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LIFE in the SPIRIT

The Life & Ministry of Brother T.W. Barnes

-By T. R. O'Daniel and Richard C. Brown



Brother T.W. Barnes, pastor of Minden, Louisiana's First United Pentecostal Church.

He is esteemed by many in the Apostolic movement as a man of the Spirit.

That is, he walks in the Spirit, prays in the Spirit, is greatly used in the Gifts of the Spirit, and bears much spiritual fruit.

Yet Brother T.W. Barnes is the *last* to attribute such statements to himself. After all, says Barnes, life in the Spirit is not about bringing glory to oneself; it is, rather, about bringing glory to God.

Few, though, can deny that this pastor of Minden, Louisiana's First United Pentecostal Church *has* brought glory to God - and he has done so throughout much of this century. Witness, for example, his church in Minden. Taking a small-town congregation in 1947, Barnes' church now runs nearly 400 in attendance.

And this is but one example. Barnes' lifetime legacy is one of ministering to as many lost souls

as he could reach.

Under the Oak Tree

Barnes was born July 12, 1913, in Bradley, AR. "We all went to a little denominational church until I was 12 years old," Barnes says.

"Brother Hubert Wingate, a Jesus' name preacher came through town in 1925. During that time, he baptized me, and about that time, I received the Holy Ghost in a prayer meeting at our house."

Twelve years later, at age 24, Brother Barnes felt called of God to preach. It was then that he began his first "church" - under an oak tree.

"It was a big oak tree that served as our first sanctuary. And the good thing is I didn't have anybody running against me for the pastorate. So I just put some planks and logs and

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"My vision for the future is that the 'church set on a hill' will shine brighter and brighter."

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Opinions



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As with many families, ministers often times have unsaved or backslidden children in their household. Such was the case in my house for many years with my son, Michael. This, of course, puts an extra heavy burden on the minister. For the pastor or church leader in this situation, here is some advice.

First, your approach must never be to pressure or condemn this unsaved child. And never try to use force to get him to come into the church. Instead, your approach should be one of continued and unwavering love and prayer.

The church can help in this area, as well. The congregation should take the matter to prayer and keep a constant burden for this unsaved child.

One other thing: The pastor or minister should not let this become a guilt trip for himself. He should certainly not feel condemned by the Lord, although he will doubtless always feel like he could do more to reach the child. However, after the child gets to a certain age, the child has his own decisions to make and his salvation ultimately is his responsibility.

Still, you must continue to pray. A continual burden for the child, prayer, and unfaltering support will go a long way to reach him.



Reaching & Keeping the Preacher's Kids

AIS VIEW: *Even ministers are not immune to the world's effect on the family. As such, preachers' kids often go astray. The best approach for winning these children is the concept of "tough love." A preacher-parent should never withhold unconditional support and love from the child. However, neither should they be compromising in their position against sin.*

When I have a minister call me about an unsaved child, I can empathize. Because for many years, I was the wayward child of a preacher. And now, I too have unsaved kids.

What was it that made the difference with me? Total love and trust from my parents. I was backslidden for 12 1/2 years. Yet I had the experience of having my dad visit me while I was incarcerated in a federal correction center. One day while I was there, he came to visit. That day, I met a true Christian, who just happened to be my dad. Though he had every right to berate me, he instead put his arms around me and said, "Son, I'll always love you." He didn't approve of my actions, but he expressed unconditional love.

Ultimately, you can never win your children by beating them over the head with your beliefs. You have to communicate your devotion to the Bible, but all the while, let them know that your love for him or her is without conditions.

Ultimately, as the cliché goes, you hate the sin but love the sinner. One more point: Ask your church to help with your situation. How? By getting them involved in prayer. This, after all, is the best answer for the wayward child.



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Metairie, LA*



*Wayne McClain
Pastor
Pasadena, TX*

I've known of situations where pastors who were very dedicated had children who were not in the church. Yet a church should not judge a pastor by the actions of a child who has left his teachings. but by the quality of the pastor's own life. And then, in reaching that child, the pastor simply has to teach by example.



*Thomas Copple
Pastor
Westminster, CA*

The pastor must demonstrate unconditional love toward the wayward child. Yet it must be "tough love," with boundaries. True love must at times be confrontational. For instance, the child should not be given the option of whether or not to go to church. It sends a mixed signal to make him go to public school, but not church.



*Harvey Cantrell
Pastor
Hanford, CA*

I'd advise a pastor with wayward children to always be there to comfort the child and sympathize with his concerns. God so loved the world that He made a plan by which fallen man could be restored. If a child is out in the world, the pastor must develop a means by which he can be restored, without condemnation.



*Thomas Cardwell
Pastor
Dequincy, LA*

The pastor must first of all pray for his unsaved child. In addition, he should be willing to show kindness where it is due. However, you never compromise with their sin. They respect you when you stand for righteousness. A church can help by also expressing their concern for the child from time to time.



*Paul D. Mooney
Pastor
Indianapolis, IN*

Many pastors imagine incorrectly that others question their credibility if their children do not respond to what they preach. To reach those children, you have to give up lecturing and just become a friend to them. And never give up on them. The church can help by just giving a silent, dignified support without constantly bringing up the subject.



*Vaughn Morton
Pastor
Fresno, CA*

Having unsaved children creates an extra heavy burden on pastors, because a minister feels like he needs to be an example. The pastor is responsible first to save himself, then his family, and finally his church. A pastor should set aside a certain amount of time each week to spend with his children and show his love and concern.

Life in the Spirit

The Life & Ministry
of T.W. Barnes

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everything else about that old tree. This was in Pine Grove, Arkansas. We had great revival; a lot of people received the Holy Ghost."

