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Empires of the Mind

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“Modern youth are being seduced by bad ideas. They describe their new ideas as being cool. They don’t see that certain ideas are shaping or forming a new ideology without their knowledge.”

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee” (Proverbs 23:7). Herein lies a profound warning: When sitting to eat the dainty meats, keep in mind that the pleasure of the exquisite food and the generous hospitality may cause one to put aside the issues or fail to perceive hidden agendas. Such is the flattery of an enemy whose real agenda is to conceal his heart that he may deceive. The wise man alerts us in his proverb that what really decides life and death is the disposition of the heart. “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Proverbs 4:23).

The world is being reshaped and re-imagined, but not so much by nationalistic agendas as by the content and force of men’s hearts. In 1943, at Harvard University during World War II, Winston Churchill stated, “The Empires of the future will be empires of the mind.” He foresaw that ideas, not nations, would capture minds; and that ideologies would conquer the world. Men, he predicted, will gather around their own ideas, forsaking truth or their national identity and constitutions.

It is easy to see this prophecy coming true. One example is the shocking numbers of young people from America and other countries leaving their homelands and giving up their constitutional rights and liberties to join the murderous and radical group “Isis” in their battle for world conquest. Isis is selling a theology and an ideology (a system of ideas). Shockingly, they are attracting very high numbers of young women, who are willing to submit themselves to a horrible world of male domination and even slavery.

The question is inevitable: what is driving this? They are becoming ideologues. The pull of ideology on the mind and spirit can be an astonishingly powerful force. It’s like Charles Manson’s seduction of his core ‘family,’ but on a much larger scale. Ideas can capture the mind, both the good ideas and the bad ones.

The present danger for our young people should be prayerfully considered. Modern youth are being seduced by bad ideas. They describe their new ideas as being cool. They don’t see that certain ideas are shaping or forming a new ideology without their knowledge. The buy-in for them is about being “in the moment,” embracing the new; few of them consider the consequences, nor do they realize that they are playing with fire. They don’t see nor understand that what is being marketed and promoted is often injurious ideology - seeds of destruction. Very few of them understand that they are developing a belief system. But they are being deceived into doing just that. The result is strong delusion.

“Eat and Drink, sayeth he”... But his heart is not with thee. Delusion through ideology is nothing new (Hitler slaughtered millions through rhetoric and distorted ideology), but the power of today’s technology and communication make it easier and

faster than ever before to bring people of like minds together. Take the fictitious, Internet character “Slenderman” who has been superficially encoded with a vile nature and evil heart. He is a purely fantastical creature built from the combined imaginations of a worldwide association of mostly young people who empower a meme through the Internet in such a way that it evolves into a wicked ideology. This imagery and utterly false ‘thing’ from the virtual world has become real in its power and influence. In recent days, it commanded two young girls to murder their mutual friend. Their cold-blooded confessions of obedience have shocked our nation. Thankfully their brutal attempt failed, but such is the power of an ideology.

If the ideology of a completely false virtual personality can be implanted into the hearts of our children, mobilizing them into an “Empire of the Mind,” then we have reached the day of gross darkness.

Churchill had it right: ideologies are capturing the world. Memes (an idea or behavior passed from one to another by non-genetic means) are developing every day. Unfortunately, this is happening even in our churches. The old path just isn’t cool anymore. Those with similar ideas group together. They form counter entities or little empires of thought, beliefs and ideas, within schools, churches and organizations. The younger develop codes and common clothing, signs and markings. For them it seems harmless. But it is divisive and bodes an ugly outcome for the future. Within our church culture, most mass-marketed ideas run counter to holiness, faith and biblical doctrine.

“One Lord One Faith One Baptism” is not a mere intellectual position; it is the truth that has been written upon our hearts by the Holy Ghost. “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them” (Hebrews 10:16). We are not at liberty to walk in light of our own fire (Isaiah 50:11). That which is of the Holy Spirit cannot be negotiated.

If truth is not in the heart, truth will die. If intellectualism and selfism are substituted for faith, faith dies. Faith . . . without which we cannot please God (Hebrews 11:6). If the belief that the Apostles’ doctrine is essential to our salvation is not in the heart and of the heart, then the preaching of it will disappear in such men. The battleground is the heart, and the only success that matters is the converting of men’s hearts from a stony heart to a “heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 36:26).

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DELIVERANCE FROM HOMOSEXUALITY



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Art Wilson, Wayne, MI -- We have had people that practiced this lifestyle attend our church and were later baptized and are now living for God and many are in a heterosexual relationship. The first key to deliverance is acknowledging that same sex desire is wrong. Once it is acknowledged, they can move forward and pray toward the correct desire. Homosexuals need to accept that those desires are unnatural and not blessed of God.

I believe the Church is doing a good job with this sensitive issue. As much mercy as we can extend without bias, we need to extend it. We cannot exclude this issue but we've got to treat all sin as sin and not get on a soapbox about one certain issue. Homosexuality is sin just like any other immoral act. If a person feels they were born a homosexual, God has given us the answer. The Bible says that we must be born again. The Lord foresaw the mindset of our day when people would say, "I was born that way so I can continue this way and God can't judge me." Dealing with their mindset is second to dealing with God's future for them. The answer is to take them into more truth.



Randy Blizzard, Las Vegas, NV -- I believe homosexuality is biological, psychological and spiritual, and that all sin is passed in some degree from generation to generation via human genes. Sin has been passed from the parents to the children since Adam first passed his sin on to his son Cain. Homosexuality is not only genetic but also propagated and perpetuated by demonic influence. I have known homosexuals to be delivered and change to normal sexual desires. I can't say if the proclivity was completely eliminated, but if not it was certainly suppressed and yielded to God so completely that the person led a completely heterosexual life. However, if a man is wrestling with a "spirit" that compels this type of conduct, then certainly he needs prayer and deliverance. Satan always uses a person's innate weaknesses against them.

My personal litmus test for working with, dealing with or otherwise tolerating anyone is simple: "Did God fill him/her with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with tongues?" If He did, then I must find a way to circumvent my bias, prejudice and self-righteousness and plug that soul into a useful and productive place in the Kingdom.



Derrick L. Killingsworth, Gautier, MS -- A person who has a homosexual tendency would need to be delivered from the tendency even though he or she was not actively practicing the sin. It would be like a man having an adulterous spirit or lusting after anything for that matter. The tendency alone could lead to them falling into that temptation. God created us in His image, so God did not create man with homosexual tendencies. He created woman for man; and the man instantly admired the woman God created for him.

The church door should be open to whosoever will come through those doors. One lady came to our church and after a while, she let us know she was a lesbian. I told her she was more than welcome to come to our church; however, I would not change the way I preach or soften my stance. I would not preach about homosexuality every service, but if I felt led to speak on it, I would not single her out. The Bible tells us that we are all born into sin. Homosexuals are sinners just as a drug addict or a murderer is a sinner.



Jeffery Arnold, Gainesville, FL -- Homosexuality is a shameful practice, but God did not say it could not be fixed or forgiven. I have talked in depth with people who are homosexual and not one has said they have no guilt. They do have guilt and shame. They can be delivered but few have. I believe it is a spiritual issue and an absolute choice. To say: "I was born that way" is the lamest of excuses. Even if that were possible, you can be born again right. Those who adventure into homosexuality end up being held hostage by it. It is a vile, lascivious lifestyle; a philosophy and religion of predators looking for new prey. Effeminacy itself has tendencies toward homosexuality.

We must hear the voice of God and see things through His eyes. That doesn't make us vigilantes. We love people; we hate practices. God forbids fornication, adultery, lying and dishonesty just as He forbids homosexuality. We owe those involved in such practices an apology if we don't let them know God stands against this. This day of liberal theology and liberal living cannot invalidate God's truth. It is pure folly to think that God's absolutes can be altered or invalidated by a generation that believes God has no absolutes. This is not legalism and bondage. This is righteousness and holiness in an effort to please God.



