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Bro. and Sis. Chuck Patterson, pastor of Our Father's House (U.P.C.) in Cleveland, Ohio.

There was a girl a couple of years ago who was brought here to the Cleveland Clinic." Bro. Chuck Patterson told the story with the same intensity that marks nearly every word he speaks. "This girl had been bitten by a mosquito and because of an allergic reaction was in critical condition. Her grandfather and grandmother came by the church on their way to visit the girl. They were convinced that somewhere, there must be an answer for her beyond what the doctors could offer. What they didn't know was that the girl had been pronounced dead when they came into the church.

"But they asked us to pray over a prayer cloth for their granddaughter. God spoke to me then and said, 'Do not allow them to mention your name nor your church. Give the prayer cloth to them, tell them to lay it on the child and tell them that Jesus has the authority to heal. If they do just that, and they don't mention anything else, I will do the work.' When the grandparents got to the clinic, they walked in, laid the prayer cloth on the girl, and the girl sat up in the bed."

There Is Something Else

For Patterson, who pastors the *Our Father's House* Pentecostal church in Cleveland, Ohio, it could have been a chapter from his book, *There Is Something Else*. As his book suggests, Patterson has spent his life discovering and showing others that, when people and material things are not enough to meet one's needs, there is indeed "something else" able to meet those needs. Having discovered this fact intimately in his own life, Bro. Patterson now strives to introduce people in Cleveland to that "something else." And he appears to be having wonderful success.

Since starting the church in 1988, Patterson's congregation has grown from zero to about 135 in average attendance.

But Patterson had to do a lot of searching for himself before finally reaching the point of helping the hurting of central Ohio. Born in Bennettsville, South Carolina, Patterson spent most of his youth in Charlotte, North Carolina. For most of his childhood, Bro. Patterson's mother was a devout Nazarene, and later a Church of God faithful. "Those were both churches where there was a high standard of holiness," Patterson said. "That's part of the reason I left home at 14. There just seemed to be too much holiness."

During those early days of his youth, Patterson went through several phases. First was a drug-life-style phase; the young Chuck Patterson was involved in a variety of self-destructive behaviors, from drugs to drinking. Later came what Patterson refers to as the "K-Mart phase." During a 14-year period, Patterson rose to a high position in the nationwide retail chain, enjoying the salary and prestige that comes with upper level management.

"Making money always came really easy
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Chuck Patterson: The Search For Something Else

Pastor Chuck Patterson of Cleveland, Ohio devotes his life and ministry to showing people how to fill a void in their souls.

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Regular, consistent reading is a habit that is paramount for the all ministers cultivate. It is an essential thing for just keeping yourself and your ministry current and fresh.

However, it's important to be able to filter through the bad stuff and find what's worth reading.

There is a lot of so-called "Christian" books that a person needs to be wary of.

A few classics I would recommend reading are *The Unfolding Drama Of Redemption* by Scroggie and *The Greatest Thing In The World* by Henry Drummond.

For basic Bible study I like *Faussett's Bible Dictionary* and I also like the *Adam Clark Commentary*, because, unlike many commentaries, it is very true to the Deity of Christ and is quite favorable to fundamental truths of the Bible.

I also think there are a lot of good secular books that address many of society's problems, such as *The Moral Sense* by Wilson, *In Defense of Elitism* by Henry, and of course, William Bennett's *The Devaluing of America*. Just keep in mind to not let your reading be wasted time. Instead, read what will make you a better person and minister of God.



Must-Reading For Ministers

AIS VIEW: The Bible states that God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. For this reason, the effective minister or church leader should constantly strive to improve himself through reading at least one good book a month.

I picked up a book once that said, "The wise man is he who realizes he knows nothing," and "the wise man is he who chooses to be ignorant about things not worth knowing."

That's how I want to be: ignorant about things not worth knowing - such as the Super Bowl, the World Series, and the *National Enquirer*. That's why I try to read a minimum of three hours a day. I also take with me three or four books a day. Because I just want to know about things that matter.

I'm kind of abnormal. Most of our guys buy a book that they can use to get a sermon in 15 minutes. But I read books that make me study, provoke thought, and make me dig into the Word of God.

For instance, I think everybody ought to read *The Crisis of the Christ* by G. Campbell Morgan. Also, my favorite writer is F. B. Meyers. Don't let anybody tell you differently: He's the best character writer anywhere. I've read G. Wagner's *Practical Truths From Israel's Wanderings* eight or nine times. Also, almost anything by Authur Pink, John Phillips and Benjamin Keach is excellent. I also study a lot of Alfred Edersheim's writings.



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I like George Barna's books, because he keeps you up-to-date with what's happening. Also, everyone should read *Ordering Your Private World* by MacDonald. *If It Ain't Broke, Break It*, by Robert Kriegel is excellent. *Preaching With Freshness* by Mawhinney and *Spiritual Leadership* by J. O. Sanders are two classics I like.

I think all preachers should read *Positive Holiness*, by Ken Abraham. I also liked Jerry Cook's *A Few Things I've Learned Since I Knew It All*. I also read a lot of John Maxwell's books. *The Frog In A Kettle* by George Barna is excellent. Then for Bible study I like *Twenty Centuries Of Great Preaching*.

On my "must read" list are *The Greatest Salesman In The World* by Mandino, *The Master Plan of Evangelism*, by Coleman, *How To Experience Revival*, by Finney, *Why Revival Tarries* and *Revival Praying* by Ravenhill, and *The Kneeling Christian* by Unknown. Then I'd read *Total Church Growth* front to back.

John Maxwell's books are great. For Bible study I like Herbert Lockyer's "All The..." series - I use them in place of commentaries. I'd also recommend *Taught By The Spirit* and *Pentecostals In Crisis* by Ron Auch. I've just finished *The Key To Everything* by Hayford which was good. I also like most by Gary Smalley.