Barnes says that during the winter months, his church met in a church members' house. Then, in the next summer, they built a brush arbor and met there.

From there, Barnes pastored a church in Pindall, AR, then he took a church in Spring Hill, where he stayed for nearly five years.

"When I was in Pindall, I preached in 14 different places in the area every week. I averaged preaching every week to 300 or more people in all these different areas," says Brother Barnes.



ABOVE: Brother Barnes' Minden congregation during a Sunday night service.

The Move to Minden

In 1947, Barnes took the church in Minden and found a congregation of 25. He immediately began a practice he had begun in Spring Hill.

"As in Spring Hill, I preached in 14 different communities around Minden. That was with a tent, and that was a primary reason the church here began to grow.

And the other factors contributing to the church's growth?

"We've had long seasons of prayer and fasting that played the greatest role," says Barnes. "The church has created growth by releasing their faith for growth through days and weeks of intercession.



ABOVE: Pastor's Appreciation service at the Minden church.

"Also, we frequently have evangelists come to harvest the crop of souls and to just keep revival going. In fact, I've preached some of those revivals myself. Also, we've of course had a lot of door-knocking and several tent revivals around

Minden."

The facilities used by the First UPC have mirrored the progress the church has made. In the beginning, the congregation met in a small frame building that measured 42 by 82 feet. "Then," says Barnes, "we built an educational building on the back. The next building we built was 52 by 120 feet. And now, more recently, we have bought several buildings around our main sanctuary just a month or two ago. We now own four buildings around the church which we use for educational space."

Barnes says they have bought another 30 acres of land recently as well. He plans to build again within two or three years.

The Work of the Spirit

All of his successes, Brother Barnes attributes to the work of the Holy Spirit. But in particular, he is quick to point out that various miracles and signs that have accom-

panied his ministry have been not his own doing, but the sovereign work of God.

"It is true that in our ministry we've had many miracles, signs, and wonders to accompany us around the world. This, however, should not be our focus. The highest calling is the calling to preach the Gospel, not to exercise the Gifts of the Spirit."

Still, the miracles have come. Brother Barnes recalls, "we've had some of the greatest miracles that have ever happened to occur in just the past few years. This year, I had one of our ministers call me. His grandson was born with the soft spot or hole on top

of his head completely grown together when he was born. We prayed with him, and though the doctors had already told the father that they'd have to be separated, when they went back to the doctor, it was already separated." The rest of the problem was easily handled by the doctors.

Barnes says that he learned an important lesson about the Gifts of the Spirit from a recent experience. "I prayed for a sinner a few years ago who had a deaf ear, and it opened. Then I prayed for a preacher who had a deaf ear, and it didn't. So I asked the Lord, 'Why is it in healing campaigns, we sometimes see a lot of denominational people healed and sinners healed, yet sometimes, you see saints who do not get healed?' The Lord spoke very plainly to me: 'If someone was begging for a meal, and you were about to buy him a meal, but suddenly, by revelation, you knew He had a thousand dollars in his pocket, you would not feed him. My children, who are born again and have faith, need to use their own faith. When a preacher prays, the reason nothing happens is that the saint needs to use his faith. But with the sinner, I'll use the preacher's faith.' It comes down to this: The Lord wants His saints to exercise their own faith. The preacher who did not get his ear healed wasn't using his faith; he was depending on mine."

For the minister desiring to be used more in Spiritual Gifts, Brother Barnes offers this advice: "Let your focus be on following Jesus completely. The Bible says He always went about doing good. Sometimes this meant healing and helping those who were oppressed of



ABOVE: Exterior view of Minden United Pentecostal Church.

the devil. Sometimes it meant just ministering. The minister's theme song should be, 'To be like Jesus,' and all that this entails.

"Always remember," Barnes continues, "the Lord never ordained that the church be run through the Gifts of the Spirit. He ordained that they would be used to bless the church. The five-fold ministry, on the other hand, is what He uses to direct His church. The Gifts are there for us in emergency situations, when we really need them. But use them as the Apostles did, that is, to bring people into the Kingdom."

Of the nine Spiritual Gifts, Barnes says ministers should place an emphasis on the Gift of Faith.

"This is a gift that ministers are not as
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The Three 'R's of Christianity

AIS INTERVIEW
With Edward Goddard



Editor's note: Educators are fond of speaking of the big "Three R's" that are needed for a person to be culturally literate. Brother Edward Goddard of St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, has his own "Three R's" - basic needs of the Apostolic church. He recently discussed this basic needs and the prospect of worldwide revival with AIS in a telephone interview.

Brother Goddard is no stranger to the topic of revival, as his First United Pentecostal Church in St. John has experienced significant growth, and was recently featured on "Impact," an audio church growth magazine. Following are portions of Brother Goddard's interview:

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What would you say are the greatest needs in the Apostolic church today?

I'd say there are three - three "R's" if you will.

And these are?

These are "revelation, renewal, and relationships."

Explain what you mean by "revelation."

We need a fresh revelation. What we are coming to as we approach the next century is a generation where our doctrine has been handed down to them rather than them coming to it by revelation. Therefore, it's often not felt as strongly. There tends to be a weakness in that kind of belief.

How does one get a "fresh revelation?"

It's a continuous thing. And it comes only by prayer and by looking into the Word for yourself.

I believe every preacher and saint will come to a crossroads where that the things they have been taught will come into question. Because somewhere along the line, a person begins to think for himself rather than just taking those things handed to them.

What will the result of this be?

They'll either get a firm grasp of the doctrine or fall away. When you come to that crossroads in your life, you find that you have to come to conclusions on your own. You have to dig into the Word of God and draw your own conclusions. But more than that, God's got to open up His Word and reveal truth to you. And it never stops, the revelations just continue to become greater as you study.

