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Jack Cunningham: Growth Is No Accident!

If you were to ask any of my leaders about our philosophy of ministry, they would probably quote Luke 19:10, *'For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.'* I've told the church over and over that that's our primary reason for existence."

That statement - as well as many more like it - comes from Bro. Jack Cunningham, pastor of the United Pentecostal Church in Newport News, Virginia. The strength of his words and the ready answers he gave left little doubt as to why this former home missions church has seen strong and consistent growth.

Eleven years ago Bro. Cunningham held his first church service in Newport News with three in attendance. Today the church averages close to three hundred.

"Church growth is no accident. It's something you pray fervently for and take action to obtain. You need to educate yourself in the principles of growth and bring in special ministries to assist your growth. But what it all really boils down to is your dream and vision."

Looking over the facility that today is the Newport News United Pentecostal Church, one would have to conclude that Bro. Cunningham has applied the principles well.

Jack Cunningham is a third generation Pentecostal. He grew up in an old-time Apos-

tolic church pastored by his grandfather, Bro. J. C. Cole. He has also been greatly influenced by his uncle, Bro. Billy Cole. "I spent about three years working with my uncle in Wheeling, West Virginia. I helped with bus ministry, taught Sunday school and knocked doors. That was my training ground."

On October 9, 1980, in a small building, Bro. Cunningham held his first service in Newport News. "The little church had two Sunday school rooms, an office and a small sanctuary that seated about 80. My wife and I built a small studio apartment on the back. Those were difficult but good years."

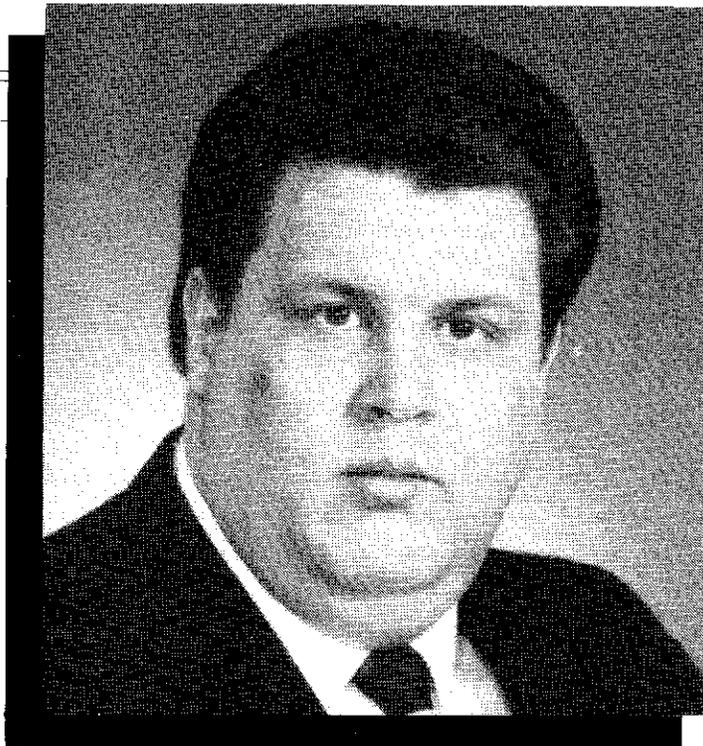
Bro. Cunningham applied what he had learned from other successful pastors and growth was steady. "We bought an old Sunday School bus, held contests, knocked on doors and the Lord blessed. We outgrew that little building in about five years.

"We had to have more room," he explained. "So we rented a neighborhood school gymnasium. We spent two years there and grew from 80 to 140. I'm a strong believer that if you're going to grow you must have room to grow."

Four years ago the church voted to purchase an old skating rink just off a major thoroughfare. The rink was torn down and a 10,000 square foot steel structure went up which has been finished inside and out into a very attractive facility. Plans are already drawn up to expand an additional 10,000 square feet as soon as it's needed. Seating should be around 800.

Bro. Cunningham has been asked by the General Home Missions Division to be the director of the Church Growth Department, a new ministry only recently approved by the General Board. Therefore we felt comfortable asking Bro. Cunningham to offer some suggestions of what a pastor or church leader might do to encourage growth and revival.

"In my opinion there are three kinds



Above: Bro. Jack Cunningham, Pastor.
Below: A worship service at the United Pentecostal Church of Newport News, VA.



of growth: numerical, spiritual and financial. You need a balance in all three, but I've found that I don't focus on all three at the same time. I'll work on one particular area because it's currently our greatest need. Yet I'm still conscious of the other two.

"The single most important element, in my opinion, for church growth is a proper attitude. A home missionary will go into a city with an expectation of either success or failure. What you truly expect to happen usually will happen. If you expect to have revival, and begin to take action to prepare for that revival, God will honor your labor and faith."

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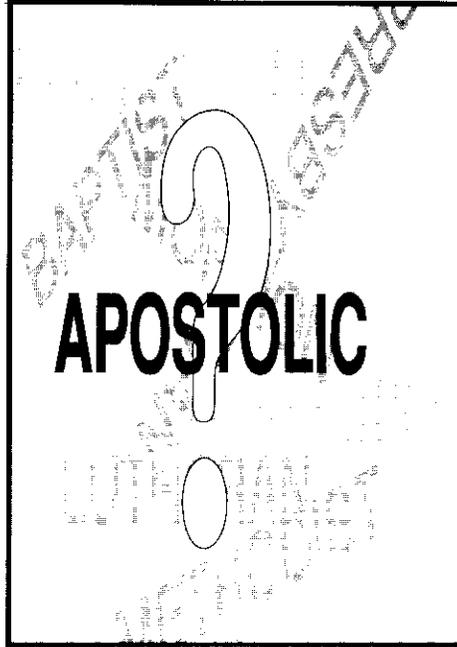


Rev. Charles Grisham
Pastor
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Unfortunately, most folks in America have never heard of us. And of the few that have, most have a distorted view of what we believe. It is important that we not ignore this negative perception but begin to attack error with truth. I have felt for a long time that we need a national promotional program. Something that could be implemented from the local church level.

Several years ago the followers of Rev. Moon sent a video tape to practically every pastor in America. Recently, a Church of Christ group raised enough money to put a doctrinal booklet into every household in the United States. Today's society recognizes the importance of projecting a proper image.

When I worked in the advertising and marketing industry, we had a term called "filling the pipeline." This simply meant that what you promote should be readily accessible. You shouldn't have billboards or radio spots in areas where no church is available to respond. However we could develop a series of promotional packages with a variety of cost levels and strongly encourage each church to participate in a national promotional campaign. We must not change our message or our standard, but we can change society's perception of who Apostolics are and what they believe.



HAS AMERICA EVER HEARD OF ONENESS PENTECOST?

As I have traveled throughout the country, I have conducted my own informal, unscientific survey. I've simply asked people, "Have you heard of Oneness Pentecost? How about the United Pentecostal Church?" The response has been somewhat disheartening. They not only don't know what we believe, but for the most part, they have never even heard of us.



Rev. Jack DeHart
Pastor
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A while back, I sat in a luncheon with a nationally known religious leader. Someone asked him what was his perception of the Apostolic movement. His description included "extremely judgmental, narrow minded, and tunnel visioned". This is not an isolated viewpoint. What little public awareness we have has focused upon what we are against instead of what we are for. It's time that folks hear the positive and the good!

Improving the situation must begin at the local church level. Jesus spent much of his time with the religious and civic leaders of his day and so likewise, we need to get involved in our community. Write letters to the mayor and city council. Volunteer your church to help in community projects. Our isolationist attitude has fostered much of society's misconception of who we are. Jesus said, "let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works."



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I don't think that the majority of America cares one way or the other. If you asked someone in New York City, they probably haven't, but if you asked someone in the south, they are more likely to know of us. We need involvement in more public service type announcements on major media to raise our exposure.

Some, but mostly from detractors like Walter Martin. Most haven't heard anything positive. We need to put more emphasis on getting folks saved than teaching doctrine. They need "the" truth (Jesus Christ), more than "a" truth. You need to create an acceptable atmosphere to teach doctrine.

My hope is that they have, but if so, it is not because we have done the job. We must pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers and then we must TRAIN them and SEND them. An offense never scores while they're in the huddle, they must break apart and go to the line. Jesus told us to, "Go ye into all the world..."

Certain segments have. I think more people have roots in Apostolic Pentecost than we think. Most, however, have heard nothing. The best way to spread this truth is to equip and then release the laity. However we could do more with radio broadcasts and printed literature than what's being done.