Warren Wiersbe's *On Being A Servant of God* is excellent. Also, *You Are the Message*, by Roger Ailes is a book every pastor should read. Cal Thomas' book, *The Things That Matter Most*, is not a religious book, but is a good read. For study I use *The New Bible Library* CD-ROM on my computer along with *QuickVerse*.

Here's my list: *Approaching Hoofbeats* by Billy Graham, *Dr. C* by Robert Rohn, *The Winner Within*, by Pat Riley, *The Making Of A Man Of God*, by Redpath. For study get *Who's Who In The Bible* by F. S. Mead, *The Park Street Pulpit* by Charles Spurgeon, *500 Select Sermons* by Talmage and *David I & II* by Keller.

Chuck Patterson: The Search For Something Else

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to me," Patterson said. "Success in general always seemed to come easy." Still, Patterson said, he always felt that there had to be more to life. He took the K-Mart job partly to demonstrate his independence and partly to win his father's approval. It didn't work. Patterson went on feeling empty.

And so it was that one Sunday afternoon, Patterson and his wife, Irene, had their first personal encounter with Christianity. "My niece told me that there was a Puerto Rican concert, and that I would probably like the music." But apparently taking a wrong turn, the Pattersons got in line, instead, for a crusade by Nicky Cruz, a well-known youth evangelist of the time. "I went in, and this guy preached a message of his testimony with the theme, 'Jesus loves you.' I left there brokenhearted, and really wanting to change." The following week, the Pattersons began attending a small Baptist church. It was then that a call came, offering Patterson a promotion in Troy, Michigan as a buyer for K-Mart. Bro. Patterson accepted the promotion, took his family to Michigan, and encountered an Apostolic church there pastored by Bishop William Parent. Within a matter of weeks, both he and his wife were baptized and had received the Holy Ghost.

Open Heart Outreach

Almost immediately, K-Mart began taking a back seat to ministry. In 1970, Patterson founded Open Heart Outreach, an all-volunteer effort that started in his church in Michigan and eventually spread to 13 states. His ministry operated halfway houses for those leaving penal institutions and rehabilitation programs. In fact, Patterson eventually left K-Mart to devote more time to this ministry.

Our Father's House

Cleveland, Ohio, however, was where the Pattersons were to make a more lasting mark. In 1988, Patterson's burden for helping the hurting took him to the mid-west city to start a church.

"When I got to Cleveland, there was nothing waiting for us here. No congregation waiting, no building, nothing. All I had was a strong calling from God to come to the west side of the city and establish a church."

It was God, Bro. Patterson recalled, who gave him a strategy for winning the city. "When I came here, I had a lot of ideas, because I came from a very strong outreach background and I was very successful in outreach. But when I got here, I went into a lot of deep study and fasting. I spent weeks in prayer and fasting. During that time, God gave me three things that seemed totally strange, but He said this was what I was to do. First, He said to get a building ready, because as soon as it was ready, there would be no more time to work on a building. Second, He said to teach the people to pray and study the Word. He said that was the main thing I was to do, because it's important to build a strong foundation to hold the new ones that God would add. And then third, out of the

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Top: Pastor Patterson with Franco Harris of the NFL Pittsburgh Steelers Football Hall of Fame. Bro. Patterson met him in 1976 and taught him a Bible study.

Middle: One of the 12 billboards Bro. Patterson rented to reach the west side of Cleveland. Some of the billboards stayed up for as long as three months.

Bottom : "Our Father's House" church located 15 minutes from downtown Cleveland. "Obtaining this facility was a miracle," Patterson stated.

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The Church Beyond Our Walls

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SPECIAL COMMENTARY *By Jimmy Shoemake*

Church, to too many people, means the building in my local community that my friends and I attend together. While that is certainly an important aspect of "church," it is not *the most* important. There is another aspect that, before true revival ever comes, the Apostolic ministry must begin to grasp. Namely, we must begin to see that the true Church is a worldwide community. We've got to see beyond our own walls and to realize that we are all part of the single unified Body of Christ. On a practical level, seeing the church as a worldwide Body takes on two major aspects: We must learn to provide strength for other pastors in other cities (and receive it from them in turn); and we must begin to spread the influence of our ministries throughout the church worldwide.

Strength Through Unity

First, one of the greatest needs among the Apostolic ministry is a rebirth of unity. This unity, as I've said, comes from you feeling that your church is part of mine and mine is part of yours; your ministry is tied in with mine, and mine with yours. You share my burdens; I share yours.

There is far too much independence among preachers in the Apostolic movement. On one hand, I can appreciate the need for the autonomy of the local church. Each pastor must be free to make decisions that he feels best for his local congregation. But this should not detract us from feeling the burdens of other ministers. When one member suffers, we should all feel that it is our suffering as well. Likewise, when one rejoices, we all rejoice.

Obviously, the starting point to accomplishing this would be prayer. But beyond this, we all need to take a new look at just what the church is from the Bible's perspective. It would be good for each of us to take a look at the church as described in the book of Acts (and maybe even the epistles, as they contain valuable guidelines for the functioning of the church). As we study this first-century church, we find a unity among them that went far beyond the walls of the local assembly. They were always sensitive to the needs of the church body regardless of where those needs arose.

For the most part, we as ministers just need to be reminded of this need for unity. As a general rule, our pastors are very honest and sincere men. However, at times, we become so overwhelmed with the problems of today. We

get over-burdened with the cares of people that we counsel, and these cares tend to crowd out the problems of other churches, other pastors.

Because of this, to enhance our duty to the church beyond our walls, it may be necessary to lessen the load on ourselves within the local assembly. Perhaps it can be related to the "waiting of tables" that the first church encountered. In this situation from the book of Acts, the apostles realized that they were weighted down with chores that someone else might be able to do.

