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COMMITMENT TO SOUL WINNING



Pastor J. Marrell Cornwell of Wichita, Kansas has brought growth and revival to his city by serving as an example to his congregation of soul-winning principles. Pictured above left: Bro. Cornwell preaching a Sunday night message. Above right: Bro. Cornwell, pastor of First Pentecostal Church in Wichita, KS.

By Richard C. Brown

One hundred souls in a year: Many entire churches don't win that many people to the Lord in so short a time. But Marrell Cornwell, pastor of First Pentecostal Church in Wichita, KS, has made that many converts personally.

And here are some other equally-impressive numbers:

- In less than two decades, Cornwell built a small congregation of about 25 members to a church that today averages a thousand.
- The Wichita church baptizes about 300 people a year.
- The outreach workers teach approximately 75 - 100 home Bible studies a week.

All this is not mere happenstance. Bro. Cornwell, 45, is passionate about the need for Christians to be soulwinners. And he has been careful to try to impart this same passion to his congregation in Wichita. His success at communicating this passion is obvious.

Early Influences

Bro. Cornwell saw firsthand the power of personal soul-winning as a youth. A college friend won Cornwell to the Lord through teaching a Bible study.

"My first roommate in college was Apostolic," he said. "Through him teaching the Word, I started going to church. Then, at age 18, I received the Holy Ghost." Cornwell, who was raised in Faraday, LA, said he then felt his calling to the ministry "about twenty minutes after I got the Holy Ghost."

"My ministry actually began right there at Louisiana Tech University," said Cornwell. "There, on the campus, I started soul-winning, and I built a very big Bible study group."

"When I graduated, there were over 37 kids filled with the Holy Ghost and baptized in Jesus' name. So, though personal soul-winning, and by getting people involved, our group grew substantially."

In 1972, Cornwell gave up his pursuit of an engineering career to be a minister, and

later that year, he began evangelizing. "Also in 1972, at a Sunday school convention in San Diego, I made a decision at the end of one of the services, to become the greatest soul-winner in America. It was probably that service that had some of the greatest influence on my life."

In 1975, Cornwell and his wife, Dolly, accepted the pastorate of Living Way Pentecostal Church in Lake Charles, LA. "It was there that I learned to put into practice as a pastor the soul-winning principles I had learned as a college student and as an evangelist."

Cornwell's "Life Work"

Then, in 1977, Cornwell left Lake Charles to begin what he refers to as his "life's work": pastoring the church in Wichita, Kansas.

"During the week that we had resigned the Lake Charles church, we had three
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*James Larson
Pastor
San Diego, CA*

All churches desiring growth must have three things: outreach, then in-reach, all precipitated by upreach. Growth begins by reaching up to God through prayer and fasting. Then, our first priority is to reach the lost by being conscious of their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Once they are in the church, you establish them through "in-reach." This was the blueprint established by the New Testament church in the book of Acts.

The number one thing hindering church growth is lack of compassion. Many churches today are reaching for power tools: "Power Church," "Power Pastor," "Power Gifts." But here's a key point: Before you know the power of God, you have to know His compassion. Churches that grow are those who demonstrate compassion and a soul-consciousness. They have a number of home Bible studies, they have regular weekly visitation, and they have effective visitor follow-up programs.

The key element for growth is the planting of spiritual seed, which is the Word of God. His Word, if we plant and water it, will not return void.



Key Elements Of Church Growth

AIS VIEW: Church growth is more than just outreach programs and techniques. It is a total philosophy of ministry - of which the pastor is the key. Churches grow because they have achieved the proper scriptural balance of ministry and program.

Church growth comes largely through a personal touch. This means either the pastor, or the pastor's trained workers, reach out and touch people's lives with their own experience and with their Christianity.

The number one way that the church should be exploring to facilitate growth is the concept of small groups. Our church, for instance, consists of 40 small groups, with something for everybody from kids to the oldest members in the church. They meet regularly to share with each other and bear each other's burdens.

Some churches struggle to grow because they lack this personal touch. Also, they struggle because of a lack of belief that they represent God to the world and that they can touch their world.

Nevertheless, we must forsake this attitude. We are called of God to be used of God. We must believe that He will use us. For that reason, we must get out and touch people's lives. The critical point is that we have to get out to where the people are, and we have to learn to interact with them on a very personal, intimate level.



*Fred Foster
Pastor
West Monroe, LA*



*David Graham
Pastor
Jonesboro, AR*

I think we are better off not thinking of growth in terms of vast numbers of people, but in terms of winning somebody to God, then discipling them, then training them to win and disciple someone themselves, and so on. Growth comes by staying focused on the fundamentals and avoiding the peripheral issues.



*Emmett Kaske
Pastor
Beloit, WI*

To grow, a pastor needs a close walk with God. Then, he must love and reach out to people. Finally, he needs some kind of program - not an elaborate one necessarily - but something he feels he can do well: Sunday school, music, worship, whatever. Something to attract contacts so he can get home Bible studies.



*Robert Hackler
Pastor
Frankfort, IN*

After prayer and faith, the key element to growth is to get everyone working in the harvest. You must stay evangelistic. It boils down to this: When you bring people to church, they get saved; when you don't bring people, they don't. So I emphasize home Bible studies and bring people to church.



*Tim Massengale
Growth Consultant
Indianapolis, IN*

You must focus upon two areas: Winning the lost and perfecting the saints. For an abundant harvest you must plant a lot of seed every week (which few churches do consistently). Then you must water that seed with a lot of prayer and tears. Finally, you must retain the harvest with a good new convert care program.



*Roland Baker
Pastor
Pontiac, MI*

I don't think you're going to grow if you plan on staying for a short tenure. You've got to be committed to stay there. Then it's a matter of putting together the right programs. This means it can't be a one-man operation. You've got to learn to turn responsibility over to other people, people with a burden for their ministry.



