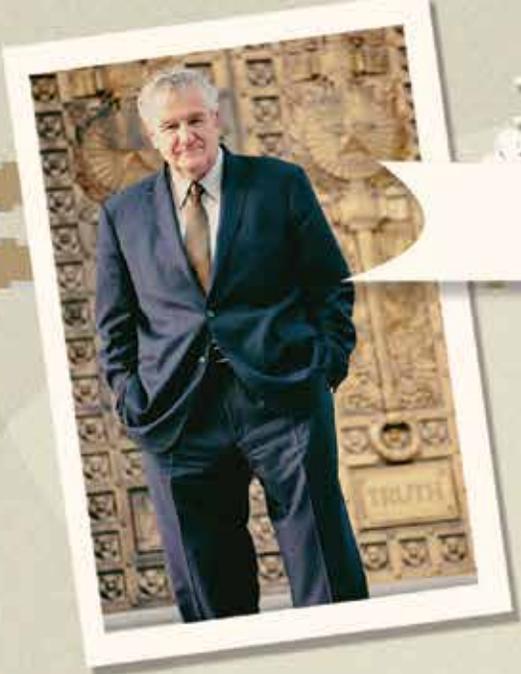




# Perspectives

# THE MARYVILLE MIRACLE





From The Publisher

## Turning, Turning

Paul D. Mooney

**“Preach, man of God, preach. Resist the pulling vortex of worldliness and self-indulgence. Resist the temptation to ignore the voice of righteousness and holiness. Resist the allure of ‘freedom’ from the falconer.”**

***Turning and turning in the widening gyre  
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;  
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;  
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,  
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere  
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;  
The best lack all conviction, while the worst  
Are full of passionate intensity.***

**From: “The Second Coming”  
By: William Butler Yeats**

It's insanity or at least a bad case of self-delusion not to acknowledge the rising flood of anarchy. It is not a prediction; it is a reality. Dare to look through the cracks of the broken walls in your own family, among your friends, and in your church, and you surely would not deny the rising angry tide of darkness and falsehood that is weakening our foundations.

Observe the roaring winds of prideful humanism and a hundred other “isms” that are ripping out of our hearts and hands the spiritual values and political principles upon which America's great democracy has been built. Far worse are the contrary winds of this “present world” that are blowing some churches off course and far from the shore's essential doctrines. Churches, once strong in Apostolic resolve, are adrift. Picture a bag of money that falls from an armored truck and bursts open, and the winds blow it away with no regard to its worth. The anarchy that the famous Irish poet warned of and predicted would happen about two thousand years after the death of Christ is upon us. Hopefully, we are starting to get it. But acknowledging the present danger is not the same as acknowledging the cause.

The cause is the genius and the hook of this powerful literary prize from Yeats. “The falcon cannot hear the falconer.” Once the bird has lost its ability to hear the master, “Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold; Mere anarchy is loosed.” No longer subject to the voice of direction and guidance, the bird of prey becomes a target for the predator.

Yeats, in his opening lines, tells us why this failure of communication was happening. The poet identifies a “Turning and turning in the widening gyre.” This revelation is both profound and instructional. The relationship between the falcon and the falconer tolerates a certain amount of space; however, when the space becomes increasingly broad, when the space itself becomes as a “gyre,” or vortex that pulls bird further and further from the voice of command, this is where the problem arises. The turning and the pulling of the vortex is alluring and disorienting at the same time.

We face more than historical drift, which itself is a serious matter, but is predictable, normal and easily defined. What Yeats sees, and what I believe is attacking culture and the Pentecostal movement today, is a force that pulls people away from foundational principles, creating

a disorienting deafness that unleashes a type of anarchy. It is in this environment of chaos in which innocence is lost, or drowned. We are witnessing this destruction and its consequences upon culture, society, and the church. The ‘best’ lack all conviction, while the ‘worst’ are full of passionate intensity toward the thoughtless practicing of evil. Shocking! How can this happen?

Turning, turning - such is our day. But something deadly happens in this turning. Like Yeats' falcon, we move further and further from the range of falconer's voice. It's a slow divorce. It plays out because we lack conviction toward our need for the falconer's direction. A dullness of hearing occurs as each moment widens the circle. It's subtle.

It is the very enactment of the scripture, “ears to hear but we hear not.” We've flown out of range. We see ourselves as doing the same acts, we rationalize that we can yet see the falconer. We perform the familiar motions, take the same actions, hold steady to the same patterns, but it's a false sense of security. Such behavior demonstrates a loss of conviction about the seriousness of our need for communication and obedience. Dullness of hearing turns to arrogance.

The falcon no doubt sees himself as the same falcon with or without the falconer. He flies, he soars on the thermal lifts. He feels the same, he has power, he surfs the winds, and it all feels good.

Turning, turning, preaching, singing, having church, we fly as we've been trained. But the deceitful element is the “ever widening gyre.” Such unmeasured thoughtless circling takes us out further, little by little, and because nothing is apparently radical, it all seems well. But quickly the circle widens...and the point of disconnection goes unnoticed. Yet the end result is fatal - we cannot hear God.

The falconer calls, he incites, he begs; but the widening gyre leads to “lostness.” Silence. Both falcon and falconer are now alone. The need for communication becomes critical, but impossible. The power and significance of the relationship that once was is now overwhelmingly apparent. The substance and meaning comes into focus. But it is too late. “The centre cannot hold.”

The sanctuary without the presence of God is just another manmade house of symbolisms. A church without the anointed Word has no real communication. Remembering old time Pentecost as part of our history is irrelevant to this generation. We must draw nigh to God now. Divine communication is vital. Preach, man of God, preach. Resist the pulling vortex of worldliness and self-indulgence. Resist the temptation to ignore the voice of righteousness and holiness. Resist the desire to make disciples unto yourself. Resist the allure of ‘freedom’ from the falconer. If we fail here, we will find ourselves in complete isolation from the hope of the Spirit, alone with our human efforts, without the great blessing that comes when we dedicate ourselves to communion with God.

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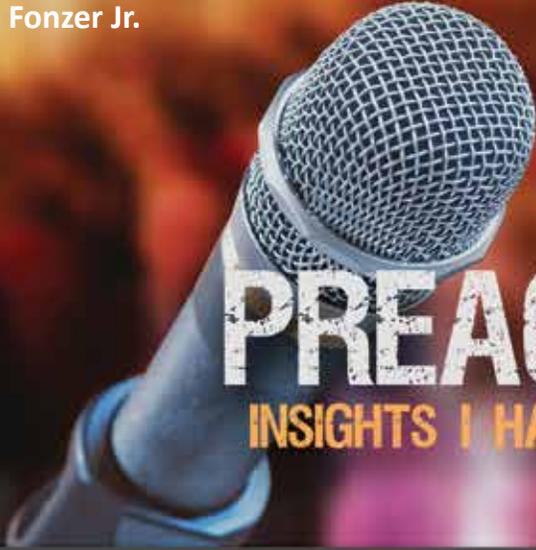
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# PREACHING

## INSIGHTS I HAVE LEARNED

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**Gary Ellis, Clarksville, TN** -- Every man has a bent toward something. Some men have a bent toward the operations of the gift; some toward worship and praise, some holiness. If he is not deliberate, though, he will guide his church to be strong in one or two areas and be completely imbalanced in others. I preach a lot of sermon series now. And I preach in all the areas that I know are important for Apostolic life: marriage and family, relationships, conflict resolution, doctrine and theology, finance, childrearing and holiness. I didn't know to do that when I started 31 years ago. I preached more toward my personality and my own personal passion, so I had a soul-winning church, but I had people who were not very relational.

When I got saved, the men I heard were really powerful in spiritual matters. They may not have had the balance to preach prosperity and success, but they were strong in convictions.

I advise young ministers to stick to the simplicity of the Gospel. Learn how to preach the Oneness message. Learn how to reach souls -- bloom where they are planted, stay humble and let God open doors.



**Kenneth Carpenter, Maryville, TN** -- I've been preaching since 1980 and prepare around four sermons a week. I wish I would have known then the importance of praying before the preparation of the sermon. God never promised to anoint our thoughts about the Word. He said He would anoint the Word. Prayer puts us in tune with the spirit of God. Ministers should pray and have sincerity. Today's preaching is more personality-driven than purpose-driven. If you have a sincere

spirit, the congregation may overlook mistakes you make in grammar or even mistakes in being too harsh in your mannerisms. A sincere spirit seems to emanate to the congregation.



**Mark Moore, Atlanta, GA** -- I've been preaching since 1985. When I was younger, preaching was maybe not as artful in some respects but more persuasive and convicting certainly in the Pentecostal and Apostolic circles -- and it was to draw people to Christ.

The trend in modern preaching is sometimes more psychological and aimed at building a preacher's career. The stories are aimed to show you how deeply spiritual the preachers are and how superior they are.

It is sometimes done so subtly that the unsuspecting sheep don't even catch what's happening; but the preacher is actually building a following for himself, rather than Jesus Christ. There's a group coming that's more studious. However, they're less prayerful.

Being anointed comes through a lifestyle of fasting and prayer and consecration.



**Jerry L. Burns, Rio Rancho, NM** -- When you get in the pulpit, you have the audience's full attention. Immediately engage them. If you don't, their minds are going to wander. Don't spend a lot of time on "fluff" and all the pre-sermon formalities. Every few minutes, insert a personal experience that will draw people's attention back to you. People love personal experiences.

The methods of preparation have changed. Old-time ministers would start on a Monday morning and just read the scripture. Then they would prepare their sermons around a scripture. With the advent of so many electronic devices and resources, sermons are more centered around a theme.

As a brand new minister, I was probably more concerned with formulating a sermon with all the hermeneutics principles, opening statement and transitions you learn in Bible school. If you're working under a man, study carefully how he does it. After 44 years, I preach about two times a week. I am much more focused with preaching to people's individual needs. I believe preaching is every bit as fervent as it always has been. I would be very hesitant to cast dispersion on anyone's motives. Sure, you're going to see your isolated circumstances, but we've always had them.



**Richard D. McKinney, Phelps, KY** -- I wish I had known how to be more sensitive to the Spirit. When we let the Lord lead, everything else takes care of itself.

I also wish I'd known how to give a better altar call. Outside of the preaching itself, it is the most important part of the service. Anybody can preach, but if you don't have a closing altar call and don't allow the Spirit of the Lord to minister in that area, nothing you did prior to that accomplishes change. You may have gotten people excited, even informed people but it didn't change them. The altar changes people.



**Clifton Jones, Philadelphia, MS** -- We have too much soft preaching in hard times. Evil has always been in existence, but the difference now and when I came along as a young minister is that there were always those messengers of God who cried out against evil. There are not enough voices crying in this wilderness of sin to remind people that God has not changed, holiness is still right, God is yet in charge, and sin will be punished.

