

Charles Welch:

BEATING BACK THE DARKNESS



Above Left: Bro. Charles Welch preaching a Sunday night message at the United Pentecostal Church of Green Bay, WI. **Above Right:** Bro. and Sis. Welch, pastor in Green Bay, WI.

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He is a man who has spent his life beating back the darkness. Pastor Charles Welch of Green Bay, WI would not have been considered a likely candidate in his youth to be an up-and-coming preacher. Agnostic beliefs, Trinitarian doctrine, and other shadows blocked the light of Truth. But look again at Bro. Welch's life. No longer in the shadows, he has now been fighting the darkness for many years - fighting and winning. Indeed, as pastor of the United Pentecostal Church in Green Bay, the 50-year-old pastor has steered the congregation down the road to significant growth. The church, which is currently packed into its 250-person sanctuary, is expanding at a rate of 40-50 a year. In addition, The Welch's have baptized well over 1,000

since going to Green Bay in 1973. But it wasn't always that way. First came the darkness.

The Darkness Of Unbelief

Before Welch could take on the challenge of the ministry, he had to fight a battle with his own unbelief. During his childhood and youth, which he spent in Madison, WI, his religious views were at odds with those of his family.

"I was raised in a family of nine kids where there was a fear of God in the family. Yet there was a time from my high school graduation until my junior year of college during which I was an agnostic. I didn't want to talk about God. It wasn't until a Baptist guy talked to me that I started going to a group on the University of Wisconsin campus called Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship. About the same time, my Mom sent me an old Bible that I'd had as a kid, and I started reading it." His Baptist friend subsequently helped him begin a Bible reading program and a few nights later, Bro. Welch prayed a prayer of repentance. "I had a very definite experience with God that night."

The Darkness Of False Doctrine

Still, there had been no Apostolic influence in Welch's life, leaving him this time in doctrinal
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There are a lot of variables to consider when dealing with problem saints. But there are also a few general guidelines we can follow.

First, it's important to use positive motivation before you try negative motivation. The pastor should be redemptive in his approach.

That is, instead of reacting to the situation by feeling threatened, he must look at the person that is causing problems as somebody to help. This means that the pastor needs to be a good listener and needs to give the person the opportunity to correct his behavior. In fact, he needs to approach the problem-causer with the expectancy that he *will* correct his behavior.

In short, you need to care for this person's spiritual well-being just as you care for the others in your church. James chapter three talks about two kinds of wisdom, which I believe represent two kinds of spirits. Some are sensual and devilish, and some come down from above. Those of the latter kind are easy to be entreated. So the pastor needs to examine things that he already knows about the saint to determine if he is of the latter kind, and if so, to work with him in a positive way.

Negative motivation is a last resort. For
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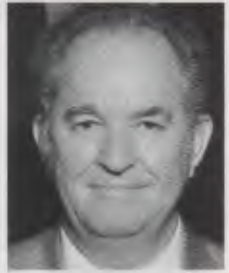


Advice For Working With Problem Saints

Years ago, I had a man in my church who was doing things I thought he shouldn't, and it really perturbed me. I was so aggravated that I decided I was going to call him to rebuke him. But before I had the chance, he knocked on my door and asked to talk to me. When he sat down, he buried his head in his hands and started crying. He started confessing what he had been doing and said, "I have been troubled, and I need help. Could you help me?" The very thing I was criticizing him over in my mind was the thing that he was beating himself over the head with. All the trouble he was causing was just to cover up something that was lacking in his life.

This taught me a valuable lesson. I learned not to act on impulse with so-called "problem saints." Instead, try to figure out why he's doing what he's doing. Then, approach him in love. I never accuse or blame, but I talk to the person in such a way as to get my message across without laying blame.

I have a similar philosophy for those who demand a lot of my time. I had one man who used to call me every day, but I realized that he was an orphan and just needed a father image. The key is to understand that most people don't mean to cause trouble. There's just something wrong that they want your help with.



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First, you need to expose to the person that there is a problem. Sometimes people are habitual trouble-makers, and they don't realize their fault until it's pointed out to them. Then, you want to try to defuse the situation, and keep it burning low. Some inexperienced pastors are too harsh. They need to learn to deal with people in a kind way.

First, you need to ascertain the problem and the nature of the problem. Also, it's important that you not jump to conclusions before you have all the facts. And then when you have all the facts, take action. Sometimes, the preacher needs to have a blind eye and deaf ear; some small infractions aren't worth your time.

The number one thing you want to do is to really pray about the situation and to keep your own spirit in check. If you don't, a lot of times, you will actually make the problem worse than it would have been otherwise.

I don't care much for the idea of publicly rebuking somebody. You really shouldn't embarrass people for the sake of trying to straighten them up. If you do, you're putting them in a position that might cause them to come out swinging.

I haven't had many problem saints of a chronic nature, but when I do, I don't mind confronting them. If I hear of somebody causing discord, I usually try to hear them out and get them to relay to me what they've been saying to someone else. Then, if they don't take the advice I give them, I have a board of elders that I take them before.

Usually, people causing dissension have something that's unresolved in their spirits. In these cases, whatever they're murmuring about is just a smoke screen for the real problem. Often, there will be somebody in the church that the person respects who has more influence on him that can help you resolve the problem.

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Charles Welch: Beating Back The Darkness

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darkness. The result was that Bro. Welch still felt a certain void in his heart. It was not long afterward that Welch saw the secretary of his Intersivarsity Christian Fellowship reading a book called *The Cross and the Switchblade* by David Wilkerson.

"Later, during that fall of 1965," Welch said, "God dropped the title of that book into my heart, so I went home the next morning, went to the bookstore, got the latest copy, and skipped my classes to read that book. I knew God had something that He wanted me to see."