Some cities have. It depends on the church (assuming there is one) in that community. We are, however, named and labelled among the church world. We must continue our evangelistic thrust and tell people the truth in love. Start with Jerusalem (local church) then go to the uttermost parts of society.

Most religious leaders have heard of us. However, they have a distorted view of us as 'Jesus Only' believers. The average American has not heard of us. We can greatly improve America's awareness of us by getting a burden for one-to-one ministry. Word of mouth is by far your best form of advertisement.

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"Secondly, growing churches have a great vision for souls and growth. You need to set solid, concrete goals. This is just as true in the church as it is in business and finance. We need some spiritual Henry Fords and Thomas Edisons; we need big men who can dream big dreams of winning the lost.

"Third, you need to stand for something. People rally around a cause. It's more than simply rules and regulations. You need a clear doctrinal statement. Too often a man is hesitant to take a stand for fear of offending people, but it does just the opposite. You can have so many gray areas that people get lost in the fog.

"Fourth, a growing church must be a worshipping church. Services should be alive and exciting. Dr. Elmer Towns, President of the Church Growth Institute, said to a group of predominately Baptist pastors, 'some of you are going to have to get rid of your pipe organs and old hymnals. Get a piano or electronic keyboard and find someone who can play it Pentecostal style!'

"Another important point is that of the pastoral example. The pastor must be an example of what he expects his saints to be. You must be willing to practice what you preach. If you want your people to be soulwinners, you must be a soulwinner. Actions speak louder than words.

"Finally, when the church reaches around fifty you should begin to multiply your ministry by developing a 'team style' concept of pastoring. Share the load! If you are doing everything in the church you are destined to stay small because you can only do so much. You must transfer your dream to your people. And when they help you reach that dream, you must allow them to share in the reward. This year we received three district awards: Ladies Auxiliary, Sunday School (fastest growing), and Bible quizzing. I sent those ministry leaders up to receive the awards. After all, they did the work."

We also asked Bro. Cunningham to share with us some of the growth concepts that he has applied in Newport News.

"You need to consider the appearance of your church. This is more important than some realize. Saints should not be ashamed to invite friends and family to church. Also a church needs a well trained usher and greeter staff because first impressions are the most lasting.

"As far as evangelism methods, we've had our greatest results with home Bible studies. However, if you expect your saints to teach then you must be willing to train them.

"We have also had good results with our Sunday school. I have found that we have our greatest volume of visitors on Sunday morn-

Right:
A Sunday School class at their current location on Sharon Drive.
Below Right:
Church elders pray for a military man from a nearby base.

Below Left:
Bro. Cunningham with the bus ministry kids at the church's previous location just after the bus ministry was in full force.



"THERE'S NO GETTING AROUND THE FACT THAT THE PASTOR IS THE MOST IMPORTANT INDIVIDUAL IN CHURCH GROWTH"



ing because it's the traditional time to go to church. Subsequently, most of those who receive the Holy Ghost in our church do so on a Sunday Morning. We have classes for all ages, but in the adult class we have a full-scale worship service with singing, prayer and preaching. We give an altar call every Sunday morning and the results speak for themselves.

"An excellent complement to our Sunday school is our bus ministry. If you can't afford to buy a bus then consider renting one. A good bus ministry can provide a steady supply of homes to visit each week.

"A final ministry I would like to stress is that of new convert care. You need a good program for following up on those who are baptized or receive the Holy Ghost. If you are losing most of your converts you will never grow."

As you might have guessed, Bro. Cunningham believes that a good organizational structure is a vital aspect of growth. When questioned he explained, "We have used the *Total Church Growth* material by Bro. Massengale for several years. Currently we have about twenty-five departments or ministries. I have divided these into three divisions which are coordinated by my three executive associates. One oversees all the various ministry type programs such as Youth Ministry, Ladies Ministries, Music Ministry, Bus Ministry, Apostolic Care Ministry, Home Bible Study Ministry

and so on. Another associate coordinates all the various educational programs such as Sunday School, New Convert Care, Bible Quizzing, Audio-visual and the like. Then my third associate oversees the various service type programs like Ushers, Greeters, Sound, Maintenance, and Nursery. I meet with the three associates every Sunday morning and all the department leaders monthly. We collect reports, make plans, coordinate activities, and solve problems. We also have a departmental planning retreat each year. We set yearly goals and five year goals. Needless to say our calendar is quite full but a growing church is a busy church. That's the price you pay for growth."

And who plays the primary role in leading a church to renewed growth and revival? Bro. Cunningham concluded his remarks by stating emphatically, "there is no getting around the fact that the Pastor is the most important individual for promoting growth in the church. Souls must be the central theme of his ministry. When a pastor loses his vision for the lost and for reaching his city he's headed for trouble."

There is no doubt where Bro. Cunningham's emphasis lies. His ministry, and the ministry of the United Pentecostal Church of Newport News, is a tremendous example of one pastor's commitment to the Great Commission. ■

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Restoring Our Unity Of Purpose

Several years ago I sat on the General Conference floor and listened to a certain issue being debated. Over 1200 preachers from all across America attended that session. It was obvious that they considered this issue to be of great import. Two days later I sat in a Foreign Missions service as the need for world wide evangelism was presented. Less than 600 preachers were in attendance. The other half was absent, involved in other activities they considered more important. I have continued to watch this same scenario repeated year after year. What does this tell us?

Friend, to me it speaks volumes. Are we truly more interested in structuring a manual to control one another than in the Lord's commission to preach the Good News? In subtle ways we sometimes betray our true priorities. I fear we are beginning to lose our vision of purpose - the very unity of purpose that spawned the underlying reason of our genesis.

Everything comes from the initial inertia of it's original purpose. Christ's primary purpose was to seek and save that which was lost. This is also the purpose of the church. The fires of early nineteenth century Pentecost were spread by a group of revivalists. They went everywhere preaching the power of the Spirit. Revival was their birthright. They didn't want denominationalism - that's what they came out of. To them, the restrictive ordinances of formalized religion was synonymous with Babylon. They eschewed formalism that they might carry 'the whole Gospel to the whole world.'

Nevertheless, it was soon apparent to these early pioneers that to preserve the fruit of revival they needed a fellowship of sorts. They said, "We have biblical distinctives that define our movement. We must preserve this truth for coming generations." Bible colleges were soon started; first as simple training centers and later as formal institutions. Then, to enhance the spread of this truth, we started various auxiliaries and divisions. Now the auxiliaries have auxiliaries. But to what purpose? The more pieces we add the greater our risk of losing sight of our initial purpose - that being revival. We must not spend more time tinkering with the machinery than we do perpetuating the initial power encounter that brought the movement into being.

As a movement grows older it grows whiskers. It ages. This is why you must have a refocusing and renewal within each generation, for the young must adopt as their own the vision of the old. There are three words that are continually manifesting themselves today in the Spirit: renewal - within the lives of each individual Christian; restoration - of the power and demonstration of the New Testament church; and revival - which will occur when we are successful with the first two.

I fear institutionalization more than anything else. I have seen men become more organizationally minded than Calvary minded; they become more interested in a manual than they are in Emmanuel. When you get wrapped up in an institution it's easy to accumulate the type of excess baggage that will only hinder us from reaching our goal.

The structure must be our servant, not our master and never something that we fear. We've got to understand that our fellowship is based upon our articles of faith. All else must take a back seat to our original unity of purpose.

Constantly we must force ourselves back to the unity of purpose. If we don't, we become constricted. Every man stakes out his own turf and we get into territorial preservation. We begin to say, "I am Home Missions. I am Youth. I am Foreign Missions." and we forget that it's all about a man called Jesus and a place called Calvary.

There is a tremendous power that comes out of unity. The devil knows this. He never even showed up in the garden until Eve got there because he knows that power comes out of unified relationships. On the other hand, all disunity has its roots in pride. The greatest enemy of unity is the sectarian spirit that wants to split off and do your own thing. It's happening in Russia today. It's the spirit of the world and it can get in the church.

The sign over the cross was in Hebrew, Greek and Latin. That was no accident. Hebrew was the language of religion and understanding. Greek was the language of philosophy and art. Latin was the language of science and politics. In other words, the message was to all cultures and to all people. There has got to come a refreshing of liberty today in our unity of purpose where men can go forth and express Christ in different ways without fear of being misunderstood.

I can remember when one of the elders of our district stood in one of our conferences and charged the brethren to open their pulpits to young ministers. He said, "When I started preaching they told me to go to the next town and start a church; get out on the street corners; build a brush arbor. If a young man did that today someone would file charges against him because he failed to get the board's permission."