On a personal level, the overload of counseling and dealing with people's personal problems has often robbed me of time to be involved in ministry in other areas; I've often found it difficult to press on into these other aspects of ministry.

As a result, what I've found for myself, and what is probably true for other ministers as well, is that we need to learn how to delegate responsibility more. A lot of pastors are facing this pressure on their time and resources. But we've felt so personally responsible for the total operation of our churches that we've been reluctant to put these responsibilities on the shoulders of lay ministers or lay people. However, if we're going to make progress in ministering to the Body of Christ at large, we're going to have to put this responsibility out to other mature saints. There are many in our churches who are both willing and capable to help. It's just a matter of refocusing our direction.

Beyond Our Borders

Broadening our horizons within the church doesn't stop, however, with lending strength to other ministers within the States. Missions has rightly been called the heartbeat of the Body of Christ. Consequently, it is an area that we must begin to see as not just the ministry of the missionary, but as our own ministry as well.

Too many churches have become isolated. I've talked to pastors, many from large revival churches, and many of them feel the same way, that is, that we have placed too much emphasis on the autonomy of our own churches and not nearly enough on church-wide success. Yet the fact remains that victory for the church overseas is victory for the church here as well.

This is at least partly to blame for the struggles that we often have with missions



giving. It comes from focusing only on your local needs and problems. As a result, when you do that, you tend to lose sight of the broader picture and of the purpose of the church, which is to evangelize the world.

Even in our church, where we have typically had a good missions program, we have seen some of this. For instance, during the last couple of years, we've been involved in a large building program. I felt, during that time, that for the sake of our congregation, I needed to focus our energies on our local needs. Yet, I must confess that I felt very guilty about this, even though the intentions were good. Because, regardless of the reason, no church is justified in becoming an isolated island-unto-itself. We must never become so inward-looking that we neglect the bigger picture.

So we must always be conscious of the needs on the foreign field in addition to those at home. We should encourage people, including our own ministerial brethren, to be more involved in missions. The California district, for instance, has instituted a program to accomplish this. Each year, they take several pastors from the district on a trip to a mission field. They take about a week or 10 days to visit and help on that mission field. Each year, they have different pastors going, with the hope of eventually involving every pastor in the district on one of those trips. The result of this has been an increased awareness of the needs of the worldwide Body of Christ.

And that, after all, is our main objective. We are concerned, not with building our own kingdoms, but with building the Kingdom of God, wherever it may be.

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Owen Taylor

Legal

What about personal injuries to people visiting our church? Are we responsible for them? If so, what precautions can we take?

Personal injuries to individuals on church property or during church activities can indeed be the responsibility of the church. For instance, in a recent case, an Illinois appeals court ruled that a church could be sued for injuries sustained by a member who fell down snow and ice-covered stairs at the church.

The victim went to her church at 6:30 p.m. in January to practice with the music group. After rehearsal the victim left, using the stairs which now had snow and ice on them. She fell and was greatly injured. The victim admitted seeing the snow and ice but complained that the handrail was inadequate and that efforts to remove the snow and ice were incomplete. The appeals court ruled the church created or permitted to exist an unnatural accumulation on the stairs. In other words, the snow was removed in a negligent manner or the injury was a result of the ice or snow being accumulated in an unnatural way.

Premises liability is usually covered by insurance. Still, the law is very broad in affording protection to those who are lawfully upon church property. Needless to say, there needs to be a consistent and competent surveillance of the property for "pitfalls." Handrails, stair treads, lighting, unusual accumulations and lack of general repairs can all create liability.

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David Brown

Theology

What is the "blasphemy against the Holy Ghost" that Jesus said could not be forgiven?

This is a question that comes up in my Gospels class frequently, and I sometimes answer it by pleading the fifth! This answer, of course, does not suffice, and a more serious answer must be sought. It is relatively easy to see what Jesus meant in that day, but somewhat more difficult to apply it to our day.

The specific context of this passage is this: Jesus had just healed a man who was possessed of a devil. For this act Jesus was accused by the Pharisees of casting out devils by Beelzebub (Matthew 12:24). Jesus then explained why this claim was false and stated that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. So from the context, we can conclude that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit was claiming that Jesus was operating under an evil spirit when He cast out the demon. Mark makes this clear when he says, "Because they said, 'He hath an unclean spirit'" (Mark 3:30).

Now comes the difficult part, i.e., applying this to us today. I believe a person could blaspheme today if after having a personal experience with the Lord, that person then equated the Lord's power to be of satanic origin. A person who would make, and believe, such a claim would be in such a reprobate condition that he would not recognize his sinful state. As a result, he would be beyond the point of forgiveness. This lack of forgiveness comes as a result of the reprobate's own condition. One thing further: The person who fears that he has committed the "unpardonable sin," by definition, could not have committed it, since he still has the capacity to recognize right and wrong.



O. C. Marler

Family

I have always been taught to keep things neat and in order and to complete tasks on schedule. Instead of this pleasing my family, it seems to be a constant point of contention. Is there a way to peacefully co-exist with the family without sacrificing my principles of an orderly life?

Punctuality and order are two virtues that are as basic to success as the old adage of "early to bed, early to rise" making a man healthy, wealthy and wise. And it is almost impossible to be happy without a sense of organization in both your spiritual and personal life.

Perhaps, however, your family's contention comes from your sense of priority. Is your schedule flexible enough to make room for family activities and leisure?

I am reminded of the fond memory of my brother-in-law had of his mother. Though a hard-working farm wife, she always had time to interrupt her work to find a "stick horse" or make a slingshot for a little boy; and when time was of the essence, she contrived home-made mops and stood those who were too short to reach the dishpan on stools so that they could mop and wash dishes alongside their mom. My brother-in-law said that even though things were not always done right on time, he learned not only a strong work ethic, but a sense of being loved by a mother who was never too busy to give time to an individual child.

