to be contentious. The prophets were contentious. Jeremiah describes himself as a "man of contention to the whole earth" (Jeremiah 15:10).

So-called "progressive theology" is celebrated as if scholars today have become more intelligent than our forefathers or even the Apostles. It doesn't seem to matter whether or not it is contrary to the Bible, or if it embraces false religion. Too many have mistakenly judged numbers as success. Apologetics has been confused with an apology. And by the way, no one needs to apologize for living a Godly life.

What is actually happening in many cases is that Holy Ghost-inspired worship is being reduced to a mere knock-off imitation of a rock concert. TV show scripts are serving as the template for creating youth services and conferences. And with audacity it is labeled "cutting-edge" and "cool." Preaching is traded for counseling, pastoring changes to life coaching, and support groups are substituted for prayer.

Many embrace a new this, and a new that, while thinking that they can have Christ and the world at the same time. Some are afraid to give. Others are self-centered to the point that they apply no Bible to their lives and play God by distorting the Scriptures.

My point is everyone plays a role in the losses of the church, a role in the fallen walls of Zion. And, like Nehemiah, we must go

We want revival. We can have revival. But we must destroy our illusions. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses" (1 Timothy 6:12). In other words, it is a struggle. It involves resistance and we must acknowledge opposition as a reality. What will we do when our knowledge finally collides with illusions? "What knowledge?" you may ask. It is the understanding that God is the end of all games. He is the only true King.

Rampant promiscuity invades our educational system, gambling addiction is at an all-time high, divorce outpaces marriage, and families are in financial ruin due to mindless materialism. Yet society refuses to acknowledge "sin" as a problem. So, do the consequences cease to exist? Are we waiting for these things to go away? It is wishful thinking to believe that we can make it without the Bible, without the Word, or without core values. There is no commitment to freedom, no understanding of faith. But there will be a point of reckoning. Reality will crash with illusion. H. G. Wells in his writings says:

"Religion is the first thing and the last thing, and until a man has found God, and been found by God, he begins at no

back to Jerusalem with a sword and a trowel. We are all involved in our nation's moral failure, our nation's lack of verve, courage, faith and energy. We are involved in the lack of resistance to the extortionists and sellers of American sovereignty.

Let me reference an article by Joseph Loconte entitled, "The Decade of Appeasement."

"A member of the SA, the Nazi terrorist militia, recalled the night Hitler was appointed chancellor. Berlin, he said, was transformed from a cold, gray, slumbering capital into a 'seething, red, clear burning sea of torches.' Thousands chanted Sieg Heil outside the balcony where Hitler stood to receive them. 'The mood was a compound of triumph, aggression and strange exultant relief,' writes historian Alex de Jonge. 'Complete strangers embraced one another, saying, 'At last we are saved.' It was as if the German nation believed itself to have been released at a stroke from political chaos and economic misery.' On February 1, in his first radio address to the German people, Hitler pledged that government leaders 'would preserve and defend those basic principles on which our nation has been built up. They regard Christianity as the foundation of our national morality and the family as the basis of national life.'"

"Even as these proclamations and agreements were being made, Hitler confirmed his racist and dictatorial passions. The Reichstag fire became a pretext to nullify the rights guaranteed by the Weimar constitution, including freedom of speech and assembly. Police, SA, and SS thugs launched a wave of arbitrary arrests. Hitler staged a national boycott of Jewish shops, lawyers, and physicians. Opposition political parties and labor unions were banned. An orgy of book burning ensued. Within a year, Hitler combined the role of 'Fuhrer and Chancellor,' effectively ending Germany's experiment in liberal democracy."

"As historian J.S. Conway argues, the acceptance of Nazi ideology as a substitute for authentic Christianity was not because of Hitler's persuasiveness or his repression. Rather, he cultivated the image of a pious believer and exploited the spiritual confusion and emptiness of ordinary churchgoers. 'Nazism filled a vacuum in the lives of countless Germans, by offering . . . a dynamic political creed and a plausible explanation of Germany's post-war predicament'" (The Weekly Standard, February 2008).