You mentioned renewal. What does this mean?

I believe it was Paul who said we need to be renewed each day. This means we are renewed in the Spirit, which according to the Bible, leads to a renewing of the mind.

The whole man is touched by the Spirit - the body, the mind, everything is affected by this touch of the Spirit.

In what way?

Renewal in the Spirit leads to a desire and impetus to renew our minds in the things of God. What happens is that we get to the point that we're running on last week's touch, not on a daily renewing. But when you have a daily renewing, you have a daily desire to have your whole life touched by the Spirit.

And you said the third need is relationship. Relationship with God or man?

Both. Your relationship with God is going to determine your relationships with others.

You think our relationships need work?

I think we need a more profound relationship with God. As that happens, it will affect our most important friendships - that is, the friendships with other ministers.

Let's face it: You're most likely going to develop your closest friendships with other men who are in the ministry. This doesn't preclude you having relationships outside that circle; you definitely need the dialogue back and forth. But your closest relationships are probably going to be with those who think along the same lines as you.

How can we get back to that conviction that there used to be?

That is mostly in the hands of the local pastor, but the thing that's going to bring us back to old time Pentecost is getting down to the grass roots, down to the people, and getting them involved in praying and fasting. And then the pastor has to start preaching more about the Apostolic doctrine--things like repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, and a dedicated and consecrated life to God.

What is so important about strengthening relationships with other ministers?

We all need a support system and a system of accountability. Every minister needs somebody to bounce our ideas about God off of. Even though you may think you're right in your

theology, you have the potential of getting off track. It helps to have that likeminded support system to keep you on the right track. That's part of what organization is about.

On another topic, why do you think churches today are struggling to have revival?

I believe it lies in the leadership of the church, squarely in the lap of the pastor. He's the key man to spark revival and get it moving. A lot of it has to do with his ability to delegate and to use the laity in ministry. Too many men are running a one-man show.

How do we solve that?

Education is the key. Somehow we have to get our men into some kind of seminar or teaching setting where that men who have been successful in getting churches to grow could talk to them.

Several years ago, somebody took a survey among us Apostolics. It turned out that the pastors of our growing churches were for the most part attending church growth seminars. The men who weren't going to any were stagnated.

Should pastors attend denominational church growth seminars?

Those can be helpful. But I also think it's good to attend our own Apostolic growth seminars. We're unique from other groups. So, while you can get good things from other seminars, it's important for us to have our own educational material and events so that our own unique needs can be addressed.

What do you perceive for the future of the Apostolic movement?

Looking at all of the seminars and programs we have, I think the future is bright. Every now and then, you get winds of discontent. But overall, I think we're getting ready to see the greatest days the UPCI has ever seen.

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Q & A Forum

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Paul D. Mooney

■ Ministry

What would you say is the single most important key to success in leadership?

Picture for a moment a huge army advancing on the enemy, pushing through rain, mud, and harsh wind; persisting in its advance while soldiers are falling wounded or dead at almost every moment. Finally, after a hard battle, victory is achieved.

What do you suppose leaders of such struggles consider the key to victory. A brief study of military strategy will reveal that most generals attribute their success not just to the bravery of the soldiers or just to some type of superior firepower. Rather, they attribute it to the effectiveness of the support team. In short, the battle may depend more on the cooks and the mechanics than on the fighter himself. There can be no successful front line without a dedicated support system.

We think of Napoleon, Alexander the Great, Cornwall, King David, or Washington, and images of their grandeur come to mind. But do we think about the cooks, bottle-washers, secretaries, and nurses that kept them all together?

Behind every successful person is a team of people making it happen. Wives putting husbands through school; mothers giving unconditional support; fathers paying bills; someone taking out the trash; someone running the errands.

It's a marvelous thing to observe the numerous people in our churches who work to make our church functions and programs a success. Much praise is due to them!

Napoleon, ol' boy, somebody pushed your wagons, washed your clothes, built your mansion, cooked your meals, and made you famous. The key to success in leadership? Make sure you have a dedicated support team!



T. W. Massengale

■ Outreach

We are having a steady number of people being born again, but almost as many are backsliding. Any suggestions on closing the back door?

The problem you have presented is a common one. Many churches see less than 20 percent of their new converts remain faithful within a given year. What can be done? I strongly encourage the example given in Acts 2. Upon seeing 3,000 new converts, the Spirit directed the Apostles to provide three things: 1) *Instruction* (verses 41, 42 and 46). You should provide "First Night Counseling" the night (or day)



T.R. O'Daniel

■ Theology

Biblically speaking, is there a sin of unthankfulness?

While being thankful to God for His goodness would seem natural for a Christian, Scripture gives specific admonitions to thankfulness.

Ephesians 5:2-11 mentions giving of thanks as becoming of saints in contrast to unfruitful works of darkness. Paul follows the theme of contrasting good and evil by admonishing us to "be filled with the Spirit" which is characteristic as "giving thanks always for all things unto God" (verses 8-20). I Thessalonians 5:18 admonishes "in everything give thanks." The saints at Colosse were exhorted to "overflow with thankfulness" (2:7). Philippians 4:6 makes us aware that prayer and supplication are to be accompanied by thanksgiving.

Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words relates thanksgiving to the expression of the fruit of the Spirit, joy (Vol. 4, p. 122). The Greek for joy (*chara*) is incorporated into the Greek word for thankful (*eucharistos*).

Two things we must conclude from Scripture concerning thankfulness: 1) It is admonished of Christians in all things, and 2) it should be a natural result of our being filled with the Holy Spirit. An absence of thankfulness to God in the life of a child of God should be considered a symptom that the relationship with God needs examination.