That "something" was the description of a person receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

So the truth of Spirit baptism had begun to dawn on Bro. Welch; but there was still the matter of the Trinity doctrine.

"Just after that incident, I was in a Bible study with Bob, the Baptist fellow, and a friend of his. We were studying Ephesians and came to Ephesians 3:14 where Paul said, *"For this cause I bow my knees to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."* When we read that, this one fellow, Rick, looked at us and said, "Hold it! That doesn't sound like a Trinity. Would someone please explain to me the doctrine of the Trinity?" He turned to me and said, "Chuck, could you explain it to me?" Now the thing is, for a year, I had been wondering the same thing: Was God one, two or three? So I told him I'd go home and research it.

"What I found was that there are 1,001 theories on the Trinity, and they all contradict one another. Finally, in confusion, I cried out, "God, if I'm going to serve you, I have to know if you're one, two or three." The Lord spoke to me clearly and said, "Go to my Word." So over the next several nights, I got very little sleep and read the entire New Testament as well. When I finished, God opened up to me the truth of the fullness of God in Christ." Soon after, Welch explained, Emmett Kaske, also a student (and currently the pastor in Beloit, WI) invited Welch to attend Bro. Jack Yonts' church with him. There, both were eventually baptized. and in February, 1966, Welch received the Holy Ghost as well.

The Darkness Of The Academic World

Welch sat under Bro. Yonts' ministry for two years before feeling a call to preach. "I tried to persuade God that He was mistaken," Welch said, "but I finally submitted to the call." Then, in 1970, Welch was invited to represent the newly-formed Pentecostal Student Fellowship International on campuses around the nation; he would go to the college and set up a chapter as well as preaching rallies on the campuses. "There was a tremendous need to combat the humanistic influences at these colleges. The humanistic college life can make or break a person. We won a lot of kids from the college campuses. We won a lot of real fireballs, too."

The Darkness of Green Bay

Then came the battle with spiritual

And now, there's been a great influx of Hispanics also."

So in that kind of setting, what methods aid a pastor in defeating spiritual darkness? "There are several weapons a church has at its disposal. You have to use a lot of old-fashioned prayer and fasting. And Bible studies . . . a lot

of home Bible studies. We focused a lot on this ministry. We also used bus ministry in the early years and hope to get back into it. We had 80-90 kids on the buses. For the most part, though,

God brought the increase through spontaneous worship, prayer, fasting and a whole lot of home Bible studies."

Indeed, home Bible study is a ministry no pastor should overlook, according to Welch. "If I had it to do again, I would focus more on home Bible study right from the beginning. I would also have become more involved in bus ministry right away."

Nevertheless, Welch cautions, growth is more than a series of programs; it must be a burden and calling.

"My advice to a pastor is to first of all know that God has called you. Because if you don't know that, you will be very frustrated in trying to raise up a church. I'm the home missions director for our district, and I have seen it.

"Then you need regular fasting and prayer. Of course, I would

then recommend starting a strong HBS ministry. But remember that people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. You've got to love people."

Practical Advice

The fight against darkness, Welch has found, requires certain practical considerations. For one thing, in order to help facilitate growth, the pastor needs to keep a correct perspective on the church building itself.

"Don't be so quick to get a building, because a building program will put you in debt

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Top: Sunday morning service in progress at First United Pentecostal Church in Green Bay, WI. **Middle:** Outside view of the Green Bay church. **Bottom:** The 250-person sanctuary at First United Pentecostal Church.



darkness that has marked most of Bro. Welch's ministry. In August, 1973, he took the pastorate at Green Bay, WI. "The church was actually started years before then. The church really had no pastor, though, when I arrived. The previous pastor had already moved on." At the time, Welch said, the church had only about 30 people.

And, to be sure, building a church in Green Bay was a tough battle; the residents, Welch said, tend to be resistant to change. "It's a very conservative city, with mostly German, Danish, and Scandanavian folks. It's very conservative.

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Before founding Ω mega Church Consultants, Inc. the Thomases found that the standard practice utilized by many churches was the same as that employed by many commercial clients, i.e. a commercial architect was hired to design the church facility, then bids were solicited from several general contractors. The congregation often would then discover that they had spent a great deal of money for a design they could not afford to build.

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■ LEGAL

Is the church responsible for the negligence of the drivers of church vehicles or other vehicles used for church purposes?

Owen Taylor

The answer to your question could encompass an entire course on imputing negligence to employers and, in this case, the church employees or volunteers. The short answer is "Yes" - churches are responsible. And what's more, this area of church liability is a mine field of problems for many churches.

A recent case illustrates some of the extent of the problem. A Louisiana appeals court ruled that a church was responsible for injuries sustained in an automobile accident caused by the negligent driving of a deacon on church business. The deacon was driving to get some supplies for the church, and a bee entered the car. While the driver took his eyes off the road to slap the bee, he struck two other cars. One person was killed and others were severely injured. The court assessed damages at over \$1 million, and the deacon did not have the means to pay it. The claimants sued the church in order to collect, and the trial court ruled that the church was not liable. The appeals court disagreed and granted a judgment against the church.

The upper court noted that churches are responsible for "servants," defined as "one who is employed to perform the services or affairs of another and who is subject to control in respect to performance of the service." Note that compensation is not mentioned, hence, this rule applied to volunteers also. Thus, all who perform some services for the church - youth workers, organ players, secretaries, etc. - can create liability for the church.

As you can see, background checks, drivers license checks, avoiding the use of minors and the use of multiple adults can all help to reduce the possibility of losses that might exceed insurance coverage.



■ MINISTRY

Sometimes I get discouraged over saints who won't straighten up. How can I make them obey the Word of God?