Spiritual Vacuum

God is ready, but are we ready for His Spirit? Do we welcome the Holy Ghost as the answer to the spiritual confusion of our day, the emptiness of life, the dumbness of our entertainment, and the hypocrisy of our churches? Are you prepared to say that we don't need God? Or rather, shall we petition, "Come, O Holy Spirit. Fall on me!" Would you dare to blaspheme God as thousands are doing today? The community of blasphemers is growing on the Internet. Talk about a spiritual vacuum!

We complain about the kids, the house, the food, the church, the pastor, the noise, and the neighbors. Then we pop a pain pill via the remote control, "TVCONTIN," and watch the mind-numbing, anti-American, anti-God, anti-family, anti-church, and anti-preacher propaganda while thinking there will be no consequences

to worldliness, prayerlessness and unfaithfulness. Some say there are no answers. But I will be bold as the Apostle Paul and say, "I know in whom I have believed . . . and I am persuaded."

But, where is the point of urgency? There is so little Bible in the lives of people today. Reckless living is living without the Word. The Word brings life, wisdom and hope. It is madness to believe that one can have a church without a form of doctrine, that mere tradition can replace Apostolic doctrine. Where else should we go? Peter knew the answer. "Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

I would say to some who have left the faith, to those who mock the truth, who drink from the poisoned wells of their own ego, whose talent, education or money has become their god, who have in their idolatrous imaginations reduced God to their "home boy," who rap and clap about how cool it is to be "hangin' out with Jesus," who tattoo a cross on their belly but have mouths filled with cursing and eyes full with fornication, who market Jesus as a product and forget He is God of all creation, that Jesus has the words to eternal life. Someday all the illusions will end. Reality will someday crush every lie in your life and the tornado-like wind of God's truth will blow down the illusion of self and self-knowing. But, there is hope. There is an answer. It is in Jesus. He has the words to eternal life.

But too often the answer is rejected and the problem is embraced over the solution. Where have all the sinners gone? What ever happened to sin? Have you noticed that no one backslides anymore? They change churches or beliefs. And why not when many say it does not matter what you believe as long as you believe it?

We are confronting powerful religious trends much like that described in Revelation as the flood proceeding out of Satan's mouth. "And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth" (Revelation 12:16). The mouth here is significant. Out of the mouth

comes the word, the message, the speaking. "Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him" (Psalms 140:11).

The great battle of the ages is becoming clear. And there are three religions or fields, competing for the stage. First, there is that which is of a spirit, any spirit of the universe, or pantheism. Second, there is that which is of the human spirit, self-actualization, narcissism or self-love. Third, and thankfully, there is that which is of the Holy Spirit.

We must be faithful lest we be deceived. "And with all deceitfulness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie" (2 Thessalonians 2:10).

The illusion will inevitably blur the lines in this great battle. But ultimately, the illusion will meet the reality of our great God in Jesus Christ.

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A Special Tribute from THE CHRISTMAS CLUB



Congratulations on 20 years of pastoral ministry at Calvary Tabernacle. And, congratulations to Calvary Tabernacle for its 75 years of proclaiming Apostolic truth.

Your love and friendship that is manifest to all who know you is a shining example of what true friendship is. You both have made a point of injecting yourself into the lives of others, defining friendship in the small details that often go unnoticed by others.

What a challenge it is for any of us to ever live up to your level of commitment to keeping things fresh. We cannot catch up. It seems as soon as someone thinks of something to say or do to keep the group connected, you've already beat us to the punch and we are challenged anew to maintain our relationship.

Thank you. It is an unforgettable blessing to have you as friends.

Pastor, administrator, college president, official, Washington D.C. envoy, leader, father, husband, author, publisher, and more. How many hats can one man wear—and be successful in them all?! Highly gifted by God and completely consecrated to His purposes. That is Paul Mooney.

Faithful, gracious, godly, nurturer, leader of women, pastor's wife, mother, teacher, friend, advocate for righteousness, and much more—that is Micki Mooney.

Solid, committed, enduring, leader in the movement, great congregation, and church with a far-reaching, worldwide impact—that's Calvary Tabernacle.