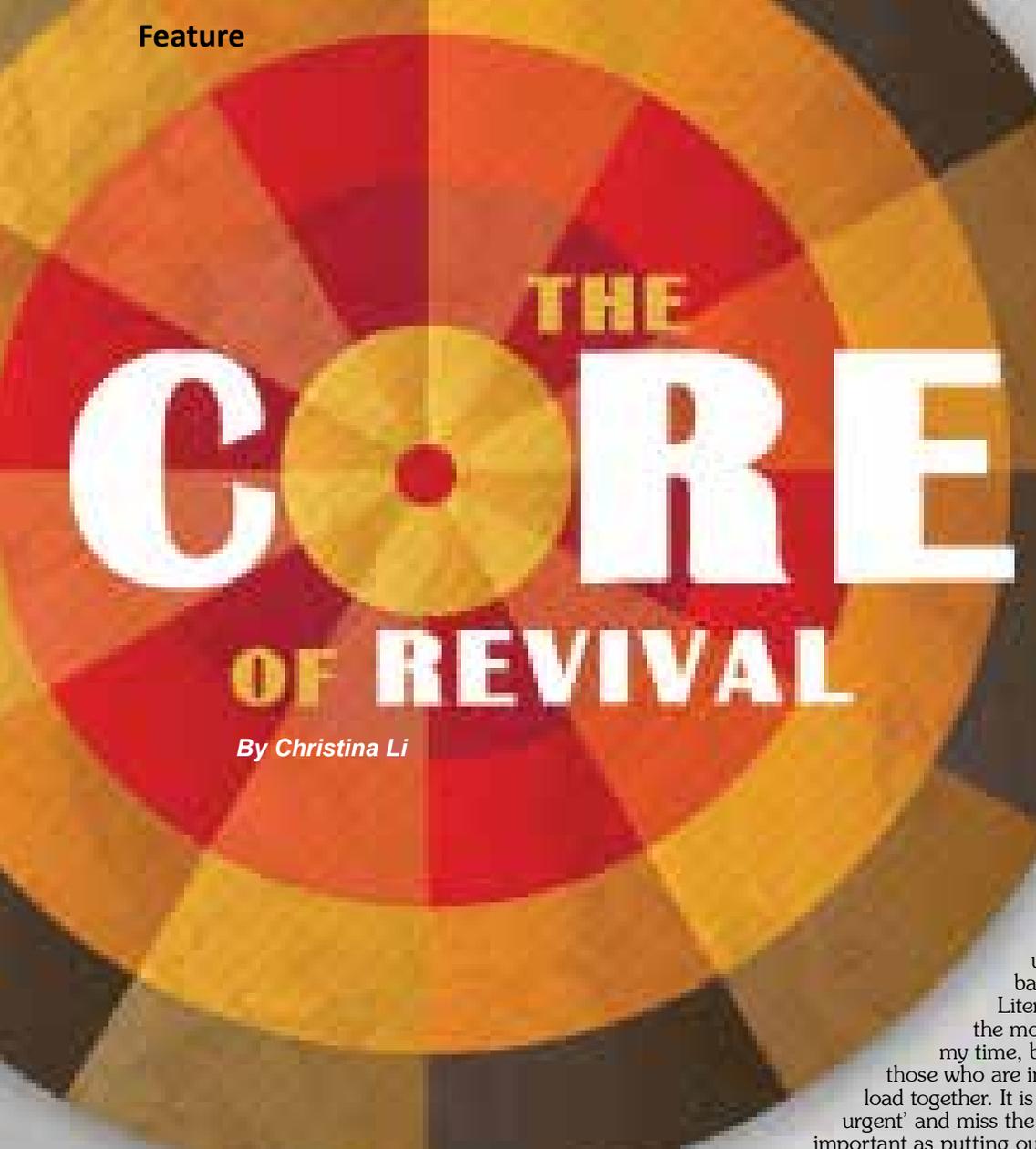
Floyd Nelson, Grand Bay, AL -- The body of Christ has had a problem with homosexuality for many years. I know some people that have been delivered but very few have. There is a possibility that a person could be born with a spirit of homosexuality because that spirit can be passed down from one generation to another. In some cases, God has sent a strong delusion that some would believe a lie and be damned. If He turns a person over, a spirit passes down through generations.

You can have a desire for something, but as long as you fight it, God is a just God and He will not condemn you for something you didn't do. Deliverance includes baptism, acknowledging one's transgressions before God, and prayer until you are filled with the power of the Holy Ghost. The Bible says ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; so if you get that Spirit, you have the solution to the problem. First, you have to acknowledge the sin. God made male and female and that's it!



Ed McFarland, Richmond, IN -- I know of individuals who have gotten into the church and no longer practice homosexuality. Maybe they are just remaining celibate and still have homosexual tendencies though, so *delivered* is not the word I would use as much as I would use the word *control*. They control the desire, probably through good disciplines and the Holy Spirit.

We need to find out how homosexuals can justify that lifestyle. When a person tells me their feelings are okay and that God is not condemning them, I know it's going to take a revelation from God. The problem is a mental perspective of one's self-image. Who people think they are is determined by a lot of factors. I don't think body chemistry produces homosexuality. Neither do I think it is a demonic spirit any more than there is a demonic spirit trying to attach itself to encourage anyone to do any other ungodly thing. I don't see anything in the scripture that refers to a spirit of homosexuality. I see it as a "work of the flesh."



THE CORE OF REVIVAL

By Christina Li

“Our mission statement is: Know Jesus, Love Jesus, Share Jesus. That is discipleship at its core,” said Pastor Tom Trimble from Winds of Pentecost in St. Charles, Missouri (a St. Louis suburb). “We want people to have a relationship with Jesus and then turn them into someone who shares Jesus as well.”

Intentional Growth

Pastor Trimble says, “There are so many factors to having a growing church. And I really believe some factors change geographically, while most work anywhere.” A few keys specific to Winds of Pentecost include cultivating a healthy worship climate. “Our worship leaders, Shauna Hord and Anthony Trimble, both embody, promote and practice a worship philosophy that I felt like God developed in my heart through the years.

“It is encapsulated in a true story of an experience I had in Sydney, Australia, when my son, Ryan, and I were privileged to climb the Sydney Harbor Bridge. It took around four hours, with the first hour devoted to training. Our guide showed us how we would be connected to a static line and went through the process of how we would scale the bridge and take photos at the highest point. We were informed that we were required to wear jumpsuits that were an unattractive, gunmetal gray color. About that time a climber asked the question, ‘Why can’t I wear my own jacket to the top of the bridge? It’s a rare photo opportunity in front of the Sydney Opera House and I want to look nice.’ I will never forget

what the guide’s response was. ‘When we made an agreement with the city of Sydney to do this bridge climb, it was on one condition: When people look up to see this great landmark, they must not be able to see you. You must blend into the bridge.’ That is the core of our worship philosophy. People come to see Jesus. We must disappear into Him.

“Our worship department tries to do that by being intentional. For instance, I have asked them to introduce new songs during the offering or some other time instead of the worship service. This is so that most of the audience will be able to participate in worship instead of trying to learn the song.”

Intentional Priorities

Pastor Trimble believes our main priority should be people. “The challenge is to be proactive rather than reactive,” he said. “There are plenty of situations and people that could use help and attention, but I have to balance the progress with the problems. Literally, some of the people who bring the most positive energy seldom ask for my time, but I need to set up times to be with those who are in the trenches, as we shoulder the load together. It is easy to give in to the ‘tyranny of urgent’ and miss the important. Building the church is as important as putting out fires.