*G. A. Mangun
Senior Pastor
Alexandria, LA*

Growth comes from prayer and fasting, a knowledge of the Word, total dedication, long hours, hard work, a good evangelism program, round-the-clock church prayer, a love of people, a love for the truth, a burden for God's work, and remaining positive by not entertaining negative comments or feelings.

J. Marrell Cornwell: Commitment To Soul-Winning

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people in separate cities prophesy that God was going to send us into a very large city and would give us great revival. When we returned home at the end of that week, there was a call waiting for us from Wichita. We were asked to try out for the church in Wichita, which we did. The strange thing is that, back in 1974, I had been preaching a revival in Stockton, and during a prayer meeting, the Lord spoke to me and said that I would be going to a city of 300,000 where I would find my life's work. So when we pulled into Wichita to try out the church, the first thing we saw was the sign that said, 'City of Wichita, 300,000.'

Year Of A Hundred Souls

The Cornwells were determined from the start to carry into Wichita the same soul-winning commitment and principles that had worked for them elsewhere. For Bro. Cornwell, that meant teaching home Bible studies - and a lot of them.

"The church at that time was struggling; it had only 37 voting members when they voted us in, and some of those left by the time we got there. So in November, 1977, my wife and I started teaching home Bible study extensively. It was in those early days in Wichita that my wife and I won over a hundred people to God."

Since then, the Wichita church has grown at an average rate of 100 people a year. It hasn't always been easy, though.

"Wichita is a city where the main industries are aircraft, agriculture, oil and gas. In those areas, we have had three major layoffs in the last 10 years. On two different occasions, we have lost about 40 families at a time because of military base-changing and large aircraft layoffs. Consequently, if we hadn't had extensive soul-winning, we would have been on the decline."

The result was that the Cornwells had to stress even more strongly the importance of the congregation involving themselves in evangelism. "Through soul-winning," he said, "we have been able to replace all those families who left. Our plans are to double our average attendance to over 2,000, in spite of layoffs or economic downturns."

Winning Wichita

What strategies have been key to spurring growth in Wichita? Naturally, Bro. Cornwell is a big fan of home Bible study.

"People sometimes ask me how I put home Bible studies into my schedule. I don't put them into my schedule. Bible studies and

soul-winning are my schedule! It's all the other things that I put into my schedule.

"I am sold on teaching the Word. In our society, people want solid answers, and those answers only come from the Bible. Home



Above right: Exterior view of First Pentecostal Church in Wichita, KS.
Above left: Bro. Cornwell teaching a home Bible study.

Bottom: The congregation at First Pentecostal Church.



Bible study is the single best way to systematically teach the Word of God. I am against one-day, two-day and four-day Bible studies, because I don't think that you can really accomplish your purpose with them. Systematically taking people to the Bible until they understand it is the key to soul-winning. My average Bible study lasts 35 weeks!"

Also central in the Wichita church's evangelistic thrust is door-to-door visitation, but not like the typical church's visitation program. Bro. Cornwell turns door canvassing into a major spiritual offensive, with a full-scale door-knocking event each year.

"We have either a fall or spring door-knocking campaign. We take four Saturdays, and we knock as many as 80,000 doors. We do that to get visitors. From that visitors' list, we get Bible studies. We combine visitation, follow-up and Bible studies extensively for



soul-winning. I know of no other church in America that has a better Bible study program than we do."

Principles Of Revival

And so, the proper approach, according to Cornwell, is for the pastor to first be a soul-winner, and then to teach soul-winning to the saints. "Everything rises and falls on leadership," he said. "If I had it to do again, I would have started a lot earlier in training people to help carry the load. I would have focused heavily on extensive training for lay leaders and teaching my people. Rather than making preachers out

of a lot of people, I would start earlier training my people to be soulwinners and spiritual leaders.

"Time spent training your productive people is not a waste of time. Train your productive people; train your key leaders." For Bro. Cornwell, this means not only training in evangelistic principles, but training ministry leaders as well.

"I'm talking about more than Sunday and Wednesday night services. I'm talking about having a special time for your leaders. As you multiply yourself, you become more effective. I have developed a church structure that helps me in this area. Under me is a pastoral staff, which consists of a youth pastor, a music pastor, outreach pastor, and preaching pastor, for a total of four ministerial departments. Then, everything else is

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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

**The Christian Freedom Foundation Urgently Needs Your Help
In Fighting For The Apostolic Movement And Prisoner Rights**

UPC Board Approves Christian Freedom Foundation

The Christian Freedom Foundation is an educational and legal defense organization for key issues confronting the Christian community, and in particular, the United Pentecostal Church International. Owen Taylor, an attorney, feeling that the costs of litigation and legal protection of legal rights is prohibitive for the local church and ministry, approached Nathaniel Urshan, General Superintendent of the UPC, with the idea of founding a legal organization that would represent churches and clergy without charge. Individuals, churches and clergy would be asked if they would make small contributions to the CFF to fund the support staff for a legal arm of the Apostolic movement.

A presentation was made to the General Board of the UPC, and it overwhelmingly approved the concept and gave approval for fund raising within the constituency. It was decided by Bro. Taylor and the UPCI General Board that the Christian Freedom Foundation would be supported much like the Partners in Missions program. Then, in exchange for a church's monthly contribution, they are encouraged to contact CFF with any legal problems they might encounter.

Since its formation in 1988, the CFF has been performing many services for churches and the ministry. Bro. Taylor has conducted legal seminars in various churches, and has also helped ministers with questions concerning tax laws, church and state issues, and zoning problems. Bro. Taylor also writes a monthly legal column for the Apostolic Information Service.

What They're Saying About CFF. . .

• "I have been supportive of the efforts of Bro. Taylor and the Christian Freedom Foundation since 1988. I encourage the men and churches of the United Pentecostal Church International to be as financially and prayerfully supportive of this ministry as possible.