The value of friendship cannot be quantified. Through the years this friendship with Paul and Micki Mooney has been, and is, precious and highly valued. Their loyalty and constancy, their positive outlook, and their love of life is like an elixir which vivifies everything around them.

On this grand and important occasion, our heartfelt congratulations is extended to Bro. Mooney and Sis. Mooney and the great church they pastor, Calvary Tabernacle. May the blessings of God continue to grow ever greater on both.

It is a pleasure of mine to pen something about a fellow Michigan Mafia Member.

To explain briefly, somewhere around 1976 a group of preachers and their wives from Michigan started meeting the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving for a pre-Christmas celebration. It became a tradition that lasted through the years and is alive today in 2008.

One of our basic rules was that the group would be exclusive, without ever expanding the membership.

(We have expanded, true, but never in number.)

During the years others have expressed a desire to join us. Bro. Tommy Craft and his wife had expressed an interest, but in consideration the group decided that if one couple was added, then we would be forced to open the membership to others which would eventually destroy the intimacy of our group. Bro. Craft when informed of the decision said, "Well, that's good. You are probably all Mafia members, anyway!" This introduced the name, "Michigan Mafia."

Bro. Paul Mooney has been very instrumental in keeping things together for our group and has worked hard to keep everyone happy. No matter which city is chosen as the meeting place, he always hits the ground running, hauling people around, seeing we have the right restaurant and proper transportation and that we are all properly apprised of the time and place.

He and Sis. Mooney always see that there is a meeting place adequate for our celebration and that there is always a camera handy.

Bro. Mooney, the Michigan Mafia salutes you on your Twentieth Pastoral Anniversary at Calvary Tabernacle.

Few men in history have cast a long shadow like the life and ministry of Paul D. Mooney. Jerry Ann and I viewed Mount McKinley from 80 miles away a few days ago in Alaska. The experience of majestic beauty nearly took our breath away. Someone described it this way, "When standing near the highest mountain, it makes other high mountains look like hills."

I see a similarity in observing the ministry of

Bro. and Sis. Mooney. Our ministerial relationship with them has been like standing in the shadow of Mt. McKinley. We know that high mountains cast long shadows. The height determines the length of its effects.

It was the shadow of an apostle that blessed the people in Acts chapter five. The blessings flow through the shadow. We believe that God cast the light that Bro. Mooney stands in. His sermons, like shadows, cast such a faith covering for our turbulent times. His sermons have inspired our passion for preaching, Godly devotion, and loyalty for our ministerial fellowship.

Bro. Mooney, we all feel safe in the shadow of your walk with God. Your friends are earnestly depending upon you. We love and respect you very much. So many hours of fellowship with you both have only strengthened our respect and love. What good times each December when our friends of many years get together for fellowship.

Congratulations for 20 years of faithful servitude to Calvary Tabernacle and for your years of service to IBC and the UPCI. Congratulations Calvary Tabernacle for 75 years of leadership and sharing the gospel.

In his timeless address at Gettysburg, then President Abraham Lincoln acknowledged that the honor being bestowed, in those special moments, was "altogether fitting and proper." The same can be said with regard to the 75th Church Anniversary of Calvary Tabernacle and the 20th Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor Paul D. Mooney and First Lady Micki Mooney.

The history of Calvary Tabernacle is legendary. It has long been a flagship congregation among local assemblies of the United Pentecostal Church

International. Shirley and I are thankful to have the Mooneys among our closest friends. What stellar Christians they are. They are highly honored among us all; and yet, so personable. Both of them exude class.

So, we send our warm feelings of love and respect to the Mooneys and a heartfelt "salute" to Calvary Tabernacle. Congratulations!