“We endeavor to work on the nature of the church because that will translate into its actions and organization. The early church did not have marketing teams, social media ministers, demographic analysis or technology, but they turned their world upside down. If we really believe the ‘good news’ is that good, it’s inevitable that it will pour out of us. That, I believe is what happened in the first century. They were torches. People couldn’t help but be affected by them. I see as part of my job to light the torches. At the core of our church, if we have an insatiable fire burning there, then the outgrowth of that will be natural. Outreach will be part of who they are. So, I want to work on the core of who we are and let that grow in a natural, healthy way.”

Intentional Outreach

“As churches and ministers, we tend to try to improve attendance through another gimmick or trend,” said Pastor Trimble. “We attempt to fill the church by changing our actions without working on our nature. I am for trying great programs—but sometimes we need a prayer meeting instead, to change our nature so that we can have the red-hot witnesses that will impact others around us. This is a fleshing out of the principle found in the book, *The Essence of the Church*, by Craig Van Gelder. We are not doing missions work, we are the mission. This is not a department; this is who we are according to Acts 1:8. When we have attendance goals, sometimes we tend to attack that at the action level, saying, ‘We need more outreach, etc.’ My tendency is to go a step before that and work on the nature of the church, preach about it, pray about it. Maybe we need a prayer meeting to

ignite the people, rather than try to organize something that is not in their hearts.

“Having a collective nature to passionately reach the lost is our highest priority; we also have bridge events, outreach events, to produce entry points into the church. The most successful of these has been Christ and His Companions, our Easter Play. This original play (written by Ryan Trimble and co-directed by Ryan Trimble and Shauna Hord) has literally brought thousands of guests through our doors. We follow up with them through our database and some return for service or other events. It is a great introduction to the church.”

Intentional Focus

Pastor Trimble believes in pastoring. “Some of our biggest priorities are to keep doing the right things and to keep our focus on the right things. It’s so much about keeping on being faithful to prayer, the Word, and being a light. Our focus is still the focus of the first church, conversion, winning the lost, but scholars don’t like talking about that anymore. My whole goal is to see souls transformed and brought into the kingdom. My goal is not attendance. It’s discipleship.

“It may not be about the latest trend but being consistent and faithful in the basics. It sounds boring, but it’s necessary. If the emphasis is the other way, you can be swept away into a fad and lose focus of who you are. The greatest loving thing I can do for my neighbor is to introduce him to Jesus. If I can help people to seek first the kingdom, physical needs will be met by God. We must keep our focus on conversion, on winning the lost. If we succumb to the trend in mainstream Christianity, that nobody is going to hell, then conversion is no longer a goal. Conversion isn’t even a desire. While we’re reaching others, we better know who we’re anchored to. Jesus is our anchor and the church our lifeline. A lifeline does us no good if we’re not anchored.”

Intentional Building

Pastor Trimble said attendance has grown from 70 to around 200 in the last 10 years. “We must expand to allow more growth,” he said. “Our Wednesday night attendance has grown from 20 to around 130. We have grown to our capacity and have been for the past three years. We’re pouring our energy and finances into making room for growth. We haven’t been able to grow past what we can seat.”

An estimated 60 to 75 percent of Bro. Trimble’s church family is involved in some form of ministry with 60 percent involved in some type of evangelism. “We do not intentionally target any

demographic,” he said. “Instead, we try to target and cultivate a culturally diverse group. We have had success in this in the last decade. We do not bring attention to it; it is just part of our DNA. For some reason we have a large number of young marrieds, which is why we have had an average of a baby born every month of the last year.”



*The Trimble family
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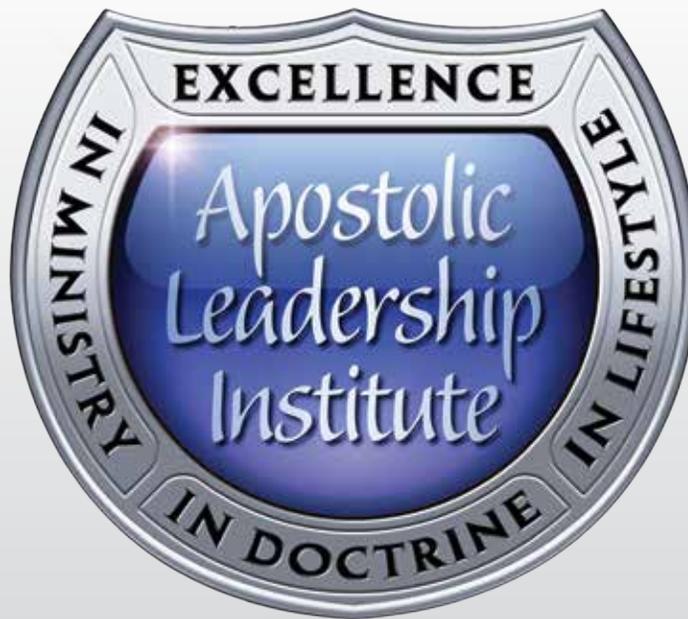
Pastor Trimble believes, “It is a miracle that we are doubling our sanctuary size to seat 500 on less than an acre of land. We were landlocked, and the Lord impressed me to approach the neighboring office complex and negotiate a cross-parking agreement. Since registering it with the city, it has doubled our parking, giving us the ability to expand.”

Concluding Remarks

“The greatest challenge in my ministry has been to keep the picture of what ‘will be’ consistently in front of my eyes next to what ‘we are’ currently,” said Pastor Trimble. “This is important because we are never where we want to be totally. Forward motion is what it’s about. It doesn’t happen in five minutes. There are no quick fixes, but if we will be consistent and faithful, that is what God asks of us. We will get to what God has designed for us. People like what they find at our church, but they also like what they don’t find. There are not a lot of hurdles to jump over to enter in and worship. Some people receive the Holy Ghost at their first visit. I’m believing God for a greater outpouring than St. Louis has ever seen. I believe the people are ready.”



Top left counter clockwise: Artist rendering of expansion of Winds of Pentecost; the audience worships inside the sanctuary; the church’s Easter play entitled Christ and His Companions; Pastor Trimble preaches to the congregation; a baptism at the church



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- Mar. 13-14: Bind the Strongman (Canada)
Abundant Life UPC, Sussex, New Brunswick
- Apr. 25-26: 5th Ann Outreach & Biker Sunday
Lord's Vineyard, Goldsboro, NC
- Apr. 26: Biker Sunday (Outreach)
Haven of Hope, New Haven, CT
- May 9: 3rd Ann Sword Run (Outreach)
Clarksburg City Park, Clarksburg, WV
- May 14-17: Myrtle Beach Bike Week Outreach
Christian Life Center, Myrtle Beach, SC
- May 16: ASR Tupelo Benefit & Ride
Tupelo Children's Mansion, Tupelo, MS
- May 20-22: AWCFF World Conference Booth
Ramada Plaza Hotel, Louisville, KY
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Abundant Life UPC, Sussex, New Brunswick
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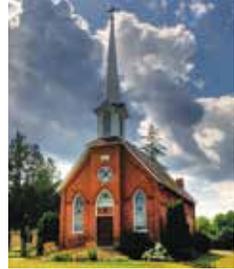
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What Pastors Do When Churches Are In a Slump

For churches, there is no clear definition of a "slump." Some pastors say their church is in a slump if they are not connecting as well with members as they once were. Others declare a slump if attendance or offering numbers are down. Pastors shared eight consistent responses, all listed below:

1. They sought the advice of a leader outside their specific church. Sometimes that person was the pastor of another church, a denominational leader or a church consultant.
2. They refocused on the vision of the church. A number of pastors indicated the church had "lost its way" so they reminded the congregation of the vision of the church. Of course, this approach presumes the church has a clearly articulated vision.
3. They led the church to more outwardly focused ministries. One pastor led his church to "adopt" an elementary school in the area. The members became motivated and enthused as they did whatever the principal and other leaders of the school told them the school needed.
4. They sought a trusted confidant to evaluate their leadership. This reaction is similar to number one. In this case, however, the problem was specifically perceived to be the leadership of the pastor.
5. They spent more time in prayer. Many pastors sought the face of God more intensely and more frequently for guidance out of the slump.
6. They became more consistent in their Bible reading. Many pastors get into the trap of reading the Bible only to prepare sermons or lessons. But pastors need the consistent nourishment of the Word beyond the time they spend studying for sermons or lessons.
7. They became more intentional about connecting with their members. One pastor committed to write one letter a day to a church member, send two emails a day to a member, and make one phone call a day to a member. The purpose of each communication was encouragement and gratitude. It took him less than 30 minutes, and he was consistent four days a week. In one year's time, he connected with 800 members.
8. They set aside time on the calendar during the week to dream. Pastors are on call 24/7. Life can become hectic and frustrating. One pastor sets aside two hours a month to go to a private room to dream about the future of the church. Sometimes he prays. Sometimes he reads about God's work at other churches. The process invigorates him, and he can thus lead the church with greater enthusiasm and clarity himself.