Paul Mooney

Your question reminds me of a doctor who once explained that "doctoring" is like preaching. He said the doctor can write a prescription, but unless the body reacts in a positive way to the drug, then it's all in vain. Each individual body may react totally differently.

We're the stewards (recipients) of the precious gospel truth. However, each individual must interpret, use, live out, express, and react to the message. Each person determines by his response to the Gospel its final impact on his life.

Writing prescriptions, preaching sermons, or issuing mandates does not automatically mean that anything will change. The preacher may be right, but he can't make an individual's decision.

So, the business of training and preparing people to help you with responsibilities is critical. Let me suggest a few things that you can do to help facilitate this.

First, you must specify the job. You must know what needs to be done, and be able to articulate it plainly. Don't try to organize and train 50 people at one time to do 50 different tasks. Pick one task and one person and train that person to do that task for you.

Secondly, develop the philosophy of asking, not telling. People hate to be told, bossed or demanded. So ask. Ask for help, and when you ask, you will be surprised at how ready people are to assist.

Thirdly, you must be prepared to compliment and reward every worker with praise and thanks. Without this, you will fail.

Prepare yourself to better understand people and learn to enjoy the thrill and excitement of working *with* others and *through* others. It will be your ministry's greatest joy.



■ FAMILY

My wife and I are newlyweds. Wishing to have a good Christian marriage, and being advised of the importance of communication between husband and wife, I feel that I should be completely honest with

her in what I consider to be my constructive criticism. She, however, feels that this is offensive. Who is right?

O. C. Marler

First of all, may I congratulate you on your desire to keep an open line of communication. Preventive measures are always better than remedial. I also appreciate your desire to be completely open and honest; but in a relationship as close as marriage, criticism must be administered very tactfully and sparingly.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "Don't flatter yourself that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates. The nearer you come into relation with a person, the more necessary do tact and courtesy become."

Even though your wife verbalizes her desire for complete honesty, she is not giving you the right to "nit pick" every minute aspect of her life. If the faults you highlight are very evident, remember that you are criticizing the person who is the closest one in the world to you - the one you have vowed to love, honor, and nourish for as long as you both shall live. And your relationship with this person demands the ultimate in tact and courtesy.

Any adverse criticism must be administered in very small doses, and should be preceded, and followed by, large doses of honest compliments and tender affection. And every attempt to correct one of these faults should be noticed and praised. Early marriage is a time for nurturing and solidifying your love and concern. Each of you should extend every courtesy to the other, remembering the Golden Rule to "do unto others . . ."



■ OUTREACH

In your church growth seminars, I've often heard you stress the importance of "key principles." What are the most important key principles for growth?

T. W. Massengale

There are three indispensable principles upon which growing churches are built. All of the church growth seminars, books, articles, and curricula will be useless unless you first believe these three assumptions:

1) *God wants His church to grow.* This must be our starting point, our central reason for seeking growth. Since it is His will to grow, He will empower us with the ability to grow both spiri-

tually closer to Him and physically in size.

2) *The pastor has the key role in growth.* Unless the pastor fulfills his place and purpose within the church, it will not grow. The purpose of the pastoral ministry is to equip the saints for ministry unto Jesus Christ. The pastor must first show how the work is done by example. He must then equip others with the necessary skills to accomplish the work themselves. As a pastor (or shepherd) he nurtures and feeds the flock. As a bishop, he oversees the work and labor. As an elder, he is an example and influence to the believers. When the pastor fails to fulfill these roles, the church often fails to grow.

3) *God has gifted the saints for ministry.* Every member has a specific place and calling within the body of Christ. Every saint may not win a soul, but every saint will have a part in the process of soul-winning. Indeed, it's much like

the functioning of an army. The church must move forward as a mighty army. Everyone has a place in this army. There must be generals, majors, captains, sergeants, and privates. There must be areas of specialization such as riflemen, cannon men, radio men, medics, and supply personnel. All are helping in the battle. All are trained for active duty. Everyone sitting down is "AWOL." It is only as we are acting together that we will win the war!

These, then, are the three principles upon which all church programs must be based, for they are the three principles of growth.

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■ CHURCH & STATE

Christians Under Attack

Some attribute the phenomenon to a planned conspiracy by liberal politicians. Other see a rising tide of demonic influence. But whatever the cause, recent events seem to underscore the fact that the attack against conservative Christian groups is intensifying. Consider these recent examples:

♦ On June 4, Texas Governor Ann Richards told the audience that the religious right represents "a tremendous danger for all of us," calling them "mongers of hate . . . who are divine enough to preach their anger."

♦ Also in Texas, Republican Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison told the Republican Convention that the GOP should not become a religious party. She said, "The Republican party is not a church. No one thinks it's a church." She also said religious conservatives "go overboard a little bit."

♦ A recent fund-raising letter from the liberal American Jewish Congress attacked the "Christian Right," saying: "In my neighborhood and yours - the Christian Coalition is hard at work building a machine to 'Christianize' America . . . if we permit them to set the political agenda . . . you and I could be in for some nasty surprises." To prevent this, the AJC developed a questionnaire for distribution to school board candidates to uncover "'stealth' candidates of the religious right or other extremist groups."

♦ In June, the Indiana State PTA Convention conducted a workshop entitled, "Extremely Sensitive: PTA's Guide to Extremism." The workshop speaker, Herbert Grover, defined an extremist group as "an organization, for lack of better description, the Christian Right." Grover likened Christians to the Salem, MA witch hunters and the Ku Klux Klan, saying that "these people [have become] "political activists for the last 10 or 15 years under the guise of the moral majority. They've participated in the presidential elections . . . and now I think that their new initiative is one where they realize that they must influence the local school board elections."