When I first started 48 years ago, I didn't see the value of writing out as much as possible the thoughts God has given me. If I had done that, I would have a greater accumulation of information.

By Gregg Stone

# THE MARYVILLE MIRACLE



**Kenneth and Penny Carpenter**  
Maryville, TN

Kenneth Ray Carpenter recently celebrated 29 years as pastor of the First Apostolic Church in Maryville, Tennessee. Since becoming pastor in 1984, he has pursued the vision and dreams God placed in his heart to reach the community of Blount County. The original congregation of 27 has grown through the years with the help and support of a dedicated group of saints and family members.

Pastor Carpenter is passionate about God, family and church. He treasures being a husband, father, grandfather and pastor. In 1982, while preaching as an evangelist at

FAC Maryville, he met the love of his life, Penny Bennett. In July 1984, one month after becoming pastor of FAC, he and Penny were married and she joined him in pastoring. Ministering alongside the Carpenters are five multi-talented people including son-in-law and daughter, Chad and Fallon Erickson; son-in-law and daughter, Zach and Lauren Hammond; and son, Nolan. The Carpenters are also very proud to be called Nona and Poppa by three very special grandchildren, Paris Lache', Windsor Kate, and London KenLea.

## PERSONAL MINISTRY

Pastor Carpenter has been a minister with the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ (ALJC) for the past 33 years, and is well known throughout the organization. He is a well-respected conference and camp meeting speaker, and is well known for his leadership in missions giving. He has served as president of "Menistry" (National Men's Ministry) since 2010, and was presbyter of Section A of the Tri-State District for several years. He was elected general superintendent of the ALJC in 2013. His compelling burden and vision is to see prayer networked throughout the organization. It is his heartfelt desire to see all churches, regardless of size, have the tools they need to propel them into a greater revival and reap a harvest of souls.

As a troubled 16-year-old teenager,

Bro. Carpenter was enrolled at Apostolic Christian School in Knoxville, Tennessee, and it was there that Bishop Billy and Betty McCool and the First Apostolic Church of Knoxville took a chance on him. "February of that school year, I was baptized in Jesus name and received the gift of the Holy Ghost," said Bro. Carpenter. "My ministry began shortly after that at the age of 17 when I preached my first sermon, and shortly thereafter began evangelizing throughout the United States." Pastor Carpenter feels deeply indebted to the ministers and churches of the ALJC organization for investing in his life and ministry when he was a young evangelist. His parents, John and Ruby Carpenter, held Bishop Billy McCool in high esteem. On his father's deathbed, he asked Bishop McCool to finish raising his two teenage sons. "I didn't understand at the time the profound effect my father's deathbed wish would have on my future," said Pastor Carpenter. "Many times during my teenage years, Bishop McCool would correct my teenage behavior; however, the greatest lessons learned were through Bishop McCool's lifestyle. He was a loving husband, father and pastor; but had the backbone of a crowbar. For years I witnessed firsthand the balanced life of this anointed man of God, and the traits of my pastor still influence my life today."

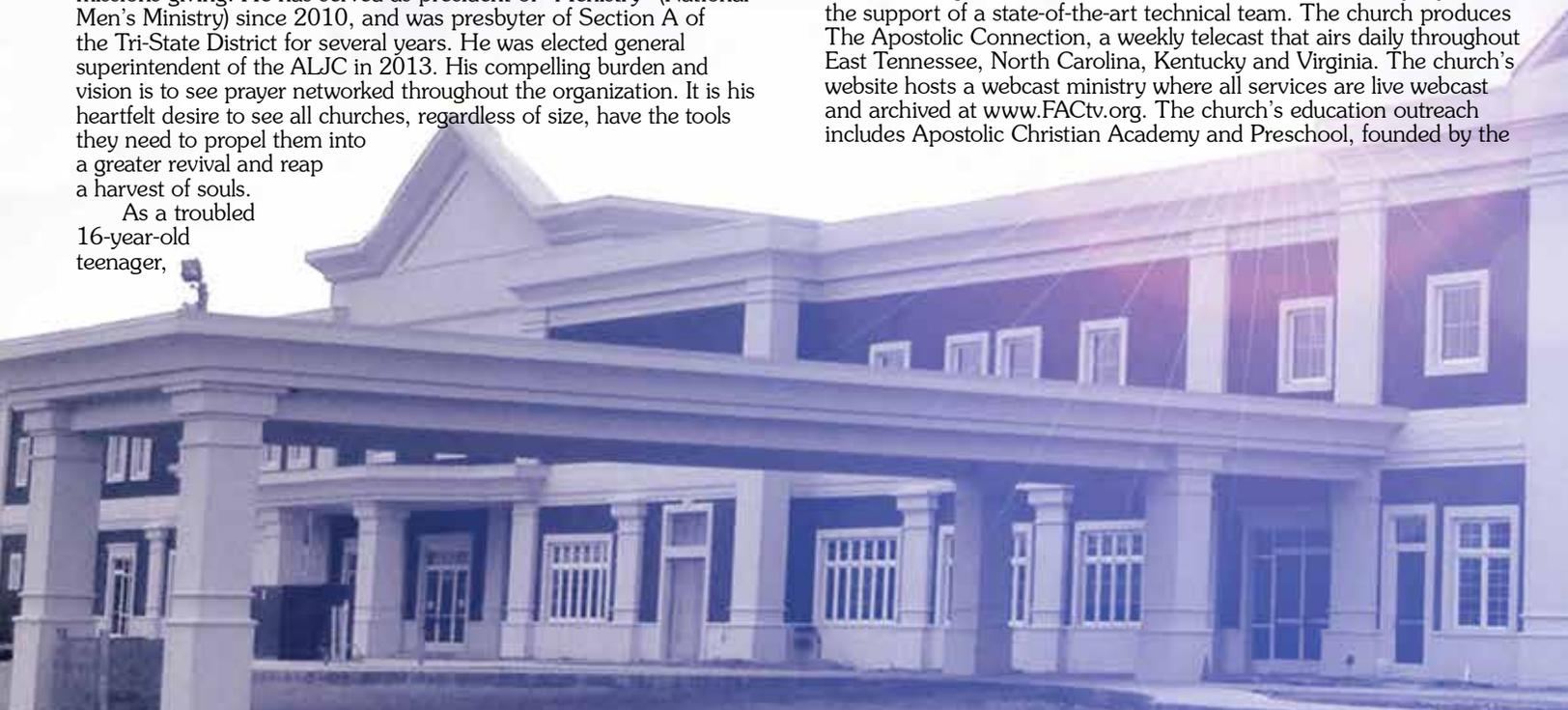
Pastor Carpenter enjoys time with his wife, Penny, who is very active in his ministry. "We work as a team," said Pastor Carpenter. "Sister Carpenter just ended a six-year term as the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ Women's Esprit President. She declined nomination for re-election this past June at the General Conference, wanting to devote more time in Maryville. To her surprise and mine, I was elected general superintendent of our organization; now she helps me in my new role, so I enjoy when we can find time for just the two of us."

## PRINCIPLES OF GROWTH AND REVIVAL

Known for its great music and dynamic preaching, First Apostolic Church of Maryville is a church striving to become a 21st century Apostolic church, and is endeavoring to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with love, mercy and compassion.

Pastor Carpenter strives to live in reality focused on revival, prayer, missions giving, consistency, taking a solid stand on holiness (inward and outward), and making every church service count whether it's a mid-week service or Easter Sunday. "Many of our key people have been won through home Bible studies," explained Pastor Carpenter. "My wife and I still teach *Search for Truth* and promote it as the way to build a church. We have a high retention of the families that we have won through HBS."

The Carpenters are involved in outreach "21st century style" with the support of a state-of-the-art technical team. The church produces The Apostolic Connection, a weekly telecast that airs daily throughout East Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky and Virginia. The church's website hosts a webcast ministry where all services are live webcast and archived at [www.FACTv.org](http://www.FACTv.org). The church's education outreach includes Apostolic Christian Academy and Preschool, founded by the



Carpenters. The school is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

**ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT**

Event planning and team building are the primary focus of First Apostolic Church. “I meet weekly with our Associate Pastor Chad Erickson and administrative team, which oversees approximately 30 ministries, and our leadership staff evaluates each ministry through observation during the time of actual operation,” explained Pastor Carpenter. “Our administrative team also conducts leadership training sessions, supplemented by additional sessions throughout the year by outside professionals.”

**THE MARYVILLE MIRACLE**

Since 2008, First Apostolic Church has been on a journey they call “The Maryville Miracle.” Many financial blessings and miracles have taken place among the families of the church because of their debt-free approach to building an 80,000 square foot campus for the church, preschool and Christian school. (Their current campus is also debt-free.) “I have been compelled to follow this God-given direction to build debt-free and support missions, instead of sacrificing missions giving to pay interest on a bank loan,” said Pastor Carpenter. “Through the faithfulness and sacrifice of our local congregation and friends, FAC Maryville has been blessed to invest more than \$6.5 million into this debt-free building project that is 75 percent complete.

“The one thing we decided at the very beginning of this project was our missions giving would be increased each year,” he added. At the same time that more than \$6.5 million has been invested in the new campus, FAC has given over \$1.5 million to missions.

At first, Pastor Carpenter had formed a plan to raise \$1 million to build a sanctuary connected to their existing church, but while in prayer, God spoke to his heart. “The Lord said, ‘My coming is soon. Begin to give to missions like never before and I will take care of the new building,’” said Bro. Carpenter. “I then instructed the congregation that if they could only give one offering after tithe, to give it to missions, even before giving to our own building project. Shortly thereafter, the miracle began to unfold and the following events took place: Our church significantly made missions giving a part of our weekly offering. Twenty acres of choice real estate became available, and the church unanimously voted to purchase the property, and we were able to pay for it in cash. After that, two additional road frontage acres were donated adjacent to the new property. Sixty souls were baptized and received the Holy Ghost within six weeks. To FAC, this was a confirmation from God on the decision to put missions first.”

**CURRENT AND FUTURE FACILITIES**

The current FAC Maryville debt-free

The long-term vision and goals of FAC are to establish an Apostolic Bible college for the southern region of the United States, and to build an Apostolic senior retirement home on the property adjoining the new FAC campus.