Unthankfulness is certainly symptomatic of sin. Note the warning of II Timothy 3:1-2 that in the last days, "perilous times shall come," and men will not only be "lovers of their own selves," but they will also be unthankful. No child of God should desire to be identified with this type of person. We must manifest our joy by being thankful to a merciful and loving God for all His goodness to us.

they receive the Holy Ghost. There should also be an ongoing new convert's class taught at the church or in the convert's home. Also, all converts should complete a 10 or 12-week home Bible study.

2) *Fellowship* (verses 42 and 46). All converts should be immediately assigned a "care partner" or spiritual parent who will spend considerable time with them the first year. It is also good to establish a "Fellowship Ministry" in which a different family is assigned to each convert each month to spend time in fellowship with the convert that month. And then finally, a social activity should be planned at least quarterly for all new converts and their care partners.

3) *Involvement* (verses 44 and 45). Converts should be encouraged to become in-



O. C. Marler

■ Family

Since our son and daughter-in-law's divorce, it has been very difficult for us to see our grandchildren. Even though our son has the children on the weekend, their mother does not want us to see them.

Don't we have a legal right to see our grandchildren?

According to the law in most states, you have a definite right to visitation, and your daughter-in-law probably cannot keep you from doing so. You definitely need to see the children. It is good for both you and your grandchildren.

Before rushing in to grab the children, however, think of their mother from a Christian aspect. During the throes of divorce it is easy to think of the "other party" as all bad, not realizing that hurt feelings and angry words can cause warped views on both sides.

It is the natural inclination in many cases for the parent who does not have custody to try to make up for all the lost days by "partying down" with the children when they visit - shopping, eating out, playing games - with little or no discipline. And then they are returned to the parent who has to care for them all week, after they have enjoyed a weekend of "me, me, me." Grandparents can do this spoiling job very well. The full-time parent is then faced with a couple of weeks to get things back together before the next indulgence. Try when visiting to remember not to make things harder for their mother.

Whenever the children are visiting, try to help by complimenting their mother. Tearing down the other parent is never useful, and it is completely unfair to the children who love them both. Your grandchildren will be helped most if you try to support and build up both parents.

involved in simple church ministries as soon as possible. As one pastor put it, "Use them or lose them." First they should be used in the various outreach-oriented ministries (for example, to host or assist in a home Bible study) and then in church-oriented ministries (choir or Sunday school). Having each convert complete a "Gifts Analysis" quiz will greatly assist in helping to place the converts where they will most enjoy their involvement.

Remember: God is not in the business of making backsliders. If you are not prepared to assimilate a great ingathering of souls, then God will be reluctant to send you souls. For more information on establishing a new convert care ministry, request or download file NCGE10.TXT from the Apostolic Information Service.



AMERICAN FAMILY

Is Disney on Anti-Christian Crusade?

First there was the annual "Gay and Lesbian Day" that Orlando's Disney World started hosting each year. Then there was the long string of Disney films containing New Age themes (*Pocahontas*, for instance, features a lead character very much in tune with na-

ture and pantheism). And now, a recent Christmas controversy has some Christians worried that the Walt Disney Company is on an anti-Christian crusade.

For the first time in 17 years, Disney Village Marketplace near Disney World decided not to present its "Glory and Pageantry of Christmas" nativity this past holiday season. Taking its place: "Village Holiday Festival, combining elements such as Santa Claus, tree lightings, caroling, a boat parade, and a stage show with "Tropical Santa."

Another issue causing concern with Christian groups is Disney's decision to start extending insurance benefits for company employees to same-sex homosexual partners.

Donald Wildmon of the American Family Association noted, "With such an offensive record of anti-family, anti-Christian activities in recent years, we are not surprised that Disney is swapping a Christmas tradition for a secular party." Disney denies the accusation, claiming the nativity celebration took up too much room.

LEGAL TRENDS

Assisted Suicide Unconstitutional

For the first time, a law legalizing assisted suicide has been declared unconstitutional by a federal court. According to local news media, the state of Oregon had earlier in the year approved a law allowing the practice of helping terminate the life of persons deemed critically ill. The law allowed physician assistance in cases where the patient was diagnosed as having fewer than six months to live.

The federal court called this a "slippery slope," and asked why such an approach would not also allow people who are simply disabled from receiving the same type of assistance. The judge said that to approve such a law would be to approve assisted suicide for "any category of people who have their own reasons for not wanting to continue living." Other states considering the issue are Washington and New York, where the Oregon case may set a precedent to help decide the issue.

CHURCH & STATE

Judge is Sued for Religious Activity

Alabama Judge Roy Moore was dismayed last year when he was sued by three residents because he displays the Ten Commandments in his courtroom and starts each session with prayer.

In their suit, the three residents said that the judge was in violation of the Constitutional separation of church and state. The residents were supported in the case by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

The district court hearing the case, however, was not impressed by the plaintiffs' evidence. The court ruled that the parties lacked legal standing to sue Judge Moore because they failed to show how they had been injured.

MORALITY

Hawaii Might OK Gay Marriages

Last November saw a quiet event in Hawaii that might result in the state sanctioning homosexual marriages. On November 27, the Hawaii Commission on Sexual Orientation and the Law issued a report calling for the legalization of "domestic partnerships" (gay marriages). The report urged that such couples receive all legal rights offered to heterosexual couples.

The sexual orientation committee had been formed by the Hawaii State Legislature to objectively analyze homosexual marriage. Many political experts believe it's likely that the legislature will, indeed, follow the committee's recommendations.

Comprising the bulk of the committee were seven pro-homosexual activists, according to The Pastor's Weekly Briefing. Committee Chairman Tom Gill is also on the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Only two opponents of gay marriages sat on the committee.