A Large Board Showing Broad Support!

By Stephen Judd, TCM President



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THE HOOAH FACTOR

Interviewed By Linda Schreckenber



Bro. Robert Brott
Fort Sill, OK

Bro. Robert Brott, tell us a little about yourself and your ministry.

I have been happily married to my wife, Sarah, for 27 years. I currently serve as an active duty Army chaplain. We just arrived at our ninth duty station at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The Army is my full-time ministry pursuit, but we

are able to attend a local UPCI church wherever we serve in the U.S. when off duty. We are fortunate to fellowship with some great pastors and local churches as the schedule allows.

I became an active duty military chaplain with the Army after eight years in evangelistic and pastoral assistant work. My pastor, V. Arlen Guidroz of Dallas, Texas, sponsored me fresh out of seminary to conduct outreach for The Life Church and launch my evangelistic ministry. His ministry won me to the Lord when I was only 18 and gave me a great Apostolic foundation. I immediately pursued nine years of full-time college and seminary in preparation for ministry. As a chaplain, I have ministered to the needs of soldier families in America and other parts of the world for over 16 years. I have deployed to combat zones in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. I came close to meeting the Lord prematurely a few times, but I am still here to tell about it.

Why should a young man consider a ministry as chaplain?

Not only is military chaplaincy exciting, but it offers training and ministry opportunities that the civilian sector cannot match. Through the Army, I received an all-expense paid M.S. degree in counseling. Young soldiers, their families and government civilians are often in developmental stages and seek pastoral guidance. I have been trained in several world class counseling and training programs for families, and have been afforded the opportunity to earn my credentials as a licensed marriage and family therapist. I am currently working on credentials to clinically supervise

other chaplains pursuing their licenses as well. If a young minister is serious about ministry, paying the price for education and credentialing as a chaplain is a legitimate pursuit for their calling.

World travel is a great benefit. The rich cultural experience and chance to travel across Europe for six years resulted from this ministry. Overseas, the demand for U.S. worship services and family counseling increases as families seek a little bit of American familiarity while stationed in a foreign country. They will turn to a chaplain for counseling, and worship in somebody's service – who better than an Apostolic chaplain to fill the need? Combat is also another great opportunity for ministry. Many baptisms in Jesus' name result from an Apostolic chaplain being in a combat zone.

What is required to be a chaplain in the military?

A minister must be ordained and endorsed by their Ecclesiastical organization. They must also hold an accredited bachelor's degree and Master of Divinity recognized by the Department of Defense. The service prefers candidates with a few years of post-seminary professional experience. The entire requirement process for a chaplain usually takes about 10 years to complete. Height, weight and physical conditioning standards are strictly observed and enforced. Each candidate is screened for the ability to minister according to their faith without disrespecting the beliefs of others. In addition, they must compete in an accessioning board with other highly credentialed applicants.

What are the challenges and rewards of being a chaplain?

The challenges include sustained physical fitness and answering to a chain of command versus an autonomous ministry. Relocating every two or three years, deployment and separation from family are ever-looming realities. The rewards are many, including

intense ministry, concentrated crisis counseling, and often being connected to front page news issues on a daily basis. The Army does authorize a budget to conduct ministry that a local church or an independent evangelist would normally not be able to provide. I was especially blessed to train over 600 Army families in the beautiful mountains of Bavaria on the Austrian border utilizing a first class military resort. Having the opportunity to minister to America's best at their greatest time of need is a very fulfilling reward in itself.

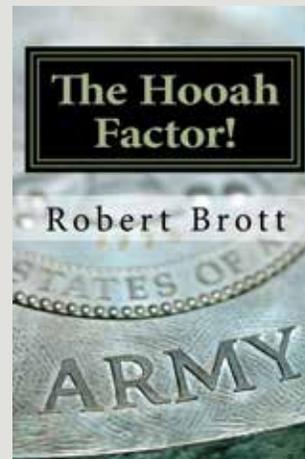
Bro. Brott, tell us the story behind your book *The Hooah Factor* and why you wrote it.

"Hooah" is an Army term that denotes motivation and dedication. My book, *The Hooah Factor*, was a dream I began pursuing at my first duty station. It highlights many parallels of soldier discipline and motivation with Christian living. Unique military phrases springboard several vignettes that inspire and inform the motivated Christian soldier. Any Christian can take this book to assess where they are spiritually and motivate themselves to march to new heights in their Christian journey. The book takes the reader from the Chaplain Officer Basic Course

located at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and they journey with me to combat zone experiences in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan.

How is your book ordered?

My book is available in paperback or e-book format through Amazon.com or the Pentecostal Publishing House website for under \$10 (+shipping). Just type in "Hooah" to either website's search engine, and the book will appear. If a church would like to do a bulk order, they may contact me at: acts238chap@yahoo.com. The local church at my last duty station uses them as gifts for their military guests. Readers can follow my blog, "The Motivated Christian Soldier" at: <http://rjbrott.blogspot.com>.



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JULY 28-30	IMPACT Family Conference 2015 The Impact Conference at Woodlawn Church in Columbia, MS has been cancelled due to building restoration from recent tornado damage.	Cancelled	Cancelled	For detailed schedule, visit www.woodlawn-church.cc (601) 736-5128
AUG 2015	Arkansas Campmeeting - North Little Rock, AR A conference where Apostolic doctrine is not only preached but embraced. The message of Acts 2:38 remains the same!	First Pentecostal Church of North Little Rock, 1401 Calvary Dr., North Little Rock, AR Host Pastor: Joel Holmes	To be announced	For more info visit www.arkansascampmeeting.com
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Church Today: Creating Delinquents



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Creating Delinquents

In a South African game park known for rescuing animals from extinction, there was a problem. Approximately 39 endangered white rhinos had been attacked and killed. Poaching was ruled out as a cause since the valuable rhino horns were left untouched. So game wardens began monitoring activity within the park and what they found was fascinating. A group of younger orphaned elephants that had been transferred from another game park were the culprits. Unusual, since elephants are typically herbivores and attacking rhinos went against their very nature.

The problem had started nearly 20 years earlier when there were too many elephants in South Africa's Kruger National Park. The proposed solution was to cull the adult population of elephants and save the children, who could be easily transported. "The intentions may have been good but the program created a whole generation of traumatized orphans thrown together without any adults to teach them how to behave" (<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/the-delinquents/>). Eventually these elephants became lonely, troubled and aggressive and became known as "the Delinquents."

As I read this story, I thought how could people so easily miss the mark? Did game wardens really think they could kill off the adults in a population and not have any consequences? That everything would be ok? But when you think about it, as a society we are doing something very similar as we distance our children from traditional parenting and the influence of elders, teachers and preachers.

When a parent squanders or destroys influences of righteousness and holiness, how can that parent expect the child to grow to embrace these essentials? Sadly, it is often only when a child is in a crisis of rebellion that parents want the youth pastor, Sunday school teachers and pastor to save the day. But, unfortunately, after years of killing off their influence by badmouthing the church, picking and choosing which standards to enforce in the home, by not making church a priority; the time for intervention has long passed.