The choir sings at First Apostolic Church, Maryville, Tennessee

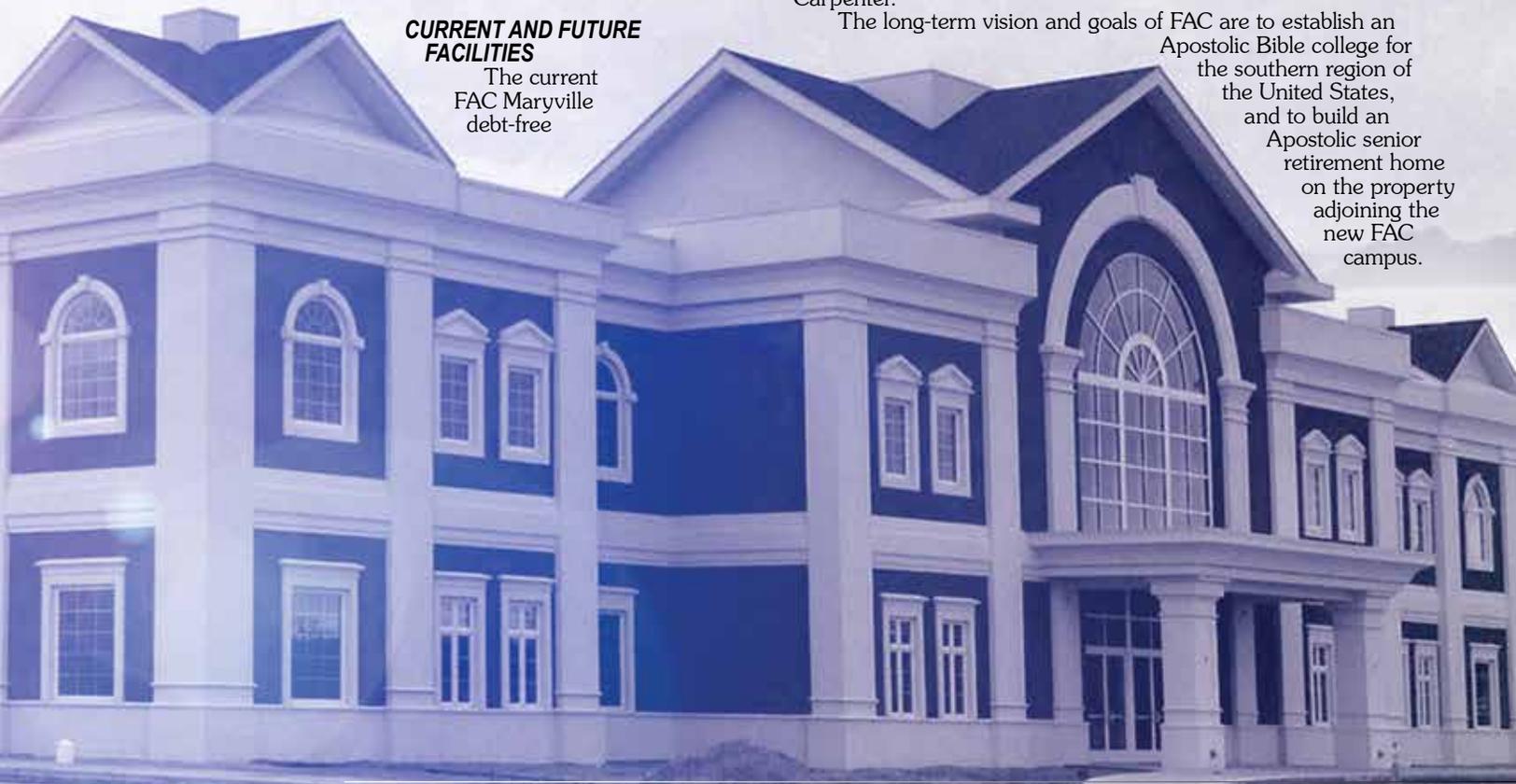
campus is situated on five acres. Facilities located on the campus encompass approximately 28,000 square feet and include the main church building with sanctuary, fellowship hall, preschool/Sunday school classrooms, nursery and commercial kitchen; mobile building that houses additional preschool activities; and Apostolic Christian Academy that houses 10 classrooms, full-size gymnasium, office space and a small concession stand area.

The new FAC Maryville campus sits on approximately 22 acres (option to purchase 10 adjoining acres) with an 80,000 square foot facility located across the street from the largest high school in the county. All facilities will be housed under one roof and will include a 1,400-seat auditorium with expansion capability to 2,000; a 300-seat student sanctuary; a 150-seat children’s sanctuary; coffee shop/bookstore; preschool for 200 students; Apostolic Christian Academy for 420 students; a banquet hall that will seat 300; and full-size gymnasium.

**THE VISION OF FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

As First Apostolic Church looks into the future, part of its vision remains missions oriented. “Our goal is that at some time in the future FAC will give \$1 million to global and home missions within a one-year period,” said Pastor Carpenter. “Another goal is to develop a church-wide network prayer ministry that would include a 24-hour call center reaching out globally.”

The FAC technical team is presently working on the capability to have all their internet webcast services closed captioned, so all countries and languages can understand the Apostolic message being preached in their own language. “It is our goal to assist our missionaries in foreign countries, not only financially, but also with tools to help spread the full gospel to the whole world,” said Pastor Carpenter.



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## The 10 Most Common Mistakes Churches Make

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1. *Failure to have an informative, easy-to-use website.* That is now the first place a prospective guest visits when he or she is thinking about attending a church. Websites are incredibly affordable today, and should be updated at least once a week.

2. *Failure of pastors and staff to be actively involved in social media.* That is analogous to a missionary in another land failing to learn how to speak the language of the people.

3. *Failure of pastors and staff to understand they represent the church when they are involved in social media.* Even if it is a personal blog or Twitter or Facebook account, church members read them. The community reads them. Pastors and staff: You represent yourself, your church and, most importantly, Christ. Please be careful with your words.

4. *Failure to urge people to be a part of groups.* Church leaders should regularly encourage members and others to get involved in a small group, home group, Sunday school class or some other ongoing group.

5. *Failure of church members to be considerate of where they sit.* It is rude for a guest to have to climb over members who are sitting by the aisle, or who leave no room for others because they use space for their coats, Bibles, smartphones and other items.

6. *Failure to have parking lot greeters.* This ministry is a church's opportunity to make a positive first impression.

7. *Failure to have clearly marked guest parking.* Most churches have guest parking places. The problem is most guests can't find them.

8. *Failure to have clearly marked entrances to the worship center.* Because we know our own church well, we often don't comprehend the challenges a first-time guest may have.

9. *Failure to have clearly marked entrances to the church offices.* This issue is, of course, more of a problem during weekdays.

10. *Failure to have adequate restroom facilities.* There should be an adequate number of clean restrooms. And guests should see clearly marked signs of how to find them.



## Mansion Dedicates Lumpkin Visitors Center

By Stephen Judd, TCM President



Stephen Judd  
[www.mansionkids.org](http://www.mansionkids.org)

The TCM Board of Directors and wonderful supporters gathered in Tupelo during the first week of February to conduct business and celebrate the wonderful success of this ministry over the past six decades.

During the Fellowship Banquet, the new Lumpkin Visitors Center was dedicated in honor of James G. Lumpkin Sr., who served on the TCM board for 34 years, as Vice Chairman and Chairman. According to Mickey Mangun, TCM was her father's "last love."

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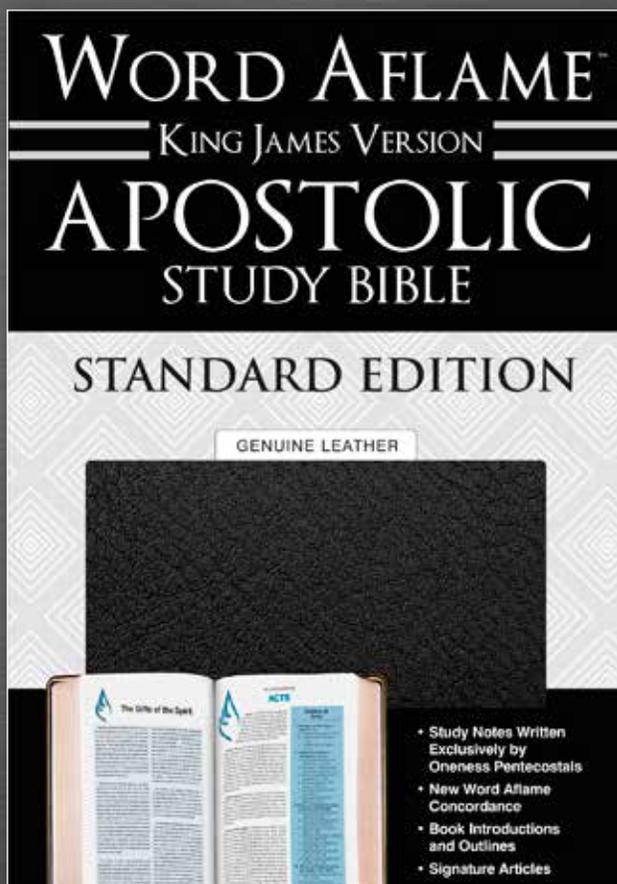
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# HEALING CANCER NATURALLY

By Charlotte L. Pound



**Manny and Katherine DeLaRosa**  
Bradenton, FL

**Sis. DeLaRosa, tell us a little about yourself.**

My husband, Manny, and I have been involved in ministry for more than 21 years. As new converts, our ministry began with a singular passion for teaching Bible studies. As our love for God's Word grew, we

quickly saw other doors open. In the early years, we enjoyed ministering together as Sunday school teachers, choir members and youth leaders. While Manny expanded into a greater role ministering God's Word, I continued helping in the areas of women's ministry and the nursery department, as we had three young children.

Over the years, Manny's career opportunities relocated our family to different cities throughout the United States. Although it was challenging to start over each time in a new church, we lived by a simple motto: "We must make ourselves available to do God's work." This approach served us well as we continued to minister at every opportunity. In addition, my professional background as a creative director in advertising became a valuable asset. As my husband's ministry grew, I began to use my design skills to assist him in areas of outreach, church administration and ministry advertising.

One of our most recent involvements in ministry found both of us employed full-time at Christian Life Center in Stockton, California. Manny worked as a staff pastor and principal of a parochial school while I worked in the church office assisting various ministries. Together, we became involved in a number of ministries including Small Groups, Membership, Baptismal Team, and of course teaching Bible studies. In fact, Manny's commitment to teach grew into a weekly Sunday morning Bible class supported by a diverse number of students ranging from new converts to long-standing members.

Today, our desire to follow God wherever He leads is stronger than ever. We currently serve under the leadership of Bro. Dale and Sis. Patricia Eason at Life Covenant Sanctuary in Bradenton, Florida. God continues to open new doors of opportunity as we make ourselves available to speak to both individuals and groups about God's

message of faith, hope and healing.

**Please share the testimony of your healing.**

My testimony begins in late September 2010 after the results of a routine mammogram were found to be abnormal. I had always been a health-conscious person and very proactive with my family and personal healthcare. For this reason, the test results were surprising. At first, I really did not believe there was any reason to be alarmed. I was even naive enough to think that "abnormal" could mean something other than cancer.