Your family has human needs. They are not machines. I am not suggesting that you throw organization out the window. I do feel, however, that in all our scheduling, it is of prime importance to keep our priorities straight.



T. W. Massengale

Outreach

We are a small church and don't have a large amount of money to spend on advertising. Another denominational church in town spends thousands each year on advertising, and needless to say, they have grown rapidly. It grieves my heart to see so many going there every Sunday when we have the Truth and no one hardly knows we exist. My question is this: What is the most effective evangelism method that a small church can use to obtain maximum growth on a limited budget? Do you have to spend thousands on advertising to grow?

The most effective way to reach your community is not by spending thousands on advertising. Advertising will increase your name recognition and community awareness profile, but real growth comes only from reaching your church's *oikos* (family, friends, and acquaintances) with the Gospel. In most churches 90% of all visitors attend because of the invitation of a church member.

There are two important statistics to keep in mind. First research shows that over 90% of all who receive the Holy Ghost do so within a church service of some kind. Secondly, almost 93% of those who have received the Spirit have done so after attending church three or more times. The bottom line is this: To grow you must increase the number of *oikos* visitors that attend your church and secondly, they

must come more than once. There is no single evangelism method that effectively accomplishes both. What has proven most effective in bringing *oikos* visitors are events such as revivals, special services, church socials, attendance promotions and similar activities. What has proven most effective in encouraging those visitors to return is a full-featured visitor follow-up ministry. In my opinion, a good follow-up ministry is the *most* important evangelism ministry a church can have, because if your visitors don't return, very few will ever receive the Holy Ghost.

But let me conclude by saying that no organized program can substitute for power-packed, Spirit-filled services. Such services will not only attract visitors but will keep them coming back until God can convict their heart.

OCCULT

Swiss Cult Deaths Tied To Satanism

It was a headline that had become all too familiar: Scores of cult members killed as the ultimate consummation of their religion. This time it was in Switzerland where on October 5, 48 members of a cult tied to satanism were victims of a mass suicide.

The cult, known as the "Solar Temple," was founded over a decade ago. George A.

Mather, coauthor of *Dictionary of Cults, Sects, Religions, and the Occult*, points out that Solar Temple is a satanic church.

"There is no doubt in my thinking that with all the symbolism I have seen reported in the news, the Temple of Solar is not only a New Age representative religion, it is a satanic church."

According to Mather, pitchforks and orange emblems found on the building near the bodies indicate a satanic Black Mass was being performed at the time. Other evidence of satanic activities included black, red, white and gold robes, an altar, and a chalice and pentagram on the basement floor.

Most of the media reported the Switzerland incident as a mass suicide. However, both Mather and now Swiss investigators consider it murder. Mather attributed it to human sacrifice.

Said Andre Piller, who is investigating the deaths: "We spoke at first of a collective suicide. We can today affirm for certain it was not suicide, but murder."

In a related story, the October 17 National & International Religion Report said that cult expert Jean-Francois Mayer had received a letter pertaining to the cult incident. According to Mayer, cult members had sent him a letter just before the mass deaths saying, "We are leaving this earth to discover, lucidly and freely, a dimension of truth and absoluteness, far from the hypocrisy and the oppression of this world, in order to produce the seed of our future generation."

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Sex Ed Programs Are Not Working

There is little evidence that sex education programs are stemming the rising tide of teen pregnancies according to the October issue of *The Atlantic Monthly*.

The magazine article, written by Barbara DaFoe Whitehead, examined primarily the New Jersey model of sex education, currently used by 17 states. Whitehead said that in the curriculum, there is an attempt to give kids "positive messages about expressing sexuality, but no effort to give children positive messages about the advantages of not expressing sexuality before they are grown."

The research goes on to show that while New Jersey schools started their sex education programs in 1980, it has not helped the rate of teen-age births. Whereas in 1980, 67.6 percent of teen births were to unmarried mothers and by 1991, that rate had already increased to 84 percent.

RELIGION

Biblical Illiteracy High In The U.S.

A new survey by the Barna Research Group calls into question Americans' understanding of the contents of the Bible. Some findings of the survey of 1,015 adults:

- ◆ 10 percent believe that Noah's wife was "Joan of Arc."
- ◆ 22 percent thought Jesus never married because He was a priest.
- ◆ 38 percent thought the Old Testament was written decades after the death of Jesus.

CHURCH TRENDS

Giving Was Down Most Of 1993

Americans sacrificed less of their time and money last year. A Gallup survey for Independent Sector found that giving to charitable causes, including churches and Christian ministries, had declined in 1993 from previous years.

The poll found that 73 percent of American households reported making charitable contributions. However, the average dropped from \$978 in 1989 to \$880 last year. Protestant giving was down from \$1,014 in 1991 to \$969 in 1993. Catholic giving was worse. For the first time, giving by Catholics fell below that of people of no religious affiliation (\$508 for Catholics, \$848 for those of no religious preference).

The causes of the declines according to Independent Sector president Sara Melendez, are people's insecurity about their financial futures and changes in tax laws.

SOCIETY

Teens Not Worried About Drinking

Today's teen-agers are not worried about the negative effect alcohol might have on them according to a recent *USA Weekend* survey.

Of the 93,000 adolescents surveyed, 22 percent admit to drinking alcoholic beverages. Of this group, 62 percent claim that they drink most often in their homes; 12 percent say they get alcohol from their own parents.

The majority of those surveyed realize that drinking causes them to get worse grades in school, to approach sex with a more casual attitude, and to get into trouble more frequently, but they are unconcerned about it. Further, most drinkers said they doubt that arrest, parental punishment or a "close call" with another car would deter them from their drinking habits.

PROPHECY

World Religion Council Proposed

Evangelical Press Association reports that more than 200 representatives of various world religions gathered in Khartoum, Sudan during October 8-10 to discuss the need for the world's faiths to unite in a "world council of religions."

