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Tim McClure:

## MELBOURNE'S WEEPING PROPHET

**Above:** Bro. and Sis. Tim McClure, pastor of the Bible Truth Church in Melbourne, FL. **Inset:** Bro. McClure preaching on a Sunday night.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
**Richard C. Brown  
and Rob Doner**

**H**e cried over a people's iniquity. Because of Judah's sinfulness and the resulting judgment of God, the prophet Jeremiah wept often for his people. His burden earned him the reputation of "Weeping Prophet."

Pastor Tim McClure has an idea of how the prophet felt. Since going to Melbourne, FL in September, 1980 - and indeed, even before then - Bro. McClure has felt that same desire to reach the lost. And the tears have come often.

"I was in my room praying many years ago in Jacksonville, Florida. I had a map open praying over it. I had previously gone through North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia and South

Carolina. I would stay a day or two in those areas and ask God if this was His will. The Holy Ghost would always say 'No.' So this night, I prayed, and the Holy Ghost said, 'Melbourne.' All I knew of Melbourne was a city in Australia, but then I looked straight at the map and saw Melbourne, Florida. So my wife and I went there to feel out the situation. As we started to drive away, we both broke down and started to cry. We knew this was it. We immediately felt the weight of this city upon us."

### An Early Burden

In truth, Melbourne's "Weeping Prophet" has been a man of many burdens since his youth. Most of his life, he felt called to preach. During his youth, though, he might have believed that he would be preaching in a Baptist church; his dad, after all, was a Baptist minister.

Growing up in Baltimore, MD, McClure received the Holy Ghost in October, 1972 at  
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Dr. David K. Bernard  
Pastor  
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People in our society today are much more educated than at any time in history. There are more college graduates, and more people with a greater background knowledge of many subjects. For this reason, ministers today would find it helpful to pursue advanced education. They should seriously consider either Bible college or secular college. If they don't choose one of these routes, then they are going to have to make a major effort of self-study.

One needs to take into consideration, however, a couple of tips. First, a Christian needs to listen to everything critically. By that I mean to analyze every teaching and compare it with the Word of God. Take what is good and weed out what is not. The second tip is to not lose the focus of practical ministry. I recommend that a person pursuing a degree remain deeply involved in the local church and in a ministry of that church.

One other word of caution: Stay away from "diploma mills." These are the companies that have you pay a lot of money, give you some simple "make work," and then give you an unaccredited degree. A degree is supposed to mean you've gone through a rigorous course of study. If you haven't, then your degree is bogus and you'll lose your credibility.



## Preachers And Advanced Education

The calling to the ministry is from God, and should be without human restrictions. God calls both the educated and the uneducated. Still, most men would find it helpful to their ministry to pursue higher education.

There are two areas of study that could be beneficial. One is theology, including liberal theologies. It's important to understand where these corrupt doctrines come from as well as to understand true Biblical theology. My own master's degree is in New Testament studies, from Wheaton College Graduate School. I also received a B.A. in Greek from Wheaton with a minor in theology. And I've found that this educational background has fine-tuned my vision of the world around me and helped me to better understand the Bible.

The second area that ministers might consider pursuing is in the area of psychology and counseling. This area will help the pastor to better deal with people's problems.

The person must, however, be aware of possible dangers in higher education. The greatest danger lies in religious schools, because you must be careful not to allow their highly-trained professors to catch you in their doctrinal whirlwinds. Apostolics must learn to get into the information world without losing their foundation of Biblical truths.



Talmadge French, M.A.  
Pastor  
Wheaton, IL



Crawford Coon, M.A.  
Pastor  
Jena, LA

I applaud our general officials for providing a leadership curriculum for prospective ministerial candidates. Still, I think we should emphasize the educational aspect more than we are doing. Education opens doors, because some people will be more receptive to your message if you have an education.



Dr. James A. Jones  
Pastor  
Brownsburg, IN

Education is important for a minister, because it allows him to intelligently deal with today's problems and to intelligently counsel others. People have more respect for you if you have some higher learning. It also helps you in the legal area. Still, we must not put our trust in education, but in God. Education is just a tool.



Dr. John Scheel  
Pastor  
Beebe, AR

My highest degree is a Ph.D. in Christian Education. I think it's helpful for a degree to be accredited, because it gives you an outside observer's stamp of approval. It also helps to keep the school's methods up-to-date.



T.R. O'Daniel, M.A.  
I.B.C. Exec. Vice Pres.  
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I think higher education can potentially be an asset. Personally, I would like to see a requirement for all ministerial candidates to receive a designated number of Bible college credits either through residency or external studies.



Ken Gurley, C.P.A.  
Pastor  
Pearland, TX

As one pursuing a Master's of Theology, I think it's important to not fall in love with knowledge for its own sake. There's always a danger of becoming haughty and high-minded. Also, we shouldn't make higher education a requirement for a license, because we need to always make room for a Simon Peter or John the Baptist.



Thomas Suey, M.A.  
Pastor  
Herrick, IL

My master's is in education, and I also have some hours towards a doctorate. I've found that because we live in a very educated society, we have to learn to speak to people on their level. Often this means reaching professionals on the professional level. Sometimes a degree opens up doors that would not be opened otherwise.