EDUCATION

Gay Prostitute Gets School Job Back

A college-level instructor will get his job back even though he is an admitted homosexual prostitute according to Focus on the Family.

Last December, Gerald Hannon, 51, was suspended when he confessed to being a gay prostitute. Hannon, who had been employed as a journalism instructor at Ryerson Polytechnical University in Toronto, also has contended that pedophilia is not necessarily wrong.

After mildly reprimanding Hannon, the university rehired him.

RELIGION

Wal-Mart Settles Sunday Work Suit

The Wal-Mart Corporation has settled out of court a suit that originally had it defending the practice of forcing employees to work on Sundays, the November issue of *Church Around the World* reports.

In 1993, a former employee of the retail giant filed suit against them, claiming that his superiors tried to force him to work Sundays. Claiming this violated his religious convictions, the man refused to work. He was subsequently forced to leave his job.

The employee, who was attending Bible school at the time, claimed in his suit that his civil rights had been violated because of his religious views. He further claimed a breach of the Constitution. Late in 1995, however, Wal-Mart agreed to settle the suit out of court. The company denied it had done anything wrong; however, they said that they would agree to take "reasonable steps and [to] use its best efforts" in training store managers to be more sensitive to the religious rights of its employees. While a partial victory for Christian groups, the case leaves unsettled whether or not an employer can force a person to work on Sundays.

News In Brief...

◆ Reverend Ted Norton of Riverside, CA, was turned down as a potential adoptive parent last year when he refused to sign an agreement promising that he would "not use corporal punishment."

◆ According to Focus on the Family, the first "cyber-wedding" took place in December when Rachel Twing and Randall Terwillegar pledged their vows via the computer network CompuServe.

◆ A New York Family Court judge has ruled that a lesbian can adopt the biological child of her live-in partner.

New Program Addresses Family Issues Sunday School's 'C.A.R.E.'

SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Richard C. Brown

Helping Children Overcome Peer Pressure." "Dealing with Troubled Youth." "Gambling Addiction." These are just a few of the contemporary challenges afflicting American families in the 1990s. And they are also some of the problems the Sunday School Division hopes to help families tackle with its new "C.A.R.E." program.

C.A.R.E. was introduced at the UPCI's General Conference last October in Des Moines, Iowa. Its purpose, as conceived by the Sunday School Division, is to present the local Apostolic church as a resource to help solve the major problems experienced by local families.

"C.A.R.E. is not a door-knocking situation where we talk to the individuals in the home," Sunday School Director E.J. McClintock says. "It is a program where a packet of information is left on the doorknob of the home. In the comfort and privacy of their homes, they can read the letter and send for the tracts that they find they have an interest in.

McClintock notes that this is a low-pressure way to alert people that the church is there to help in times of need—in short, that the church is there to share and care.

"There is no greater expression of love



E.J. McClintock

than to give and share," says McClintock. "Caring is sharing—sharing the Gospel, sharing of our means, sharing our love, sharing our spirit. This is the basis of true and real Christianity." The Sunday School Board started laying groundwork for the C.A.R.E. program in the spring of 1995. The Sunday School Outreach Committee, under the leadership of Chairman Larry Stewart, soon developed several goals for their new program: to distribute 750,000 C.A.R.E. packets to nearly 4,000 Apostolic churches during 1996; to assist with the UPC's goal of seeing 1,000 people filled with the Holy Ghost per day in 1996; as well as a goal for each district.

At the heart of the committee's program is the C.A.R.E. package. The materials used in the package are a plastic bag with a four-color picture of a church and the word "C.A.R.E." Inside the bag is a letter from the church signed by the pastor expressing concern for the recipient and an order blank listing all the available free tracts. Currently, there are 11 tracts available. There is also an offer of help in the area of home Bible study, transportation to church, and prayer for the sick. Finally, the church name and address are on the sheet along with a place for the person to put his name and address. (The person then sends this paper to the church and the church responds.)

"With this kind of system," says McClintock, "anybody can become involved just by placing these packets on doorknobs of homes in their city. It's very flexible." To request information or to order materials for C.A.R.E., write: Sunday School Division, 8855 Dunn Rd., Hazelwood, MO 63042. Or call (314) 837-7300.

'Lodestar Probe'

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

By Richard C. Brown

When Landmark UPC in Neosho, MO noticed a problem with stabilizing children after they received the Holy Ghost, the church leaped into action. Pastor and Sister Roger Koren developed "Lodestar Probe," a booklet specially designed to train children in the essentials of the Apostolic faith.

"We saw sometime back," said Sister Koren, "that we were having a problem with attendance on Sunday morning fluctuating a lot. There just was not the stability with our children that we would have liked to have seen. largely because families came to see Sunday as their only day off."

Consequently, Landmark instituted an elaborate children's ministry program and topped it with the "Lodestar Probe" discipleship course.

"The Lord began stirring me to go into a more intense program in discipling these kids.

These kids come from troubled homes and troubled times; they have to have answers. With this 'Lodestar Probe' booklet, you can stick it in kids' Bibles or school books or even their pockets. Then they can take it with them and read the Scriptures over that pertain to their faith. It's heavy on Scripture."

Cost for the booklet is \$5.00. Those interested in buying copies can write Sister Koren at Landmark UPC, Hwy. 60 W. & Carver Rd., Neosho, Missouri 64850. Or call (417) 451-5169.



Sister Koren

San Bernardino Church: 'This Phone's For You'

Special by Brother John Stratton

For many years, it was the goal of the leadership of Gateway Christian Church in San Bernardino, CA to double their congregation. They may have found a way to do it with their "Telephone Ministry" and "Pop Quiz" two-part system.