In early Pentecost there was a liberty to follow the direction that the Spirit led. They crossed denominational barriers, they stood in Baptist pulpits, they were driven by a passion and zeal to proclaim the New Birth message. If we are going to impact this world with endtime revival we MUST follow the Spirit's leading.

The world is opening up. It's a new day. Wonderful opportunities are unfolding both at home and abroad. A sovereign God said, "the wind bloweth where is listeth." You can put up a windmill or a weather vain but you don't dictate to the wind where to blow. God forbid that we would build barriers to stop a man from following the Spirit. Somehow we have got to learn the difference between cultural accommodation and eternal principle. Otherwise we will begin to fractionalize. ■



By
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THEOLOGY

Is "divers kinds of tongues" as a gift of the Spirit the same as tongues as the evidence of the Holy Ghost?

No! While the divine source is the same, the purpose of these two works are distinct. *Everyone* who receives the Holy Ghost will have the *evidence* of speaking in tongues as they did in Acts chapters 2, 10 and 19. But not all believers have the *gift* of tongues that necessitates an interpretation in order to edify the assembly (I Cor. 12:10, 30; 14:26-28).

Confusion and false doctrine results from not recognizing the scriptural distinction between speaking in tongues as a gift of the Spirit and speaking in tongues as the initial evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost.

Paul's instruction in I Cor. 12 that not all believers possess the gift of tongues leads some to conclude that not everyone will speak in tongues when they receive the Spirit. They question this truth in spite of clear Biblical evidence that the early church used the criteria of tongues to determine who God had poured the Spirit upon (Acts 10:44-46).

However, the scripture gives conclusive, numerical proof that the gift of tongues that Paul refers to in I Cor. 12 & 14 is distinct from tongues as the evidence of the Holy Ghost. In I Cor. 14:27, Paul limits the number using the gift of tongues to two or three. But on the Day of Pentecost the Spirit fell upon 120 of them and they *all* spoke with tongues. Also, when Paul laid hands upon the dozen followers of Apollos (Acts 19), God immediately filled all of them with the Holy Ghost.

"The wind bloweth where it will, and thou hearest the *voice* thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, so is *every one* that is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8, ASV, 1901 edition). Jesus himself ordained that you will hear the voice (speaking in tongues) of everyone that is born of the Spirit.



OUTREACH

I recently attended a church that has a "Church Growth Spiral" chart on their back wall. The pastor told me that they had doubled the number of people receiving the Holy Ghost by using this evangelism concept. Could you please explain what the "Spiral" ministry is?

The Church Growth Spiral concept is a ministry designed to motivate a church to more *effective* and *consistent* outreach. It works on the principle that, "without a vision the people parish." Each church is encour-



MINISTRY

I hear people talking about spending eight to ten hours preparing for Sunday's sermon. I find it difficult to balance the other demands on my time against the need to preach well. How do other ministers deal with this?

Your question is the common anguish of all ministers, and often we feel that we must do everything from yard work to administration and in that process forget the primary aspect of the ministry.

The apostles, as you recall, fought this same situation and learned early that they must delegate other responsibilities so that they could give themselves to prayer and the preaching of the word (Acts 6).

God called you to preach. He has chosen preaching and it's the highest of all callings. You simply must make it the priority of your own career. We all have times when the pressures of family and administrative work overwhelms us and robs us of our study time. But we must demand of ourselves excellence in our dedication to study and in the preaching of our sermons.

Let me suggest that you find ways of organizing your work. Start with a simple list of all the things that you must do and delegate every possible thing on that list to those you can trust; and remind yourself that the job that God has given you to do is to prepare your heart to deliver the word. This is a task worthy of your time! Since God has chosen the foolishness of preaching (I Corinthians 1:21), you must not let anything interfere with that responsibility.

So preach the word!!



FAMILY

Three months ago, our 17 year old daughter ran away from home. We've had serious trouble with her since she was thirteen and she has made little effort to live for God. After a short stay in jail (drug use) she has now returned home. She says she is sorry but it's clear the ground rules will have to be different. How do we reestablish our relationship with her and at the same time reestablish discipline? It has been very difficult to be both her pastor and father.

You probably feel your situation is unique. In reality, this is a common problem today. First of all, we can provide the opportunity for our children to live for God. Some respond quickly; others resist and show little desire or tenderness toward God. Do not feel you are a failure! Salvation is still a matter of choice, even when it's your own child. In order to reestablish your relationship with her, you must show her that you love her in spite of her actions. Even though she may not respond as you would wish her to, down deep it will be very meaningful to her.

For example, several years ago during the "hippy" era, a General Board member introduced me to his son at General Conference. His son's hair reached his waist. This man suffered the embarrassment of his peers to show his love for his son. The backslidden son is now preaching the Gospel. In the parable of the prodigal, Jesus tells how the father embraced a son still filthy from the hog pen. "As my father hath sent me, so send I you." Now about discipline: You said that your daughter is 17 (almost an adult). As long as she is living in your home, I can see your asking her to comply with the family's house rules. But discipline is a completely different for an adult child. Do not expect her to be an example because you are her pastor.

aged to select a faith goal (or vision, if you will) of how many they feel could receive the Holy Ghost that year. By faith, this goal is placed in the center box of the Spiral chart.

The Spiral ministry helps a church to reach this goal by using the four outreach methods that have proven most effective: first time visitors, home Bible studies, personal witnessing, and Sunday school evangelism. Using some simple statistical averages, the Spiral shows the church approximately how many visitors they will need to bring, how many Bible studies they will need to teach, how many witnessing contacts they will need to make, and what the Sunday school attendance will need to be, if they are going to see that number receive the Holy Ghost. These evangelism goals become the focus of the church's outreach efforts.

The Spiral ministry then shows exactly how many saints are committed to reach these goals (a simple commitment type service is held for just this purpose). Also, the workers progress is displayed each quarter as they strive to obtain these goals.

Quite simply, the Church Growth Spiral is a motivational tool that shows a church approximately how much spiritual seed must be sown to achieve a given result.

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■ SOCIETY

Children Viewing Violence and Sex

Adults Only restrictions have less and less effect on children's media consumption these days according to recent studies, including AIS's own investigation.

According to editors, USA Today recently conducted an experiment to see if under-age youths could get into an R-rated movie. Their test involved the violent film, *Total Recall* and took them to six different cities. Out of 22 youths, only four were turned away.

One theater agent told an AIS reporter that some youths may get in while others would be forbidden.

"It just depends (on the age)," he said. "If he's twelve, he's not going to get in."

But what about an older (but still under-age) youth? "If it's real gory, we I.D. them. It depends on the movie."

Minors also have easier access to so called "soft" pornographic magazines than they had a few years ago. In some stores, magazines such as *Penthouse* and *Playboy* have come out from behind the counter. They are now commonly found on the same magazine stand as *Time* and even children's magazines.

The nation's two leading bookstore chains, B. Dalton Booksellers, and Waldenbooks both keep the soft-porn magazines alongside their family publications. Even some convenience stores, such as North Carolina's Pantry chain, have put *Playboy* with their other periodicals.

■ CHURCH

Recession In The Church

Recession has hit the Church according to a new poll of the Barna Research Group. The survey showed that 27 percent of Americans plan to reduce their charitable contributions and that 16 percent have picked the church as a target of their reduced giving.

Christianity Today said in its June 24 issue that many ministries have already felt the effects of the recession. It reported layoffs and program cuts among groups such as International Students, Inc., Prison Fellowship, and in the Southern Baptist Convention.

However, despite the recession, Christian bookstores continue to report a boom in sales. Zondervan Publishing reported a 10 percent increase over last year and Good News/Crossway Books (publishers of *This Present Darkness*) also reported gains.



■ ENVIRONMENT

Asbestos Scare Unnecessary

For years, pastors have been frantically removing asbestos from churches and schools in order to conform to health codes. Now, however, it appears this may not have been necessary.

Brooke Mossman, a cell biologist from the University of Vermont, has recently pointed out that there are two types of asbestos: amphiboles and chrysotile. Amphiboles have fibers that are long and straight and readily penetrate lung tissue. But most asbestos used in insulation is chrysotile. According to Mossman, because of its curly fibers, this type is unlikely to enter lung tissue.

■ AMERICAN LIFE

Occult Activity Rising

Interest in the occult is on the rise in America, though it has not yet reached epidemic levels. That is the conclusion of the recent National Survey of Religious Identification.