--Reverend Nathaniel Urshan,
General Superintendent, UPCI

• "The General Board approved the work of Brother Taylor and the Christian Freedom Foundation several years ago. We believe the work to be of extreme importance to our men and our churches. I heartily support this ministry."

--Reverend Jesse Williams
Asst. General Superintendent, UPCI

• "The work of the Christian Freedom Foundation is and will continue to be of great value to our movement. I hope our people will take advantage of the opportunity to advance this cause for prisoner rights.

--Reverend James Kilgore
Asst. General Superintendent, UPCI

• "Truth is priceless. We need to support the Christian Freedom Foundation as the legal arm of our movement and for these prisoner rights."

--Reverend Lee Stoneking
Evangelist,
Ballston Spa, NY

CFF To Take On New Prison Cases

"After I interviewed Larry Looker for several hours, I got to talking with him about the goodness of the Lord. Through tears in his eyes, Bro. Looker said that it had been over two years since any one had preached to him," said Attorney Owen Taylor. After receiving a call from Rev. William Bennett, he went to the Ross Correctional Institution in Chillicothe, OH to meet a potential new client. Learning of the complete absence of any reasonable accommodation for Larry Looker's beliefs the CFF has agreed, if finances permit, file suit.

The work of the CFF involves many types of cases. Unfortunately, prisoner rights cases are not new. Officials in most institutions fail to understand that Apostolic Oneness believers are a separate and distinct faith group from the traditional Protestant and Pentecostal churches. This issue forms the core of the case as it goes to court.

"It appears that in order to have the UPC and its teachings recognized as a separate faith group, we will have to convince them in court," observes Taylor. The CFF has agreed to help Larry Looker and is now preparing the necessary suit papers for filing when funds are available.

"At the same time we got the call regarding Looker, a call came from Indianapolis concerning an identical situation at the Indiana Reformatory regarding a Mr. James Ridenour."

These cases will be expensive and time-consuming. The present resources of the CFF are insufficient to pay for the costs of filing fees, discovery, depositions, etc., of the litigation. The support by the ministry and churches of the UPC is essential to going forward with these cases.

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A Desire For Revival

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AIS CONVERSATION With William Sciscoe

Editor's note: William Sciscoe is not just a pastor; he is a leader. Across the Apostolic fellowship, he is respected for his leadership skills as well as for being a revival preacher. Recently, AIS spoke with Bro. Sciscoe about how to bring revival to the local church. Portions of his remarks are excerpted below:

On The Greatest Needs Of The Apostolic Ministry:

In my opinion, the three greatest needs of the Apostolic ministry are the "three D's." To put it succinctly, we need *desire*, we need *discipline*, and we need to be *doing* the will of God.

Revival comes to a church only if there is a sincere desire for it; it does not come by accident. To help facilitate revival, we need to become disciplined to put the work of God first. Then we need to go out and do His work.

Along these lines, you have to communicate the desire for revival to the saints. The way to motivate saints to keep this revival attitude and a burden for souls is no secret. It is a common and well-known fact that, in Scripture, every time there was revival, there was prayer and fasting. If you can get your people praying and fasting, the desire will come automatically.

This desire for revival is something we need to maintain despite crises. When growth begins in the church, there always comes crisis. There are space problems and there are more opportunities for friction among people. When crisis comes, it is not time to quit or run away. Crisis allows God to enter into a situation that man can't handle. Don't be frightened by the results of church growth, for there is revival only by the working of the Holy Ghost.

On Keeping Up With The Times:

The one aspect of ministry that has been difficult for me, personally, is to stay abreast of the times; they change so quickly! There are many things that happen in the world, and many new methods that come on the scene. I don't know that I've ever fully conquered this challenge, but my advice would be to stay well-informed, and listen to those who talk to you from different areas of life. By listening to people with different perspectives - the man on the street, the business man, the housewife - you are better able to understand these

people.

This is an important consideration when you're talking with someone of the world; you have to be conscious of their place in life. Sometimes a question or statement can reveal things to you.

When it comes to the challenges of the 1990s, this is the area where we should focus our energies. We cannot change our message, but we can change our method. We must be willing to do so if this is what it takes to reach the world.

On Advice To Young Ministers:

They say that improvement is the biggest room in the house, because there's always room for improvement! All of us want to improve. The young minister should constantly be conscious of how he can become a better worker within the Kingdom of God.

If I were asked for specific advice concerning ways to improve one's preaching and pulpit delivery, I would tell him to be sensitive. First, be sensitive to the Spirit of God. What the preacher wants to convey to the audience is of limited importance; what God wants to convey is of the utmost importance.

The preacher needs to be sensitive to his audience. Remember, the Bible says to speak the truth in love. In love, consider the audience when you speak to them. This leads to the third area: Be sensitive to your message. Careful consideration must be given to convey the Word of God in a loving and non-compromising way.

On The Direction Of The Apostolic Movement:

I feel that in the Apostolic movement, we are moving in the right direction. There are a lot of positive signs.

The United Pentecostal Church is more unified now than I have ever known it to be. This is a positive sign. For instance, consider the recent General Conference in Milwaukee. There was such a downpouring of the Holy Ghost; it came because God's people were together in one accord.

The fact that we are beginning to reach out to other people in our areas is also encouraging to me. We are moving into ethnic communities, metropolitan areas, and other places that have been neglected for so long.

And then, I see our activities at headquarters in Hazelwood as encouraging. Each



division is now communicating to each other and trying to work together for one total purpose instead of just their divisional purposes. Pentecost '95 is a good example of our movement reaching up beyond our usual level. Churches across the fellowship are getting involved in promoting Pentecost Sunday in a big way in their communities. The Home Missions Division is advertising by way of a full-page ad in USA Today. They're also putting ads in many major newspapers across the nation, all in one day.