John Stratton

About six years ago, the San Bernardino church set out to create a very high yielding and inexpensive way of obtaining new Bible studies. Their first project was called the "Telephone Ministry," a method of telephone calling at random using a street directory address book

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within a three to five mile radius of the church. Using this program, they asked people to volunteer for a telephone survey which consisted of 20 questions that were developed by our outreach team. They worked this through the course of a year, and God honored their efforts by adding 199 new souls into their congregation.

With the help of other pastors, they then branched out and developed a means of achieving the same numbers, but without the incurred costs of many telephone lines. This process was then named the "Pop Quiz." The church developed a series of questionnaires, one for each month, and would set up a table with the Pop Quiz material, usually in front of a major grocery or department store with a

box that had in large print, "\$100 Drawing." This generated quite an interest. On just one Saturday with three stations, Brother Davis and Associate Pastor John Stratton reported they were able to obtain 268 home Bible studies.

Brother Stratton said of the two-part program, "Both Telephone Ministry and Pop Quiz have been tremendous blessings; they have become our main programs. I urge any pastor who wants effective tools for church growth to get and use one or both of these plans."

For more informations, contact Gateway Christian Church at 4380 4th Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92407. Or call (909) 882-2080. Cost is \$44.00 for established churches and \$16.00 for home missions works.

- Parents should exercise caution with children's access to the Internet.
- Newsletter offers tips on reaching and keeping preachers' kids in church.
- Survey shows that teens prefer traditional family settings.

PREACHER'S PICKS

AIS recently surveyed leaders within the Apostolic movement concerning their "recommended reading" list. Indiana District Superintendent Paul Mooney offered these choices:

- Classics: "A few classics I would recommend reading are *The Unfolding Drama of Redemption* by Scroggie and *The Greatest Thing in the World* by Henry Drummond."
- Secular Reading: "There are a lot of good secular books that address many of society's problems, such as *The Moral Sense* by Wilson and of course William Bennett's *The Devaluing of America*."

Church Law

By Owen Taylor

Most churches set certain standards for their employees and volunteers to follow. But can these ministries get in trouble if they fire these people for violating the standards?

The answer depends on the reason for setting the standards. Basically, if they are part of the articles of faith of the church, *no*. On the other hand, if they are not part of the basis of your faith, *yes*. A recent case in Tennessee may help to illustrate the current thrust of the law. A school affiliated with a large church in Memphis fired an unwed female teacher when she became pregnant. The firing was based solely on the church's religious tenets against premarital sex. The teacher responded by filing a suit against the church alleging discrimination under several statutes, but mainly the Pregnancy Discrimination Act.

The Court said in its ruling that the law did not apply to the church and therefore, its school, because the statute has a religious exemption. The particular statute, under Title VII, provides that where a religious organization is exercising discrimination based on its policies and tenets, the discrimination is exempt. This is a common exemption under discrimination statutes. In this case, the court also noted that the school has consistently dismissed both male and female teachers who had violated the pre-marital sex prohibition. For now, it seems that the law protects churches implementing religious policies that are in furtherance of their religious beliefs. Therefore, assuming your standards are in conformity with your beliefs, you should be on firm legal ground. Be sure to document your policies and how they are related to your articles of faith and apply them with an even, unbiased hand.

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protecting children from dangers of the internet

During 1995, the issue of pornography and obscene material on the Internet exploded on the scene, with news outlets of all sorts examining the problem. How, then, does the Christian family utilize the valuable information available online while guarding their children against the offensive stuff? Focus on the Family's *Citizen* magazine offered this advice in its November 20 issue:

book review

Seeking Solid Ground, by John Trent and Rick Hicks, 1995 Focus on the Family Publishing, Colorado Springs, CO, 203 pages, hardcover.

Reading and implementing Psalm 15 into your life will lead to you becoming a Christian whose life cannot be shaken. That's the premise behind this challenging new book by Drs. John Trent and Rick Hicks, both Christian counselors. From Psalm 15, the authors derive ten character traits that they say will inevitably lead to a person becoming a mature Christian.

These traits, as detailed by the authors, are integrity, righteousness, truthfulness, avoiding interpersonal "espionage," refusing to hurt others, avoiding the tendency to insult, respect, commitment, financial fairness, and putting principle above profit. The book is occasionally heavy on personal anecdotes, but for the most part, this is an inspiring and challenging read.

- Don't allow privacy on the family computer. Instead, put it in the family room or somewhere else where parents can easily guard what's accessed on it.
- Buy a program that blocks objectionable material. One such program is SurfWatch, available by calling their Los Altos, CA number: (415) 948-9500.

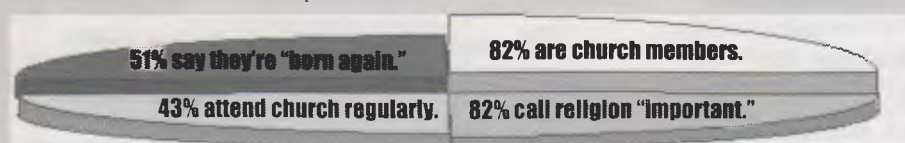
reaching preachers' kids

This month's "Opinions" topic (page 2) deals with reaching the pastor's unsaved children. And from the December *Pulpit Helps* come these tips for teaching preachers' kids to love church:

- 1) Make your church kid-friendly.
- 2) Teach your children to distinguish between God and the church.
- 3) Encourage them in friendships.
- 4) Avoid letting the Church become "an other world" (Church should be a part of normal life).
- 5) Be reasonable about the behavior you expect at church.

american pulse: religion and african-americans

Religion is a driving force in the lives of most black Americans, making a ministry to them and their needs a critical concern. Some recent Gallup numbers:



Source: Gallup Poll and Gallup International Institute

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Psalm 19:1,2 "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge."

Isaiah 40:26 "Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth."