A recent survey found 8,000 Wiccans in the nation. Wicca is the organized practice of witchcraft.

So dramatic is the rise, particularly in teenage occult activity, that hospitals are opening special treatment programs specifically for teens involved in Satanism. Signs of the *Times* magazine said in its November, 1990 issue, "Chicago's Hartgrove Hospital opened its Center for the Treatment of Ritualistic Deviance in 1989, and a similar program exists at Denver's Bethesda PsychHealth System." Hospitals in Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin plan similar programs.

■ MORALS

Homosexuals Focus On Youth

Militant homosexuals have long denied any intent to sway children to the gay lifestyle. However, recent projects do seem to have the intent of changing young people's opinions of homosexuals. Some examples:

Gay Youth Hotline. In Indiana, the U.S. Conference of Mayors granted \$50,000 to the Indianapolis Youth Group to help set up the nation's first telephone counseling service for homosexual teens. Founded in 1990, this "Gay/Lesbian Youth Hotline" claims to have received over 10,000 calls. Its purpose according to IYG is "to provide a safe place for Lesbian and Gay youth to be educated in an effort to reduce high risk activity."

Gay Children's Books. Newsweek reported last spring on a new project of Boston-based Alyson publication called Alyson Wonderland. This children's book series is addressed to readers age 2 to 12, particularly those with homosexual parents. The first book in the series is called 'Heather Has Two Mommies,' and tells of a girl who lives with two mothers and who was conceived by artificial insemination. The second book, "Daddy's Roommate," tells the story of a boy whose father has a lover named Frank. Both books come completely illustrated.

■ GOVERNMENT

Nomination Gives Church Hope

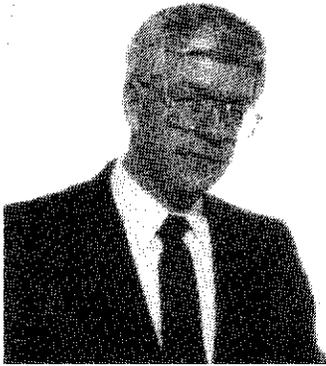
The nomination of Judge Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court has many Christians hopeful of a conservative tilt in the Court. Judge Thomas has yet to be fully confirmed, but the possibility has implications in some key pro-family issues:

Abortion. Last term, new justice David Souter sided with the majority in saying that clinics which receive federal funds may refuse to discuss abortion with patients. So now, with Souter apparently on the conservative side, Thomas could provide the swing vote in related issues.

Religion and Schools. The court is already slated to hear a case involving prayer at public school graduations. Another issue that may be addressed is the right of students to distribute religious literature at school or school-related functions.

Free Speech. The University of Alabama has forbade associate professor Phillip Bishop to speak of his Christian beliefs during class time. If Bishop is unsuccessful in his appeal to lower courts he has vowed to carry it to the Supreme Court.

Strawcutter Is "The Last Straw"



Bro. Rick Strawcutter

We like to think of this as an exercise of the first amendment." Pastor Rick Strawcutter's "exercise" is "The Last Straw," a daily radio talk show. Currently broadcast on two Louisiana radio stations (WJYM and WLEN), "The Last Straw" is anything but your normal religious program.

"I confront listeners with truth," Bro. Strawcutter said of his unique style. He said he has interviewed people such as David

Duke, former Grand Wizard of the Klu Klux Klan, as well as a current Louisiana gubernatorial candidate. He has also interviewed a representative for Lyndon Larouche, another controversial personality.

But why the confrontational style? Said Bro. Strawcutter, "We are focusing on issues that affect both the Church and the State."

But the program's format is not the only thing different about this religious program. Another

is the cost: it is entirely paid for by commercial sponsors. This allows "The Last Straw" to broadcast an hour each day, Monday through Friday. And for a program only a few months old, Bro. Strawcutter sees this as quite a feat. Indeed, it's an accomplishment that may allow "The Last Straw" to expand into many more markets. And with so much in his favor, it apparently will take many camels to break this straw's back.

PROPHECY

Jewish Sacrifice Soon To Start

By the time you read this article, Jewish temple worship ceremonies may well have started. Such appears to be the conclusion of Rev. Charles Mahaney, well known evangelist and Prison Ministries director, UPCI.

"I was preaching a revival for Pastor Jerry Dillon of Canton, MS, when Bro. Clyde Lott, a rancher and member of Bro. Dillon's church, was asked to submit a bid to deliver red colored cattle to Israel."



Bro. Mahaney

Bro. Mahaney explained that ashes from a red heifer is a necessary part of Mosaic law for the cleansing of the Levitical priesthood.

Last May, Bro. Mahaney, Bro. Dillon and Bro. Lott flew to Israel to speak with Rabbi Chaim Richman and Rabbi Ariel of the Temple Institute and discuss the transaction.

"They said they are now ready to reinstate full Temple worship. They showed us the brazen altar utensils, the brazen laver, gold vessels for incense, even the hand woven priests garments. It's all ready."

Delivery of the cattle is scheduled for late September and the first sacrifice in October.

LOCAL CHURCH

Splits Church On Purpose?

For most pastors, a church split is something to be dreaded. But Rev. Chester Wright recently split his own church temporarily and found the results satisfying.

Brother Wright, Superintendent of the Maryland/D.C. district, "split" his church as an experiment. He wanted to see how effectively his congregation could evangelize its city by dividing into units. So Brother Wright formed ten separate congregations. Each one met every other Sunday morning at rented

locations throughout the city. Some met at schools, community centers and even lodges. For five months they continued the experiment. The result? "I feel it was very productive," Bro. Wright said.

He pointed out that because of the experiment, one home missions church was started. Also, several received the Holy Ghost, though Bro. Wright was not sure how many. Plus, "it allowed ten young men to experience pastoral-type leadership."

Bro. Wright admitted the cost



Bro. Chester Wright

was high (\$1000 a week for rent), but said the entire cost was paid by offerings. He also said he plans to repeat the experiment this fall.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Ministers Of Music Association

Many Apostolic music ministers know where to turn for new programs and arrangements. They attend the various music conferences. But what of the director who's unable or can't afford to attend? Rev. Tony Roberts says he has an answer: The Ministers of Music Association.

M.O.M.A. is an association dedicated specifically for those who are limited in their ability to obtain new arrangements. For \$90 a year, M.O.M.A. provides three packets of new music that's been carefully scrutinized for Apostolic quality and content.

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pecially those who are not full-time," Brother Roberts said.

Each packet contains about twenty new songs written out in



Bro. Tony Roberts

three or four-part harmony with chord symbols. The sheet music was recently upgraded to include all aspects of the song, including introduction, key changes and the bridge. Also in the packet is a recording of each song. A feature just added is an optional vocals tape: while the choir sings in the background, one person's voice is highlighted, demonstrating each of the four parts.

Brother Roberts said he has also started using higher quality reproduction process. "There's never been this sort of training before," Brother Roberts said. "This is going to be a blessing to a lot of people."



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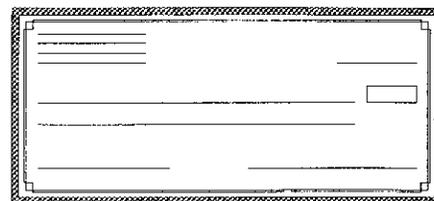
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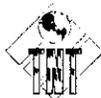