In Africa, there was no salvaging the delinquent elephants. Researchers tried everything they knew to try to retrain the creatures. They showed them love, worked to try and teach them how adult elephants behave. But ultimately, they became too dangerous, attacking more animals and even humans and had to be put down. We are afforded a window of opportunity - a time to plant the right seeds and make an investment in the lives of our children. But, too often we resist the authority in our lives and in the lives of our children. Let us not kill the voices of reason, the voices of wisdom, the voices of influence, the voices of sound doctrine, and of right living.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matthew 23:37).



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Getting Home Bible Studies

I have long contended that Apostolics do not have a problem *getting* a home Bible study (HBS). They instead have a problem getting people willing to teach them. With a little effort, churches can usually have more Bible studies than they can teach. How can a church line up many dozens of HBS's each year and keep their trained teachers busy teaching? Here's how:

First, offer the HBS ministry in your guest packet. Include a nice full-page flyer on how great a HBS is and how it will enhance your knowledge of the Bible. Your guest card should also have a box to check that says, "I would like information on having a home Bible study in my home."

Second, make it a habit to talk about the HBS ministry over the pulpit. Promote it at least weekly. Occasionally have the ushers walk down the aisle with HBS request slips, handing them out to those that desire one.

Third, train your altar workers to ask for a HBS at the altar. Once people are finished praying, they should be offered a HBS.

Fourth, make HBS a strong part of your visitor follow-up ministry. The letter from the pastor should mention it, and the follow-up worker who knocks on the door should ask (after giving them a small gift bag and inviting them back), "Have you heard about our home Bible study ministry? No? Let me tell you about it!"

Fifth, once a year bring in an outside speaker to talk to the church about the HBS ministry. This can be a pastor with a strong HBS ministry in his church or an evangelist that has been successful with the HBS ministry. At the service conclusion, ask

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John 17:24 says, "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."

How do we show this does not point to a preexistent eternal son?

Here is where removing a text from its context results in a contorted interpretation that is based on trying to see the trinity in this verse. One of the most basic mistakes our trinitarian friends make is to read the NT from their theological bias of "looking for the trinity." The proper hermeneutical or interpretive approach is to understand this in context with the OT revelation of God as our interpretive lens.

In context, John 17:1-3 speaks of Jesus praying. Remember, this is a fundamental problem for trinitarians. J. Vernon Magee, a trinitarian scholar, as well as others, have pointed out this must be Jesus as man praying. For, Magee says, "If one god prays to another god he un-gods himself." One co-equal person in the trinity cannot be praying to another because prayer is a petition or request for help from a higher source of power. That's why Hebrews 5:7 shows Jesus only prayed "in the days of His flesh." So the context must be speaking of the man Jesus, not a so-called eternal son.

How did Jesus the man then have glory before the foundation of the world? It is simple. As Christ the anointed or empowered One who was to become the Messiah.

But when did the Son exist physically? We know God had the "glory" of the man in view from eternity past. That's why Scripture says the lamb was slain "from the foundation of the world." But the Son wasn't eternally slain. So when did the Son come? In Gal. 4:4, Paul writing under the inspiration of God tells us, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law." Further, Heb. 1:5 shows the same, "For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?" This points to the specific time the plan or "logos" (John 1:1) would come. It was when the one God robed Himself in flesh and entered the world as man at Bethlehem (John 1:14). The point is, the context is speaking of the man Jesus as true humanity coming into the world to win the battle as man. This plan was God ordained from eternity past and that's the glory spoken of. Not an eternal Son, that's a non-biblical term, but the man who would be born and die, the son of God.

people to come forward who wish to be a HBS teacher. Starting the next night, offer a one, two, or three evening seminar (or all day Saturday) on how to teach a HBS. This training should include instruction on how to set up HBS's with your family, friends and coworkers.

Sixth, once a year sponsor an "Open Your Home to A Home Bible Study" promotion. The thrust here is for people to *host* a HBS in their home: i.e. "You supply the home and we will supply the teacher." A simple contest works well here. Divide the church into two teams and the team that teaches/hosts the most HBS's wins.

Finally, every few months contact all your trained HBS teachers and those that are not currently teaching, offer to take them out on a Saturday and let them use the Quest Survey door-to-door to get HBS's. With a few hours effort, almost anyone can come back with several HBS's to teach.



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What Hinders Emotional Healing?

Isaiah 61 forthtells the coming of Jesus with the good news of the gospel, plus the healing of broken hearts and setting captives free from the prison 'bounds' of their 'stinking thinkin'. We can be saved but hurting! People can be saved for years, but because of deep emotional wounds from the past they can feel they are bad, unlovable, unworthy, helpless, hopeless, etc. The emotional wounds create the blockage to God's unconditional love.

I've been a God-based counselor for 23 years. I've counseled thousands of saved people who struggle in their ability to *feel* God's love – pastors as well as lay people. They allow the memories of abuse (sexual, verbal, physical, etc.) and painful experiences in life to define who they are today. Knowing and believing the truth of Romans 8:1 takes away condemnation and shame. God's death on the cross and His gift of salvation to us has made us brand new creatures in Him! Our past cannot define us today. We must stop believing the devil's lies and allow God's love to flow through us in heart, soul and mind to remove all painful emotions by replacing lies with God's truth.

God defines us by being our Creator and becoming our Savior. Our value and worth is all because of God. God's unconditional love is not based on our performance or our pedigree of ancestry or background. The devil throws the 'blockage' in everyone's face of the feeling of being unworthy. No! None of us are worthy in our flesh. *But God made us worthy! He purchased us by His own blood!*

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Look Again

"Go again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand." – 1 Kings

18:43-44

Few things in life have the effect upon our daily lives like vision. Certainly there is sound, taste and touch. Yet absent of vision we cannot get around good, we cannot see where we are going or for that matter where we should go.

In 1 Kings 18, Elijah had a prayer meeting until he saw something. What he saw was a hand, representative of the hand of God about to be on the situation he was praying about. We too must have such a prayer meeting UNTIL we see such a vision. As leaders, it is inherently our responsibility to see the possibility of God around us. Ezekiel, these bones can live again. Peter, you can walk on water with me. Mary, the Son of God shall arise.

Today I had the privilege of taking a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee in Israel. It was this sea (large mass of water) that served as the circumference of Jesus Christ's ministry. Looking around at the cities and villages that surrounded the Sea of Galilee, I noted place after place where Jesus had ministered. As ministers, we need to look around us and see all the possibilities of places we could minister. It might be our own neighborhood, a local half-way house, local addicts, battered women and the list goes on. There exists all around us open wounds that need ministered to.

Jesus said to "lift up your eyes, and look on the fields" (John 4:35). I have yet to be to a place where a great harvest could not be had. But first, as men of God, we must *lift up our eyes and look*. For when we do with faith we are sure to see God possibilities all around us. Let us pray, lift up our eyes and look until we do.

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I am a new pastor and have heard that I can have a housing allowance for the home I am presently buying. What do I need to do to ensure I receive the proper benefits allowed?

Code Section 107 provides for the clergy to have a qualified housing allowance. Anything designated as a housing allowance is excluded from income for income tax purposes but not for self-employment tax purposes.

A housing allowance must be designated in advance of payment by the church in which you are employed. This can be done by the church board in a qualified board meeting. A minister cannot designate his own housing allowance. This can be an annual designation for a fixed designated amount.

If the minister does not receive or use all the amount authorized, he does not have to pay self-employment tax on the unused portion. However, if the pastor received more from the church than he actually used for housing expenses, the difference is considered as taxable income for income tax purposes.

A housing allowance can include the house payment or rent, utilities, repairs and maintenance, insurance, taxes, lawn maintenance, appliances and furniture (purchase and repair), maintenance items for the home, and the down payment for the purchase of the home.