Grover said further, "These people are concerned about abortion and pornography, homosexuality, feminism, godless schools; they're interested in censorship of textbook materials, and concerned about AIDS education, human growth and development. . . I think it must be resisted."

Newspaper columnist Patrick Buchanan said recently of the attacks against Christians, "If one would sit with these folks and ask what they want for America, one would find that the answer is that they simply want America to become again the good country she once was. . . And because they are growing in strength. . . they are feared and loathed."



■ EDUCATION

Home Schoolers Link Together

In a unique attempt to return traditional values to their children's education, home schoolers in Michigan have banded together via personal computers to form a state-funded and recognized school. According to the July 11 *National & International Religion Report*, more than 750 students will be participants in the academy, which opens September 1.

The school gained access to state funds by declaring itself a "charter school" approved under new state law which encourages innovative schools. Among the school's innovations: It will give a 486 multimedia computer to each participating family, and through computer-and-modem set-ups as well as satellite transmissions, will teach traditional morals, patriotism as well as both sides of the creation and evolution debate. Through this system, the child's educational experience will take place at home. As a charter school, the academy qualifies for \$5,500 per student in state aid.

■ OCCULT

Arkansas Witch Sues Pastors

An Jonesboro, AR witch sued two pastors in April for violating his religious rights. According to the June 26 issue of *Pentecostal Evangel*, Terry Riley, a Wiccan, brought suit against Nazarene pastors Bob Wirtmiller and Terry Schakelaar, after the witch was evicted from a building owned by the pastors' church.

Riley, who ran an occult supply store in the building, said his eviction resulted because the pastors disagree with his religious practices. The judge, in a Craighead County Court, dismissed the charges.

■ MORALITY

Sexual Abuse Hurting Churches

Continuing a dark trend for the Christian church, charges continue to pile up alleging sexual abuse by some clergy members. One of the latest such cases: A Miami church recently lost a \$4 million lawsuit because of a youth minister's alleged activities, according to the March 7 *National & International Religion Report*.

The county court found Wayside Baptist Church guilty of negligence in its hiring of youth pastor Steve Geren. Geren currently is serving 15 years in prison for sexual battery against a number of teenage boys.

The church's pastor, Murrill Boitnott, maintained that he had checked Geren's background before hiring him. Pastor Boitnott had previously worked with Geren in another church, got a recommendation from one of Geren's prior pastors and obtained documents from Florida Baptist Children's Home giving approval for Geren to serve as a foster parent. The court, however, decided that this did not constitute a thorough enough background check.

According to a writer for *National & International Religion Report*, "this case makes it clear that churches must take greater care in screening applicants for staff positions and volunteers, especially those work with children and youth."

■ MEDIA

Media Violence Harmful To Youth

There is "absolutely no doubt" that a link exists between media violence and increased aggression among youth, according to a recent report of the American Psychological Association. The March/April issue of *Morality in Media* cited the 1993 report of the APA entitled "Violence and Youth: Psychology's Response." Among the findings of that report:

♦ "Higher levels of viewing violence on television are correlated with increased acceptance of aggressive attitudes and increased aggressive behavior.

♦ "Children's exposure to violence in the mass media, particularly at young ages, can have harmful lifelong consequences. Aggressive habits learned early in life are the foundation for later behavior.

♦ "Viewing violence increases fear of becoming a victim of violence, with a resultant increase in . . . mistrust of others. Viewing violence increases desensitization to violence, resulting in calloused attitudes toward violence directed at others."

Ramseys Minister To Kids With "Street R.A.G.E."

It's summer time, and the kids are out of school. Down the street comes a familiar trailer, which the children anxiously chase down the street. Ice cream truck? No, this is a different kind of trailer. This is Street R.A.G.E., a ministry that the children of Blytheville, AR seem to look for - yes, even more than ice cream itself.

Street R.A.G.E. is a ministry sponsored by the First United Pentecostal Church of Blytheville, pastored by Bro. Steven Spears. R.A.G.E., incidentally, stands for "Reaching A Generation Effectively." And that sums up the purpose of Street R.A.G.E.: to reach the generation of kids on Blytheville's streets.

David and Kim Ramsey of First U.P.C. oversee Street R.A.G.E. At the ministry's heart, Sis. Ramsey said, is the trailer that they customized for their own purposes.

"We have a flatbed trailer that we built up sides on. We also put on it a stage that lets down," Sis. Ramsey explained. "We pull that trailer into the different neighborhoods of our city. We go mainly into the high crime and drug areas

and minister."

But it's the content of that trailer that both attracts the children and ministers to them.

"It's a one hour program that we do each week," continued Ramsey. "It features a lot of exciting songs. We play games that review the lesson from the week before. We try to do a different game every week. Then we have lots of prizes. The winner of each game gets a prize off of our game board.

"And then we get into the serious part of the session. The Bible lesson lasts for about 30 minutes."

Each Street R.A.G.E. then ends with a poster-board story. The ministry workers have a story drawn on several posters relating to a temporary story of kids' lives. "Then," said Ramsey, "we

have a promotional prize at the end of every program."

When the church first started Street R.A.G.E. two years ago, the Ramseys took the program into eight different locations on a regular basis. From those eight, they had approximately 800 in attendance. This year, the program, which runs from April to October, has been conducted at 11 locations, with 1,169 children from the streets attending.

"Right now, we are doing four on a regular weekly basis, and we're averaging about 300 a week," said Sis. Ramsey. "Most of them are from what we would call the bad parts of town."

And unlike many ministries, Street R.A.G.E. has not produced a financial burden for the church. In fact, area businesses have taken care of all costs.

"They provide all the finances," commented Sis. Ramsey. "At the beginning of the year, we send out letters and call businesses asking for their sponsorship. We have collected enough money every year to finance the full six months that we're on the streets. In fact, the first year we had enough money to buy our trailer, the siding to go up on it, our P.A. system, prizes, and everything else."