The past two months have been a trying experience for me, a total stop in my path and a chance to look things over. Weeks of sickness, silence, and long hours of just thinking and praying. An extensive stroke and incapability has a way of causing you to make serious evaluation of everything. When I think of the Mooneys I have so much to consider. These are wonderful people. To be hospitalized and stopped dead in my tracks from every angle, I've had time to think them through. The many notes of encouragement and interesting, amusing artwork arriving from Bro. Mooney almost daily kept us entertained, blessed and strengthened. We took a deeper look at a couple we have always admired and remember a man of courage, a faithful loving husband, father, grandfather, pastor of a wonderful church, president of a successful Bible College and Assistant General Superintendent of the UPCI. They are a busy couple that love God and know their "call." In recent months he has preached six camp meetings.

They are faithful in every way, true friends who spend time to lift others. They have a balanced outlook and an amazing sense of humor. The Mooneys are always the same. After knowing them these many years, we see the same good, loyal, faithful friends. We love you.



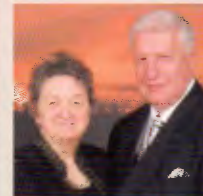
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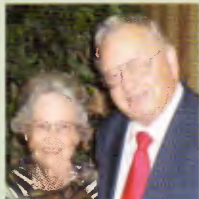
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Word To The Wise:

"If you really want to do something, you'll find a way; if you don't, you'll find an excuse."

New Changes

The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "You had a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theater seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now."

The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that contemporary gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the balcony."

"Thank you, Father," answered the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth."

"All of these ideas have been well and good," said the elderly priest. "But I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional."

"But, Father," protested the young priest, "my confessions have nearly doubled since I began that!"

"Yes," replied the elderly priest, "and I appreciate that. But the flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell,' can NOT stay on the church roof."



"What do we do now, Pastor Mooney? His parents said we can keep him."

Going Fishing

A young boy came to Sunday school late. His teacher knew that he was usually very prompt and asked him if anything was wrong. The boy replied that he was going fishing but his dad told him that he needed to go to church. The teacher was very impressed and asked the boy if his dad had explained to him why it was more important to go to church than to go fishing. The boy replied, . . . "Yes, dad said that he didn't have enough bait for the both of us."

Funny Church Signs

Sign as you entered the church sanctuary: "We have trained our pews not to stand on your children. Please show the pews the same courtesy."

Sign in front of a church advertising a youth fundraiser: "Archery Shoot Youth Fundraiser."

Sign at the entrance to an old country church parking lot: "Parking" with an arrow . . . pointing at the church's graveyard.

Church marquee sign with a simple Christmas message: "This shall be a sign to you."

The sign at First Assembly in Union Grove, WI, once read: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Sun worship 10:30 a.m."



To get off the platform during a packed altar service, Pastor Mooney wisely installed a zip-line.

The Fall

When the Methodist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was an experience, how do I learn from it?" When the Catholic priest falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "I must have done something really bad to deserve that." When the Presbyterian minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was inevitable, I'm glad it's over." When the Baptist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Which one of my deacons pushed me?"

Innocent Misunderstanding

After a week preaching in Mexico, my wife and I stopped in Tijuana to do some souvenir shopping before returning to the United States. As we crossed the border into San Diego, a customs official asked if we had anything of value to report. "Not really," my wife replied, digging in her bag for the ceramic bean crock she had purchased. Everyone around us froze as she continued, "I only bought a little pot."



"No, I'm sorry. Pastor Mooney is out on calls."

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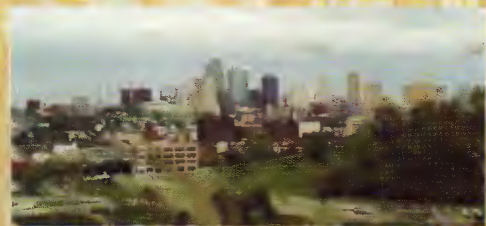
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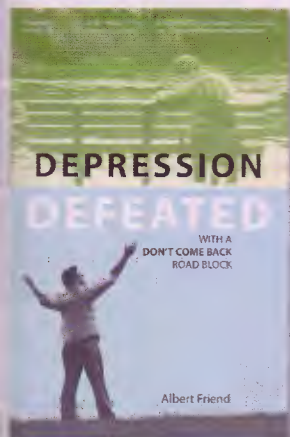
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