We are saying to the world, "You have told us what you think we are. You said that we're a cult. Now, we're telling you what we really are." This is positive, because it's going to bring both the negative and the positive to us. Doubtless, we will attract a lot of criticism. However, it will also bring a great harvest of souls. This will make people decide for themselves what we really are. If we have the courage to answer the questions that they're asking us, we will indeed prove that we are the Apostolic church!

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Bro. William Sciscoe is pastor of the Pentecostal Assembly of Columbus, Ohio, as well as a well-known speaker throughout the UPCI.

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Paul D. Mooney

■ Ministry

With televangelists bringing more and more ridicule upon the churches, and particularly the ministry, would you say there is more or less emphasis on ministerial ethics?

There is undoubtedly much more emphasis on ethical accountability among the ministry today.

In time, some historians will likely look back on the 1990s and refer to them as the "ethical 90s." The public clearly is tired of biased and self-serving behavior on the part of its politicians and its preachers.

There may be several reasons for the current demand for high standards of morality. Chief among these reasons, however, is probably the fact that we live in the midst of an information revolution. People are more informed than ever in a general sense, and they have unlimited access to information.

The power of vast information was at one time the sophisticated domain of the elite political and business class of society who often had large research staffs. This is no longer true. Computers and data banks have changed the world. People now have instant access to information about almost anybody who has been in the public eye.

And there's more to come! The ability to access information gives the average man the power to think critically and stay informed. All of this serves to increase the demand for accountability, which is where we're at in society and within private institutions.

This is not to decry the power of the information age. It may all be healthy, but the wise will focus on these societal attitudes and keep abreast of ethical demands.



T.R. O'Daniel

■ Theology

Is receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost a second blessing subsequent to conversion?

No! Receiving the Holy Ghost is not an optional "spare tire" in the life of a

Christian. As James D.G. Dunn expresses concerning "receiving the Spirit" in his commentary on *The Epistle to the Galatians* (pp. 152-153), "This formulation was already more or less a technical term to speak of conversion and the beginning of Christian discipleship . . . Moreover, it cannot really be understood in other than experiential terms (as though 'receiving the Spirit' was a matter of purely rational conviction, or simply a deduction to be drawn from the fact of their being baptized). The appeal is clearly to an event which Paul could expect them vividly to remember."

Noted biblical scholar F.F. Bruce, in his *Commentary on Galatians*, concurs. "The Spirit in Pauline teaching belongs to the foundation of the gospel; his reception does not mark a second and higher stage than justification" (p. 150).

The saving gospel of Jesus Christ is His death, burial, and resurrection (I. Corinthians 15:1-4). Paul emphasized the necessity of the reality of Jesus' resurrection, lest the preaching of the gospel be in vain (I. Corinthians 15:14). Obedience to the gospel, the means of appropriating the effectiveness of the gospel through faith, is repentance (death to sin), baptism in Jesus' name (burial with Him in baptism), and receiving the Holy Ghost (arising to newness of life, Romans 6:1-5). Consequently, the promise of the gift of the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in other tongues, is for everyone.



O. C. Marler

■ Family

I am a new grandparent, and I'm wanting to be a good one. I would like to know what you consider some of the most common mistakes grandparents made in grand-parenting.

Being a grandparent of only six months myself, I do not know that I am very well qualified to answer this question. Seven months ago, I probably could have spoken with much more authority!

It seems as though grandparents don't have as much input into the rearing of their grandchildren as they used to have. When grandparents, uncles, and cousins all lived in the same community, the children had the influence of the whole family.

Today, though, the family unit of parents and children are often isolated from the extended family members in distant towns - sometimes even countries - so that they are not together on a day-to-day basis. The grandparents' visits are a real event. A grandparent should not assume he has more authority than he really does.

First, don't be bribed by the child who says, "If you really loved me, you would have brought me a present." Or, "I would give you a hug, but you didn't bring me anything." The child is probably just trying to "push your buttons." If you show no reaction at all, his attitude will probably change. It is a mistake to demand on-the-spot punishment from his parents; for as the child gets older, his attitude will harden against the grandparent who got him in trouble. If you think action-needs to be taken, talk to the parent about it in private.

We'll discuss some more grandparenting skills another time.



T. W. Massengale

■ Outreach

Could you offer some suggestions as to how I could motivate my saints (and myself!) to teach home Bible studies?

In his well-known book, *Life Is Tremendous*, Charlie "Tremendous" Jones tells of how he first became a world-class salesman. During his first years selling insurance, he broke all records by maintaining "consecutive weekly selling" for over five years. What this meant was that he never missed a week in selling at least one policy. Many weeks he sold more, but he made a commitment with himself that

he would always sell at least one. Sounds impressive. However, it wasn't exactly the whole truth.

The truth was that he vowed he would sell a policy a week or buy one himself! After he bought 22 policies, he really began to get motivated. He later looked back and said that it was this simple vow that was the greatest influence of his early career. It taught him the meaning of commitment and persistence.

Pastor, if Mr. Jones could make such a commitment to sell insurance, why could we not do the same for souls? What if you made a commitment to start one new home Bible study in your church each week or you would go out and get one to teach yourself! Or, if your church is larger, commit to starting two or three new Bible studies every week, or you

will go and get a new one yourself. After you are teaching six or eight studies a week, you might become motivated!

You must promote and encourage the home Bible study ministry strongly, consistently, and effectively. Too many pastors get involved in Bible studies without being truly committed. Others seem to be committed, but will not become deeply involved. A few are committed and involved, but they lack the persistence needed to get the ministry rolling. To be effective, it takes all three. There are so many ways to motivate people to teach that we really could not adequately cover the subject in this column. To research the subject yourself, request or download files HBAC01.TXT to HBAC06.TXT, and HBMA01.TXT from AIS.