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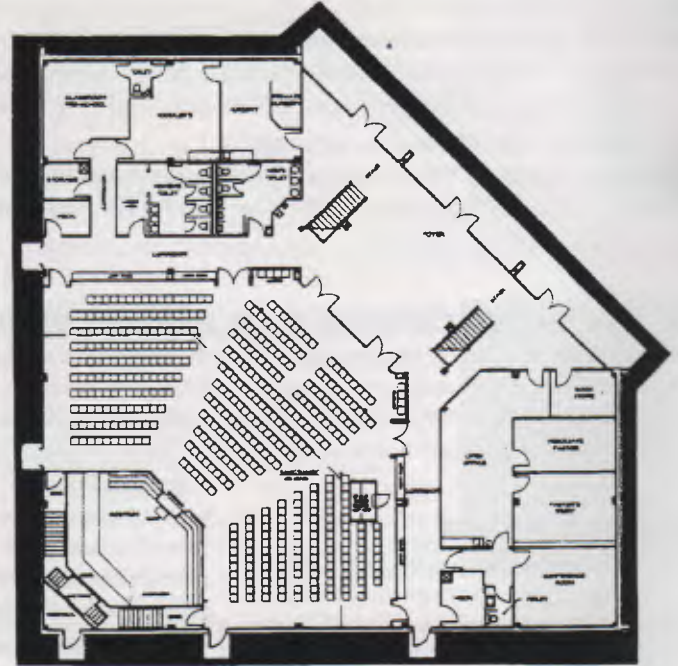
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When God Builds You a Prayer Room

Selected Sermon Outline by Mark Foster

TEXT: Psalm 65:1-2. "...O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come..."



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The Scripture says that God Almighty created man in His own image. But when He created man, He left a void. This void, man has continually sought to fill, with everything other than God Himself.

And as man has tried to fill that void, pushing God aside, the Lord has continued to strive with him. Unfortunately, some mistake God's longsuffering for weakness. They feel that judgment will never come.

This one thing you better understand: If you continue to push God aside, refusing to seek His face, God will eventually put you in a place that you have to pray. You will either pray on your own or as a result of the judgment which the Lord will bring.

CONSIDER SAMSON, for example. He was born with the attributes of greatness, but he let carnality rule his flesh. He was controlled by emotions, by the lower, sensual self. We find that Samson, a Judge in Israel who was blessed by God, had a weakness in his flesh, and thus, he would not pray. Yet finally, we see Samson captured by the Phillistines. His eyes were gouged out, he was bound by fetters of brass, and he was placed in the prison house, grinding like the common ox. Still, Samson did not pray.

Then, one day as Samson was grinding, a young lad came and said, "They have sent for you." Chains rattling, the young lad led this strong man of Israel up the path. Samson stumbled along.

"Samson, the Phillistines are having a big gathering, and they are going to make a mockery out of you." This hit Samson like an arrow to the heart.

"No, God," Samson cried. "I can take my eyes being gouged out. I can take not feeling Your presence, but don't let them make a mockery out of me and out of Israel." We find Samson praying for the first time. *If it takes you making God your last resort, God will build you a prayer room and make you seek His face!*

THEN THERE WAS KING SAUL. The Israelites looked one day and saw the king on his way to a witch's house. Even hearing the rebukes of godly people who warned him about the dangers, still Saul went on his way. He

didn't want to hear it.

"I thought I had it made," Saul thought. "I thought I would always have time to pray to God, but now, I'm trying to find Him, but He's not there." The next day, as the battle waxed hot, an arrow found an opening in his armor. It hit him, and he sagged in the chariot. Then he remembered: "Oh, God, I should have prayed. I should have obeyed you, but now look at the mess I'm in."

Saul fell on his sword, trying to find death, but death wouldn't come. Finally, a young boy came running by him. "Lad, would you stop and help me? Would you stand upon me now and thrust me through with this spear?"

The lad answered, "I'll help you." Just before he died, Saul asked, "By the way, who are you?"

The lad replied, "I am an Amalekite." This hit Saul worse than

"If you don't pray now, while you have a chance, God may put you in the place where you will have to pray."

the arrow. Years earlier, Saul had been ordered to destroy the Amalekites, but he disobeyed. Now an Amalekite was getting ready to destroy him.

Likewise, there are things that you need to get rid of out of your life. Saul has been dealing with you about it, but now is the time to respond, to seek God, lest He build a prayer room for you and force you to pray!

TWO BROTHERS got off work one night in Houston. The younger was 17 years old. The older brother told the younger, "I am so homesick to hear the pastor preach. I want to get back to Louisiana and hear the saints worship. I'm going to go home this weekend. Won't you go with me?" The little brother laughed and said,

"Go ahead and go. I've got my check, and it's going to be a wild weekend of women, wine, and song."

So the older brother headed for Louisiana, while the younger got on the freeway and began to thumb a ride. He was picked up by a man named Elmer Wayne Hinley.

"Where are you going, Boy?" Hinley asked.

"I'm going to have a wild weekend of wine, women and song."

Hinley pulled out a revolver and said, "No you're not. You're going to have a wild weekend, but it is going to be with me, and you won't live to tell about it.

Court documents in the Hinley case show that Hinley testified that there was something different about this younger boy. He said, "we laid him on the floor and handcuffed him. We began to torture that boy as we had done to others. Normally, I would take a .38 revolver and blow their brains out. But there was something about this boy that was different."

HINLEY WENT ON to say that the boy screamed and cried, and just as he put the revolver to his head, he felt a presence enter the room. He said he tried to pull the trigger, but couldn't. The boy then began to pray to God, and Hinley heard him start to speak in a language he said he'd never heard before. Hinley then gained enough composure to pull the trigger and kill the boy.