Next Month's Topic:

**How To Respect The Pastor's Time**

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## Tim McClure: Melbourne's Weeping Prophet



**Above:** Bible Truth Church's Christian school ministry is an important part of their efforts to minister to Melbourne's families. Pictured are some of the school's students. **Top Right:** Pastor Tim McClure tries to keep his church's name constantly before the public. Pictured is a "Church On The Move" bus which took part recently in a local Melbourne parade. **Bottom Right:** An external view of the facilities of Bible Truth Church pastored by Bro. Tim McClure.

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the Baltimore First Pentecostal Church. At the time he was 17, and was driven from his old Baptist church to the Apostolic faith because of "the hypocrisy of the Baptists." After three years in the church, McClure began to feel a call into the ministry.

"The next year, I married my wife Virginia. So the night I accepted my calling, we were together when the Holy Ghost came. A mighty presence filled the room, and I asked her, "Do you feel that?" We both rolled out on the floor. We prayed and wept and cried. After about an hour, I turned to her and said, 'I've got to do it.' She replied, 'I know, I know.' So we accepted God's calling to preach that night."

### A Burden For Melbourne

By 1976, the McClures had moved to Jacksonville, FL. After attending a Deeper Life Conference, McClure said God placed a burden on him to start a church. This burden led them eventually to Melbourne, where they held their first service in September,

1980. Since then, the McClures' intense burden and weeping for their city has stirred up revival. McClure is, above all else, a man consumed with winning souls.

"I am a strong preacher on soul winning," he said. "Before I started pastoring, while I was still helping out in Jacksonville, the Holy Ghost spoke to me and said, 'If you can save one family, you can save two; if you can save two, you can save four. If you'll do that, you'll have a church.' That's when it hit me: True ministry is saving the lost. A person has to have a personal revelation to get that in his soul."

Indeed, the Melbourne church seems to have gotten it into its collective soul quite well. Growth within the congregation has averaged about 25 percent for each of the past six years. "In 1986, we doubled our size in two months, from 80 to 160. In 1989 we had 120 people receive the Holy Ghost in six weeks. And just in the past year, we've had 138 baptized and receive the Holy Ghost." As a result, the congregation of 350 is packing out its present building.

### Practical Evangelism

Still, a burden without a practical plan for winning a city is not much help. McClure, however, is not without a plan.

"Our number one evangelism program is door-to-door visitation and a follow-up ministry to accompany it. This is a method that has proven over and over again that it works. Second in our program is our home Bible study ministry. In fact, our goal is always to get into the person's home and teach a Bible study. I'd say 90 percent of our people get a home Bible study."

McClure has made outreach a part of an organized approach his church takes to ministry. "Brother Tim Massengale came one week and helped us draw up some job descriptions and to formulate organization concepts. I now have a discipleship department for new converts, a home Bible study department, a singles ministry, a Sunday school department, and a prison ministry."

Bro. McClure also has developed some unique ministries for his young people. Not

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# Prince of Peace Ministries

*Ministering To The Needs Of The Apostolic Minister and Family*

Seymour, Indiana Pastor Larry M. Arrowood

Prince of Peace Ministries is a unique ministry that is designed to minister to the Apostolic Minister and his / her family. The ministry is operated by Larry Arrowood, who also pastors the Apostolic Tabernacle in Seymour, Indiana. Brother Arrowood knows first hand the hurts and stresses of ministry. He has studied much in the area of counseling and uses this knowledge and experience of ministry to offer guidance and support to the hurting Apostolic minister. The ministry is operated from the local church office in Seymour.

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- Improving communication in the home and church
- Coping with stress, loss, depression, anger, guilt, etc.
- Referrals
- Burnout
- Pastoral problems
- Reading material

**Professionalism:** Brother Arrowood is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors. He has been instrumental in helping a host of Apostolic ministers and families. Prince of Peace Ministries does not claim to be qualified in all areas of professional counseling. In such cases, we would help find a professional with whom the person in need can feel comfortable, all the while offering prayer, support, and spiritual guidance.

**The Counseling Process:** Counseling is often instrumental in helping Christians become what God intends for them to be. Fortunately, many ministers have a friend within whom they confide. However, some do not. Prince of Peace Ministries is designed to help in such situations. The process may take one or several meetings or phone calls, depending on the situation.



Pastor Larry Arrowood, Director

**Confidentiality:** Information is held in professional confidence.

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## ■ LEGAL



Owen Taylor

*Recently I was asked about the subject of confidentiality, and then I heard the term, "privilege." What's the difference between confidential information and privileged information?*

None, in the practical sense, but legally, the difference can be critical for the clergy.

Confidentiality is commonly expected by persons who have entered into a special relationship that requires secrecy or special care in maintaining the confidences of another. Basically, this relationship is not recognized in a court of law. In other words, you can be subpoenaed into court and forced to disclose what was said in such a conversation. However, the situation is different when the conversation is privileged.

A conversation that is privileged cannot be repeated, even in court. Without permission of the person making the statement, it would be a violation of the "clergy-penitent privilege" to make any comment about issues that were discussed that are privileged. Every state defines the privileged communication a little differently, but the basic idea is that a clergyman may not disclose, nor be compelled to disclose, any communication made to him by someone who is making the communication in the course of spiritual counseling or confession.