PENTECOSTALS

Scholar Examines Pentecostalism

Harvard religion professor Harvey Cox predicts phenomenal growth for Pentecostalism worldwide into the next century. Cox, whose new book, *Fire From Heaven*, has captured nationwide attention, says the Pentecostal faith "is a spiritual hurricane that has already touched nearly half a billion people, and an alternative vision of the human future whose impact may only be in its earliest stages

MEDIA

Kids Say TV Influences Values

Most children admit that television shows influence them and lead to negative behavior, according to a new poll conducted by Children Now.

Children Now is a U.S. children's advocacy group. In their survey, released in February, the organization asked kids 10-16 how TV affects their values.

Over two-thirds of the youth surveyed said that TV influences them. Seventy-seven percent said there is too much premarital sex depicted on television programs; 62 percent said sex on TV encourages many of their peers to have sexual relations when they are young.

In addition, about two-thirds said that shows like "The Simpsons" and "Married With Children" encourage viewers to be disrespectful to parents.

SOCIETY

Corporal Correction Prompts Arrest

Albuquerque, NM police arrested a mother last month for her use of corporal punishment. Valerie Chino, who works at a Christian school that her two sons attend, was charged with battery after she slapped her 13-year-old boy for defying her. The older boy had been fighting with his younger brother when Mrs. Chino attempted to break up the fight. When the older son yelled at his mother, saying that he didn't have to obey her, Chino slapped the teenager, who then called the police on her.

today."

Cox wrote his book after visiting Pentecostal churches in Latin America, Europe, South Korea, Africa and the United States. While considered liberal in his religious beliefs, the author gave a sympathetic appraisal of Pentecostal beliefs and practices.

Cox especially took note of rapid Pentecostal growth in Latin American countries, which he said would probably be dominated by Pentecostals by 2010. While the book deals with Pentecostals in the most general sense, Latin and South American countries have especially been impacted by Oneness Pentecostal missionaries.

Cox criticizes scholars who see a decline in religious influence in society. According to the author, "Today, it is secularity, not spirituality, that may be headed for extinction."

POLITICS

Congress Fights Online Obscenity

The U.S. Congress was set in March to pass legislation that would make distributing obscene material over online computer services a criminal act.

Sen. James Exon, D-Neb., introduced the Communications Decency Act last fall in an attempt to eliminate the offensive language and materials transmitted over some computer services. Users of commercial services like America Online and Prodigy as well as local "bulletin boards" have long been digitalizing pornographic photographs and sending them to other users of these services. In addition, obscene language is used frequently on Internet "news groups" and in the local bulletin boards' discussion areas.

Under the proposed bill, anybody who "makes creates or solicits, and . . . initiates the transmission" of material considered "obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, or indecent" via computer networks is subject to fines up to \$100,000, and up to two years in prison.

Liberal groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and People for the American Way have voiced opposition to the measure. In addition, Internet users have been vocal in decrying the bill. Over 100,000 Internet users have signed petitions criticizing it as an invasion of their free-speech rights.

Previously, the bill's language had allowed the possibility of the computer networks themselves being fined. The current version targets only those who "initiate" the transmission.

MORALITY

Gambling Linked To Local Crime

Surveys nationwide continue to show a link between local crime and the amount of gambling in that community. Some recent examples that have come to light:

- In Atlantic City, NJ, the city has gone from 50th to first in per-capita crime since it began casino operations in the late 1970s.

- After limited-stakes casinos were permitted in 1989, crime immediately increased; three years later, there was a reported 60 percent increase in crime, leading to a doubling of the police force size.

- In Central City, CO, crime has soared 400 percent above its previous level just two years after it introduced legalized gambling.

A recent survey by the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, Inc., found that 75 percent of pathological gamblers admitted to committing a felony related to their gambling habits.

YOUTH

Youth Marijuana Use Increasing

A new survey by the University of Michigan has found that marijuana use among young people is on the rise again. According to the poll, twice as many juveniles tried pot last year than tried it in 1992.

Lee Brown, director of the White House Office on Drug Control Policy, said that "it's time to sound the alarm." Brown noted that the potency of marijuana grown today is five to 10 times that of the marijuana grown in the 1960s. While many argue that marijuana use is harmless, most studies show that it causes psychological addiction and depression.

News In Brief...

- ♦ U.S. District Judge Anne Claire has ruled that closing a public school in Illinois on Good Friday is unconstitutional.
- ♦ Juanita Colaianne of Latrobe, PA, has pulled her ad from the yellow pages after Bell Atlantic said that her bakery ad was inappropriate. The ad read, "Closed Sunday: God's Service is Better Than Ours."
- ♦ Bill Gates, III, of Microsoft Corporation, has come under the scrutiny of an anonymous Internet user. It seems that his name, BILLGATES3 equals 666 in ASCII values.

OUTREACH

Pop Quiz

Two pastors in California have taken phone ministry to new levels with a contest they call, "Pop Quiz." Bro. John Stratton, associate pastor of Gateway Christian Fellowship in San Bernardino, CA, used the method of cold-calling (phoning people randomly) to get names of people interested in a Home Bible Study. "Cold-calling is grueling work," said his friend John Runner, pastor of Fortress of Truth in Visalia, CA, so Runner put



John Stratton

his mind to work and developed the Community Bible Knowledge Pop Quiz.

Runner developed a series of twenty questions and took them to a stand at a local store. At this stand was a box with "\$100 Drawing" in bold letters. To qualify for this drawing, participants must take the Bible Pop Quiz. Drawings are held once per year. The participants responses are scored by helpers on a scale of zero to one hundred — 90-100 points makes you a "scholar," over 80 makes you "better than average," over 70 makes

you "average," over 60 gives you a label of "room for improvement," and under 60 points marks you as needing a Bible study. Helpers at the booth then fill out a card with the participant's name, address, phone number, age, and spouse's name, and participant who scores under sixty points is asked "Would you like a Bible Study?" The participant keeps the quiz with his or her answers. Saints follow up with phone calls to the participants.