The council, according to EP, would allow the major religions (Christianity and Islam in particular) to join and offer an alternative vision to what is considered a "materialist, secularist world view that dominates society." The meeting was of particular note to prophecy teachers as they see in the Bible the prediction of a world religion just before the Second Coming.

News In Brief...

- ◆ The Senate voted 63-36 in August to cut funding to school districts teaching homosexuality as an acceptable life-style.
- ◆ The recent November Congressional elections were an apparent victory for the pro-life movement. About 30 abortion advocates were voted out of office while no pro-life incumbents were defeated.
- ◆ Fewer Salvation Army bells will ring this Christmas as the midwest chain, Meijer Inc., has prohibited the religious group from soliciting donations.

Apostolic Counselors' Fellowship

Western culture in the 1990s has been described as a dysfunctional society. For the church, especially, emotional problems have replaced persecution as its number one challenge. Rising to meet this challenge, however, is the Apostolic Counselors' Fellowship.

Apostolic Counselors' Fellowship (ACF), according to their own literature, is "an association of Oneness believers dedicated to the emotional health and development of individuals and families." The association is comprised of counseling professionals, pastors, peer counselors and others who have an interest in the counseling ministry.

Sis. Sylvia Clemons, who attends Bro. Scott McManus' church in Greenville, TX, is president of the Apostolic Counselors' Fellowship. Sis. Clemons noted that currently, the association is operated as a ministry of the Greenville assembly, Living Word Church.

"What we're trying to do," Sis. Clemons said, "is to network people together who have an interest in counseling. We want to begin to provide training for these people and to help them all to come in one mind and one accord so that they can better help each other."

Sis. Clemons said that ACF hopes to support Christian counselors by offering training, putting counselors in contact with each other, and



Sylvia Clemons

through their quarterly newsletter. "I hope to begin offering regular training events," Sis. Clemons said. "After awhile, we will hopefully be having regional meetings instead of just annual meetings at General Conference."

"One of the primary reasons a person should join ACF is that it begins to give that pastor or professional support for him or herself. It can be a very lonely business sometimes just listening to other people's problems and trying to help them deal with the issues they're dealing with. I think ACF is an important ministry, because there's never been anything like it before. There's never been any avenue within Apostolic churches for those interested in counseling to come together. It's kind of a ground level beginning of something that can be very beneficial."

Currently, the ministry offers three levels of membership: the professional level, for those with master's degrees or doctorates; the pastoral level for those who are licensed ministers; and an associate level, comprised of people who are studying counseling or are involved in peer counseling or have merely expressed an interest in counseling. For further information about ACF, contact Sis. Sylvia Clemons at (903)454-4757. Or write: Apostolic Counselors' Fellowship, c/o Living Word Church, P.O. Box 1931, Greenville, TX 75403-1931.

APOSTOLICS TODAY

Azusa St. Eyewitness

One of the few living eyewitnesses of the Azusa Street revival that spawned 20th-century Pentecostalism turned 93 on November 8. Sister Ruth Vouga, who received the Holy Ghost at Azusa



R. Vouga

St. at age 17, is the wife of the late Bro. Oscar Vouga. During their ministry together, Bro. Vouga served as General Secretary of the Pentecostal Church, Inc. (one of the predecessors of the UPCI), as Foreign Missions Director of the UPC. He and Sis. Vouga also preached frequently.

Sis. Vouga, who earned a reputation as a prayer warrior, said the one thing she misses from those old pioneer days is "the early church prayer meetings. It made the difference. Those pioneers had extended prayer meetings that brought down the glory of God."

OUTREACH

Chula Vista Experiences 'Prayer Flood'

Last year's midwest floods can't begin to compare with the great flood in Chula Vista, CA. No, you didn't miss an important item in the newspaper, because this was not a typical flood. This was a "Prayer Flood" that has been instrumental in helping Bro. Arthur Hodges III reach the residents of Chula Vista with the Gospel.

Hodges, who pastors the South Bay Pentecostal Church in Chula Vista, started a Prayer Flood ministry three years ago. For six weeks (40 days and nights, a la Noah's Flood), the church devotes its mid-week service to outreach. "We come together at seven o'clock and have a brief time of worship, prayer, and a five minute inspirational message," Hodges said. "Then we release the people to go do ministry. In the church lobby, they receive a bundle of Prayer Flood door hangers along with a map with their streets highlighted, showing their assignment for the night."

Each house on a person's street gets a door-hanger stating, 'Thanks for letting us pray over your home. Our pastor felt we should pray a blessing on every home in the area.' It also has a place for the church name and the outreach worker's phone number.

However, "At the beginning of the block, the outreach teams will pray for God to lead them to two homes where God has been dealing with people's hearts." The outreach workers then knock on that door and inform the residents that they felt led of God to come in and pray for any special needs the family might have.

Hodges reports positive results from each Prayer Flood they have conducted. "The first time we did this, three years ago, a couple of people from our church visited a home. They felt the Lord leading them to this one door. So a person came to the door crying. As it turns out, this lady and her daughter had been on their knees at that moment praying, 'God, lead us to a church.' They were in ser-



Arthur Hodges III

vice the following Sunday and both were baptized and received the Holy Ghost."

Indeed, the program has worked so well that Prayer Flood has gone from being a novel approach to evangelism to being one of the major outreach programs of South Bay Pentecostal Church. "One of the best things this does for us is what it does for the saints. We get everybody in the church involved. No other visitation program has ever been as successful for us in getting everybody knocking doors. It's a low-key way to get the whole church involved."

For information on obtaining door-hangers for your own "Prayer Flood," contact Bro. Arthur Hodges III at 395 "D" Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910. Or call (619) 585-0600.

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Addicted To Ministry

OPINION: We must impart to youth a burden for ministry to others.