It would be wise to check your state code for the laws of your state, especially in light of recent cases concerning the reporting of suspected child abuses and what statements are privileged and which are not. Depending on the situation, you may or may not be required to report child abuse that is reported to you, even in counseling settings.

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T. W. Massengale

## ■ OUTREACH

*We are bringing in a lot of kids through our bus ministry, but we never see any parents. Sometimes I feel like we are baby-sitting. Do you have any suggestions?*

Too often bus ministry has been described in much the same terms that you have used: as a "glorified baby-sitting program." Yet this should not be the focus! There are two primary reasons that many churches have seen such poor results from their bus ministries. First, they failed to evangelize the children in the class room, and second, they failed to evangelize the parents in the home.

The method I would encourage you to try



David Brown

## ■ THEOLOGY

*Why is there so much emphasis in Apostolic churches on the outward manifestation of holiness when Jesus stressed inward holiness?*

I'm not sure everyone would agree with the basis of your question. You seem to be concluding that Jesus did not require outward holiness, and this would be an incorrect assumption. Jesus required an inward holiness, that by its very nature, would be manifested in the outward character.

I can understand your question to a certain extent. I've heard sermons and Bible studies which stressed only the outward dressing-up of holiness. This usually consisted of a long list of do's and don'ts, generally much more of the latter than the former. Nothing was ever said about a love for wanting to please God. I sincerely doubt that this type of message brought about meaningful long-term change.

Likewise, I've heard sermons which never mentioned outward holiness, but made holiness entirely a very personal and private matter requiring no outward manifestation. This viewpoint has generally become a license to do and live however one wants to live - holiness in outward character just isn't that important. This too will not bring about meaningful growth in the spiritual life of the believer. Both of these extremes are incorrect; the truth lies somewhere in the middle.

Jesus, on a number of occasions, addressed the cleansing of the inside. It wasn't good enough for Him to have just the outside cleansed; the inside had to be changed also. It's amazing how a true inner cleansing manifests itself on the outside. Root problems are taken care of that will never be removed with only a surface application.

Holiness is a matter of the heart. And if the heart is right, the believer will want to do what pleases God, and the outer man will fall in step.



O. C. Marler

## ■ FAMILY

*We as a family pray and fast at least once a week and attend church regularly, yet we seem to live in a state of confusion (almost panic), with cars breaking down, money problems, etc. Why doesn't living for God provide more of a feeling of peace?*

Your family's consistent prayer and fasting, faithful church attendance and participation, and support of your local assembly all indicate that you are on-target spiritually. You seem to know the importance of putting first things first. The fact that you are living a clean moral and Biblical life is naturally implied.

Today's economy demands more and more just to provide shelter and food on the table. Children's education, dependable care and clothes are all necessary to function in everyday life. It seems impossible to satisfy the insatiable appetite of medical care insurance and taxes. And inflation continues to eat away at any savings we seem able to accumulate. Any family that can seem to keep up with necessities today is doing well.

It could be, though, that your problem is not a spiritual one in itself. Perhaps one central malady could be the cause of all the others. Debts, particularly those racked up on credit cards, may be the central problem. Being overwhelmed by debts, you are unable (or barely able) to pay can crush the very life out of your peace.

I sometimes feel that "Buy now, pay later" is a motto conceived in the depths of Hell itself! If this is your problem, may I say that I've found one of the best uses for a credit card is to recycle it to contribute to the world's plastic supply. It eliminates those "surprises" at the first of the month over some little extras that "won't increase your monthly payment over \$10 (month after month after month!). May a word to the wise be sufficient!

is the "Parentreach" program. This is a program to evangelize the parents of your bus children.

Parentreach focuses the bus captain on Saturday visitation. The purpose is not just to visit "Little Johnny," but to visit Little Johnny's parents. After a set number of friendly door-step visits with the parents (usually eight or 10), the emphasis is placed upon asking each parent for a home Bible study. So each parent receives a set number of "friendly visits" and a set number of Bible study encouragement visits.

After the visits are completed, the bus captain begins working on another set of parents. The bus driver continues to visit the children and encourages them to keep coming, but he never allows himself to become so bogged down with one family that he forgets to seek out new home Bible study candidates.

The success of Parentreach is based on

several principles: 1) the focus is not on numbers, but on souls; 2) The number of homes visited is limited, allowing more time to work with the family; 3) Those not interested in living for God are dropped, allowing time to visit those who are; 4) The route is continually being replenished with new families to witness to; and 5) The ministry utilizes the most effective tool of winning entire families (the home Bible study ministry). Remember, the bus captain has only so much time to work his route. If he spends it all on people who care little about salvation, he will have no time left to reach those who are. For more information, request file BMPR03.TXT.

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## ■ CHURCH TRENDS

## Christians: A Diverse Group

The "Christian Right," which has been under attack recently by the Democratic Party, is a far more diverse group than many had thought, according to the latest New York Times / CBS News poll. The group is predictably more conservative than others, yet Christians continue to reject any attempt to lump themselves into a single "movement," according to the poll.

The pollsters interviewed 1,339 adults and found that nine percent identified themselves as part of the religious right. The great majority who identified themselves as such are overwhelmingly Protestant and more likely to attend church each week.