Brothers Stratton reports fantastic results: "Our first time, Brother Runner and I went to a Wal-Mart and generated about sixty Bible Studies in an hour," Bro. Stratton recalls. "The one-hundred dollars is the eye-catcher, it gets them to enroll. We've
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YOUTH MINISTRY

The '100 Club'

The "Camp-meeting Syndrome" is familiar to most pastors: Young people make spiritual commitments in a charged atmosphere that they often fail to live up to. Bro. Everett McCoy relates a problem shared by most ministers: "We have trouble getting our young people to be consistent in Bible reading, prayer and fasting. They do pretty good for two weeks after camp and conferences or when everything is going wrong; but in everyday life, they tend to fail. I wanted to teach them how to be stable and consistent. The 100 Club was needed to promote personal commitment."

Bro. McCoy wrote and implemented his motivational program two years ago at Abundant Life Tabernacle in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, under the pastoral oversight of Bro. David E. Keller. Since then, it has proven effective. As Minister of Youth for the past seven years, Bro. McCoy knew that it would take a commitment of some sort on the part of the club members to add strength to the endeavor. "I

wanted them to sign a commitment form that says they will be in church when the church doors are open, that they'll sit in the front of the sanctuary, that they'll be involved in a ministry in the church, that they'll keep themselves sexually pure, that they won't smoke, drink or do drugs and that they'll strive to reach all the club goals," recalled Bro. McCoy

"We designed the club to encourage a 100% commitment to Jesus - a relationship with Christ," explained Bro. McCoy. All goals involve the number "100" - 100 minutes of prayer a week (15 minutes a day); 100 chapters read in their Bibles a month (three to four chapters a day); fasting 100 meals a year; and witnessing to 100 people a year.

"We hold them accountable. We have a monthly plan-
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The McCoy's

APOSTOLIC INFORMATION SERVICE

AIS Expanding Services Worldwide

The world is turning to the "Information Superhighway." More and more organizations are making their resources available on computer networks, including religious movements. At the forefront of Oneness Pentecostals' presence in Cyberspace has been the Apostolic Information Service, a research ministry of Indiana Bible College. And new developments are further solidifying AIS's position as the online leader in Apostolic telecommunications.

AIS, which operates a computer "bulletin board service," has for several years made religious research, Christian news, and discussion groups (forums) available online. Now, the ministry is preparing to offer many of these same services to missionaries across the globe.

"AIS has committed itself to setting up a network among Ap-

ostolic missionaries worldwide," noted Bro. Tim Massengale, director of AIS. "What this means is that any missionary who has a computer and modem of sufficient speed (14,400 or higher), AIS will provide the software to allow him to tie in with the AIS Network."

Missionaries who are part of the network will be able to exchange electronic messages known as "E-Mail" with each other or with family and friends in the United States. They will also be able to participate in several public discussion areas, in which messages are posted for everybody on the net-



T.W. Massengale

work to read. Current forums include Ministers Only, Missionaries, Ladies, Kids, Teens, General Chat, For Sale, and Prayer Requests. Missionaries who are part of the network will have the AIS computer call their computer at prearranged

times. The computers will then exchange message "packets."

"We feel like this is a tremendous opportunity for ministers worldwide. Not only will missionaries be able to stay in continual contact with family and friends in the States, but they will also be able to fellowship with one an-

other and share ideas and advice," Bro. Massengale said.

A benefit for users in the States is that they will have easy access to the missionaries via the discussion areas.

Bro. Massengale pointed out that the missionary project is expensive. "The heart of this ministry is the commitment by Indiana Bible College to pay for the call to the missionaries once or twice a week so that no expense is incurred by the missionary, if he already has a computer and modem." Bro. Massengale also said that the college is taking donations by people who want to contribute to the project. Donations would help missionaries without a computer and modem to purchase the equipment necessary to go online with AIS. Currently, the service has 28 missionaries ready to go. The missionary project
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New AIS Files

Indiana Bible College maintains a growing electronic database of research and Bible study files to assist pastors, students and church leaders. All files in the database are free to AIS subscribers and can be accessed by modem (dial (317) 781-7700) or by voice telephone ((800)800-AIS). When ordering by phone, specify photocopy or computer disk, and have your User ID and Password ready. (A small photocopy/computer disk fee will be added to your monthly statement.)



new bible study files

BSSP42.TXT	4569	The Danger Of Revenge. Discussion, through historical examples and Scripture, of revenge.
BSPR85.TXT	3812	Keeping The Power On. Good article on overcoming hindrances to prayer.
EVPR41.TXT	3608	Signs Of The End Times. Interesting perspective of the Last Days by Dr. James Dobson.
INSD41.TXT	8745	A Brawling Bride. Short article that challenges the church to stop fighting each other.
LADV11.TXT	5677	Whoever Heard Of A Selfish Mother? A very nice study of biblical mothers.
FAMM04.TXT	7608	10 Commandments Of Nutrition. How to maintain our bodies as temples of the Holy Ghost.
FACR28.TXT	3478	Battles Parents Must Win. Parenting sometimes requires a battle of wills with children.
BSHB26.TXT	8766	Eight Rules Of Interpretation. Helpful article on correct biblical hermeneutics.
EVPR45.TXT	15104	Understanding Biblical Prophecy. Exhaustive article on correctly understanding prophecy.
BSFS05.TXT	6048	Jesus On Fasting. Short, but good, article on Jesus' views of fasting.
BSRP15.TXT	9030	Jesus On Seeking Righteousness. Study of Jesus' words on the pursuit of righteous living.
BSGR06.TXT	7847	Jesus On Grace. The teachings of Jesus relative to the doctrine of grace.
BSHB27.TXT	10114	"Sola Scriptura." Discussion of the Christian view that the Bible is the sole rule of authority.