What is the attitude of your church toward ministry? The Apostle Paul provides for us an excellent example of how we should view the opportunity to serve and minister to others: "I beseech you, brethren, ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints."

Think about it for a moment: addicted to the ministry of the saints! A major factor of this addiction was the influence of Paul's life. The first mention of the household of Stephanas is in I Corinthians 1:16. Paul said, "And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other." Notice the close association Paul had with this household. He said this was the only family that he had baptized with his own hand. Think how his personal attention rubbed off on their attitude toward ministering. They wanted to emulate the ministry that they saw in Paul. They witnessed the addiction Paul had for the ministry of the saints and said, "I want to be like that."

Young people in particular have need of strong role models; they imitate those they admire. From the clothes and shoes they wear to the slang they speak, their actions are a primary result of those who have an impact on their lives. This is such a strong force in the lives of teens that some have even taken their own lives following the action of their role model.

And so, with role models being such a powerful force to them, teens need to see an addiction to ministry modeled in the lives of their parents, pastors, and youth leaders. They will adopt an attitude about ministry from those who are close enough to touch and shape their lives.

Now notice that it was not "ministry" to which the household of Stephanas was addicted. It was "ministry to saints." We must not allow a false perception of the ministry to be transmitted to our young people. These youth must realize that ministry is people and not the program.

In Luke chapter nine, James and John, the "Sons of Thunder," were called along with the apostle Peter into a mountain where they witnessed the transfiguration of Christ. During that experience, they witnessed Jesus talking to Moses and Elijah about the Lord's upcoming death at Jerusalem. They were talking with Jesus about the cross. You would think that James and John would have understood that Jesus' ministry was about seeking and saving people who were lost. His ministry was all about people.

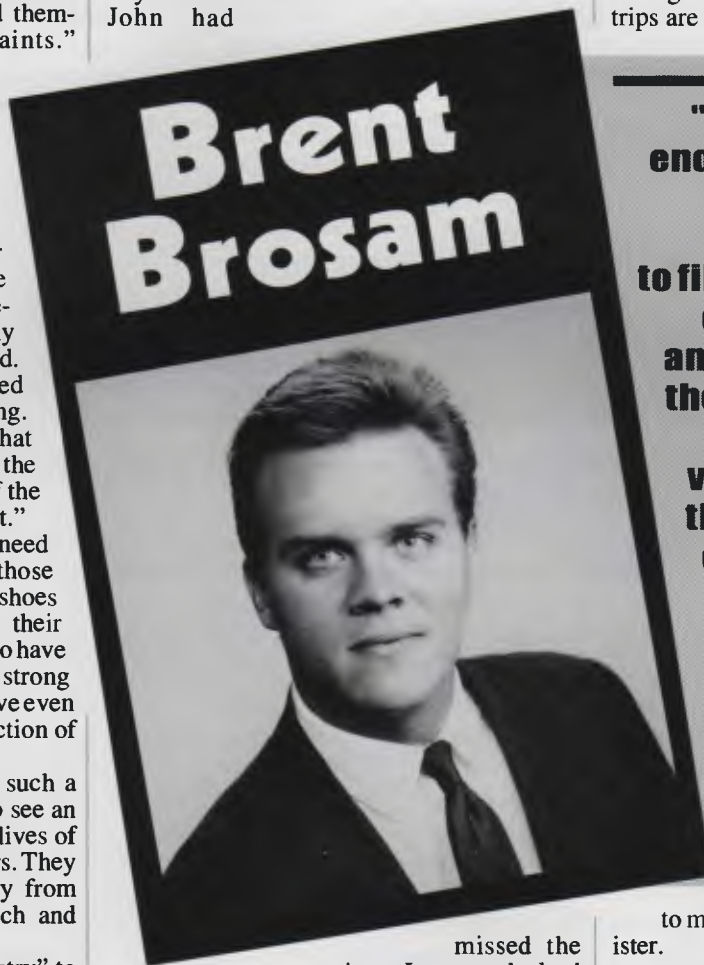
In the same chapter, Jesus had determined to minister in Samaria, but the Bible says that "they did not receive him." James and John were so outraged that the Samaritans would not receive the ministry of Jesus that they wanted to call down fire from heaven on the city of Samaria. James and John had

hard to get them to want to do something. It is much harder, however, to give them something to do. We tell them "go" without telling them where. We tell them to do without telling them how.

The hard part is providing an outlet through experiences. Evangelism and mission trips are much work, but necessary for teens

if they are going to be addicted to the ministry of the saints. Spending a portion of the summer with a home missionary in an urban city may provide the experience and the role model that someone in your youth group needs to addict them to the ministry of the saints. *Youth On Mission*, a program which is part of our General Youth Division, is another exciting possibility for teens to get experience and exposure. Expose them to bus ministry and they will want to drive one. Send a young person on a *Youth On Mission* trip to South America and don't be surprised if he returns talking about wanting to go back as an Associate In Missions. Exposure

"It is not enough for young people to fill youth centers and pews; they must be involved in the work of ministry."



to ministry will produce a burden to minister.

It's no longer enough to preach to our youth about what needs to be done. It is up to us, the leadership of the church, to show them how to meet the needs of people and to give them ample opportunity for doing so. Providing the right role models, along with successful experiences, can produce a generation that is just as addicted to the ministry of the saints as the house of Stephanas.

Brent Brosam is an instructor at Indiana Bible College as well as youth director at Calvary Tabernacle in Indianapolis, pastored by Bro. Paul Mooney. Brosam also speaks frequently at youth worker seminars, and he and his wife were part of the pioneer Youth On Missions team sponsored by the UPCI's Youth Division.

missed the point. Jesus rebuked them, saying, "You know not what manner of spirit ye are of." A ministry that does not put people as the priority is of a spirit contrary to that of Jesus.