This way of thinking turned out to be a crucial mistake. Instead of researching my options before moving forward, I carelessly agreed to the next recommended step of a needle biopsy. Although this was presented to me as a safe, non-invasive procedure it turned out to be the determining factor in what would become a downward spiral of events.

From the moment Manny and I learned of the abnormal mammogram we embarked on an incredible journey of faith. Many times Manny had spoken on the necessity of faith. Through his Bible studies we were both well versed in how God delivered, provided, protected and healed those with faith. Now we were the ones in need, and it was our turn to stretch our faith.

Within a few days I received a phone call confirming a diagnosis of breast cancer. Specifically, I was diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma, a common but serious form of breast cancer. Admittedly, nothing had prepared either of us for hearing those words. The phrase "test of faith" was very familiar. In the past, it had been easy to say but now these words would define our life. With the weight of this news, we chose to maintain our normal work, school and ministry schedule while praying fervently for God to intervene.

My diagnosis was further complicated by the presence of the HER2 factor. At the time, we were unaware that this caused the cancer to act extremely aggressive, resulting in rapid growth. In my case this happened at an alarming rate. It was as if an explosion had occurred inside my body after the biopsy. Not even my doctors could explain how fast the cancer had spread. In short, when I was diagnosed the cancer site was microscopic with a very good prognosis. In less than two weeks following the biopsy, the cancer went from microscopic to engulfing the whole right breast. Then in less than three weeks following surgery the pathology report revealed that the cancer had spread to the lymph nodes in the center of my chest, my liver and spine.

Suddenly, we were facing a stage IV diagnosis with very little hope of survival. Everything appeared to be spiraling out of control. It seemed the harder we sought God, the worse our situation became. Nevertheless, our faith was not in the doctors or their negative reports. We had determined from the beginning that God was our answer. Although we did not know how or when, we trusted that God would provide my healing.

The rapid spreading and aggressive nature of the cancer led us to believe that chemotherapy was our only option. We agreed to the treatments believing they would slow the progress of the disease. My stage IV cancer came with the prognosis of a survival rate of less than one year. As my treatments began, it became obvious that chemotherapy was not a cure and that it would only serve to prolong my life expectancy to less than one year. I was facing a miserable year of existence with chemotherapy that would only serve to weaken my immune system making it impossible to recover. The doctor's report was bleak; shock my system with powerful drugs and hope to add more time to my life. One year would be a blessing but hoping for more time was impossible based on the prognosis.

Late one evening, three months into my treatment, Manny and I talked together discussing how we believed God had clearly revealed to me that this form of treatment was contrary to healing. Realizing that chemotherapy was not the answer, we prayed and made the ultimate decision to stop and walk away from treatment and place my life in God's hands. We looked at each other and promised to rely on God solely for my healing and that no matter the outcome -- be it death or a miracle -- we would not regret or doubt this decision. If I had one year to live, it would be spent living, sharing and loving instead of a bedridden existence from chemotherapy. The truth was we had entered into a new level of faith. Neither of us believed I would die. At that very moment we knew God would heal me completely.

From that time forward, we refused any negative word or action that would speak against God's healing in our lives. Manny instructed the family that we would only speak of my healing and would not speak of cancer anymore. I cried out daily to God and worshipped Him for what He would perform in my life, thanking him in advance as though it had already happened. One Sunday morning, I was well enough to join my family for morning worship service. The atmosphere was thick with the presence of God and prayer was powerful. Continued on page 22

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<b>MAY 14-16</b>	<b>Harvest Northwest Conference 2014</b> Specific direction, anointed ministry, practical solutions and new inspiration to rise to the challenge of planting, growing and developing churches in the great Northwest.	Abbotsford, BC	Carlton Coon Sr., Gerald Staten, Sam & Kristen Zenobia, Jesse Fortaleza	(314) 837-7304 or (778) 229-6657 <a href="mailto:mfavorite@upci.org">mfavorite@upci.org</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/harvest.northwest">facebook.com/harvest.northwest</a>
<b>JULY 23-25</b>	<b>Mile High Conference 2014</b> Revival of Prayer, Praise and Evangelism	Calvary Apostolic Church 5900 E. Yale Ave. Denver, CO 80222 Host: Don Haymon II	Douglas White and Steve Pixler. Guest music ministry by Tim Spell & Mark Yandris.	(303) 758-5900 <a href="http://www.cacdenv.org">www.cacdenv.org</a> <a href="mailto:DEH2@comcast.net">DEH2@comcast.net</a>
<b>JULY 2014</b>	<b>IMPACT Family Conference 2014</b> Day sessions to meet the needs of your entire family unit (Married, Single, Parents, Teens & Children) and your church leadership.	Woodlawn Church Hwy 98 - Columbia, MS Host Pastor: James Carney	To be announced	For detailed schedule, visit <a href="http://www.woodlawn-church.cc">www.woodlawn-church.cc</a> (601) 736-5128
<b>AUG 2-5</b>	<b>Arkansas Campmeeting - North Little Rock, AR</b> A conference where Apostolic doctrine is not only preached but embraced. The message of Acts 2:38 remains the same!	To be announced	To be announced	For more info visit <a href="http://www.arkansascampmeeting.com">www.arkansascampmeeting.com</a>
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# Theology: Responding to Arguments For the Trinity



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### Not At All Ashamed

I read a statistic the other day that said that 70% of second generation run businesses in this country fail. This was shocking to me. It seems we are just not all that great at passing things down. We cut corners. We want things to be easier for our kids than they were for us. But, this is no *easy* world they are inheriting.

Growing up, when I had disobeyed my parents would say, "Shame on you! You should know better." And, of course, I did know better. But today, we have trouble with the concept of shame. You're much more likely to hear, "It's okay. There's nothing to be ashamed of," than, "Shame on you!" We live in a shameless society. I believe that God died to take away our shame. He did NOT die to permit us to do SHAMEFUL things and not have to take account for them. In Hebrews, it says Jesus endured the cross because he DESPISED shame. He wanted it eradicated, not ignored.

*"Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken" (Jeremiah 6:15-17).*

How strikingly similar the battle lines that are drawn in our society and our churches today. The people were sinning against God, yet they felt no shame. Jeremiah describes their actions by telling us that they couldn't even blush. Still, God in His great compassion reaches out to them through the prophet and instructs them to "ask for the old paths," "the good way." Callously they answer, "We will not walk therein." He pleads further, explaining that he had given them a watchman. He entreats His people to listen for the sound of the trumpet. And, with hardness of heart they refuse, stating, "We will not hearken."

God stands at the door of this generation. He sets watchmen to guide us in the way of the "old paths" of holiness and righteousness. He pleads for His people to hold to the precious name of Jesus Christ, the Oneness message and baptism in Jesus' name. Will we make the transfer to the next generation? Will we preserve our inheritance? Or, will our pride steal our ability to recognize our own sin and shamefulness leaving us without the ability to even blush when we stand in His presence with unclean hands? We have great decisions ahead. Will our own success and affluence cause us to act foolishly and make choices that pull us away from our commitment to separation from the world? Will we North American Apostolics squander away our role in the greatest revival ever known? We must stand strong against sin and unrighteousness in these last days. We must fight against the spirit of compromise and indifference, lest we stand unashamedly choosing to reject the good way, refusing to hearken to the watchman, unable to blush.



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***I'm thinking of resigning my small church and going out and starting a home missions church - because I just can't seem to get my people behind me to see the church grow. Your thoughts?***

I can see you are frustrated. Often, when it seems that we carry the vision for growth all alone, it can become an overwhelming burden. But let me ask a few quick questions: Did God call you to that city? Has he released you from the burden to reach that city? Has God clearly told you to leave and go somewhere else? If you answer 'no' to these questions, you might want to simply change your mindset. Consider how much you have in your favor over a brand

new home missionary: you have a building, you have people to preach to, you have tithe and offerings coming in, and when you give an altar call, you have members that respond and pray with guests that come to the altar. You have a LOT going for you! However, you need to begin *thinking* like a home missionary. Quit frustrating yourself trying to motivate and use saints that are not interested in working in the harvest. If you started fresh in a new location, everything would be up to you anyway.

So begin to witness to anyone and everyone. Invite dozens to your services each week. Knock on doors every Saturday possible. Start a van ministry to bring children. Begin teaching home Bible studies, several at a time. Throw yourself into winning souls and building a church - as if you were starting a church from scratch! Set yourself a goal to see fifteen or twenty more in



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***"How do we respond to arguments for the trinity such as this, 'God lives without the limitations of a three-dimensional universe as spirit, which makes Him infinitely more complex than humans who are limited to a three dimensional world...?'"***

First of all, you would point out that this is an argument from philosophy, not Scripture. Starting with fallible human reason is wrong. But that doesn't mean we reject thinking. We instead base our logical conclusions in God's revelation. So when the OT says that God is one over 3,000 times, we start there first. We would admit God is infinitely complex, but the simplicity of His attributes are clearly delineated in the Bible. To say it another way, the claims of His indivisible oneness in His self-revelation are true, and God is not a liar. He cannot be other than what He has disclosed Himself in Scripture to be, or the Bible is broken.

Another example of this same faulty approach is found in the following argument. Some say if one were to use math to illustrate the trinity, it would not be  $1+1+1=3$ . It would be  $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$ . So, they would claim, God is one and yet a triune God. See here again the faulty starting point? This is not an argument from Scripture that then moves on to reasoning, but mere human philosophy. The Bible says there is only one LORD (Deut. 6:4). It does not say He's a plurality of persons with one substance. Further, this philosophical argument necessarily opens itself up to polytheism. Why stop arbitrarily at three?  $1 \times 1 = 1$  too. Again, remember God says He is one over 3,000 times in the OT alone!

Another philosophical argument is that God cannot be perfect unless He existed as a trinity because as a relational being God, who expresses love, God could not be perfect unless His love had an object. Again, this isn't Scripture. The starting point is again human philosophy. That said, Scripture simply declares God is love. I accept that on the basis of the Bible, and we need nothing from philosophy to make sense of that truth. We do know that God loved us before we existed through His foreknowledge. However, single people aren't less human for not having an object of marital love. But I wouldn't even argue here on this ground because it endorses the faulty starting point.

The point is we must start with God's self-revelation first, and then we can extrapolate from there. Any attempt to start with human philosophies and so-called logical arguments is a faulty method.

So when people say our limited human experience and finite minds make it tough to understand the Trinity, I agree. Reverting to mystery or arguments starting with mere human philosophy instead of Scripture is tough, for them. The admission of historical leaders such as Thomas Aquinas is telling, who said the trinity cannot be understood logically through our mind but must be taken alone by faith. He shows it's illogical. You must "throw reason out." That's not a good starting point either. So, it's not reason or philosophy alone, or illogical faith alone, but understanding the truth of God's Word first, and then thinking consistently through God's own self-revelation.

attendance over the next twelve months from your own personal evangelism efforts. Or set a goal to see five or six baptized and receive the Holy Ghost from the home Bible studies that you personally teach. Make soul winning your top priority. If you can get one or two of your existing saints to join you in reaching souls, so much the better! Begin to think and act like a home missionary who wakes up every morning and says, "if it is to be, it is up to me" and then do it!