Nevertheless, the survey found that the religious right is split almost evenly between Republicans and Democrats. And contrary to some perceptions, their educational levels span as broad a spectrum as for typical Americans.

Also, those within the religious right tend to be more conservative than even mainstream Republicans on some issues. For instance, the poll found that 65 percent of conservative Christians don't believe in abortion under any circumstances, while only 28 percent of all Republicans hold the same view.

## ■ INTERNATIONAL

## Ten Nations Persecute Church

Ten nations top the list of the world's worst persecutors of Christians according to the July 25 issue of *National & International Religion Report*. The newsletter cited the Open Doors with Brother Andrew ministry for its list.

Those nations, according to the periodicals, are: Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Sudan, China, Comoro Islands, North Korea, Iran, Egypt, Morocco, and Yemen.

In Saudi Arabia, for instance, Christian groups must meet in secret. Leaders of these groups are often beaten or imprisoned, and many are expelled from the nation.

Afghanistan does not have a Christian church building; it does, however, have about 48,000 mosques. Further, open confessions of Christian belief can result in death in the country.

The *Report* also reports that in China, "house churches are pressured severely, and there is a tremendous shortage of Bibles."

Meanwhile, in North Korea, little is known about the Christian church because of the repressive nature of the government. According to the *Report*, arbitrary arrests of Christians are common in that nation.



## ■ PROPHECY

## Do Comets Pose Threat For Earth?

Christian prophecy teachers took particular interest in last July's barrage on Jupiter by the debris from Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9. The reason: The Apocalyptic book of Revelation seems to predict such an event for Earth, wiping out a third of the world's population.

For six days in July, the comet, which had gotten pulled into Jupiter's gravitation, battered the giant planet. The result was damage so severe that clouds were visible from several of Earth's high-powered telescopes.

Eugene Shoemaker, co-discoverer of the comet, said that such an occurrence is a very real possibility for our own planet. "It has been very hard to convey to the public at large and to members of Congress that impacts of comets are serious, that they really do happen," he said.

Shoemaker said that there could be as many as 2,000 comets or asteroids that cross Earth's orbit which are capable of doing great damage. "Now that we've seen a comet actually hit a planet it has brought home the fact that there really is a finite determinable hazard out there."

Prophecy teachers note that Revelation 8:8-11 predicts the time during the "Great Tribulation" when "the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; and the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter." According to some Biblical scholars, either one or both of these incidents could be a comet or asteroid.

## ■ RELIGIOUS TRENDS

## Is Religion Alive And Well In U.S.?

A new survey by U.S. News & World Report shows that most Americans hold to some kind of belief in God, but worry that religion is losing its influence.

♦The poll results, published in the April 4 issue of the magazine, found the following:

♦65 percent of Americans feel that religion is losing its influence on American life; only 21 percent disagreed.

♦On the other hand, 62 percent of the respondents felt that religious influence was gaining in their personal lives.

♦Beliefs on the Bible were more of a hodge-podge. Forty-six percent feel the Bible is the inspired Word of God, but that not everything can be taken literally. Only 34 percent feel that it is the literal Word of God. And 16 percent called it an "ancient book of legends, history, and moral precepts, recorded by man."

♦76 percent of respondents called God a "heavenly Father who can be reached by prayers." Eleven percent said God is an idea rather than a personal Being. And eight percent called Him an "impersonal Creator."

♦53 percent of Americans agreed that we have to keep church and state completely separate, while 42 percent disagreed with the statement.

## ■ RELIGION

## Group Decides To Never Die

The old saying is that there are two things certain in life: death and taxes. Well, the folks at People Forever can't do much about taxes, but they think they've got this death thing all figured out. They have simply decided never to die.

People Forever International held their national conference last July in Scottsdale, AZ. The group of 800 believes eternal life is as simple as deciding to live forever. The trick, according to member Charles Brown, is to trick the body into rejuvenating itself. "We are a species that has the ability to perpetually renew itself," Brown said at the conference. "The important thing is tapping into the intelligence of the cells themselves."

Unfortunately, three of the group have already died since the group's 1988 founding. Brown said this is because cell rejuvenation is an individual process.

The group, which spans 16 countries, focuses heavily on nutritious food. It seems a body is more likely to cooperate with immortality if it's fed well. What's lacking from the People Forever conferences is the obvious, namely, that the Bible promises a 100 percent "eternal life ratio" to born again Christians.



APOSTOLICS TODAY

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## Truth World Outreach

**T**wenty thousand people in Nigeria and 15,000 in Cuba have discovered the power of the printed word, thanks to the ministry of Truth World Outreach in Lynchburg, VA. Truth World is a ministry of Bro. Douglas Klinedinst's church in the city.

"We are an outreach ministry based on a printing company concept," Klinedinst explained. "The primary function of what we do is printing and distributing literature to help spread the Gospel."

Truth World Outreach, said Klinedinst, is designed with the sole intention of helping Apostolic churches. The ministry is housed in a separate building owned by the church, and consists in part of three printing presses, a full dark room, and equipment for binding, folding, collating and cutting.