Sis. Ramsey has high hopes for the future success of the ministry. "To me, the main thing has always been that this is ministry as Jesus did it. He went to the streets and ministered to people. All we're required to do is to take the Word out and plant the seed. God will provide the increase.

"We have had a lot of people come visit our church [because of Street R.A.G.E.], Ramsey said. "So I really believe that this year, we're going to begin reaping a lot.

"There's an outreach director of a local Baptist church who saw our trailer and later testified at her church that it's the Pentecostals who are winning the kids of our city."



The Ramseys and "Street R.A.G.E."

COLLEGES

Bible College Re-Opens

North-east Christian College is scheduled to re-open its doors to students this October in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. If that name doesn't ring a bell, there's a good reason. Northeast used to be United Pentecostal Bible Institute. And the school is opening not only with a new name, but with a whole new look as well.

"Our building needed extensive renovation," said the college's Administrator, Bro. Phillip Mills. "So we closed temporarily for a year to do a total renovation. The only thing we left standing was what made up the walls."

Among the renovations done at the campus during the past year: "The Administration Building, which contains the offices and dormitories, was completely redone. Also, the building containing the classrooms was given a

new layout," Mills said. As growth dictates, the faculty also anticipates building a new dorm building in the next few years.

Also new will be a computer major. "We are working with a nationwide computer institute, CompuCollege to offer this program," Mills said.



Phillip Mills

APOSTOLICS TODAY

Jellisons' 20th Anniversary

The year 1994 marks 20 years of ministry for the Jellisons, the Southern Gospel singing group founded by Rev. Wendell O. Jellison of Portland, IN. It was July, 1974 when Wendell, his wife Jackie, and two daughters started their evangelistic travels by conducting revivals across the country. Today, the group, consisting of their 11 year old daughter, Darla, and a son-in-law, travel the nation with a van and travel trailer combining their concerts with preaching. And they have established themselves not only in Apostolic churches, but on scores of radio stations as well.



The Jellisons

"We have recorded 14 albums," said Bro. Jellison. "Recently, in 1993, we enjoyed the success of our first national charting song." That song, "Under The Blood," received glowing praise from most critics, including the industry trade

publication, *Singing News*.

Bro. Jellison has pastored for six years. The group currently records for the Zion Music Group of Nashville, TN.

Those interested in concert information or recordings may contact the Jellisons at P.O. Box 221, Portland, IN 47371. Or call (219)726-8147.

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My Colleagues in Christ:

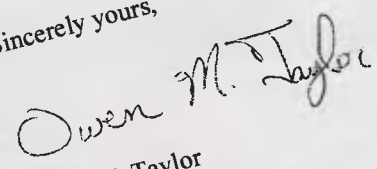
Many of you know me because of the booth the CHRISTIAN FREEDOM FOUNDATION has each year at the UPC General Conference. Several years ago, I met with the Executive Board and the General Board to share my vision for a legal resource for the United Pentecostal Church. I felt that the Lord had directed me to focus my entire practice of law in support of our churches and the ministry. I explained to the Board that my objective was to be a free legal resource to the UPC much like the organization that many of you have used - the Christian Law Association. The CLA is a worthy organization and has been used of God to help our churches and ministers. It was not my intention to, in any way, detract from the good and valuable work the CLA has done. In fact, I have been in their headquarters and worked directly with Gibbs and Craze. I can testify to their competence and valuable legal services. My feeling was, however, that the UPC had reached a place that it should have something like that for ourselves. Thus the CFF was birthed.

The CFF, now with its more focused name of APOSTOLIC LAW ASSOCIATION, as I mentioned above, has a booth at General Conference each year. The purpose of the booth is to expose to the Brethren its purposes and concepts and to solicit support for its objectives. Support, in theory, was to come from PIM like support from churches and individual contributors. In this fashion the CFF would reach a financial base that would allow me to staff up and have a law office opened and operated solely for the UPC ministry. Should any church become attacked by federal or local government, be subjected to unlawful or ungodly laws or regulations or experience persecution that made legal help necessary, the CFF would fill the gap. Thus a local church, which under normal circumstances is unable to pay for and sustain the use of good, competent counsel, would have a resource for protection. Additionally the CFF would function as a networking facility for UPC lawyers, be a source for and sustain the use of good, competent source of comfort and counsel for pastors needing quick advice or direction. Universally, all who are aware of the objectives applaud them. Unfortunately, after 5 years of booths, manned by my wife and I, and speaking with many, many brethren, the funds are not enough to pay a full month's telephone bill.

Therefore, I am asking you to consider supporting the APOSTOLIC LAW ASSOCIATION. If many would contribute, even small amounts of \$20 or \$30 per month, much would and could be accomplished to seeing the vision become a reality. I already represent several UPC districts and I have assisted many, many churches and I feel that the reputation and quality of legal services that are available are well-documented. Men throughout our movement have endorsed the CFF and will give their recommendation of the CFF/ALA. N.A. Urshan, C.L. Becton, James Kilgore, Jesse Williams, T.F. Tenney have been on the Board of Directors; the entire General Board has approved the CFF as a ministry of value to the movement.

Please take a little time in prayer and consider supporting this project. Give me a call and we can discuss it. I am certain that the Lord will affirm for you His desire to see this project come into its own.

Sincerely yours,



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Table Scraps

OPINION ■ Too often, the spiritual dimension is crowded out by everyday concerns.