new controversial issues files

CUCH11.TXT	7296	Errors Of The Positive Confession Movement. This article exposes a Charismatic doctrine.
CUNA23.TXT	43200	The Gnostic Jesus. In-depth refutation of New Age concepts of an impersonal God.
CUGE09.TXT	40932	Hate Begotten Of Hate. Article exposing Black Muslim as a racist religion.
ISAM15.TXT	8376	A Christian Nation? This article examines Thomas Jefferson's view of America as Christian.
CUSA56.TXT	8376	The Occult War On Childhood. Fascinating discussion of how occultists target children.



new apostolic doctrine files

ADTV20.TXT	3777	TV: The Time-Stealer. This author challenges people to stop wasting time in front of the TV.
ADHS45.TXT	14484	Different Look At Jewelry, Make-Up. Challenge to focus on the positive in holiness teaching.
ADTV21.TXT	5804	Safeguarding The Nest. An article that says we need to protect our children from television.
ADNB18.TXT	2316	Amazing Grace Vs. Easy-Believism. David Gray says grace gives power to overcome sin.
ADNB17.TXT	27586	So Great Salvation. Outstanding, well-organized booklet giving Biblical details of salvation.
ADHS48.TXT	3364	Sound Advice On Holiness. David Gray asks young Christians to follow the "old paths."
ADHS47.TXT	4312	Letter From A Mother. A mother challenges the ministry to lead children back to God.
ADHS49.TXT	5612	Sound Advice On Holiness, #2. David Gray again contends for holiness principles.



new church management files

LETM09.TXT	3965	Do It Now. Helpful tips on overcoming procrastination. Great for leadership training!
CNGE22.TXT	5562	Ways Churches Fight. Interesting article about conflicts and how to solve them.
LTBU08.TXT	8192	Is Your Church Incorporated? The benefits and "how-to" of incorporating your church.
YMCY03.TXT	8808	When Youth Leave The Church. Fighting the problem of youth backsliding. Good!

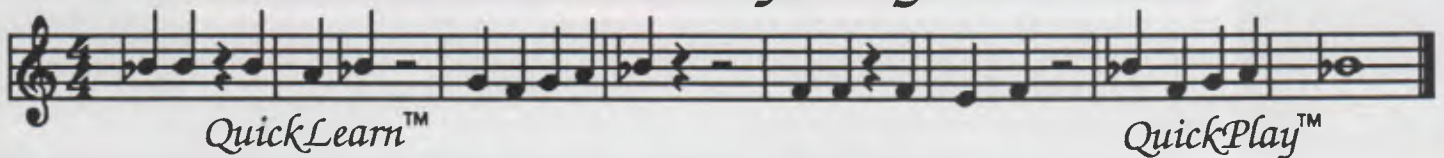


new computer software files

The following files are from our CD-ROM collection. Since these don't have the normal AIS file name, give the program title printed in bold below when ordering these programs.

CD-ROM	206457	Chart Tamer. Graph your ministry's growth, trends with this nice graph creation program.
CD-ROM	360886	Money Smith. Windows program that helps executives & ministers make financial decisions.
CD-ROM	186308	WinCheck. Personal finance software for Windows that's quite easy to use.
CD-ROM	72266	While You Were Out. Utility that records phone messages for the pastor when he's out.
CD-ROM	17558	Bibliofile. Nice research program that helps you keep track of magazine articles.
CD-ROM	100550	Bookbase. Database software for organizing your church library.
CD-ROM	121662	I.Q. Test. Program that evaluates your intelligence level through use of a 30-minute test.
CD-ROM	49444	Music Librarian. Software for tracking various music media (tapes, sheet music, etc.)
CD-ROM	145437	Poll Taker. Program that makes it easy to conduct community polls and surveys.
CD-ROM	192954	FileSave. Program that automatically saves the Windows document you're working on.
CD-ROM	56013	Salvation. Quite elaborate replacement for Windows' Program and File Managers.
CD-ROM	101943	Dustbin. Neat "trashcan" utility for Windows to make file deletion a snap!
CD-ROM	49444	Dial Word. Program that creates easy-to-remember word-phrases for your telephone number.
CD-ROM	145437	Windows Flash Cards. Helpful tool for memorizing Bible facts, verses.
CD-ROM	192954	Windows Chemical. Educational software for Christian school's chemistry classes.
CD-ROM	260131	The Register. Christian school program that makes it easy to record, track students' grades.
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Brother Sam Kelly is the church orchestra director of over 30 members and has taught beginner bands in Denver for over thirty years. During the last thirty years he has been employed at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Twenty of those years he performed electrical engineering. The last ten years have been spent servicing 4000 computers on hardware, software and the fiber optic network at the University. His great interest in music and computers along with tremendous advances in the computer-music areas has made this program a reality.

Brother Sam Kelly is founder of the company Notes of Joy™ instrumental series which produces QuickLearn™ and QuickPlay™.

Worthy Of Their Hire

OPINION: Churches have a financial responsibility to visiting ministers.

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1. Corinthians 9:14).

Compensation for evangelists and guest speakers is always a concern for pastors, and most pastors want to be consistent with what is considered normal. Let's consider some relevant principles that every pastor should know concerning our financial responsibility to evangelists.

The Schedule Shuffle

In earlier days, revivals lasted weeks at a time, and they lasted most of the week. Because of this, it was easier to schedule meetings with pastors.

Evangelists today often have three or four days off each week. With many pastors using varying schedules such as starting revival meetings on Sunday, Thursday, Monday, etc., this often means the evangelist must constantly adjust and often ends up with a blank week in his schedule. Churches should think about this if their scheduling needs require an evangelist to miss several days somewhere else in order to be present. Common courtesy and consideration of time is the important point to remember.