This 17-year-old boy had known what it was like to sit in youth camp and in church, but he turned to God only as his last resort. God allowed that boy to have a prayer room right before he died.

Never make God a last resort. If you don't pray now, while you have a chance, He may put you in the place where you will have to pray. **AIS**

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WORD TO THE WISE:

*"He that steals my wallet steals trash,
but he that steals my good name steals everything!"*
--L. Escobedo



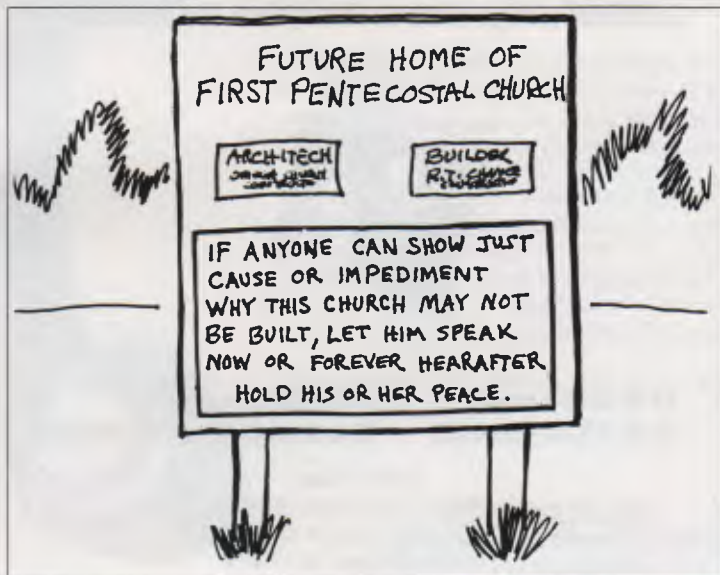
"Starting next month, directory assistance calls at the parsonage will be charged at the following rate: First two calls are free and 40 cents a piece thereafter. . ."

More actual bloopers from church bulletins:

- "This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends."
- "Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so."
- "At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice."

God is like...

- God is like Coke...He's the real thing.
- God is like General Electric...He lights your path.
- God is like Hallmark Cards...He cares enough to send the very best.
- God is like Tide...He gets the stains out that others leave behind.
- God is like Dial Soap...Aren't you glad you know Him? Don't you wish everyone did?
- God is like Scotch Tape...You can't see Him, but you know He's there.



A woman in a Communist nation noticed a runaway car, but managed to jump out of the way. "Thank God!" she exclaimed.

"You should say, 'Thank our leader,'" said the policeman standing nearby.

"Fine," the woman replied. "But what will we say when our leader dies?"

"Thank God!" the policeman said without hesitation.

The greediest, meanest man in town was in the hospital, undergoing surgery.

Man: "Why are the shades drawn, Doctor?"

Doctor: "There's a big fire across the street. I didn't want you to think the operation had been a failure."

"Pastor, pray for me," the elderly problem saint cried. "I feel like my mind is almost gone!"

"Well," the pastor replied in a droll tone, "I'm not surprised. You've been giving me a piece of it every other week for the last 30 years!"



A man was at the lowest point in his life and was about to give up when he decided to see his pastor for help. The pastor asked the man if he had a Bible.

"Of course," the man replied.

"Well," said the pastor, "here's what you do. Open your Bible and flip through the pages. Stop at any page you want, but obey the first two words you see." And with this new advice, the man decided to give life one last try.

About three months later, he returned to his pastor. He was happy, dressed in a new suit and driving a new car. The pastor noticed the change and asked the man if he did as he was instructed. The man indicated that he had followed the pastor's advice and it had changed his life. The pastor was amazed at this man's transformation.

"Out of curiosity," the minister asked, "what two words did you see that changed your life?"

The man replied, "Chapter Eleven!"

The exclamation point may become obsolete. Nobody is surprised at anything anymore.

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T.W. Barnes: Life in the Spirit

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likely to get into trouble and go off the deep end with. This way, the minister is placing asituation into the hands of God rather than saying, 'I command this to be.' The other Gifts will come, but I would counsel a young minister just beginning to pray that the Gift of Faith be manifested.

The Future?

And what of Barnes' vision for the future? Consistent with his walk of faith, he anticipates widespread revival. "I see us moving into greater revival than ever. I believe this century will close out with the Lord adding extra Ratpure faith to the church.

"A few years ago, I prayed about folks in denominational churches getting the Holy Ghost and said, 'What about this?' That night, the Lord gave me a vision. I was standing in the middle of a road. Down to my left was a

wilderness, and as far as I could see were people shouting and talking in tongues. He showed me a church on a hill. It was lit up with the glory of God. I saw just a few preachers come out, go across the road into the wilderness where those people were, and those people went further back into the wilderness. The Lord spoke to me and said of the people in the wilderness, 'These are people of many gods. Pray for them. But this--' He said of the church on the hill -- 'this is my church.' So my vision is that the church set on a hill will shine brighter and brighter, and many of the people in the wilderness will come out and receive the truth."

And as long as Brother Barnes is a part of that future, he will doubtless be a part of the coming revival, showing by example the principles of living a life in the Spirit. **MS**

Feedback

To the editor:

I just wanted to tell you I think the *Perspectives* magazine is well put-together and has a very professional image to it. It's quite interesting to read. I will say, however, that it would be better if some day you could print it in color rather than in black and white. We did our *Freedomline* magazine in black and white for many years, but since we switched over to color, although it costs us a little more, we've found the results and effect well worth it.

--Fred Hyde
Metairie, LA

To the editor:

Perspectives is a fantastic magazine. I find the questions and responses on the Opinions page especially fulfilling. Keep up the great work!

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