"What we're trying to do is to market the Gospel," Klinedinst said. For instance, the church has previously sent 20,000 doctrinal booklets to Nigeria and 15,000 to Cuba (translated into Spanish). Also, they're planning to send 30,000 - 40,000 tracts, written by a New Guinea National, to that country's Apostolic church. And for a low cost, they will provide letterheads, brochures and other promotional literature for home missionaries.

"We're trying to make people aware of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but we want to do it in massive quantities.

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Douglas Klinedinst

## Lloyd Squires:

## Not Just Clowning Around



Lloyd Squires, A.K.A. the King's Clown, ministers to a group of kids.



**C**lowning around is serious business for Bro. Lloyd Squires of St. Louis, MO. Bro. Squires, who calls himself "The King's Clown," has been ministering to children for several years in a clown suit. And he has found the results rewarding.

"In my clown suit, I can draw a crowd that the average preacher will never get to come to church. That's why I think this is an important ministry," Squires said.

Bro. Squires first donned his clown suit in 1977 in his own basement, where he ministered to Sunday school children. Then, "It really began in 1979 at the Columbia, MO United Pentecostal Church. The pastor asked me to come to church Sunday morning in the clown suit." Since that time, he has travelled extensively and preached as "The King's Clown." Last year alone, Squires preached in 800 services.

"I'm not the traditional Sunday school clown that you might think of. I am a preacher. I just happen to be a preacher who wears a clown suit."

And indeed, Squires is a preacher whose clown suit seems to generate results.

"There are thousands who have come to these revivals and received the Holy Ghost who would otherwise never have come to hear a 'preacher.'"

Last year, Bro. Squires' ministry was responsible for 900 people receiving the Holy Ghost. "Only 300 of them were over the age of 15," he said.

"This is a ministry that breaks

the barriers, and then it walks in the back door to minister to families," commented Squires. "I don't kick down the front door like the evangelist does when he says, 'Sinner friend of mine, step out into the center aisle.' I don't go in the front door. I come in through the back door, and I gently bring the child to the altar."

But, said Squires, the clown ministry reaches beyond the children and wins adults. "At one service of a junior youth camp, we have prayed through as many as eleven adults." The key, according to Squires, is that most parents will attend service on Friday night, as they are normally there anyway to pick up the kids.

Not everybody, though, is as enthusiastic about clown ministry. In fact, Squires has had encounters with those who seemed to look down on his particular brand of preaching.

"I was on the road once in California where I attended a conference. I set up in front of a Sunday school booth. While there, people I really respected turned up their nose at me and walked off." Bro. Squires, however, never sought to retaliate or defend himself. "If I had bitterness, I couldn't do this," he said.

As for advice to other aspiring clowns, Squires says to proceed with caution. "If you're not called to this, then don't start. As with any ministry, it should be a calling. Being an evangelist is not a stepping stone to being a pastor; it's one of the five-fold ministry. And that includes clown evangelists."

MINISTRIES

## Search For Truth

**B**ro. Kenneth Haney, who pastors Christian Life Center in Stockton, CA, has purchased Search For Truth, the ministry which produced the premiere home Bible study chart for the Apostolic movement. The purchase occurred last April and includes the Bible study materials as well as tracts and the ABC Bible curriculum for Christian schools. Currently, two of the planned four years have been completed in the ABC series.

Bro. Haney appointed Bro. Harry Meeks, to head up the ministry. Meeks said they will leave most materials as they are; however, they will make a few minor changes.

"We plan to print up everything eventually," Meeks said. The church is currently printing only the most requested tracts, but eventually they will print the entire supply.

The ministry's newest home Bible study, *Light For Living*, may eventually also be made available. However, "when that happens, we will probably change a little bit of it," he said.

Currently, Christian Life is promoting the Search For Truth materials mainly through direct mailings and word of mouth. Also, Meeks pointed out that "right now, we're not printing it here in Stockton. We're still printing it in Houston and trucking it back here."

The *Search for Truth* chart is \$34.95 and the teacher's manual is \$7.95. Mini-charts sell for \$8.95 apiece. The ABC Bible curriculum is available for \$3.95 each. For more information concerning prices or to order, contact Search For Truth at P.O. Box 8069, Stockton, CA 95208-0069.



K. Haney



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# Church And Culture In Conflict

**OPINION ■ The church must affect culture more than culture affects the church.**

In a nation once shaped by conservative Christian values many are wondering what in the world has happened to cause the dominant culture to drift into its present condition. Stephen Carter, Yale law professor and author, argues that America is now a *Culture of Disbelief!* That is, God and religion are deemed irrelevant. The prevailing cultural attitude trivializes and marginalizes the spiritual, and holds that belief and faith are not to be tolerated in public, but should be privatized. Religion, which was once held in the highest place of honor, is increasingly viewed as a threat and dismissed as irrational.

Obviously, such a drastic shift away from Biblical absolutes to relativism seriously impacts the church. The Bible and traditional values have increasingly come under assault. Consider, for example, the Colorado courts striking down the rights of a school teacher to simply keep his Bible on his own desk because students might see it. That could not be tolerated! This is taking us from civil rights to civil exclusion. And don't think for a moment that it doesn't portend severe consequences for the church. This is actually dogmatic relativism. Not only does it not respect religion, but it seeks to suppress religious ideas in public life. Perhaps you read of the Catholic groups which, after years of organizing parades in New York City, were sued by the city for not allowing gays to participate. The basis for the suit was that the Hibernians were using public property, the street! They could reject homosexuality within the confines of their stained-glass churches, but certainly not in public. To put it another way, in the view of New York City, the rights of gays now supersede the rights of religious belief.