To qualify for the housing allowance, the minister must be licensed, ordained or commissioned, perform ministerial services (pulpit ministry, baptisms and weddings), receive money from the church, and actually be employed by the church.

If and when the minister receives the housing allowance, it is excluded for income tax purposes; however, it must be included on Schedule SE for self-employment tax purposes. There is an exception if the minister is personally exempt from self-employment tax by having an approved Form 4361 on file.

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Preparing For a Loan

If you have tried to get approved for a loan lately, you probably discovered that it takes more time to complete and is a bit more difficult than it used to be. Besides the added regulations that banks must now comply with, many banks still do not understand church financial statements. However, there are things that you can do to make the process easier.

First, provide the bank with properly

prepared and accurate financial statements. Depending on the amount you want to borrow, they may require independently prepared statements, which will include a statement of financial position, statement of activities and a cash flow statement.

Make sure you keep enough cash on hand. Banks want to see that you have enough cash so that a snow storm on Sunday doesn't mean you may be late on your next mortgage payment. Ideally, keep enough cash on hand for at least two or three months of expenses. Not only will the bank be happy, but you will have much less stress as well.

Plan on borrowing no more than 70%

of the value of your property (also known as your loan-to-value ratio).

Following these steps will not only help the process for approval go smoothly, it will also help you get a better rate on your loan. Prior to approaching the bank, seek the help of an accountant familiar with churches to assist you. By being properly prepared, you will save money in the long run.

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THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS**A Win For Religious Liberty: School Reverses Ban on Christian Club**

A New York high school recently reversed its decision to ban students from forming a Christian community service club under the threat of a federal discrimination lawsuit. Administrators at Ward Melville High School in Long Island said they will grant Students United in Faith permission to meet on campus.

Their decision came two days after the school district was threatened with a federal lawsuit for violating the Equal Access Act. Liberty Institute attorney Hiram Sasser, who represented club founders John Raney and Jeremy Johnson, said that since the school had a fishing club and a Gay-Straight Alliance, they were obligated to have a Christian club, too.

The boys wanted to start the club to provide a safe space for Christian teenagers as well as perform community service projects.

The school district pulled the same stunt last year but reversed its ban after the students retained the services of Liberty Institute. So when the district denied the club this year, the students once again called Liberty Institute.

EDUCATION TRENDS**Colorado Students Not Allowed to Pray, Sing Hymns in Free Time**

A Colorado school has reportedly told students that praying, singing hymns and discussing religion during free times violates the U.S. Constitution. Pine Creek High School is now involved with a lawsuit for prohibiting students from gathering during free time to engage in religious activities.

Senior Chase Windebank said he had been gathering with students during free time for three years to talk about religious issues, pray and sing songs such as "Amazing Grace" until he was asked to see Assistant Principal James Lucas. He was reportedly told that he could pray before the school day begins or after it ends but not during the school day.

**Facts About Pentecostals**

1. Islam is not the fastest-growing faith family in the world. Pentecostalism is. While Islam has gone from zero in 610 AD to 1.6 billion today (1,403 years), Pentecostalism went from zero to (about) a billion from 1906 to the present day (107 years).
2. Pentecostalism is uniquely American. It began in the multi-ethnic Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles. It is arguably our most influential export of any kind.
3. The churches planted by American mainline denominations (Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, etc) in Africa are overwhelmingly Pentecostal. For instance, a Lutheran from Ethiopia (Mekane Yesus) would be considered a Pentecostal if visiting here in the U.S.
4. Pentecostals are diverse. They run the spectrum range from Oxford/Cambridge blue bloods in the Kensington neighborhood of London to the mountain folk in Appalachia.
5. Pentecostals are not anti-intellectual. Oral Roberts University, Regent Seminary (Virginia Beach) and Southeastern University (Lakeland, Florida) are some of the key centers of higher learning for the movement. The largest seminary in the Church of England is St. Mellitus College in London and is spiritually tied to a Charismatic Anglican church.
6. Pentecostals were the leaders in the ordination of women. Pentecostals were the first (not liberal Protestants) to ordain women. Example: Aimee Semple McPherson, the first American mega-church pastor.
7. Most all U.S. mainline denominations and also Roman Catholics have large Charismatic minorities. There are more Charismatic Roman Catholics than there are total members in most all other denominations.
8. The Jesus Movement (the "Jesus Freaks" of the '60s) led by Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, California, more or less invented Contemporary Christian music. Every non-Pentecostal congregation in the country that has ever sung a praise song or had someone raise a hand in worship owes this practice to this early '60s movement.
9. Latinos are not overwhelmingly Roman Catholic. A very large minority is Pentecostal. When Latinos leave the Roman Catholic Church they most often become Pentecostal.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- A school system in Lincoln, Nebraska is asking teachers to make their classrooms more gender-inclusive by avoiding the words "boys" and "girls." Instead, teachers have been told to creatively refer to their students. Examples include telling all students who like milk to line up, followed by students who prefer juice. When addressing the whole class, teachers are encouraged to invent a classroom name such as "purple penguins."
- Sam Turner, a high school football player in Fort Myers, FL, was penalized for kneeling for a prayer in the end zone after scoring a touchdown. He gave thanks to God and pointed his finger in the air. An official gave Turner's team a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct. The National Federation of State High School Associations' rules allow an official to penalize players who behave in a way that brings attention to them.

MEDICAL TRENDS**Researchers Rekindle Vaccine-Autism Debate**

The mysterious childhood developmental disorder known as autism affects hundreds of thousands of U.S. kids, causing social and communication disabilities ranging from mild to severe. It has no available cure, and causes for the condition remain unknown. Multiple studies in recent years seem to have refuted the notion that vaccines might cause autism, but one new study has set out to challenge the consensus.



Published in the online *Journal of Public Health and Epidemiology* recently, the study found a correlation between the upsurge in cases of autism and the widespread use of vaccines made with fetal tissue cell lines. It is the first study to examine the link between autism and fetal cell vaccines, according to the author, Theresa Deisher, a stem cell scientist and the founder of Sound Choice Pharmaceutical Institute in Seattle. "We firmly feel the data is compelling enough that it justifies very immediate and stringent safety studies and analysis," Deisher said. "If this were a pesticide, it would already have been banned."

Deisher and other researchers at Sound Choice used public data to plot the sharp rise of autism prevalence in several countries. The year in which autism rates began to surge upward in each country is what they referred to as the "change point." They found that autism change points in the United States, the United Kingdom, Denmark, and Australia corresponded with the introduction or increased use of fetal cell vaccines.

Many vaccines are developed using cell cultures taken from chicken eggs. But the vaccines cited in Deisher's study were developed with widely-used cell lines taken from aborted fetuses decades ago. Since these cells are self-perpetuating, they don't involve continued abortions in order to be used in vaccines or other research, but they raise questions among some Christians about moral complicity with evil.

Although Deisher thinks some concerns about the health effects of vaccine ingredients are well-founded, she said she's not "anti-vaccine." According to Sound Choice's website, one of the organization's goals is to raise consumer awareness about "the widespread use of electively aborted fetal material in drug discovery, development and commercialization."

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Be Ye Transformed

Transcribed by Christina Li

Peter Denies Jesus

Mark 14:66-72 “And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest: And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaeen, and thy speech agreeth thereto. But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak. And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crew twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.”

Peter Reveals Jesus

Acts 4:8-13 “Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.”

The Greek word for *transformed* in Romans 12:2 is the same word translated into “transfigured” from Matthew 17:2. The word is *metamorphoo*, where we get our English word *metamorphosis*. In Biology, simple metamorphosis is defined as “a profound change in form from one stage to the next in the life history of an organism, as from the caterpillar to the pupa and from the pupa to the adult butterfly.” Metamorphosis happened to Peter somewhere between Mark chapter 14 and Acts chapter 4. Some examples of metamorphosis include a tadpole becoming an adult frog, Bruce Banner turning into the Green Monster, a caterpillar turning into a butterfly, and a sinner in the world becoming a Christian in the church.