I have found that it is good for a Christian, several times through the year, to take a look at himself and do some evaluation. I recently came through one such period, and I saw a picture of myself that I wasn't totally comfortable with. During this time I tried to look at where I had been, where I was currently sitting, and where my future was pointing. I found three distinct problems that were causing my inner man to cry, "Let me be a 'Spirit Man' again!" As a result, my spiritual life was becoming starved by other concerns; I was giving my spirit only the table scraps of the day as I focused my attention on other areas. Let me share these three problem areas with you, as I believe all people involved in ministry, if not careful, are in danger of letting these table scraps consume too much of their lives.

The Letter Or The Spirit?

The first "table scrap" we need to avoid is that of emphasizing the letter above the Spirit of the Law. In my own life, I had become so consumed in pursuing a knowledge of the Bible that I had lost the spirit and the message of the book.

II. Kings 22 tells us about Josiah, who was at the time the reigning king of Judah. His predecessors had abandoned the Law, and the people were living contrary to nearly every principle God had established for His people. Needless to say, they were Biblically illiterate.

Yet, by the time Jesus stepped onto this Earth, the nation was so versed in the Law that the Scribes and Pharisees knew every dotting of the "i" and every crossing of the "t." The result was that in a mere 600 years the people had gone from being spiritually bankrupt to being spiritually starved! How so you ask? Because while the first society was spiritually empty, with no knowledge of the Scripture, the other had analyzed and scrutinized the Scripture to the point that there was no spirit, just words; there was no message, just history.

Likewise, this is where I have unfortunately seen many Pentecostals. There are times that, if we're not careful, we can become filled with knowledge and traditions, but lose the spirit of the message.

This is why Jesus was so effective. He brought a refreshing breeze to a dry and dusty book. He brought, not only eternal life, but through His teaching and example, He brought a message back to life that had been lost in the rigidity of religion. The Bible should not be seen as just a rule book, but as an instruction manual to guide us from earth to Glory.

And so, today, I'm not trying to search for just another sermon thought or lesson plan. I'm looking for another way to let people know about my friend Jesus and what He has done for

for me and what He can do for them.

Skill Or Anointing?

The second "table scrap" that often pervades our lives is focusing more on developing skill than on maintaining a Spirit anointing on one's ministry. David was a man who sometimes

like David, we must return to the proper relationship that includes prayer, submission, trust and true worship of the Creator.

Business Or Compassion?

The third "table scrap" I had allowed myself to settle for were the day-to-day concerns of life. The business of the day had replaced the cry of those needing me to listen and care; I had lost compassion.

It surfaced one day in the office, while I was studying for a lesson, and enjoying the fellowship with others. A young girl came into my office with uncombed sandy blond hair, a T-shirt and blue jean shorts. She was not highly educated or wealthy, just a person who needed to talk.

My first reaction was to turn away; there was just too little time, and besides, my time was more valuable. But then the Spirit said, "Take time for her; this is why I called you." And so I did. Two hours later she left. Did I save her soul? Not immediately, but what I did do was to allow His Spirit to work through me. I did what I was called to do; I told her that there is hope in Jesus. Because of that, I left the office, not having accomplished much "business," but feeling renewed nonetheless.

We are called to service, not status. Too many lives become dictated by responsibilities and deadlines. Yet Jesus Himself was stopped by a centurion with a sick daughter, a woman with an issue of blood, and a tax collector with a peaking interest in His message. Regardless of their social standing, Jesus put aside the grind of the daily routine and met their needs.

Suffice it to say, I'm finished settling for scraps. Today, I'm on a spiritual nutrition program, striving to feed an anemic part of my spirit man back to its proper place. The world must hear the good news; they don't need the table scraps of our time. ■

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"There are times that, if we are not careful, we can become filled with knowledge, facts and traditions, but lose the spirit of the message."

found himself longing for that fresh and innocent touch of God's presence. Yet there was no shortage in David's life of skill or abilities. He had demonstrated his shepherding talents, his fighting prowess and his abilities to rule as an effective king. Still, we find that in Psalm 27, David wrote, "One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life."

Despite his many talents, David seemed to be seeking for God's Spirit to be with him. He was a man who was often overwhelmed by the complexities of life which had overcome the simpler days of his youth.

Like David, we can become so consumed with the daily battles of life that we lose the simple relationship we once had with God. And

■ CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EVANGELISM

A prominent church growth expert has found that Christian schools are effective tools for winning families, particularly Protestant schools. Lyle Schaller, who has written many growth-oriented books, including *21 Bridges to the 21st Century*, said that while enrollment in Roman Catholic elementary schools has declined (from 4.4 million in 1960 to 1.9 million in 1992), enrollment keeps growing in Protestant academies. In fact, attendance has tripled from 1960 to 1990. Said Schaller: "The Christian day school has become the most effective single channel for predominantly Anglo congregations to reach (a) Black families and (b) upwardly mobile parents regardless of race who place a premium on the values of formal education."

■ UTILITY TAX SAVINGS

Most churches may not realize it, but often, nonprofit organizations are not liable for sales taxes that would otherwise be attached to their utility bills. The pastor of one New Jersey church, for instance, discovered that by alerting public utility companies to his church's nonprofit status, the church could save a lot of money on telephone and electricity costs. The phone company responded by deleting the state sales tax from their bill. In this case, the church's savings amounted to almost \$10 a month. The pastor commented, "We paid approximately \$10 a month for 17 years, not realizing we are exempted from this tax." The electric company granted the church a "religious credit rate," which in one month saved the church more than \$17. Remember though: Utility companies' policies vary from state to state, so those in your state may or may not grant such savings.