Without question, this dramatic shift away from God and the Bible has left us in a Post-Christian vortex of change, much like that depicted in the first chapter of Romans. This produces a sort of societal unraveling. This is evidenced in our day by the growing number of folks who totally disregard all moral responsibility. Take, for example, the deluge of violence plaguing society. In the last 30 years violent crime has increased 560 percent. Research suggests that the average youth, by the time he is 18, will have viewed 200,000 scenes of violence and more than 40,000 murders, all offered up as entertainment for TV viewing. Hollywood's preoccupation with violence is not only reflected in the over 270,000 guns reportedly carried to school everyday in the public school system, but in the ever increasing murder statistics (One high schooler was shot to death for her Walkman!). Further unraveling is seen in the billions spent every year for the high-tech promotion of promiscuity in the ever-popular

TV and movie industry.

One survey of the once-conservative Evangelical movement demonstrated that 98 percent opposed drinking alcoholic beverages in 1951, but by 1982, only 17 percent did so. Believe it or not, the same survey of seminary students showed that now 30 percent actually *approved*

on a hill, beaming God's alternative to a lost humanity. The church is not 'ashamed' of the Lord's Gospel (Romans 1:16), even in the midst of those who change "the truth of God into a lie" and worship "the creature more than the Creator" (Romans 1:25). The church is not ashamed to stand out, because it knows itself to be set apart to God. The church continues to ask with Paul: "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?.... Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord" (1 Corinthians 6:14).

Others may relinquish the moral ground to the enemy, but Apostolics must not. The church must not seek to redefine right and wrong based on what is acceptable to the world, but should seek what is acceptable to God.

The message for a generation such as ours needs to be not a message of conformity to culture, but Paul's message: "Be not conformed to this world" (Romans 12:2). In clear contrast and open conflict with our culture, the people of God long

for holiness and righteousness. As the Spirit-filled church finds itself in ever-increasing conflict with the surrounding culture, it, like Paul in Titus 2:12, emphatically says "no" to "ungodliness and worldly lusts." And, in contrast to the darkness, the church lets its light "so shine" in order to "live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world." ■

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of the use of marijuana, 89 percent wholeheartedly endorsed R-rated movies, and 36 percent did not believe that X-rated movies were a sin. This is called moving the boundaries at your convenience. Hardly evidence of victory on the battlefield! Instead, far too many professed Christians today can be said to be little more than carbon copies of the world.

Apostolics must never let this be said of them. We are a people who cherish the Word of God above all else. Let the Scriptures remain a light unto our path. Jesus spoke often of the tension of conflict between the church and culture. He was emphatic that the salt must not lose its ability to savor, or else it is actually worthless. The church is not to blend into the fabric of an evil generation. It is to be a light set



### ■ EXTERNAL DEGREE EDUCATION

It's been dubbed the educational trend of the future. More and more people, as their lives become busier, are opting for non-traditional methods of continuing their education. Thus, external degree programs are becoming increasingly more popular. This is an option that can be particularly attractive for Apostolic ministers. Because of their ministries, many of these people are unable to attend Bible college or seminary away from their homes. And the good news is that there are a variety of quality schools offering everything from Associates to Masters and even Doctorates through external study. What's more, many of these are fully accredited. However, let the buyer beware: Many of the schools advertising "external degree" programs are little more than diploma mills. One of the best ways to sift through the educational morass is a book entitled *Walston and Bear's Guide to Earning Religious Degrees Non-Traditionally*. This 250-page book lists dozens of schools offering degrees at all levels in religious areas. The book features good schools as well as a listing of diploma mills to avoid, plus advice on finding the right program for you. \$25 will get you the volume (plus \$2.00 shipping and handling). To order, write to: C & B Publishing, P.O. Box 826, Benicia, CA 94510. Or call (707)747-5950.

### ■ GETTING NOTHING FROM A SERMON

It's an all-too-common phenomenon: people listening to the pastor's message at church but not really hearing it. It's called the "Wandering Mind Syndrome." And just in case your congregation isn't quite skilled in the art of the wandering mind, The June 5 issue of *Pentecostal Evangel* offers these seven guidelines to "get little or nothing from a sermon." 1) *Go to bed on Saturday night later than your usual bedtime.* Doing so will ensure that you will be tired during the last half of the service when the pastor is preaching. 2) *Don't eat breakfast before leaving for church.* By the time your pastor starts the sermon, your stomach will be growling. 3) *Find a seat as far away from the pulpit as possible.* It's easier to play spectator than participant if you sit far from the platform. 4) *Don't bring your Bible to church.* If you don't have it with you, then you can't follow the sermon outline. 5) *Don't actively participate in congregational prayer or singing.* These have a way of softening one's heart to receive the Word of God. 6) *Mentally note your surroundings during the sermon.* What is the ratio of men to women? How many men are wearing suits? Compare the ratio of those wearing glasses to those who do not. 7) *Think of matters awaiting you at home.* Shall you eat the leftover spaghetti for lunch or just have sandwiches? Incidentally, we might add a couple to the magazine's list: 8) *Leave the sanctuary frequently to go to the restroom, to get a drink of water, or for other important projects.* 9) *Talk frequently with the person sitting next to you, or participate in other distractions such as writing notes or clipping nails.*