It is possible that only a couple of short months span Mark 14 and Acts 4. Maybe even less time than that. There weren't too many experiences in the life of Peter that are recorded during that time span.

Before denying the Lord three times, Peter had seen miracles, blind eyes open, devils cast out, and Lazarus and Jairus' daughter raised from the dead. He had walked on water with Jesus. He saw how Jesus controlled storms. He saw how Jesus had the boldness to speak to the religious rulers and call them vipers and turn over tables in the temple. He realized how Jesus could read minds and speak words that changed lives. He had already received the revelation that Jesus Christ was God made flesh and was the Messiah.

Peter had also received the keys to the kingdom and even performed miracles himself. He had seen the physical glory of God and a manifestation of Moses and Elijah along with hearing a voice from heaven declaring Jesus to be the Son of God.

What was Peter's problem in denying the Lord? He was afraid of what they would do to him. He was not yet changed. No transformation had taken place yet. He was not the bold and full of faith Peter we find in Acts 4. Now that Jesus was captured, what would they do to him? Peter must have thought, “If a man this powerful is not strong enough to fight off the Roman government then what can I do?” The high priest and the leaders of the Jews would surely kill Jesus and His followers—so PETER DENIED HE KNEW THE LORD.

Something, however, took place shortly after denying the Lord to give Peter a boldness and a desire to reveal Jesus instead of denying Him. Whatever happened to him, it left him without fear and in a position of power and authority with God. In Acts 4, he was changed. He was quickly a different person, it seemed.

What was it? Transformation. When did it happen? Pentecost.

Pentecost is the New Testament word for an Old Testament Jewish holy day. It was the end of the feast of weeks. However, what happened on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2 was more than a Jewish celebration or feast. Today Pentecost is more than a day or a tradition. One could argue that it is an experience of metamorphosis.

Pentecost is the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy 2:28-29: “I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,” and Ezekiel's prophecy of a new heart and new spirit, Ezekiel 36:26-27: “a new spirit will I put within you.” Metamorphosis. Transformation.

Pentecost is the fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy about the new covenant with the house of Israel, Jeremiah 31:33: “I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts.” It is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy about the refreshing and rest for the weary, Isaiah 28:11-12: “For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing.” This is how Peter was transformed. It was the only major event that took place in Peter's life that could have caused such a drastic change.

The power to be transformed fell on the day of Pentecost. Luke 24:49: “And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.”

Acts 1:8: “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...”

The experience of Pentecost is a spiritual metamorphosis.

Steps to a Spiritual Metamorphosis

If you need a spiritual change, here are four steps to have a spiritual metamorphosis in your life.

Step one is to present yourself to God. Romans 12:1-2: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

We must present ourselves to God. Visit Calvary, being honest, and realize we are nothing compared to Him. Come as we are and surrender.

Step two is consecration, whole life consecration. Separate from the world and dedicate your life to God. Romans 6:12-13: “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”

2 Corinthians 6:17: “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.”

Step three is to put on Christ. Ephesians 4:24: “And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

Acts 2:4: “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

The keys to putting on Christ are prayer (where you will receive the Holy Ghost), study (where you will find there is one God and the power of His name), fasting (where you will subdue the desires of the flesh and sinful nature), and church attendance (where you will find true identity and purpose in life – and all of the above).

Step four is to steadfastly press forward. Change is imminent when you are not focused on the past. Know where you are going and keep moving forward.

Philippians 3:13-14: “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 8:37: “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”

How does Pentecost happen today? The same way it happened to Peter. The result should still be the same. Transformation.



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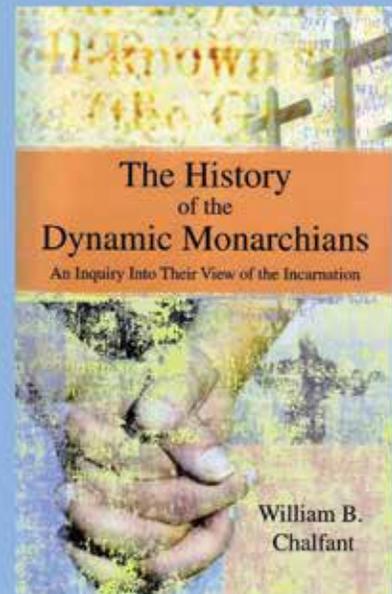
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Director of Multicultural Ministries Don Hanscom, a veteran foreign missionary, purchased the website domain called globaltracts.com in 2007, after receiving frequent inquiries for Apostolic literature in different languages. Hundreds of tracts and books, translated by foreign missionaries, were scanned, formatted and placed on this

website.

His wife, Sis. Sandra Hanscom, states, "Global tracts resources are easy to use. Simply print out a tract or short Bible study, and share it with the global person in your local area. All tracts, Bible studies, books and videos are approved by the United Pentecostal Church. They are free and downloadable."

The IT department at World Evangelism Center, which services the website, released some shocking and exciting statistics in a 36-page report recently. There had been more than 260,000 hits on this site in one month from nations all over the world. The most active countries were U.S., France, China, Germany, Japan, Canada, Thailand, Cameron, Kuwait, Brazil, and many more. David Bernard's book *The Oneness of God*, translated in Arabic, has been the most researched file. Testimony after testimony are coming in, exhibiting the use of global tracts in modern day revival.

A pastor in the St. Louis area reported that a Korean man came to his church needing prayer and counsel. The pastor

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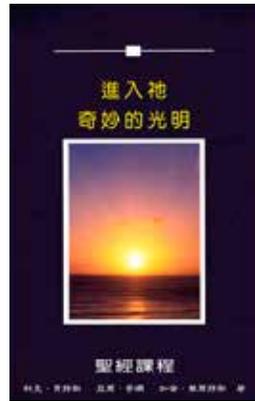
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A lady from Poland read the tract on "Baptism in Jesus' Name" in Polish from this website and contacted Global Tracts to ask where she could be baptized in Jesus' name in Poland.

"These reports confirm that we are effectively presenting the Word to the whole world," said Sis. Hanscom, who works with her husband to oversee the website project. She said that www.globaltracts.com will be an

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Into His Marvelous Light,
written in Chinese

A Fun Family Game With Kingdom Concepts

By Charlotte L. Pound



Sis. Lori Wagner
Clarkston, MI

Sis. Lori Wagner of Clarkston, Michigan came up with the unique concept of including Kingdom concepts in a family board game. Sis. Wagner, who is an author of 14 books and is currently working on several writing projects, has created a family board game

called Orbis. She is also a licensed minister and has served as the Michigan State Coordinator for the National Day of Prayer and as an elected representative in her community for five terms. She and her husband, Bill, have four children and are active in their local church and community.

Sis. Wagner explained the idea for the Orbis game was sparked by a family game night in her home two years ago. "The board games I was raised playing were all about gaining wealth, property and control for yourself, but those aren't Kingdom concepts," she said. "In the Kingdom of God, people don't win by accumulating riches, but by going, giving

and serving."

She described Orbis as a "reverse monopoly" game that is simple to learn and easy to play. Due to language, it is recommended for ages 10 and up and is played by two to four players or teams. To play, a die is rolled and players travel the track around the game board. Each turn a player lands on a space where they either raise funds, pay expenses or draw a Compassion in Action card that launches them on a global or local adventure. Funds are either raised or spent and colored markers are placed on the map in the locations served.



Orbis was originally designed with families in mind, but it is also a great homeschool, Sunday school or Christian education resource when played in teams. The word *Orbis* is Latin for "world." Sis. Wagner said, "I created the game with the slogan of the United Pentecostal Church in mind: The whole gospel to the whole world by the whole church. The game is suitable for Christians of all denominations but has some Apostolic doctrine included. For example, each Compassion in Action card has a mission to complete and related

Scripture. One card says, 'Preach a red-hot revival in Ethiopia' and its Scripture reference is Acts 2:38."