What normally will happen, as you begin to fill the church with new converts, the personality and dynamic of the church will change. The excitement level will grow and people will start catching the vision that you have for growth. Then they will buy into your vision of revival and help you teach Bible studies, teach Sunday school classes, invite people to church and knock on doors.



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**God's Truth Heals**

"Where is my joy in the Lord? I go to church and feel distant from God even when others seem to be getting blessed. What is wrong with me? I fight depression daily. Why?" These are comments

that come from my counselees. They have experienced a wonderful salvation in the Holy Ghost but still fight depression. They struggle with feeling and accepting God's love.

My counseling education combined with the knowledge of God's Word enables me to ask the right questions that will help me understand why a person is fighting emotional pain. Salvation removes sin, but it does not remove life's experiences, emotions and feelings. If a person is raised in any type of abusive environment, he or she can easily struggle with a distorted God concept. Abandonment, divorce, addictions, major losses and death – all create damaged emotions. Sexual abuse in childhood also creates deep painful feelings that do not go away.

Individuals live with their own interpretation about the facts of their life. The negative childhood emotions travel with them into adulthood. Healing comes when we replace our negative thinking with God's truth! God's love for us is not based on our performance. If we feel condemnation even though we have God as the center of our lives, the devil is working hard to steal our Holy Ghost joy by negative thoughts.

Brain scientists agree that how we think affects our brains. Negative thoughts and words create blackness in the brain. Positive words and thoughts light up the brain and make it grow new receptors. It was God who said, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." My counseling helps people learn God's interpretation about the facts of their life. I ask the question, "What is God's truth?" God's truth does not create death. He came to give us life more abundantly.

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**God Confirms Truth**

"The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment" Proverbs 12:19. Where are they?

I speak of the towering churches that those who left us for a *lighter* message were certain they would build.

Where is it? I speak of the *freedom* they declared they had when they shed Biblically-based boundaries of separation.

The waves of destruction have drowned many a preacher who left the safety of the mountain top of truth. During the course of my ministry, I have been asked to teach or train leaders on how to see results. Results when they preach. And results in the context of growth for the churches they lead. Certainly there is more than one part to that equation – building faith, creating environment and community, increasing visitor flow and other things. What cannot be left out of the total dynamic is the truth.

The truth makes people free. It is also impossible to worship God absent of the truth (John 4:24). One of the greatest ways to see results is to simply preach the truth. No hatred. No brow beating. And no watering down. Just simply, lovingly and firmly proclaim the truth. It will amaze you what happens.

Several years ago, I challenged a pastor friend of mine concerning the knowledge of the church he led. He responded by asserting their knowledge of Biblical truth was high. After assuring him it was not meant as an affront, I pointed out that one of the major flaws in Pentecost is preachers assume their audiences know what they know. His response? The next year he conscientiously preached and taught basic Biblical truth to his church. The results? He saw more people get the Holy Ghost and a greater growth in attendance than ever before.

Jesus is the truth (John 14:6). If you desire to see more results in your ministry and in your church, preach, teach and proclaim the truth. But I should warn you - results will follow.

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**I understand that there may be a tax credit for churches to apply for in regard to the Affordable Health Care credit? If so, how does a church apply for the refundable credit?**

Yes, under the Affordable Health Care Act, any entity can apply for a refundable tax credit if the employer (church) pays for the insurance premiums of the employees. There is a length calculation process that is required to determine the availability and amount of the credit. Also, the credit is refundable back to the 2010 tax year.

To determine the amount of the credit, you have to list the total number of full-time employees and how much was paid on behalf of those employees. You have to know the amount of wages paid to these employees for the given year so that an average pay can be determined. The average pay cannot exceed \$50,000. Any amount of state or federal subsidy must be deducted from the amount paid in insurance premiums.

The credit is calculated and ultimately reported on Form 990-T.

Any church that pays the insurance premiums for the employees, including the pastor, may be eligible for the refund. The only way to determine if the refund is due to the church is to complete the calculations and forms required.

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**Buying a New Or Used Car**

The first step to getting a good deal on a new or used car is to be informed before you negotiate with a dealer.

New and used car cost guides are available in bookstores, libraries and online. These will help you research prospective models, their factory invoice prices, and the costs of various options.

When you decide to visit a dealer, keep in mind that the sticker price may not represent the actual price of the car. The dealer may receive a rebate from the manufacturer for each car that is sold, usually 2% to 3% of the sticker price. Plus, a markup of \$400 or more may be added to the price of the car, leaving ample bargaining room for most vehicles. Alternatively, there are one-price car dealers who feature

realistic sticker prices but leave no opportunity for bargaining.

Once you've decided on a car and agreed on a price, there are other expenses to keep in mind. Financing costs will depend on the amount and term of the loan, interest rate, and type of loan. Additionally, there are insurance costs which vary widely depending upon the type of car, location and coverage. Finally, there's depreciation – the biggest cost of owning a new car. With some new cars dropping in value by as much as 20% in the first year on the road, it pays to do your homework on the car you want.

Thinking of buying a car? You'll save money, avoid headaches, and get the car you want if you pay attention to buying advice from auto industry insiders and consumer credit experts.

First, decide what kind of vehicle you need. What you choose is entirely up to you, but a little red sports car is probably unwise if you drive clients around or ferry four kids to soccer games.

Similarly, think hard before you pay extra for a four-wheel-drive sports utility vehicle if it seldom snows where you live and your only off-road driving is in shopping mall parking lots.

Consider, too, whether a late-model used car, costing thousands of dollars less than a new vehicle, would meet your needs. The biggest cost in owning a new car is depreciation, with some new cars dropping in value by as much as 20% in the first year on the road.

You've probably decided that auto leasing is not for you. There can be pluses to leasing, most notably low down payments, convenience and accounting advantages for businesses. But it is almost impossible, over the long run, to lease a car for less than it costs to buy. By buying, you'll also avoid charges for extra wear or for mileage over the usual 12,000- to 15,000-mile yearly limit.

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**THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS****Half of British Children No Longer Know Common Bible Stories**

Research from the Bible Society has revealed a majority of children in Britain are growing up unfamiliar with Bible stories like Adam and Eve, and David and Goliath.

More than 50% of children



never read or are never read Bible stories, in contrast to their parents' generation, with around nine in

10 parents (86%) saying they read, listened to or watched Bible stories growing up.

Over half of children polled (54%) read Bible stories never or less than once a year at school or home. Similarly 45% of parents with children aged 3 to 8 never read Bible stories to their child.

A report was released recently by the Bible Society as part of the launch for its "Pass It On" campaign calling on parents to keep the Bible alive for future generations.

The research reveals a growing generation gap of Bible literacy in Britain despite 43% of parents believing it is important for their child to have read, seen or heard Bible stories because they provide values for a good life.

Similarly, 40% think they are important to the nation's history and culture, and over a third (36%) say they are classic stories that stand the test of time. Just 12% of parents surveyed said it was not important for children to read Bible stories.

Among non-Christian parents with children aged 3 to 8, one in 10 read Bible stories to their child daily, rising to 12% for those that do not associate with any religion.

Polled just a few weeks after Christmas, almost one in three children (29%) did not identify the Nativity as a story from the Bible, including 35% of 15-year-olds. This rises to 36% for the Good Samaritan, 41% for Samson and Delilah and well over half, 59%, for David and Goliath and Jonah and the Whale.

Even for some of the best known Bible stories, one in five were unable to identify Noah's Ark as a Bible story, while a similar proportion (19%) did not know Adam and Eve came from the Bible.

By contrast one in 10 (9%) believe that King Midas and Icarus appear in the Bible. Many children have not read, seen or heard classic Bible stories.

**Helpful Apps For Ministers**

How many tablet apps do you use as resources to help you be more organized? There is a good chance you are in a never-ending hunt, roaming the iTunes app store, looking for the next app that will make your iPad better than ever. Here is a list of favorites for ministry every iPad-packing pastor needs:

**Day One Journal.** Day One is the best app for anyone who journals. It is especially useful for quiet time with God. Also consider using Day One for recording prayer requests.

**Evernote.** This the best note-taking app ever. It can be used to keep a database of your sermons, and can be used to capture random ideas for sermons, illustrations, blog posts or whatever else comes to mind.

**Penultimate.** Penultimate is a hand-written note-taking app which automatically saves your notes into a designated Evernote folder. This is great for taking notes in meetings.

**Dropbox.** Dropbox is a hard drive in the cloud. It syncs with your computer so you can easily drag and drop any file into it. Then you can pull these files up on your iPad or iPhone.

**Paper.** Paper, designed for note-taking and drawing, won the app of the year award from iTunes. It allows you to organize notes and sketches into different notebooks just as if you had a bag full of notebooks with you.

**LogMeIn.** A must for the pastor on the go. LogMeIn allows you to access your desktop computer at any time from your iPad. It's like having your computer with you at all times.

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**Downcast.** Listen to free podcasts from your favorite preachers. It automatically syncs across your iPad and iPhone. The best feature is the ability to speed up podcasts. By going up to 2x speed, you can cut an hour message to 30 minutes.

**Logos Bible.** Logos gives you the power of an entire research library wherever you go. This app will sync with your entire book library. Excellent for sermon study on the go!

**The Bible App.** This is the best Bible app without exception. The reading plans are a fantastic way to stay accountable for daily Bible reading. And if you are driving, working out or just don't feel like reading, you can listen to the audio versions.

Other amazing apps include [Bible for Kids](#), [Feedly](#), [Planning Center](#), [HootSuite](#), [Pages](#), [Numbers](#), [Keynote](#), [Kindle](#), [Presentation Clock](#), [Genius Scan](#), [GoodReader](#), [Spotify](#), [GarageBand](#), [30/30](#), and [Clear](#).

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

■ According to reports, during 2012-2013, Planned Parenthood received \$540.6 million in taxpayer funding, or nearly \$1.5 million per day. In 2012, Planned Parenthood performed 327,166 abortions, a 2% drop from 2011. Over the past three reported years, Planned Parenthood has performed nearly one million

abortions.

■ More than 22,000 students from 180 countries are currently studying Paul's New Testament letters, thanks to Harvard University and edX, which offers massive open online courses for free. The class, entitled "Early Christianity: The Letters of Paul," is considered the world's largest Bible class.