### ■ REASONS FOR PENTECOSTAL GROWTH

Pentecostalism has come a long way since the start of the 20th Century. Whereas the movement began as a fringe group ridiculed by mainstream Christianity, today it is the world's fastest-growing faith. In his book *Pentecostalism*, author J.T. Nichol documents 15 reasons that he feels have contributed to Pentecostalism's phenomenal growth: 1) A world conditioned to expect the supernatural; 2) Christians previously prepared to expect manifestations of the Spirit; 3) emphasis upon experience rather than church government; 4) Pentecostals' self-image as a revitalization movement within the Christian church; 5) an early thrust toward nominal Christians and lethargic believers rather than to the unconverted; 6) an appeal to the poor and rural society; 7) taking initiative in going to people rather than waiting for them to come to the church; 8) the use of mass meetings to create a sense of belonging to a community; 9) the effective use of newspapers and periodicals to disseminate the Pentecostal message; 10) a democratic tendency which drew people of all classes with no discrimination; 11) emphasis upon divine healing; 12) meeting psychological needs of people; 13) the conviction of early adherents that God had raised them up for a special work; 14) a tremendous spirit of sacrifice; and 15) the principle of establishing indigenous churches.

### ■ YOUR ELIJAH RATING

"Most Elishas had Elijahs in their lives - mentors who devoted quality time and personal attention to them in hopes of developing their spiritual gifts and leadership potential," according to Steve Chalke, director of Britain's Oasis Trust, in the June Alpha newsletter." So how many of Elijah's traits, from Chalke's article, do you exhibit? 1) Do you easily see potential in youth? 2) Are you patient and flexible while others gain experience and develop their potential? 3) Do you readily make yourself accountable to more mature Christians? 4) Do you give priority time and energy to building up and encouraging others? 5) Are you excited to learn from others with more experience than you have? 6) Do you actively seek advice and guidance from wise believers? 7) Is your goal to pass on your wisdom, information, and status to others? 8) Do you try to motivate people or inspire them to be their best? Do you help them stretch beyond what they thought they were capable of? 9) Do you feel responsible to be a positive role model and to help shape others' lives?

### ■ TIPS FOR CONFRONTING OTHERS

From the April issue of Change Agent come these tips for beneficial confrontation of others: 1) *Get an accurate picture.* Learn what is "wrong" from all sides. 2) *Establish a cooperative climate.* Focus on behavior, not personality. 3) *Pick the right situation.* Don't have an audience! 4) *Use direct, yet win / win strategies.* Be specific and concrete and sensitive to the other person.





"If you didn't like my suggestion, Pastor, a simple "no" would do..."

### Heaven Bound

The primary Sunday school teacher had been teaching her class about Heaven, when she asked some unruly boys, "Do you boys know what kind of children go to Heaven?"

One boy quickly retorted, "Yeah, dead ones."

### Nobody's Perfect

David, a rambunctious lad even for a six-year-old, was forced to stand in the corner one day because of his naughtiness. His mother told him to ask for God's forgiveness, which he did quite promptly. After a short while, he told his mother, "I can't help it if I'm not perfect. Why, I've only heard of one perfect boy anyhow."

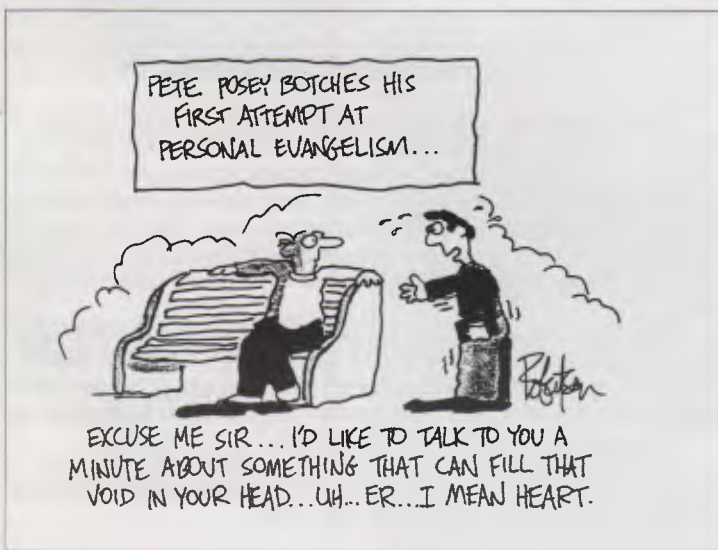
David's mother was impressed by her boy's spiritual enlightenment, and felt this would be a good time to discuss the little boy Jesus. She asked him quietly, "And who was this perfect Boy, Dear?"

"It was Daddy, when he was a boy," the lad replied.

### Good As Gold

The pastor and his wife went out for the evening, leaving Junior with a baby sitter. "Did you have any troubles with him?" the mother asked. "Usually he is good as gold."

"Well," said the sitter, "soon after you left, he went off the gold standard."