■ THE HIGH-TECH CHURCH

Has your church joined the computer age yet? More and more congregations are doing so, and are utilizing other high-tech equipment to enhance their ministries as well. A sampling:

- * 89 percent own a telephone system
- * 83 percent own a photocopier
- * 77 percent own a projection screen
- * 72 percent own a video monitor
- * 70 percent own a VCR
- * 70 percent own an overhead projector
- * 66 percent own a computer
- * 64 percent own duplicating equipment
- * 56 percent own a movie projector
- * 50 percent own a slide projector
- * 32 percent own desktop publishing equipment.
- * 20 percent own a video camera
- * 16 percent own a video projector
- * 15 percent have a computer network
- * 14 percent own a FAX machine
- * 11 percent have a voice mail system.

(Source: July/August Your Church)

■ PARENTS' POLITICAL CLOUT

As the nation again enters the Campaign Mode, preparing for this fall's congressional elections, politicians would do well to pay attention to married people with children. Recent surveys show that this group represents a formidable political force. According to a 1992 Wirthlin Group poll, there are at least 24 million homes with two parents and kids under age 18. Further, two-thirds of these parents embrace conservative views on a wide range of controversial issues. For instance:

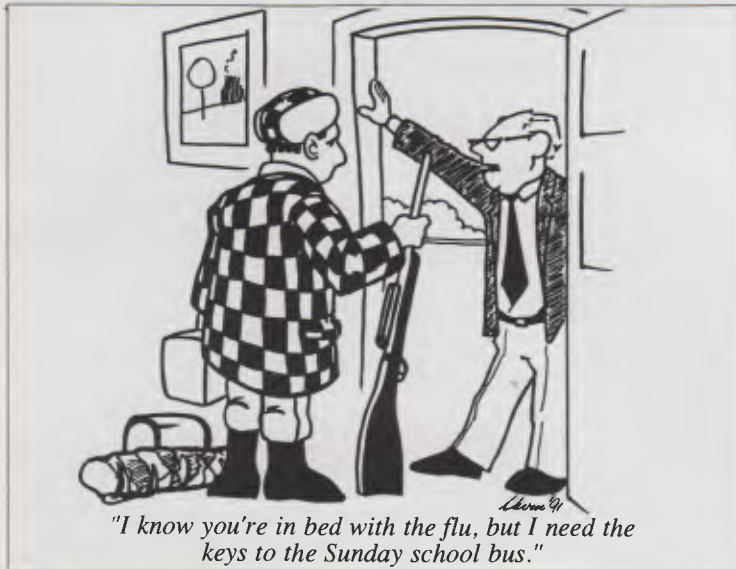
- * 78 percent feel that the federal government should not subsidize obscene art.
- * 74 percent said a mother with small children should not work outside the home unless there is a financial necessity to do so.
- * 58 percent are opposed to using tax dollars to fund abortions.
- * 52 percent favor a constitutional amendment protecting the lives of the unborn.
- * 49 percent attend church or synagogue almost every week.
- * Only 28 percent feel that homosexuals should be allowed to marry.

A second Wirthlin poll, this one conducted last November, found similar results:

- * 69 percent believe that parental involvement would be more beneficial to children than increased government programs.
- * In a listing of six social institutions (church, youth organizations, schools, day care, the federal government, and the entertainment industry), parents rated churches as number one in friendliness toward children. At the bottom: the entertainment industry, followed closely by the federal government.

■ BABY BOOMERS' WANTS

As the Baby Boomer generation comes of age, growing churches are paying closer attention to what this group is wanting from the church experience. In the January, 1994 Net Results, Wesley Taylor, a church growth expert, offers a listing of these wants and needs of the Boomers: 1) Exciting worship, with challenging and interesting preaching; 2) a variety of adult church school classes; 3) constant additions of new adult classes and groups; 4) full weekday offering of classes, groups and activities; 5) family life or parenting classes; 6) a desire to grow and the willingness to reach out; 7) an inter-mix of service, outreach, mission, and spiritual growth; 8) constant striving for excellence; 9) an attractive, clean, inviting, well-kept church building; 10) enthusiasm; 11) upbeat, contemporary music; 12) a clean, attractive, colorful, cheery nursery; 13) pastors who are concerned about and interested in Baby Boomers; 14) multiple worship services with differing styles of worship; 15) Bible study; 16) adequate parking; and 17) small groups.



Lost And Found

Deep in the woods of northern Wisconsin, a man was desperately trying to find his way back to civilization, having been lost for several hours. Later, he described his experience to friends at church and told of how frightened he was, and how he had prayed that God would help him.

"So did God answer your prayer?" one lady asked.

"Hardly!" he replied. "Before God had a chance, a guide came along and showed me the way."

Warm Regards

It was a particularly hot summer day - the type that makes even walking a chore. Mother had invited several guests for dinner, and after sitting down for the meal, she asked her four-year-old son to say the blessing.

"But Mom, I don't know what to say," the boy said.

"Well, just say what you've heard me say, Dear," his mother replied.

"Okay," he said, bowing his head. "Oh Lord, why did I invite all of these people here on such a hot day?"

Common Cents

Five-year-old Marcy had started attending a new church, and arrived early one Sunday morning with her parents. Soon, Debbie had wandered away from her parents and approached an usher.

"Excuse me, Sir, where is the Coke machine?"

"I'm afraid we don't have a Coke machine."

"Oh... then where is your snack or candy machine," little Marcy persisted.

"We don't have any snack machines either," the usher responded.

"Well then," Marcy continued, "Where are your gum machines?"

"I'm terribly sorry," the usher said, "we don't have gum machines either."

"Well for heaven's sake," Marcy said, totally exasperated. "Why did my mother give me this dime?"