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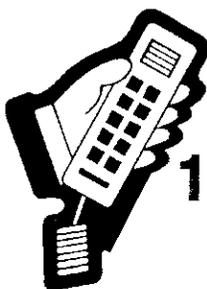
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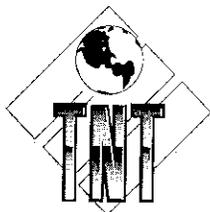
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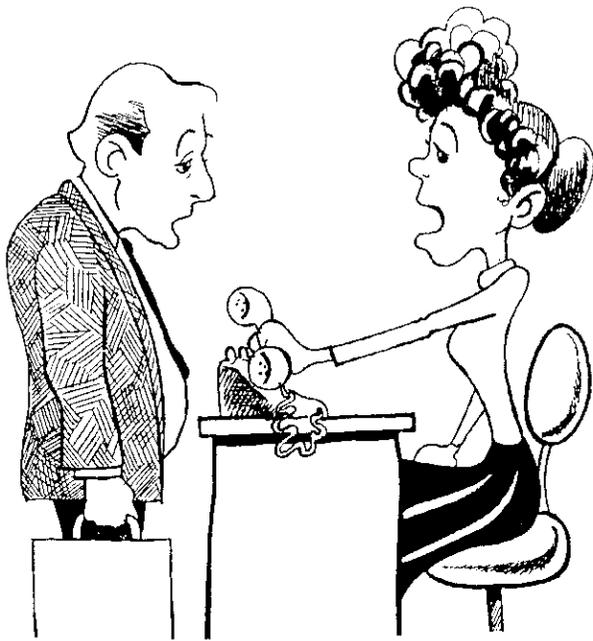
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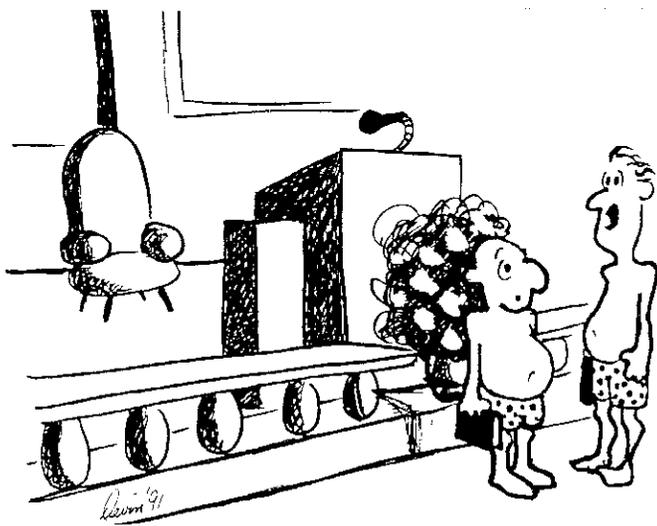


"It's the Vatican. They said if you continue to teach that the Catholic Church is the 'mother harlot' they would sue."

A driver tucked this note under the windshield wiper of his automobile: "I've circled the block for twenty minutes. I'm late for an appointment and if I don't park here I'll lose my job. 'Forgive us our sins.'"

When he came back he found a parking ticket and this note: "I've circled this block for twenty years and if I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. 'Lead us not into temptation.'"

The chaplain was passing through the prison garment factory. "Sewing?" he said to a prisoner who was at work. "No, chaplain," replied the prisoner gloomily; "reaping!"



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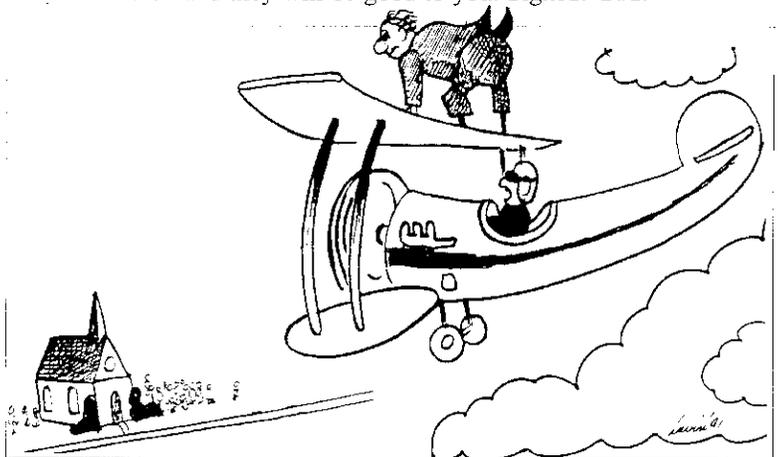
Bobby came home after his first day of Sunday school and went straight to his father.

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"Yes, Bobby, what is it?" his father replied.

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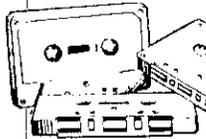
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Jack Cunningham: Growth Is No Accident!

If you were to ask any of my leaders about our philosophy of ministry, they would probably quote Luke 19:10, *'For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.'* I've told the church over and over that that's our primary reason for existence."

That statement - as well as many more like it - comes from Bro. Jack Cunningham, pastor of the United Pentecostal Church in Newport News, Virginia. The strength of his words and the ready answers he gave left little doubt as to why this former home missions church has seen strong and consistent growth.

Eleven years ago Bro. Cunningham held his first church service in Newport News with three in attendance. Today the church averages close to three hundred.

"Church growth is no accident. It's something you pray fervently for and take action to obtain. You need to educate yourself in the principles of growth and bring in special ministries to assist your growth. But what it all really boils down to is your dream and vision."

Looking over the facility that today is the Newport News United Pentecostal Church, one would have to conclude that Bro. Cunningham has applied the principles well.

Jack Cunningham is a third generation Pentecostal. He grew up in an old-time Apos-

tolic church pastored by his grandfather, Bro. J. C. Cole. He has also been greatly influenced by his uncle, Bro. Billy Cole. "I spent about three years working with my uncle in Wheeling, West Virginia. I helped with bus ministry, taught Sunday school and knocked doors. That was my training ground."

On October 9, 1980, in a small building, Bro. Cunningham held his first service in Newport News. "The little church had two Sunday school rooms, an office and a small sanctuary that seated about 80. My wife and I built a small studio apartment on the back. Those were difficult but good years."

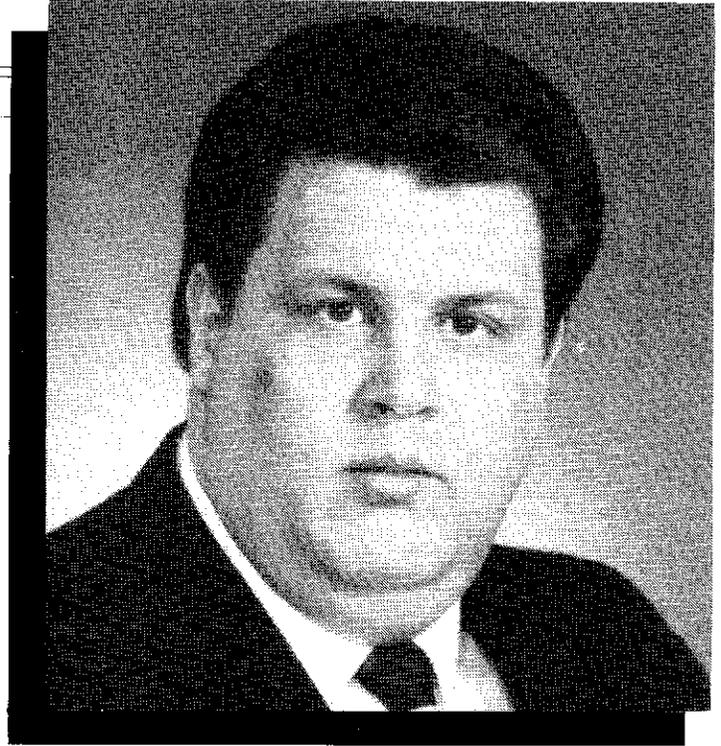
Bro. Cunningham applied what he had learned from other successful pastors and growth was steady. "We bought an old Sunday School bus, held contests, knocked on doors and the Lord blessed. We outgrew that little building in about five years."

"We had to have more room," he explained. "So we rented a neighborhood school gymnasium. We spent two years there and grew from 80 to 140. I'm a strong believer that if you're going to grow you must have room to grow."

Four years ago the church voted to purchase an old skating rink just off a major thoroughfare. The rink was torn down and a 10,000 square foot steel structure went up which has been finished inside and out into a very attractive facility. Plans are already drawn up to expand an additional 10,000 square feet as soon as it's needed. Seating should be around 800.

Bro. Cunningham has been asked by the General Home Missions Division to be the director of the Church Growth Department, a new ministry only recently approved by the General Board. Therefore we felt comfortable asking Bro. Cunningham to offer some suggestions of what a pastor or church leader might do to encourage growth and revival.

"In my opinion there are three kinds



Above: Bro. Jack Cunningham, Pastor.
Below: A worship service at the United Pentecostal Church of Newport News, VA.



of growth: numerical, spiritual and financial. You need a balance in all three, but I've found that I don't focus on all three at the same time. I'll work on one particular area because it's currently our greatest need. Yet I'm still conscious of the other two.

"The single most important element, in my opinion, for church growth is a proper attitude. A home missionary will go into a city with an expectation of either success or failure. What you truly expect to happen usually will happen. If you expect to have revival, and begin to take action to prepare for that revival, God will honor your labor and faith."

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"Secondly, growing churches have a great vision for souls and growth. You need to set solid, concrete goals. This is just as true in the church as it is in business and finance. We need some spiritual Henry Fords and Thomas Edisons; we need big men who can dream big dreams of winning the lost.