**SOCIAL TRENDS****Largest Church in the World Sits Mostly Empty**

The Basilique Notre-Dame de la Paix de Yamoussoukro (the Basilica of Our Lady of Peace of Yamoussoukro) in Africa ranks as the largest church in the world. But few people worship in this 18,000-person facility.

Built in the late 1980s by Ivory

Coast's president Félix Houphouët-Boigny for \$300 million, this Catholic church is based on St. Peter's basilica in Rome. According to the *Daily Beast*, after moving the country's capital to his birthplace of Yamoussoukro, then an agricultural village of just 15,000, Houphouët-Boigny commissioned a lavish replica in honor of the town's new title and, presumably, as a lasting legacy to his reign as it dwindled.

He reportedly spent the next four years pouring millions into the project, led by architect Pierre Fakhoury, who brought in 1,500 workmen to sculpt the colossal structure in an expedited three years to ensure the aging president could see its completion. The end result was a complex stretching across 323,000 square feet and soaring 525 feet into the air. Inside, a massive, domed nave offers individual air conditioning vents for all the chairs.

Up to 18,000 people can worship in the basilica but in a nation where more than two thirds of its people aren't even Christian, it has a tough time filling just a few seats.

**RELIGIOUS TRENDS****What Are the Most, Least Religious States?**

Religiousness across the U.S. in 2013 remained similar to previous years, according to a recent Gallup report. With 61% of its residents classified as very religious, Mississippi held on to its position as the most religious state, while Vermont, with only 22% very religious residents, remained the least religious.

The country's most religious states were primarily in the South, with the exception of Utah, and the least religious states were in the West and in New England. Gallup classifies Americans as very religious if they say religion is an important part of their daily lives and attend religious services every week or almost every week.

The 10 least religious states in 2013 are from two areas, primarily New England and the West, in addition to the District of Columbia. As for least religious states, Vermont and New Hampshire continue to be the least religious in the country.

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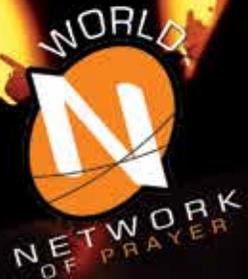
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**L**t. Hiroo Onada, a WW2 Japanese soldier, was left on the island of Lubang on Dec. 25, 1944 with the command to “carry on the mission even if Japan surrendered.” All efforts to capture and convince him to surrender failed. Over 30,000 men were used to try and locate him and almost half a million dollars was spent trying to convince him the war was over.

He ignored messages from loudspeakers announcing Japan’s surrender and that they were now allies of the United States. Leaflets were dropped from planes over the jungle begging him to give up so he could return to Japan, but he refused to believe.

Finally, on March 10, 1974, 30 years after the war had ended, Onada surrendered his rusty sword after receiving a personal command from his former superior officer who read the terms of the ceasefire. Onada handed his sword to President Marcos who then pardoned him. The war was finally over.

Unlike Lt. Onada, we’re still in battle. The devil and the forces of darkness are just as real as they’ve ever been. In fact, there’s never been a time when there’s been such an all-out attack against the church. When John identified this last-day battle ... “Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea, for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath because he knoweth that he hath but a short time” (Rev.12:12).

Never in all of history has there been such an assault against the people of God. Never before have people with so much doctrinal knowledge been so confused about the truth. Never has there been such pressure on pastors and preachers just to stay in ministry. Never has there been such a pull on the church by the world to succumb to lesser commitment and weaker devotion. Never have godly marriages been under such attack. Never has it been such a struggle to live a separated and holy life. Peter called his an “untoward generation”... I wonder what he’d say about ours?

While men die, the spirits that drive them don’t. The insidious spirit of Sanballat and Tobiah that tried to talk Nehemiah down from the wall is still alive and well in the earth. That spirit of oppression and discouragement is doing everything it can to get us to surrender to the pressure, question our faith, lessen our efforts, ignore our walk and forsake the place of our calling! If there was ever a time we need to stay committed, hold to truth, contend for faith, and continue in the work whereunto we’re called ... it’s NOW! Now is the time to fight, stay focused and get our faith back.

“And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits” (Dan.11:32).

### **The Enemy Will Use Every Tactic to Talk Us Down**

Nehemiah called the building of the wall “a great work.”

Undoubtedly he had a burden and call from God to go to Jerusalem and rebuild the walls the enemy destroyed and burned with fire. The enemy is still about death and destruction. The devil wants to destroy everything he can ... your home, family, marriage, ministry, faith, commitment, walk, revival! But, like Nehemiah, the church is called to get up on the wall and disrupt his plans, foil his intentions, halt his campaign, and stop his forward progress in the earth.

The reason the devil hates the church is it’s been given the ministry of reconciliation. God’s designed it as the vehicle to bring people back to God and restore what the enemy destroyed. The church is the only right thing left in a wrong world. I don’t know how long Nehemiah was on the wall before the enemy came, but when you start doing something for God it’s only a matter of time.

When Sanballat heard that Nehemiah built the wall he was wrath and took great indignation against the Jews. “What do these feeble Jews? Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish which are burned?” (Neh. 4:2)

When that didn’t stop them the enemy came and tried to talk him down. “You’re wasting your time. Why don’t you come down? It’s never going to get built.” But Nehemiah said, “They thought to do me mischief.” The devil hates the very thought of you doing something for God. That’s why he mocks your intentions, scorns your burden and ridicules your effort. He’ll use every tactic, means and method to try and discourage you and get you to give up.

He’ll tell you you’re not good enough – he’ll attack your calling and try and get you to question your gifts and ability; get you to compare yourself to others on the wall, make you believe you don’t have what it takes. You’re not strong enough – try and make you believe you can’t stand under the pressure; it’s too tough and the battle too hot. You’re not spiritual enough – make you question your walk. You don’t pray, fast, or get in the Word enough. What do you expect? That’s his business ... he’s the “accuser of the brethren” (Rev.12:10).

“He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is NO TRUTH in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar and the father of it” (John 8:44). We’re not ignorant of his devices. It’s time to rise up and resist his voice and do the will of God.

### **We Don’t Have to Have it All Together**

The reason we get discouraged and quit is because we give up too soon. Just because we don’t see anything happening doesn’t mean God’s not working.

When the enemy came and tried to talk Nehemiah down, I was reminded of what

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he said, "I am doing a great work so that I cannot come down" (Neh. 6:3). When he said that, the wall wasn't complete, not even close.

God reminded me I don't have to have it all together for God to be in it; have all the pieces in place for God to sanction it; a perfect life, home, marriage, church, ministry to do something for God.

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it..." (Philippians 1:6). Regardless of where I am in the process it's still a good work, and it's worthy of my prayer, devotion, toil, sacrifice, effort, faith, blood, sweat and tears.

The enemy is trying to get you to come down because your life, marriage, ministry, church isn't perfect. I've got good news ... you don't have to be strong enough, "His strength is made perfect in our weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9). You don't have to be pretty enough, "For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation" (Ps. 149:4). You don't have to be wise enough, "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; the base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence" (1 Cor. 1:26-29). You don't have to be talented enough, "I can do all things through Christ ..." (Philippians 4:13). You don't have to be spiritual enough, "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness" (1 Cor. 1:30). When I'm NOT enough, my God is MORE than enough.

You say, "I'm not a somebody!" Who said so? The devil's good at making us believe we're a "nobody"! Nehemiah wasn't a "somebody." He wasn't born with privilege; he was nothing more than a slave, servant, cupbearer. What got his name on a few pages of the Holy Writ is that he got a burden, answered a call, engaged in the work and refused to come down.

You say, "I've made some mistakes" ... who hasn't? Abraham was a liar, Moses a murderer, David an adulterer, and Peter a betrayer. "A just man falleth seven times but riseth up again." Shake off the accusing voice of the enemy and get back on the wall!

### ***I Can't Come Down...***

There's still more work to be done! The wall is not yet complete! "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish His work" (John 4:34). There are still more sermons to preach, songs to be sung, souls to be won, classes to be taught, offerings to be taken, churches to be built, missionaries to be sent, ministries to establish.

There's no such thing as retirement in the kingdom. No matter where you are in life there's still a work to do. You're needed on the wall ... we need your hands, feet, mouth, knowledge, wisdom, resources, prayers, finances, support. What I'm doing matters! I'm not wasting my time on the wall ... it is not in vain! "Be ye stedfast, unmoveable . . ." (1 Cor. 15:58). It's going to be rewarded.

I've been entrusted with a part of the wall, and it's my job to make sure it gets finished. There's a generation that's following! My kids are watching ... will I cave under the pressure or stay on the wall? If I don't stay on the wall, I can't expect them to.

### ***Closing...***

Did Nehemiah ever get discouraged? I'm sure. What kept him there? Not a vision or supernatural encounter . . . just the call, his faith in God, and the cause for which he built.

"The enemy said, We'll swoop down and kill them and end their work. Nehemiah placed guards at the lowest parts of the wall in the exposed areas to stand guard. He said, Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord who is great and glorious, and FIGHT for your brothers, sons, daughters, and your homes. So they returned to the work on the wall but from then on they carried on their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other" (Neh. 4:11-17).

God is calling us to pick up our weapons and get back on the wall!



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# Healing Cancer Naturally

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It seemed that every aspect of the service was directed to a message of healing. All I could do was to thank Him for giving me another day. As I made my way to the altar during our worship service, I felt strangely different, almost as if I were cleansed throughout my body. In that moment, I knew God had answered our prayers for my healing. Manny was worshipping also and later spoke to me and said he felt strongly that I had been healed that morning.

Of course, I was excited to share with my oncologist what God had done entirely. However, my enthusiasm was met with doubt and resistance. She requested that I undergo a diagnostic CT scan to show the cancer was still present. Although I was not in favor of this, Manny and I agreed it was the best way to prove what God had done. It was no surprise to us when the results revealed I was free of cancer. The report came back stating there was "no trace" of cancer. Not only was I free of cancer; I was also free from the fear of this disease!

My testimony does not stop there. Through all of this, God spoke to me about a lifestyle change that would reflect what God had revealed concerning healing cancer naturally. Through this whole ordeal I had compiled a wealth of research on healing through natural medicine with help and encouragement from my sister, Sandy, who was facing her own health crisis and was led by God to search out natural methods. Much of her research indicated cancer could also be addressed with natural or alternative medicines. Manny and I were convinced that God was not only leading me to a complete restoration but also to the understanding that He created foods with the power to prevent and heal disease. The more I studied and applied this newly found information, the more I regained my strength. I began to see the reversal of the devastating effects of chemotherapy. God has given me the assurance of His power to heal both through His Word and through all that He has created. I am convinced that God wants everyone to walk in good health. He designed a specific plan for us to live by that actually protects and defends against many illnesses and diseases including cancer. The Bible is filled with wisdom on how we should approach our health.