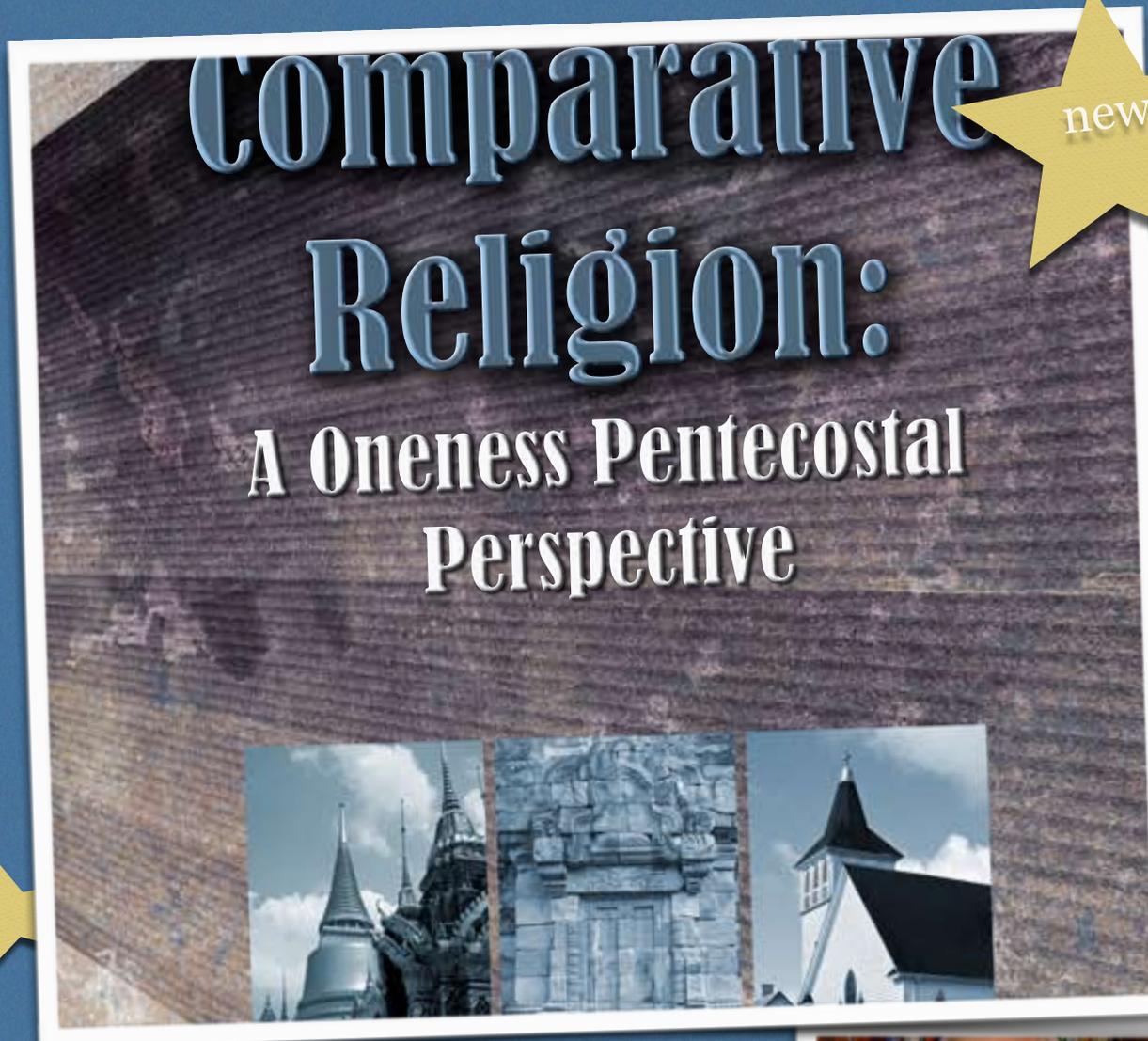
There are some twists to the game like the Matching Funds space where players have the opportunity to get a windfall and place several markers at one time. If you land on Deputation, you have to roll the die to see how long you stay there. Players could get stuck on the same spot for up to six turns, but while they aren't able to go out on the field, they earn \$1,000 for each turn missed. The first person to bless their world by putting all 10 of their markers on the map wins.

This is truly a kitchen-table enterprise assembled with components custom-made and purchased by different suppliers across the nation. The vibrantly colored game board is printed on rubber-backed fabric that enables it to be rolled up like a map. The game comes packaged in a backpack that makes it mobile, so players can take it "into all the world" in this Great Commission game. Sis. Wagner has partnered with the Pentecostal Publishing House for distribution. It's also available through Amazon, and from her website: www.AffirmingFaith.com for \$29.95.

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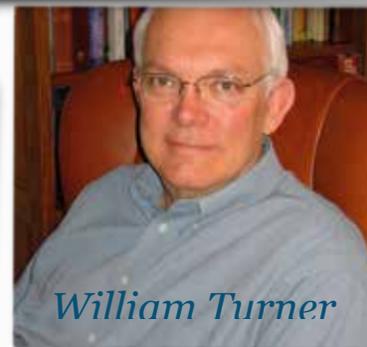
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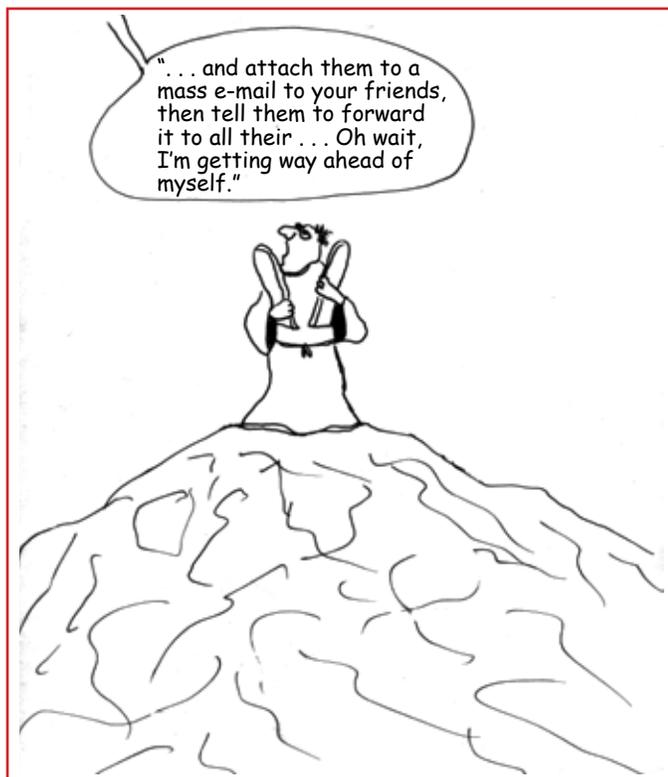
One day, with several small children in attendance, he spoke about the ingredients required to make up a church, using a chocolate chip cookie as an example. He explained to the children that, as with a cookie requiring ingredients such as sugar and eggs, the church needed ingredients to make up the congregation.

Holding up a cookie, he asked, "If I took the chocolate chips out of this cookie, what would I have?" A shy six-year-old raised his hand. "Six less grams of fat," he replied.

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6. If your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of debt is to spend trillions more.
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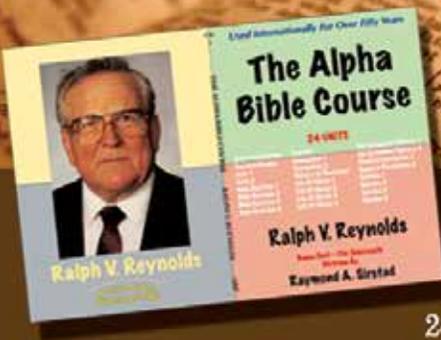
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