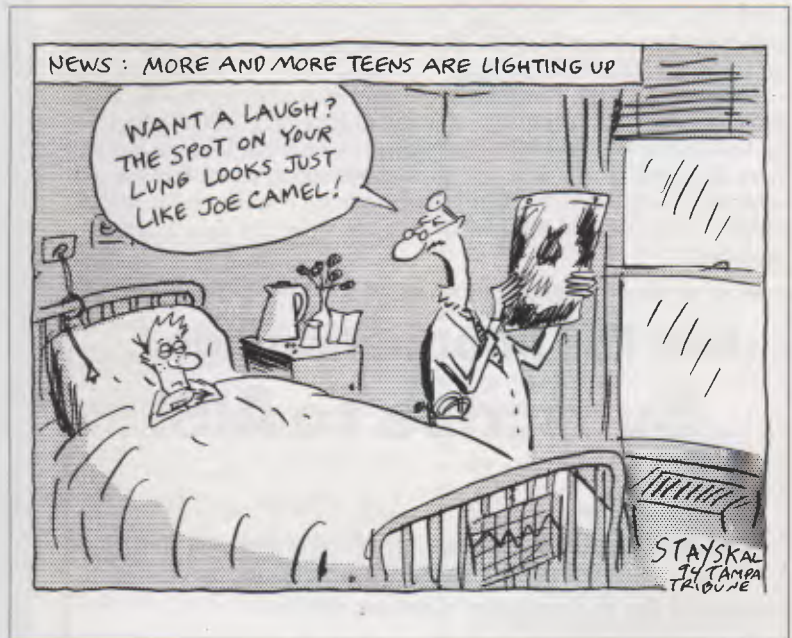
I Won't Take Noah For An Answer

During one third-grade history class, the teacher asked the class, "Who was Joan of Arc?"

After a long pause, one boy raised his hand and replied, "Wasn't that Noah's wife?"

Settling Your Account

Sign on church next to a bank: "Interested in saving? Inquire next door. Interested in being saved? Inquire within."



But Which Smell Is Worse?

Dave arrived at the annual church Youth Camp with an unusual pet accompanying him . . . and providing a challenge for his counselor.

Dave: "Sir, I have a pet skunk. Is it okay if he stays with me?"

Counselor: "A skunk! Where do you plan to keep him?"

Dave: "Under my bunk in the cabin."

Counselor: "But what about the smell?"

Dave: "Well, he's gonna have to get used to it like I did."

Double Dip

It was a cold Sunday afternoon, and a small country church was having a baptism service. One man had just repented of his sins toward the end of a revival and was ready to be baptized. As the preacher led the gentleman into the water, he asked him, "Is the water cold?"

"Naw," the man replied.

A deacon watching cried out, "Dip him again, Preacher! He's still lying!"

Working With Problem Saints:

Opinion By Jesse Williams

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instance, public rebuke is definitely the last tactic you would use in handling a problem. Also, you want to avoid any approach that would result in spreading the problem. If somebody is causing discord, and you can handle it with him personally or in a small circle of people, this is better than to make the incident a topic to preach from the pulpit, especially when it becomes obvious to the person that you're aiming at him.

Yet at the same time, when it's right and proper to preach things that people are practicing that they should not, you must not shrink from this responsibility. Sometimes such motivation is absolutely necessary. Just be cautious about the way you handle yourself in these situations. I have seen people create more problems for themselves by causing a person under rebuke to be seen as an underdog or martyr.

I should mention here one other kind of "problem saint" pastors often encounter: those who demand an excessive amount of the pastor's time. There are two things I have done in the past to handle these people. First, I have at times just told people that they are consuming too much of my time. I tell them that if they will listen carefully to the teaching and preaching that comes over the pulpit, and practice it, they won't need as much individual time.

The second thing I've done is to delegate counseling chores. There are some people for whom I have recruited somebody else to help carry the counseling load related to that person. We have to face the fact that there are some people who just need more attention, so this practice helps me to help them. And that's what pastoring is really about: helping people. That's why in all things, we must strive for that redemptive approach.

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Charles Welch:

Beating Back The Darkness

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if you're not careful."

The Green Bay church currently has a sanctuary that seats approximately 250. "We are looking for land right now. We're running short on Sunday school space, office space, and fellowship space, but we're not quite financially ready yet to start building." The church is currently renting its facilities, which it has occupied since 1985.

"God spoke to me and said, "Stop looking for land. The thing is: When you focus on a building, you get a building; when you focus on people you get people. You get what you focus on. One time, when we had almost 170 people baptized in a couple of years, we suddenly started focusing on a building, and it killed the momentum. The key is to look for a building only when you're ready."

Another practical consideration for Welch has been that of maintaining an organized operation. "We have a balance of both kinds of ministries in our church: soul-winning and discipleship. Everything a church does needs to be for the purpose of either reaching the lost or building up the Body of Christ.

"So we've got a Sunday school department, a Ladies' Ministry, and we've got evangelistic departments like Outreach and Home Bible Study. Plus we have our New Life department for new converts. We use the *In My Father's House* series." Currently, about 50 percent of Welch's congregation is involved in some aspect of ministry. The reason: Welch actively encourages involvement.

"Every so often, I run through a 'Christian Talent Search' and find out what ministries people would be interested in."

Philosophy For "Beating Back The Darkness"

Welch believes that there are certain attitudes a pastor must have to effectively fight the spiritual darkness in his city.

"First, I would recommend that a home missionary learn a trade or vocation so that finances don't become an undue concern to them. Also, I believe in maintaining a balanced ministry. Every Apostolic preacher likes preaching about the New Birth and the Oneness of God. But there is more to preach than that. There are things like faith, vision and goal-setting, and attitude. I preach a lot on attitudes.

"Finally, it's important to make sure your family is taken care of. Your family is the most important aspect of your ministry. If your wife and family aren't with you, you're fighting a losing battle."

A "losing battle" - it's a concept that Charles Welch has refused to accept. He has found that he and his church need not endure spiritual darkness. It's as easy as turning on the Light. ■

What Do You Think?

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