It is possible for us to love speaking, teaching, or singing more than we love the people who are the targets of this speaking, teaching and singing. This, however, is a wrong focus. Teenagers must learn to love people. All people. Black and white people. Rich and poor people. When the church conveys to teens a love for all people, our teens will desire to minister to their needs.

It is not unusual for young people to spill tears at a crowded altar in response to a convicting message about reaching the world. More often than not, they are the ones who ask the question, "What can I do?" It is not

Recommended Reading

The Things That Matter Most, by Cal Thomas, Harper Collins, 219 pages, \$22.00, hardcover.

Cal Thomas is undoubtedly one of the nation's most controversial newspaper columnists. The reason: He peppers his columns with his conservative Christian beliefs. In this book, Thomas traces our national decay to the false promises of the 1960s. In the process, Thomas uses the hard-hitting style that has made him an enemy of liberals and a favorite of Christians. Good, enlightening reading.

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The Complete Works of E.M. Bounds on Prayer, Baker Books, 560 pages, \$19.99, paperback.

The works of E.M. Bounds have long been considered classics in the area of prayer. This new volume combines many of Bounds' best writings into one power-packed volume. Included are: *The Essentials of Prayer*, *The Necessity of Prayer*, *The Possibilities of Prayer*, *Power through Prayer*, *Prayer and Praying Men*, *Purpose in Prayer*, *The Realities of Prayer*, and *The Weapon of Prayer*. Literary purists might, however, take note of the fact that the archaic words have been updated.

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The Christian's Guide to Worry-Free Money Management, Zondervan, 192 pages, \$12.99, paperback.

This is a very easy-to-use book that presents 10 simple steps for managing your money or your ministry's money. Everything is grounded solidly in biblical principles, making this a very helpful book for Christians needing help with their budgets.

■ **THE HIGH COST OF DOING CHURCH**

Operating a church or ministry isn't getting any cheaper according to church growth expert Lyle Schaller. According to the April 15 issue of *National Christian Reporter*, Schaller claims that the cost of maintaining a church has been rising more rapidly than per capita income. The *Reporter* cited Schaller as saying that "it costs an average of \$15 per person each Sunday to run a church, yet many people still give only one dollar or five dollars per week." Said Schaller: "We haven't done a good job of communicating what the cost of the church is. If you don't ask people for occasional extra money, somebody else will." Apparently convenience is the main culprit. It is still so much easier to give a single bill (i.e., a one or five dollar bill) than to give two or three.

■ **THINKING OF GOING BACK TO SCHOOL?**

Getting a college education is no longer a pursuit limited to recent high school graduates according to recent studies. A study released by the National Center for Education Statistics shows that more than 40 percent of college students are over the age of 25; 60 percent of students are women. The January-February issue offers the following advice for nontraditional students heading back to school: 1) Make time if you don't have it. "Efficient organization eliminates hours of wasted time. Use a daily notebook to keep appointments, lists, and reminders." 2) Search the library for financial aid assistance: "Each year, financial aid goes unused because students never apply for it. Low-interest government loans are another option." 3) Talk about your decision to return to school with your family: "Because your decision will affect everyone, it is best if all agree."

■ **PRO-FAMILY LONG-DISTANCE CARRIER**

Last month, AIS reported on the various pro-homosexual activities of long-distance carrier AT&T. Among those activities are required homophobia workshops for employees and observance of Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week. Similarly, some other long-distance carriers often support causes contrary to the views of most conservative Christians. Because of that, one group has decided to offer an alternative to these carriers. *Lifeline* is a long-distance company pledging to support only pro-family and pro-Christian causes. According to the company, by switching to *Lifeline* as your long-distance carrier, you can use 10 percent of your home or business long-distance dollars to support one of several pro-family organizations. Some of the groups targeted for giving by *Lifeline* are pro-life groups and ministries devoted to helping free people from the homosexual life-style. *Lifeline* officials promise that "the change-over is invisible and takes about two weeks. Your *Lifeline* bill will come right along with your normal billing, [and] you'll get a free calling card for use while traveling." The long-distance carrier is currently offering a 90-day guarantee; those who are not pleased with the service may switch back to their former carrier at no charge. Other features of the service: 30 minutes of free long-distance calling for the first month; detailed managerial reports with each bill, six-second billing instead of full-minute billing; and optional "800" service. For details, call (800) 493-2002.

■ **BUILDING PROGRAM PROBLEMS**

The need for a new building program is a sure sign of a growing church. Unfortunately, there are often many logistical problems associated with building new facilities. Here are four problems, for instance, that the *Win Arn Growth Report* says are common among churches:

- 1) The problem of psychological displacement: With every church building program there is an inevitable displacement of the congregation which results in a collective disorientation of the Body.
- 2) The problem of anticipation let-down: 90 percent of the fun of any endeavor is the anticipation. Yet, be it a vacation, a new car, a new house, or a new church building, few things turn out quite as good as expected.
- 3) The problem of program lag: With the intense involvement of church leaders in the building program, thoughts of how the new facility will be used for mission and ministry are often secondary.
- 4) The problem of transitional grief: Members become attached to church buildings. It was in those buildings that some of their most meaningful life events took place.

The *Report* advises: Plan well before you build! Appoint a committee to address and develop solutions to these problems before they start.

WORD TO THE WISE:

The man who steps into a cage with a dozen lions impresses everybody except a Junior Boys' Sunday School class.



THE TOP TEN REASONS for not growing your church:

- #10. The secretary will have to print more than 27 church bulletins.
- #9. Someone might beat you to your favorite pew.
- #7. Newcomers might have a taste for some of that newfangled Christian music.
- #6. Aunt Virgie might get a "run for her money" as piano player.
- #5. Extra people in the sanctuary could mean turning on air conditioning rather than oscillating fan.
- #4. Someone might actually show up with a baby, and then you'd have to work a turn in the nursery.
- #3. More people will mean the pastor has less time to shoot the breeze in your front porch swing.
- #2. Where can you store 17 years of Sunday school quarterly back issues if the baptistry actually has to be used?
- #1 And the #1 reason: If tithes were to increase, Pastor might get a raise.