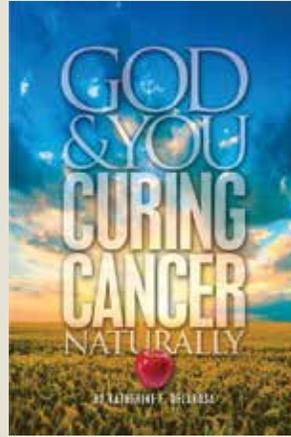
## Why do so many today struggle with cancer? What can Apostolics do?

The increasing number of people diagnosed with cancer is of great concern. The average person knows at least one person fighting this terrible disease. It is interesting to note that cancer is a very "high profile" disease that commands great attention in funding and research. The emphasis for this research focuses almost entirely on finding a "CURE." In my opinion and experience while researching cancer, researchers should spend more time focusing on the "CAUSE" of this disease. Natural medicine does just that. It focuses on the cause. This approach makes all the difference and is at the root of why so many people struggle with cancer. Traditional treatments include surgery, chemotherapy and radiation. These treatments are aimed at killing cancer cells and shrinking malignant tumors but these issues are only symptoms of a much greater problem within the body.

In my opinion, Apostolics should be the healthiest people on earth. I believe we should be the best examples of good stewardship when it comes to our health. Sadly, instead of nurturing our body through the instruction of God's Word, we fall in line with the world's idea of a "healthy" lifestyle. As a result, both the world and God's people deal unnecessarily with illness and disease. As I discovered, the Bible is very specific on healing and what we should do to guard our health. It should not surprise us that God's Word is contrary to the message and actions of this world. On top of this, the world will never understand how to have "faith" in God. The good news is that God's people can operate in faith. Faith in God never fails!

## Where can we buy your book?

The book *God & You Curing Cancer Naturally* is available through the Pentecostal Publishing House as well as online at Amazon. In addition, my husband and I are available to share our message of faith and healing in person to churches and interested organizations. We encourage anyone who would like to contact us to please use our e-mail information: viadelarosa5@att.net.



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# Daughters of the Promise

## Bible Study Shows How Women of Acts Changed Their World

By Susan Thomas



Sis. Judith Bentley  
Jackson, MO

“Doing missionary work in Russia and Estonia is when I began teaching these lessons,” said Sis. Judith Bentley of Jackson, Missouri. “It was a culture shock to be able to teach the Bible to people who had never even touched a Bible, much less read

one. I began very simply by giving them a Bible and then telling them the difference between the Old and New Testament.

“I taught them that one of the most exciting books in the Bible was the book of Acts and gave them the setting for the book. I called the lessons ‘How to be Apostolically Correct.’ Many of my home groups were all women so I taught them about the women in Acts -- who they were, what they believed and how they changed their world.”

When Sis. Bentley came home from overseas, she became very aware that more and more Americans did not attend church or read their Bibles. “There were many others in our churches who

knew Acts 2:38 and had received that experience,” she said. “Yet, they felt weak and limited when they tried to present their faith to others.”

Her daughter, Kristin Hoover, kept encouraging her to write the lessons she had been teaching. So they teamed up together to produce *Daughters of the Promise*, a life-altering Bible study for women by women. Divided into six lessons, the study shows how the women of Acts changed their world. “Together with Bro. Johnston and the team at the Pentecostal Publishing House, God gave us a high quality product that has already blessed many people around the world,” said Sis. Bentley.

“I am convinced that in these last days, the Apostolic faith needs to be taught and reconfirmed on a regular basis. I have used the DVD from the second lesson to teach my Adult Sunday School class. My husband used it as part of his message on Pentecost Sunday. It has the exciting testimonies of

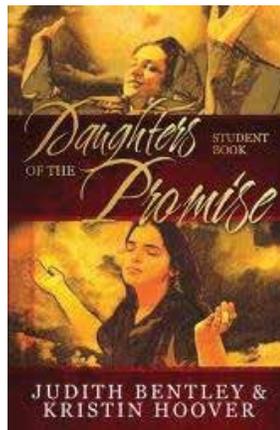
four generations of Apostolics.”

Sis. Bentley said her friend in Alaska took four weeks to teach the first two lessons of *Daughters of the Promise*. At the end of those lessons, the two women she was teaching were both baptized and received the Holy Ghost. Soon afterward their husbands and other family members were also saved.

“One of the great parts of the lesson packet is a DVD in which Kristin and I introduce each lesson,” explained Sis. Bentley. “We put a lot of action into these DVDs, and they have been very effective as an opening hook to create interest in what follows. The student book is the primary resource in the packet. The teacher’s manual is a guide to help give direction and additional helps for the

teacher.”

The *Daughters of the Promise* study may be ordered from the Pentecostal Publishing House or from Sis. Bentley and Sis. Hoover at 292 Oak Meadow Dr., Jackson, MO 63755.



# Iron Clad For Kids: Teaching Them to Stand for Truth

By Susan Thomas



Sis. Nan Pamer  
Barberton, OH

Iron Clad is an Apostolic superhero who teaches kids how to be strong in God. His part of the *Iron Clad for Kids* curriculum deals with the dangers of too much technology keeping kids from their God-destiny

(the plan God has for their lives).

“There are great DVDs that help make the learning fun; music that gets the kids moving, activities that give them backbones of iron!” said Sis. Nan Pamer, who developed the curriculum. “The lesson centers around 10 Bible characters that stand for truth. Many were young when they had to take a stand. The curriculum works hard to build strong character in kids, making them unafraid to stand up for what is right.

“Along with the lesson, a phrase is taught that goes with the character. For example, Daniel said, ‘I will do what’s right.’ The kids know that Daniel was a

young person who did what was right, regardless! Each week they learn a new character with a new phrase. At the end of 10 weeks, the phrases go together to make an awesome SNAPS! Choir. The kids say the phrases while snapping their fingers. It is really great!” adds Sis. Pamer.

One of the *Iron Clad for Kids* DVDs includes lessons about: 1) God-Destiny (God has a great plan for every kid’s life); 2) Instant Decision (Kids must learn to say an immediate “yes” to God and “no” to the world. Deciding instantly is crucial!); 3) Super Power (Iron Clad gets his power from the Holy Ghost, and it must be renewed regularly).

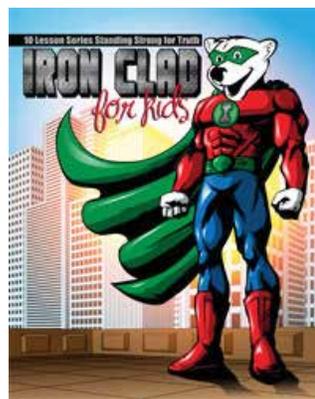
Kindergarten through sixth grade is the target age. “It has been such a hit with the kids in our church,” states Sis. Pamer of Barberton, OH. “We use the lessons in mid-week services because it is a good

time slot for challenging the kids to grow in their knowledge of God.”

Also, the set includes a DVD showing all the parts of the curriculum and how to teach them: 1) the SNAPS! Choir phrases for the kids to learn; 2) Iron Clad teaching his moves and his lessons; 3) skits of Iron Clad teaching a young ermine, Slinky, how to stand for truth, even though she messes up a lot; 4) a CD of the Iron Clad theme music; 5) the Bible character lessons; 6) a Power Point presentation and 7) a craft-time segment.

Sis. Pamer said her goal with the *Iron Clad* curriculum was “to show the kids that they must not give in to pressures and they must develop their strength in God early!”

The cost for *Iron Clad for Kids* is \$149. It can be ordered through the website; 10D4K.com or calling the church at 330.745.5550, ext 114.



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6:30 A.M. BREAKFAST ● THE HILTON  
8:00 A.M. BOOK HUNTING,  
MEETING WITH RICHARD BAKER  
● BAKER BOOK HOUSE  
4:00 P.M. WRAP-UP DINNER



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**Word To The Wise:**

A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor.

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A husband and wife went for counseling after 25 years of marriage. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into an angry tirade, listing each and every problem they had ever had in the 25 years they had been married.

She went on and on - neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, a long list of unmet needs she had endured over the course of their quarter century of marriage.

Finally, after allowing this to go on for a sufficient length of time, the therapist stood up, walked around his desk and, asking the wife to stand, embraced her and kissed her passionately on the mouth.

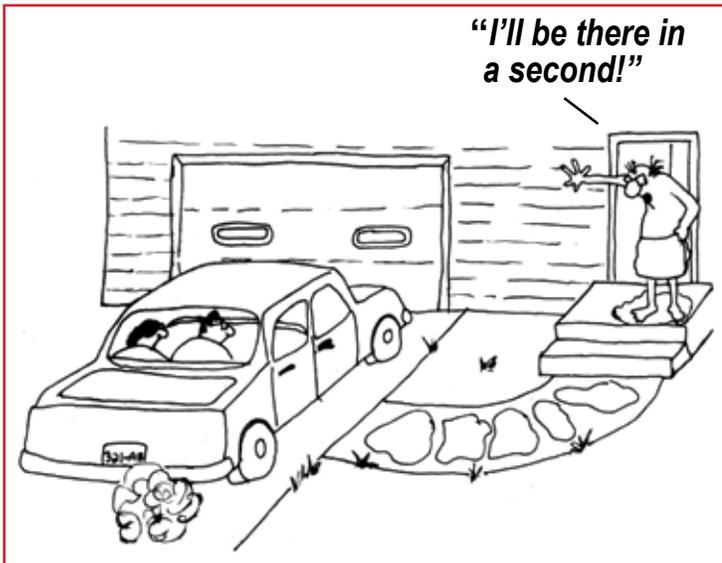
The woman shut up and, in a daze, quietly sat down. The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least seven times a week. Do you think you can do this?"

The husband thought for a moment and replied, "Well, doc, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on the other days, I play golf."

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Some buffalo were grazing on the range when a tourist said, "Those are the mangiest, scroungiest beasts I have ever seen."

One buffalo turned to the other and said, "You know...I think I just heard a discouraging word."



Picking up saints for church is not without its challenges.

My neighbor was working in his yard when he was startled by a late model car that came crashing through his hedge and ended up in his front lawn.