### Off The Rack

Sign in a coat room at a Northern church above the lower section of racks just above the hooks: "FOR CHILDREN ONLY." Underneath, someone had penciled in, "May Also Be Used For Coats And Hats!"

### Could I Have A Doggie Bag?

**Q:** Have you heard about the new Oriental Cookbook discovered by a foreign missionary?

**A:** It's called 1001 Ways To Wok Your Dog.

### Man Of Experience

A pilot was having a difficult time landing his plane because of a strong wind along the Potomac River during a routine flight from Washington, D.C. One pastor with considerable travel experience noticed that the passenger beside him was pale and was gripping his armrests tightly, in absolute terror.

To console the gentleman, the pastor said, "Relax, the people in the cockpit know what they're doing."

"You don't understand," the man replied. "I'm a commercial pilot, and I know what they're doing!"



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### Stamp Of Approval

One missionary had just returned to America for deputation after many years abroad. While in the States, he showed slides, showed articles of clothing from the foreign land, and prayed much. He also spoke frequently about the need for other missionaries to join him on the field.

At the end of one service, the missionary saw a young boy waiting to speak with him. At last the missionary had a convert - somebody who felt the burden to help in missions work when he grew up.

"Son, I bet I can guess why you're here. You want to be a missionary someday. Is that right?"

"Oh no, sir," the boy replied. "I was just wondering if you have any foreign stamps."

### Could You Repeat That?

The preacher, who had a problem with gossip in his church, heard two in the hallway one Sunday after church: "Listen closely now, because I can only tell this once, because I promised I wouldn't repeat it."



**Tim McClure: Melbourne's Weeping Prophet**  
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surprisingly, even these youth ministries have emphasized the importance of soul-winning.

"Our church is young. We have about 50 singles and 60 or more teen-agers. So I have to communicate my burden for the lost to them. "Because of that, I have a teen-ager's group called the Soul Win Club. Obviously, the emphasis of this group is on evangelism. Also, I have a group I call Force One. It's a military style group. They wear uniforms, achieve ranks, that sort of thing. The boys get a beret and the girls get a rope. Force One has a 10 week training course."

To keep all the departments running smoothly, McClure meets with his departments on a monthly basis. He requires reports from each of them, and each leader and worker has a job description.

"I try to do regular training as well. I usually will give the department heads a tape of leadership principles to listen to at home before each monthly meeting. Then at the meeting, I give a questionnaire on the tape. I also give book assignments and a questionnaire based on the book."

And, McClure said, he tries to continually "train" himself as well. "Every morning my first two hours are for studying or writing. I think my own personal education is extremely important. A preacher who doesn't invest in his brain is worthless. Ten years from now, he's going to be the same and his church isn't going to grow. So I spend a minimum of three hours per day reading and studying. I have made a commitment to read 100 books this year."

As for communication among the church departments, you won't hear much in the way of public announcements.

"I hate announcements! So instead, I have electric sign boards that have messages running across them. We have a man to type in any pertinent information into a computer. So it's each department's job to get their message to him before church. Announcements are then made on the sign boards after church. I have trained my people that if you want to know something, read the board."

**Under Construction**

Because of the congregation's rapid growth, Melbourne's United

Pentecostal Church has been continually "under construction." The church started by renting a local women's club, where there were usually about 30 on Sunday nights. In that rented facility they had a 50-watt amplifier acting as a P.A. system, a Radio Shack microphone and a guitar for music. After renting there for a year, they bought property and had a building finished by 1984. Soon after, they constructed a second building on the property, which currently houses the Sunday school and Christian school. Now, because they are filling the 350 seats to capacity, they are planning to build again. "We currently have an auditorium that is 40' x 80'. Our new building will have 12,000 square feet with an auditorium of 80' x 95' plus a 60' x 80' add-on two-story building."

**Engulfed In Spirituality**

Yet even with programs and organization, McClure emphasizes that the pastor must not get caught up only in the physical aspects of growth. Rather, the pastor - and the entire church - must see through "spiritual eyes." He said that the pastor needs to focus on people at the point of their need and reach for them. "The pastor himself must be engulfed in spirituality. He must be and think spiritual things. He must maintain a spiritual mind, heart and life. And he must think soul-winning. Winning souls must be a part of the pastor's make-up. And he must sell it to his congregation. If it's in him it will be in his people."

What it comes down to, said McClure, is communicating a burden. "Early in my ministry, I remember going home and praying for a burden. God said He couldn't give that to just anybody, because what I was asking for was that burden, that passion that caused God to robe Himself in flesh and die. So I told the Lord that I was willing to do that. That's what it takes. We must be able to feel the hurts of the world and to die in order to reach them."

"My purpose and goal in Melbourne is to change the moral climate of this city. I am here in the Lord's stead. I am representing Him. Therefore, if He is to weep for people, then I will weep for people. If He is to care, to have compassion, it will be through me. If He reaches, touches or influences people, it will be through me."

Over three hundred thousand people walk the streets of Melbourne each day, each with his own problems and needs. Tim McClure knows that God cries over each of these souls. And so, as long as he is pastor in the city, he has committed himself to weeping in the Lord's stead.

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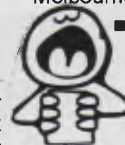
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