"Third, you need to stand for something. People rally around a cause. It's more than simply rules and regulations. You need a clear doctrinal statement. Too often a man is hesitant to take a stand for fear of offending people, but it does just the opposite. You can have so many gray areas that people get lost in the fog.

"Fourth, a growing church must be a worshipping church. Services should be alive and exciting. Dr. Elmer Towns, President of the Church Growth Institute, said to a group of predominately Baptist pastors, 'some of you are going to have to get rid of your pipe organs and old hymnals. Get a piano or electronic keyboard and find someone who can play it Pentecostal style!'

"Another important point is that of the pastoral example. The pastor must be an example of what he expects his saints to be. You must be willing to practice what you preach. If you want your people to be soulwinners, you must be a soulwinner. Actions speak louder than words.

"Finally, when the church reaches around fifty you should begin to multiply your ministry by developing a 'team style' concept of pastoring. Share the load! If you are doing everything in the church you are destined to stay small because you can only do so much. You must transfer your dream to your people. And when they help you reach that dream, you must allow them to share in the reward. This year we received three district awards: Ladies Auxiliary, Sunday School (fastest growing), and Bible quizzing. I sent those ministry leaders up to receive the awards. After all, they did the work."

We also asked Bro. Cunningham to share with us some of the growth concepts that he has applied in Newport News.

"You need to consider the appearance of your church. This is more important than some realize. Saints should not be ashamed to invite friends and family to church. Also a church needs a well trained usher and greeter staff because first impressions are the most lasting.

"As far as evangelism methods, we've had our greatest results with home Bible studies. However, if you expect your saints to teach then you must be willing to train them.

"We have also had good results with our Sunday school. I have found that we have our greatest volume of visitors on Sunday morn-

Right:
A Sunday School class at their current location on Sharon Drive.
Below Right:
Church elders pray for a military man from a nearby base.

Below Left:
Bro. Cunningham with the bus ministry kids at the church's previous location just after the bus ministry was in full force.



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ing because it's the traditional time to go to church. Subsequently, most of those who receive the Holy Ghost in our church do so on a Sunday Morning. We have classes for all ages, but in the adult class we have a full-scale worship service with singing, prayer and preaching. We give an altar call every Sunday morning and the results speak for themselves.

"An excellent complement to our Sunday school is our bus ministry. If you can't afford to buy a bus then consider renting one. A good bus ministry can provide a steady supply of homes to visit each week.

"A final ministry I would like to stress is that of new convert care. You need a good program for following up on those who are baptized or receive the Holy Ghost. If you are losing most of your converts you will never grow."

As you might have guessed, Bro. Cunningham believes that a good organizational structure is a vital aspect of growth. When questioned he explained, "We have used the *Total Church Growth* material by Bro. Massengale for several years. Currently we have about twenty-five departments or ministries. I have divided these into three divisions which are coordinated by my three executive associates. One oversees all the various ministry type programs such as Youth Ministry, Ladies Ministries, Music Ministry, Bus Ministry, Apostolic Care Ministry, Home Bible Study Ministry

and so on. Another associate coordinates all the various educational programs such as Sunday School, New Convert Care, Bible Quizzing, Audio-visual and the like. Then my third associate oversees the various service type programs like Ushers, Greeters, Sound, Maintenance, and Nursery. I meet with the three associates every Sunday morning and all the department leaders monthly. We collect reports, make plans, coordinate activities, and solve problems. We also have a departmental planning retreat each year. We set yearly goals and five year goals. Needless to say our calendar is quite full but a growing church is a busy church. That's the price you pay for growth."

And who plays the primary role in leading a church to renewed growth and revival? Bro. Cunningham concluded his remarks by stating emphatically, "there is no getting around the fact that the Pastor is the most important individual for promoting growth in the church. Souls must be the central theme of his ministry. When a pastor loses his vision for the lost and for reaching his city he's headed for trouble."

There is no doubt where Bro. Cunningham's emphasis lies. His ministry, and the ministry of the United Pentecostal Church of Newport News, is a tremendous example of one pastor's commitment to the Great Commission. ■

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Friend, to me it speaks volumes. Are we truly more interested in structuring a manual to control one another than in the Lord's commission to preach the Good News? In subtle ways we sometimes betray our true priorities. I fear we are beginning to lose our vision of purpose - the very unity of purpose that spawned the underlying reason of our genesis.

Everything comes from the initial inertia of it's original purpose. Christ's primary purpose was to seek and save that which was lost. This is also the purpose of the church. The fires of early nineteenth century Pentecost were spread by a group of revivalists. They went everywhere preaching the power of the Spirit. Revival was their birthright. They didn't want denominationalism - that's what they came out of. To them, the restrictive ordinances of formalized religion was synonymous with Babylon. They eschewed formalism that they might carry 'the whole Gospel to the whole world.'

Nevertheless, it was soon apparent to these early pioneers that to preserve the fruit of revival they needed a fellowship of sorts. They said, "We have biblical distinctives that define our movement. We must preserve this truth for coming generations." Bible colleges were soon started; first as simple training centers and later as formal institutions. Then, to enhance the spread of this truth, we started various auxiliaries and divisions. Now the auxiliaries have auxiliaries. But to what purpose? The more pieces we add the greater our risk of losing sight of our initial purpose - that being revival. We must not spend more time tinkering with the machinery than we do perpetuating the initial power encounter that brought the movement into being.

As a movement grows older it grows whiskers. It ages. This is why you must have a refocusing and renewal within each generation, for the young must adopt as their own the vision of the old. There are three words that are continually manifesting themselves today in the Spirit: renewal - within the lives of each individual Christian; restoration - of the power and demonstration of the New Testament church; and revival - which will occur when we are successful with the first two.

I fear institutionalization more than anything else. I have seen men become more organizationally minded than Calvary minded; they become more interested in a manual than they are in Emmanuel. When you get wrapped up in an institution it's easy to accumulate the type of excess baggage that will only hinder us from reaching our goal.

The structure must be our servant, not our master and never something that we fear. We've got to understand that our fellowship is based upon our articles of faith. All else must take a back seat to our original unity of purpose.

Constantly we must force ourselves back to the unity of purpose. If we don't, we become constricted. Every man stakes out his own turf and we get into territorial preservation. We begin to say, "I am Home Missions. I am Youth. I am Foreign Missions." and we forget that it's all about a man called Jesus and a place called Calvary.

There is a tremendous power that comes out of unity. The devil knows this. He never even showed up in the garden until Eve got there because he knows that power comes out of unified relationships. On the other hand, all disunity has its roots in pride. The greatest enemy of unity is the sectarian spirit that wants to split off and do your own thing. It's happening in Russia today. It's the spirit of the world and it can get in the church.

The sign over the cross was in Hebrew, Greek and Latin. That was no accident. Hebrew was the language of religion and understanding. Greek was the language of philosophy and art. Latin was the language of science and politics. In other words, the message was to all cultures and to all people. There has got to come a refreshing of liberty today in our unity of purpose where men can go forth and express Christ in different ways without fear of being misunderstood.

I can remember when one of the elders of our district stood in one of our conferences and charged the brethren to open their pulpits to young ministers. He said, "When I started preaching they told me to go to the next town and start a church; get out on the street corners; build a brush arbor. If a young man did that today someone would file charges against him because he failed to get the board's permission."

In early Pentecost there was a liberty to follow the direction that the Spirit led. They crossed denominational barriers, they stood in Baptist pulpits, they were driven by a passion and zeal to proclaim the New Birth message. If we are going to impact this world with endtime revival we MUST follow the Spirit's leading.

The world is opening up. It's a new day. Wonderful opportunities are unfolding both at home and abroad. A sovereign God said, "the wind bloweth where is listeth." You can put up a windmill or a weather vain but you don't dictate to the wind where to blow. God forbid that we would build barriers to stop a man from following the Spirit. Somehow we have got to learn the difference between cultural accommodation and eternal principle. Otherwise we will begin to fractionalize. ■



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THEOLOGY

Is "divers kinds of tongues" as a gift of the Spirit the same as tongues as the evidence of the Holy Ghost?

No! While the divine source is the same, the purpose of these two works are distinct. *Everyone* who receives the Holy Ghost will have the *evidence* of speaking in tongues as they did in Acts chapters 2, 10 and 19. But not all believers have the *gift* of tongues that necessitates an interpretation in order to edify the assembly (I Cor. 12:10, 30; 14:26-28).

Confusion and false doctrine results from not recognizing the scriptural distinction between speaking in tongues as a gift of the Spirit and speaking in tongues as the initial evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost.