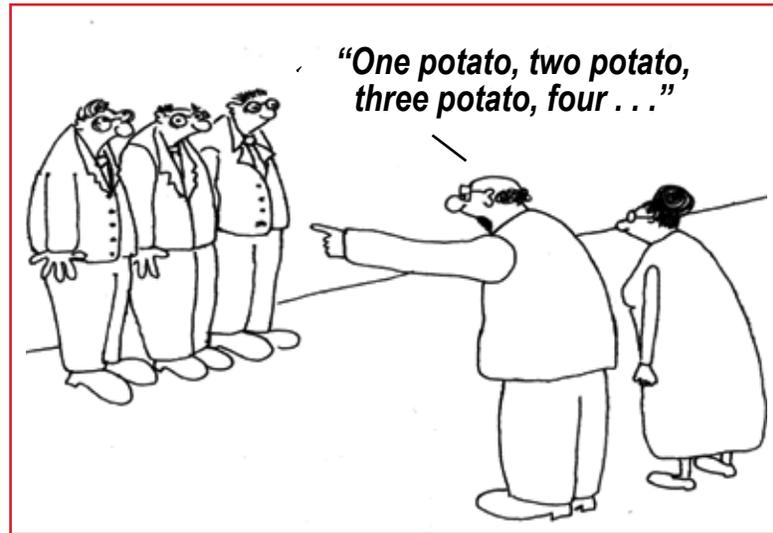
He rushed to help an elderly lady driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair. He said with excitement, "You appear quite elderly to be driving."

"Well, yes, I am," she replied proudly. "I'll be 97 next month, and I am now old enough that I don't even need a driver's license anymore. The last time I went to my doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driver's license. I told him yes and handed it to him. He took scissors out of the drawer, cut the license into pieces, and threw them in the waste basket, saying, 'You won't need this anymore,' so I thanked him and left!"

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The presiding judge in a case involving a man charged with tax evasion was known for his dry sense of humor. As the defendant stood before him alone, the judge asked if he had counsel. Looking toward the ceiling, the man replied, "Jesus Christ is my counselor and defender."

The wise judge nodded slowly while carefully framing his next question, which was, "Sir, do you have LOCAL counsel?"



Anticipating his upcoming resignation, Pastor Binkel picks his successor.

A new doctor had arrived in town. He could cure anything and anybody. Everyone was amazed with what he could do - everyone except for old Mr. Thompson, the town skeptic.

Grumpy old Mr. Thompson went to visit this "miracle doctor" to prove that he wasn't anybody special. When it was time for his appointment he told the doctor, "Hey, doc, I've lost my sense of taste. I can't taste nothin', so what are ya goin' to do?"

The doctor scratched his head and mumbled to himself a little, then told Mr. Thompson, "What you need is jar number 47."

So the doctor brought the jar out, opened it, and told Mr. Thompson to taste it. He tasted it and immediately spit it out. "This is gross!" he yelled.

"Looks like I just restored your sense of taste, Mr. Thompson," said the doctor. So Mr. Thompson went home...very mad.

One month later, Mr. Thompson decides to go back to the doctor and try once again to expose him as a fake, by complaining of a new problem. "Doc," he started, "I can't remember anything!"

Thinking he had the doctor stumped now, he waited as the doctor scratched his head, mumbled to himself a little, and told Mr. Thompson, "What you need is jar number 47, it's..."

But before the doctor could finish his sentence, Mr. Thompson was cured and fled the room!

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Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and pinning the tail on the donkey. But I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.



"Gotta go to all-night prayer meeting."

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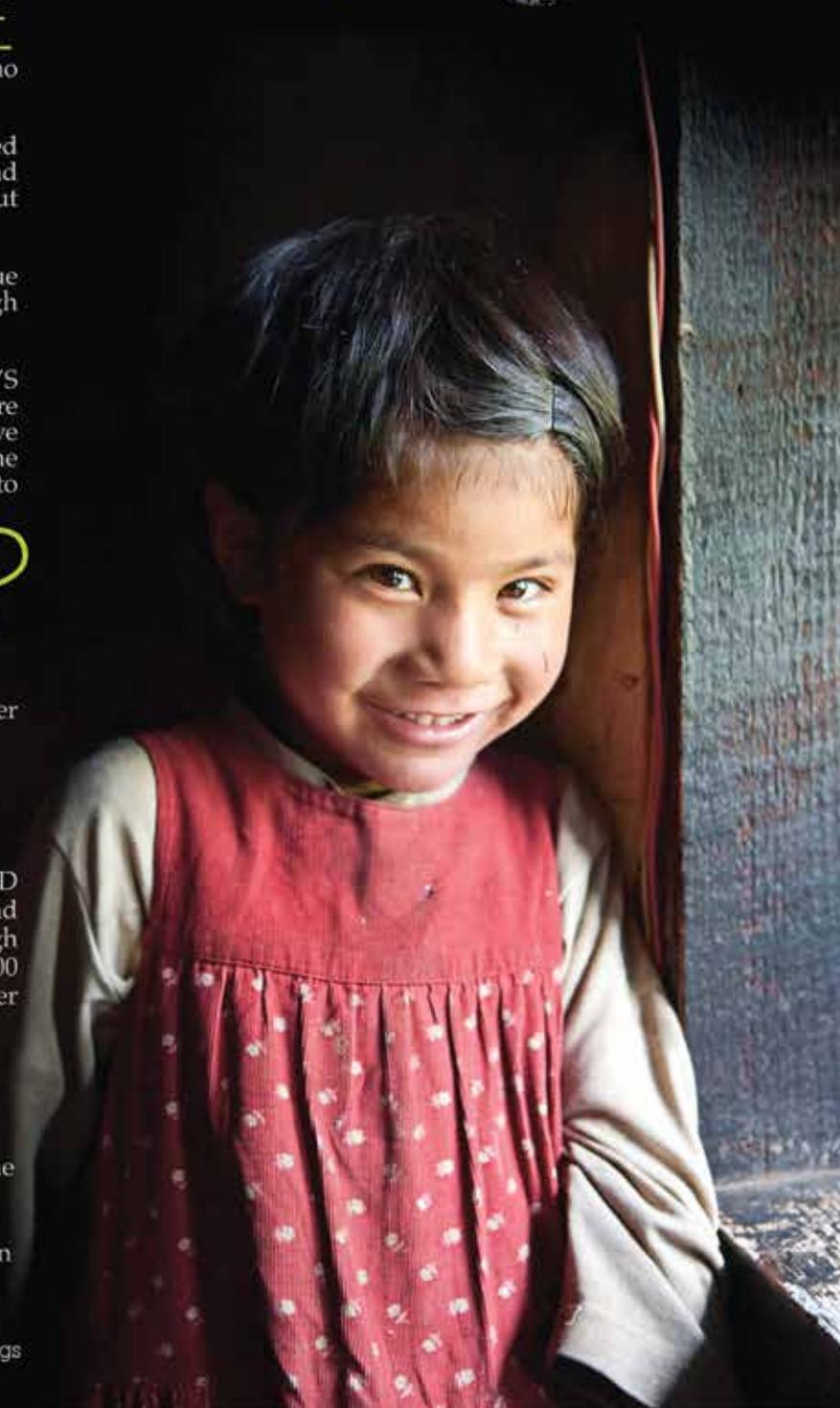
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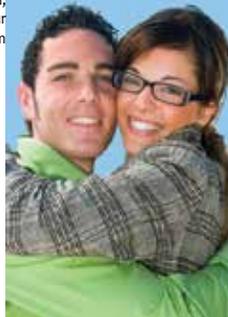


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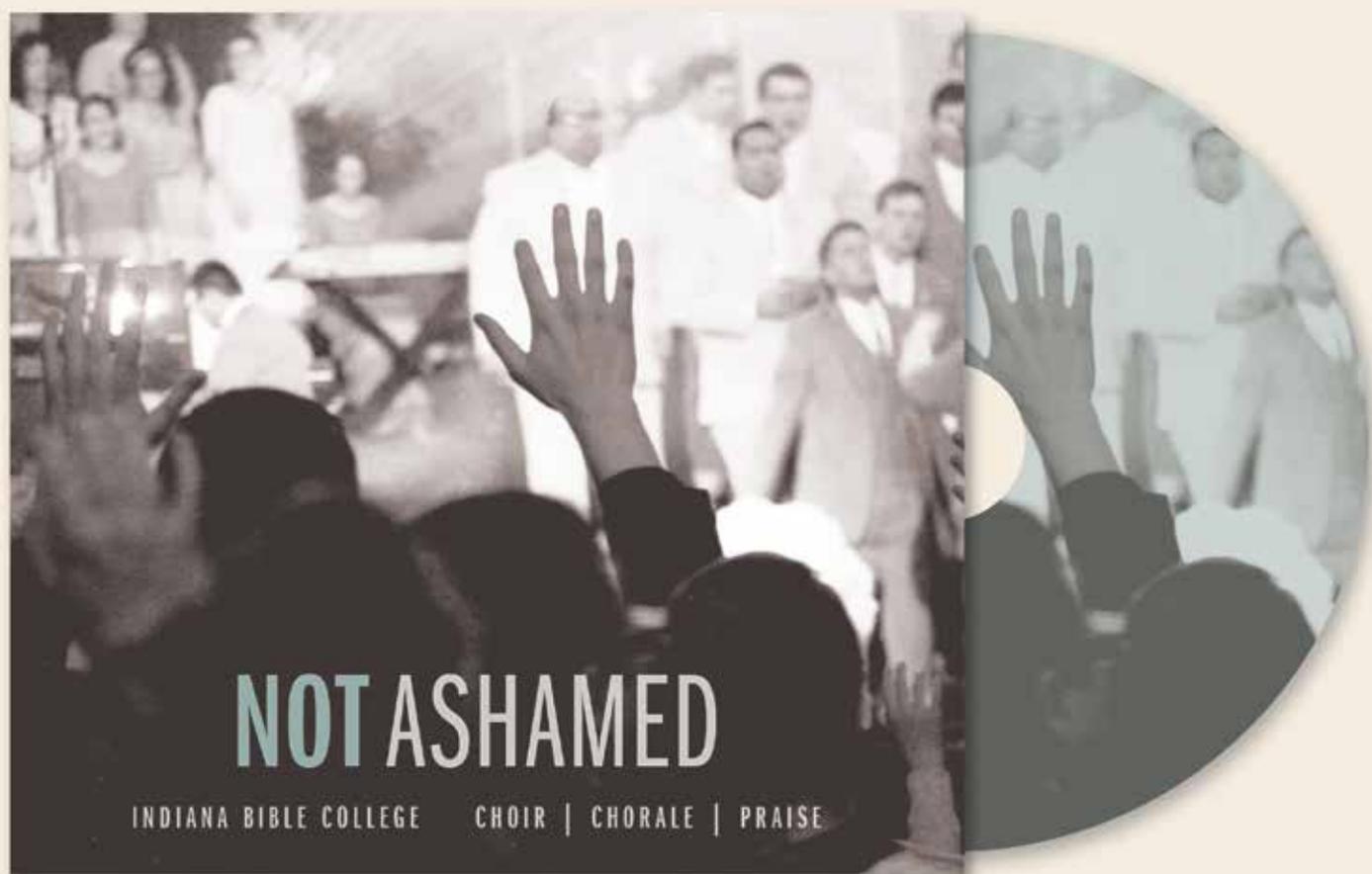
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