ONE HOME MISSIONS PASTOR expressed amusement at the sometimes-country ways of his backwoods congregation. For instance, there was this story concerning one elderly couple. It seems there were some migratory birds tagged by the U.S. Department of Interior with metal strips reading WASH. BIOL. SURV., for "Washington Biological Survey."

The elderly gentlemen wrote to the department: "Dear Sirs: I shot one of your crows. My wife followed the cooking instructions on the bird. She washed it, boiled it, and served it. It was the worst thing we ever ate."

THE DEFENDANT IN THE TAX CASE proclaimed loudly his innocence to the judge. "As God is my Judge, I don't owe this tax!"

Replied the judge: "Well, He isn't. . . I am. . . You do. Case closed."

SIX PHASES of a church project: 1) Enthusiasm; 2) Disillusionment; 3) Panic; 4) Search for the guilty; 5) Punishment of the innocent; 6) Praise and honor for the nonparticipant.



A GROUP OF KIDS was gathered together in the back yard whispering. Curious, Mother asked, "What are you doing, whispering like that?"

"Playing church," one of the children replied.

"But you shouldn't whisper in church," Mother answered.

"Oh," one child said, "but we're in the choir!"

ONE CURIOUS 11-YEAR-OLD-BOY asked one night at the dinner table, "Why is it that every night before we eat, we always pray for our daily bread? Why not just pray for a month's supply at a time?" His parents were thoroughly stumped at this question.

The boy's eight-year-old sister, though, wasn't the least bit stumped. "Because," she replied, "that's so it will be fresh!"

MOM ASKED her six-year-old son to get a mop from the front porch. "But it's dark outside," the boy protested.

"Don't worry, God is out there with you," Mom assured him.

The child opened the door and barely whispered, "Please God, would you hand me the mop?"

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Chuck Patterson: The Search For Something Else
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numbers that came. I was to find a group of leaders who would help me build a church that would not disssolve."

The Pattersons followed this plan and the Lord, it seems, kept His end of the bargain: Revival quickly came to *My Father's House*. "So far, God has blessed me with people that are very revival-minded. We keep an intense revival attitude in the church."

Two things helped Bro. Patterson grow at such a rapid pace in only six years: prayer and aggressive outreach.

"I'm very evangelistic and revival-minded. I have a deep compassion for people out of the church. I also have a deep compassion for those in the church. So I think I have a good balance of outreach and 'in-reach.'

I have to say that we have built our church here out of prayer and home Bible study. I have all these things I've done in the way of evangelism. For example, I had 12 large billboards put up around the city saying, 'DOPE: Devil's Opportunity to Possess Everything.' I had those up for 60 days. Then we distributed 28,000 flyers in 1989 and 15,000 in 1990. But all this is just for publicity; it just let people know who we are. What really worked for us was prayer and home Bible study." Indeed, through some combination of these methods, 432 new visitors attended the Cleveland church in 1991, and 167 attended in 1993. "I think they came mainly through prayer." Patterson said, "and the tool that got them there was a billboard or a flyer or a home Bible study."

Bro. Patterson's Black Room

It's no surprise, then, that Bro. Patterson cites prayer as being central to his philosophy of ministry. "I have found nothing so deep as prayer," he said. "It's prayer that allows me to meet the needs of the hurting. I don't do anything until I pray. I have a special room in my church. I have this room painted black, because it's not to be a place of great joy or relaxation. It has no heat in it, no air conditioning. It has a 'Do Not Disturb' sign. The church knows that this is the place that I seek God. There is nothing so rewarding as being the pastor of a church where the people allow me to pray."

Everyone Involved

That's not the only thing Bro. Patterson appreciates about his congregation; he points out that the church is as actively involved

in ministry as he himself is.

"I would say about 70 percent of my congregation is involved in evangelism. I seek for everybody to do something. Everybody's going to do something. We're going to be cleaning or involved in evangelism, or we're going to be teaching or singing. I have two elderly ladies who go upstairs every Sunday morning and pray very loudly so that people downstairs can hear them.

"Jesus did not save us just to hear; He wants us to be involved. I have a sheet that I use. As soon as a person has made an affiliation here, that person lists all his attributes and talents. They put down what they would really like to do in the church. Then I call them in and interview them to see if they're qualified to do what they want to do."

It's understandable, then, that leadership training is an important part of ministry at *Our Father's House*. Bro. Patterson has made up detailed job descriptions for each leader, and meets with them every week. He also requires weekly and monthly reports. Bro. Patterson said that he's careful to ask for input from his leaders. "I want my leaders to exceed me and what I've done. When I was taught by my mentor, Bishop William Parent, he told me, 'Bro. Patterson, you can become smarter than me.' So I try to let all my leaders know that they should not just try to come up to where I am; they should go beyond me."

Advice To Pastors

Nearly everything Bro. Patterson says is said with intensity. However, few things arouse his pastoral passion as the need to teach the Word. "My advice to pastors is to keep teaching the Word. Revival is not about emotion, it's about people seeking a deeper place in God. This comes from study of the Word of God. Around here, we offer the people a deeper study of the Word. People who come here from the world are giving up things of the world; so there's a big empty hole there. Something's gone that has to be filled up with new teaching and new ideas. That comes from a grounding in the Word."

And that, says Bro. Patterson, is the ultimate goal of every man's spiritual search. Because, he points out, drugs, alcohol, or even wealth will not fill the void in a person's soul. Only the Word of God points a person to the true answer: Only God can provide the "something else" that everyone needs. Bro. Patterson, meanwhile, is content to go on helping the hurting in Cleveland to find that "there is something else."

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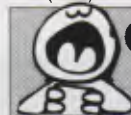
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