Paul's instruction in I Cor. 12 that not all believers possess the gift of tongues leads some to conclude that not everyone will speak in tongues when they receive the Spirit. They question this truth in spite of clear Biblical evidence that the early church used the criteria of tongues to determine who God had poured the Spirit upon (Acts 10:44-46).

However, the scripture gives conclusive, numerical proof that the gift of tongues that Paul refers to in I Cor. 12 & 14 is distinct from tongues as the evidence of the Holy Ghost. In I Cor. 14:27, Paul limits the number using the gift of tongues to two or three. But on the Day of Pentecost the Spirit fell upon 120 of them and they *all* spoke with tongues. Also, when Paul laid hands upon the dozen followers of Apollos (Acts 19), God immediately filled all of them with the Holy Ghost.

"The wind bloweth where it will, and thou hearest the *voice* thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, so is *every one* that is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8, ASV, 1901 edition). Jesus himself ordained that you will hear the voice (speaking in tongues) of everyone that is born of the Spirit.



OUTREACH

I recently attended a church that has a "Church Growth Spiral" chart on their back wall. The pastor told me that they had doubled the number of people receiving the Holy Ghost by using this evangelism concept. Could you please explain what the "Spiral" ministry is?

The Church Growth Spiral concept is a ministry designed to motivate a church to more *effective* and *consistent* outreach. It works on the principle that, "without a vision the people parish." Each church is encour-



MINISTRY

I hear people talking about spending eight to ten hours preparing for Sunday's sermon. I find it difficult to balance the other demands on my time against the need to preach well. How do other ministers deal with this?

Your question is the common anguish of all ministers, and often we feel that we must do everything from yard work to administration and in that process forget the primary aspect of the ministry.

The apostles, as you recall, fought this same situation and learned early that they must delegate other responsibilities so that they could give themselves to prayer and the preaching of the word (Acts 6).

God called you to preach. He has chosen preaching and it's the highest of all callings. You simply must make it the priority of your own career. We all have times when the pressures of family and administrative work overwhelms us and robs us of our study time. But we must demand of ourselves excellence in our dedication to study and in the preaching of our sermons.

Let me suggest that you find ways of organizing your work. Start with a simple list of all the things that you must do and delegate every possible thing on that list to those you can trust; and remind yourself that the job that God has given you to do is to prepare your heart to deliver the word. This is a task worthy of your time! Since God has chosen the foolishness of preaching (I Corinthians 1:21), you must not let anything interfere with that responsibility.

So preach the word!!



FAMILY

Three months ago, our 17 year old daughter ran away from home. We've had serious trouble with her since she was thirteen and she has made little effort to live for God. After a short stay in jail (drug use) she has now returned home. She says she is sorry but it's clear the ground rules will have to be different. How do we reestablish our relationship with her and at the same time reestablish discipline? It has been very difficult to be both her pastor and father.

You probably feel your situation is unique. In reality, this is a common problem today. First of all, we can provide the opportunity for our children to live for God. Some respond quickly; others resist and show little desire or tenderness toward God. Do not feel you are a failure! Salvation is still a matter of choice, even when it's your own child. In order to reestablish your relationship with her, you must show her that you love her in spite of her actions. Even though she may not respond as you would wish her to, down deep it will be very meaningful to her.

For example, several years ago during the "hippy" era, a General Board member introduced me to his son at General Conference. His son's hair reached his waist. This man suffered the embarrassment of his peers to show his love for his son. The backslidden son is now preaching the Gospel. In the parable of the prodigal, Jesus tells how the father embraced a son still filthy from the hog pen. "As my father hath sent me, so send I you." Now about discipline: You said that your daughter is 17 (almost an adult). As long as she is living in your home, I can see your asking her to comply with the family's house rules. But discipline is a completely different for an adult child. Do not expect her to be an example because you are her pastor.

aged to select a faith goal (or vision, if you will) of how many they feel could receive the Holy Ghost that year. By faith, this goal is placed in the center box of the Spiral chart.

The Spiral ministry helps a church to reach this goal by using the four outreach methods that have proven most effective: first time visitors, home Bible studies, personal witnessing, and Sunday school evangelism. Using some simple statistical averages, the Spiral shows the church approximately how many visitors they will need to bring, how many Bible studies they will need to teach, how many witnessing contacts they will need to make, and what the Sunday school attendance will need to be, if they are going to see that number receive the Holy Ghost. These evangelism goals become the focus of the church's outreach efforts.

The Spiral ministry then shows exactly how many saints are committed to reach these goals (a simple commitment type service is held for just this purpose). Also, the workers progress is displayed each quarter as they strive to obtain these goals.

Quite simply, the Church Growth Spiral is a motivational tool that shows a church approximately how much spiritual seed must be sown to achieve a given result.

For more information about the Spiral ministry, request file number OPEM07.TXT.

If you would like to send in a question to one of these ministers for their consideration, please address it to:
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■ SOCIETY

Children Viewing Violence and Sex

Adults Only restrictions have less and less effect on children's media consumption these days according to recent studies, including AIS's own investigation.

According to editors, USA Today recently conducted an experiment to see if under-age youths could get into an R-rated movie. Their test involved the violent film, *Total Recall* and took them to six different cities. Out of 22 youths, only four were turned away.

One theater agent told an AIS reporter that some youths may get in while others would be forbidden.

"It just depends (on the age)," he said. "If he's twelve, he's not going to get in."

But what about an older (but still under-age) youth? "If it's real gory, we I.D. them. It depends on the movie."

Minors also have easier access to so called "soft" pornographic magazines than they had a few years ago. In some stores, magazines such as *Penthouse* and *Playboy* have come out from behind the counter. They are now commonly found on the same magazine stand as *Time* and even children's magazines.

The nation's two leading bookstore chains, B. Dalton Booksellers, and Waldenbooks both keep the soft-porn magazines alongside their family publications. Even some convenience stores, such as North Carolina's Pantry chain, have put *Playboy* with their other periodicals.

■ CHURCH

Recession In The Church

Recession has hit the Church according to a new poll of the Barna Research Group. The survey showed that 27 percent of Americans plan to reduce their charitable contributions and that 16 percent have picked the church as a target of their reduced giving.

Christianity Today said in its June 24 issue that many ministries have already felt the effects of the recession. It reported layoffs and program cuts among groups such as International Students, Inc., Prison Fellowship, and in the Southern Baptist Convention.

However, despite the recession, Christian bookstores continue to report a boom in sales. Zondervan Publishing reported a 10 percent increase over last year and Good News/Crossway Books (publishers of *This Present Darkness*) also reported gains.



■ ENVIRONMENT

Asbestos Scare Unnecessary

For years, pastors have been frantically removing asbestos from churches and schools in order to conform to health codes. Now, however, it appears this may not have been necessary.

Brooke Mossman, a cell biologist from the University of Vermont, has recently pointed out that there are two types of asbestos: amphiboles and chrysotile. Amphiboles have fibers that are long and straight and readily penetrate lung tissue. But most asbestos used in insulation is chrysotile. According to Mossman, because of its curly fibers, this type is unlikely to enter lung tissue.

■ AMERICAN LIFE

Occult Activity Rising

Interest in the occult is on the rise in America, though it has not yet reached epidemic levels. That is the conclusion of the recent National Survey of Religious Identification.

A recent survey found 8,000 Wiccans in the nation. Wicca is the organized practice of witchcraft.

So dramatic is the rise, particularly in teenage occult activity, that hospitals are opening special treatment programs specifically for teens involved in Satanism. Signs of the *Times* magazine said in its November, 1990 issue, "Chicago's Hartgrove Hospital opened its Center for the Treatment of Ritualistic Deviance in 1989, and a similar program exists at Denver's Bethesda PsychHealth System." Hospitals in Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin plan similar programs.

■ MORALS

Homosexuals Focus On Youth

Militant homosexuals have long denied any intent to sway children to the gay lifestyle. However, recent projects do seem to have the intent of changing young people's opinions of homosexuals. Some examples:

Gay Youth Hotline. In Indiana, the U.S. Conference of Mayors granted \$50,000 to the Indianapolis Youth Group to help set up the nation's first telephone counseling service for homosexual teens. Founded in 1990, this "Gay/Lesbian Youth Hotline" claims to have received over 10,000 calls. Its purpose according to IYG is "to provide a safe place for Lesbian and Gay youth to be educated in an effort to reduce high risk activity."

Gay Children's Books. Newsweek reported last spring on a new project of Boston-based Alyson publication called Alyson Wonderland. This children's book series is addressed to readers age 2 to 12, particularly those with homosexual parents. The first book in the series is called 'Heather Has Two Mommies,' and tells of a girl who lives with two mothers and who was conceived by artificial insemination. The second book, "Daddy's Roommate," tells the story of a boy whose father has a lover named Frank. Both books come completely illustrated.

■ GOVERNMENT

Nomination Gives Church Hope

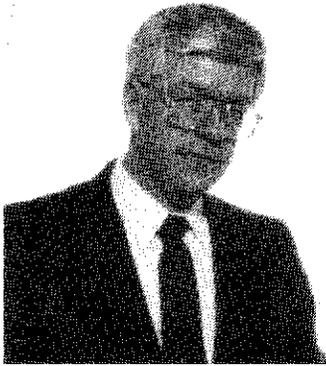
The nomination of Judge Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court has many Christians hopeful of a conservative tilt in the Court. Judge Thomas has yet to be fully confirmed, but the possibility has implications in some key pro-family issues:

Abortion. Last term, new justice David Souter sided with the majority in saying that clinics which receive federal funds may refuse to discuss abortion with patients. So now, with Souter apparently on the conservative side, Thomas could provide the swing vote in related issues.

Religion and Schools. The court is already slated to hear a case involving prayer at public school graduations. Another issue that may be addressed is the right of students to distribute religious literature at school or school-related functions.

Free Speech. The University of Alabama has forbade associate professor Phillip Bishop to speak of his Christian beliefs during class time. If Bishop is unsuccessful in his appeal to lower courts he has vowed to carry it to the Supreme Court.

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LOCAL CHURCH

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MUSIC MINISTRY

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ADGH14.TXT	4864	Thoughts on deity of Jesus. Was Jesus God? Trinitarian concludes He must have been God.
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BSJC08.TXT	52524	Jewish Wedding & the Church, Z. Levitt. Correlation of Bride of Christ and wedding.
BSJC09.TXT	4376	The Jewish trumpet and its purpose, J. Groce. Trumpet as type of preaching, Battle call.
BSLV03.TXT	6294	A Lesson From The Harvest, Edwin Harper. We must prepare for harvest and meet needs.
BSMS07.TXT	6067	Man's Best Friend. T.G. McNeely. Every man needs a preacher to stand for him.
BSPR63.TXT	4341	We Have An Altar. Allan Oggs. Hebrews 13:10. Means and uses of a personal altar to God.
BSPR64.TXT	16018	Eavesdropping At A Private Prayer Meeting, Carroll McGruder. Danger of comparison.
BSRE04.TXT	28467	Dare To Dream. Gary Harding. Mark 9:23. Look opposition in the eye act out our dreams.
BSRE05.TXT	29184	Headed For Revival. C.A. Pricket. Exekiel 37. God is reviving our dead bones for revival.



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CUNA11.TXT	29312	Don't Touch That Dial! New Age Channeling, Eric Pement. Explains channeling, origin.
CUSA53.TXT	15538	Can Born-again Believers be Possessed? Scriptures to argue and refute this belief.
EVGE08.TXT	8800	It's Never Too Late. Jerry Jones. I Peter 5:8. God's mercy is great toward even the unfaithful.
EVGE09.TXT	37849	Sudden Moves Of God. David Willoughby. Malachi 3:1. God moves in his own time.
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EVGE11.TXT	5964	Our Glorious Know-So Salvation, Gary Keller. Jeremiah 9:23-24. New convert teaching.
EVGE12.TXT	10721	Handle Me And See. Allan Oggs. Lk. 24:36-40. Jesus is the one true God. Taste and see!
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EVGE14.TXT	6735	Religion: Toy Or Power? I Thess. 1:5. Are we allowing the full potential of God to work?
EVPR19.TXT	24042	Prophecy: The Coming Russian Invasion. An eye opening "letter" to the Russian premier.
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LEGS09.TXT	26442	Goal Setting and Positive Thinking. The need for proper attitude, thoughts, and faith vision.
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OPEM11.TXT	22310	Saturation Visitation. How to start a visitation program, train leaders, pass responsibility.
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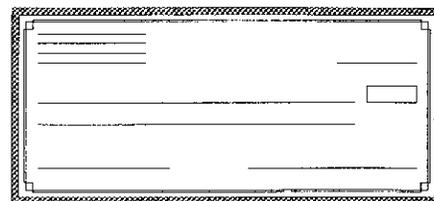
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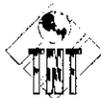


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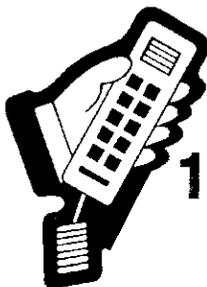
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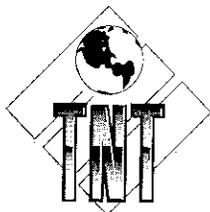
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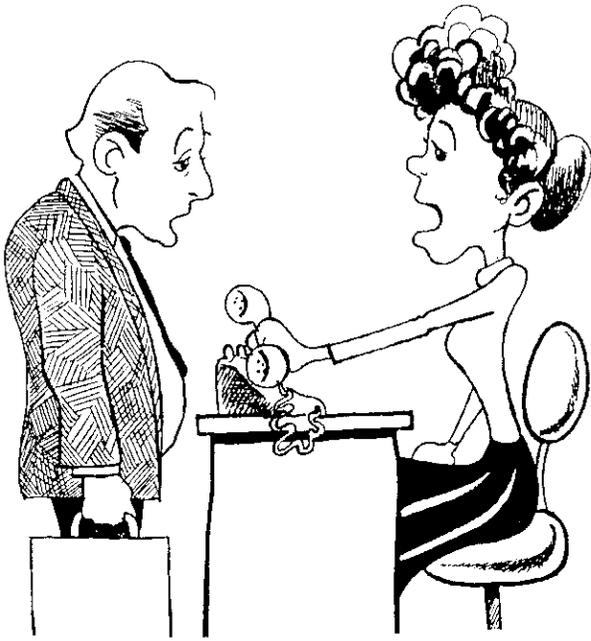
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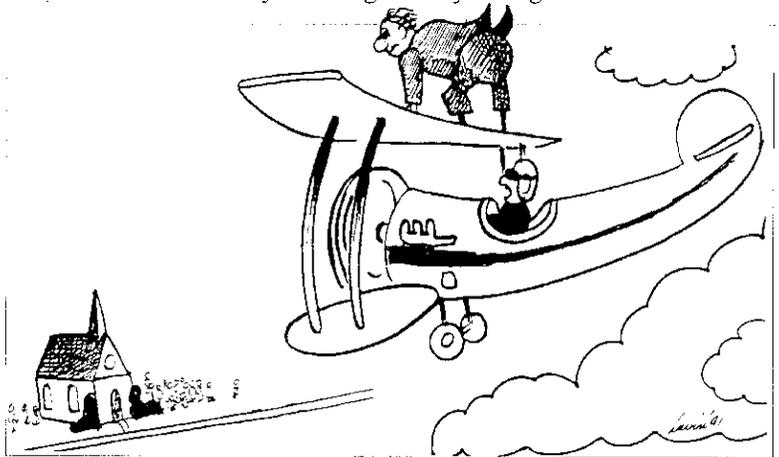
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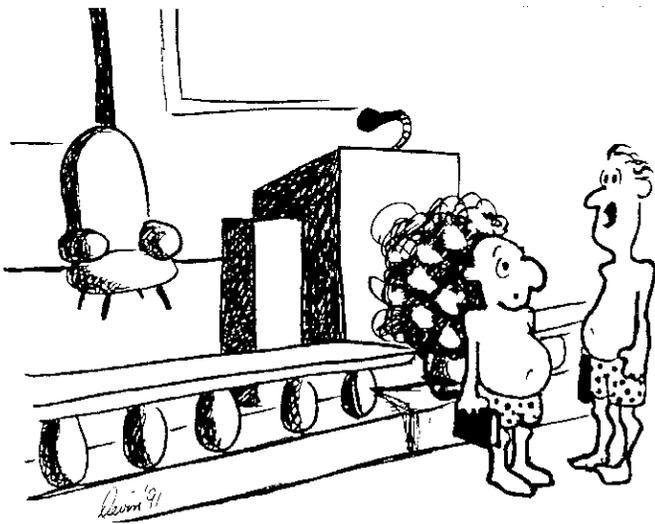
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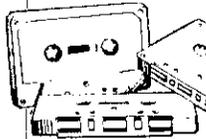
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