A Just Wage

Good jobs today often pay \$600.00 to \$900.00 per week, plus insurance and benefits. Most evangelists are generally well-qualified people who could do well in the secular market. Churches should try to bless them financially as much as is possible and honor their 'life of faith' by paying them in accordance with good pay scales in the area. Compensation offerings should also consider the fact that evangelists, in order to do the work, have some gaps in their schedules because of such things as Christmas, district camps and conferences, etc. Also, evangelists must also provide for their own insurance and professional fees. All of these things add to the financial burden an evangelist must endure because of his commitment to preaching the Gospel. It is the responsibility of the church that this evangelist blesses to help alleviate some of this burden.

Taking Care Of Expenses

Some people seem to feel that they are doing the evangelist a favor by paying expenses he incurs getting to the church. Let me state this: Reimbursement of expenses should never be thought of as an offering! If someone

has driven 500 miles to get to your place, their expenses are a separate matter and are the responsibility of the inviting church. Mileage, lodging, and food should be covered under expenses.

The offering (pay or compensation) starts only after

to you (Matthew 7:2).

Likewise, be fair in your dealings with these ministers. Some people heap blessings on themselves by living in fine homes and driving nice cars, while acting in a selfish manner toward others. We owe it to each other to do the best we can. When we under-

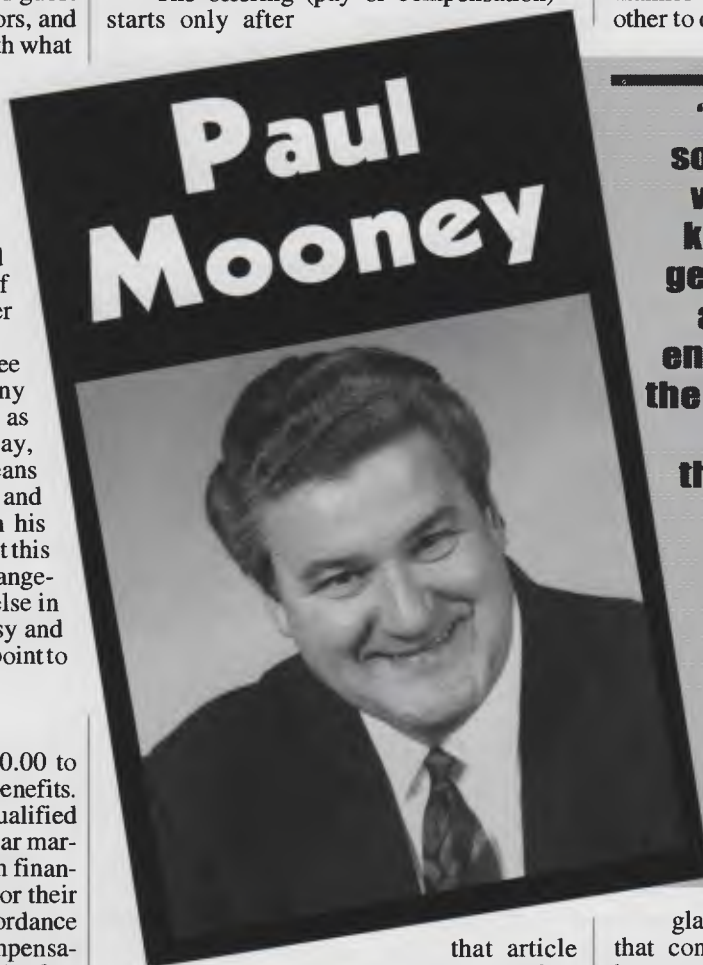
compensate, this adds negative factors and robs one of the great rewards reserved for the generous.

Conclusion: Just Be Fair

All of the above things said, let this be addressed: just being fair, doing the best you can is the real issue. If pastors are working with a board in these matters, they should educate the leadership concerning the church's responsibility to the ministry. Paying someone well is a kind and generous act that enhances the level of quality throughout the work of God.

Do what you know to be right. Most ministers would do their work for nothing and are

glad to be a blessing when they know that congregations and groups are being honest and giving their best. Saving for a revival works well for some churches. By planning ahead, they can meet the cost with ease. Also, by informing the people that the need is to be met and giving them a chance to give will almost always provide more than enough. This, after all, is more than a charitable act; it is our Christian duty, for, as the Bible says, "the labourer is worthy of his hire" (Luke 10:7). **AIS**



"Paying someone well is a kind and generous act that enhances the level of quality throughout the work of God."

that article has been covered. One may wish to discuss with missionaries, evangelists, or guest speakers how they want these expenses to be paid. Some benefit from separate checks in terms of their IRS requirements.

Be A Blessing

Don't try to get by with a minimal offering. Try to be a blessing! When a church gives a "double offering," especially to evangelists, they are not being extravagant. After all, the life of an evangelist has many costs and much 'down time.' Of all people, pastors should understand the financial costs often associated with preaching full-time. Full-time ministers depend on the generosity of the church to make it. So be professional; the measure you use to measure with will be measured back

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Recommended Reading

Children At Risk, by Dr. James Dobson & Gary Bauer, Word Publishing, 300 pages, paperback.

This powerful book has been reprinted and updated with current examples and statistics. Dobson and Bauer show how our children's minds are the new battleground for the media, pro-abortion forces, public schools, and secular humanism. In the first chapter, for instance (arguably the most powerful), Dobson details the failures - and outrages - of the sex education movement. The language that Dobson quotes from actual school materials are so explicit that they could not be reprinted in a family publication. Bauer's section of the book (the latter half) is not quite as jolting, but perhaps more informative, as he details the politics of humanism. For anyone involved in family or youth ministries, this book should be in your library.

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Youth Ministry Nuts & Bolts, by Duffy Robbins, Zondervan Publishing, 270 pages, paperback.

Since its first publication in 1990, Duffy Robbins's book on improving the youth ministry has become a staple in many church libraries. And for good reason.

Youth Ministry Nuts & Bolts is a practical primer with tips on gaining a vision for youth ministry, making decisions, dealing with conflict, working with parents, how to manage your budget, and more. And far from being a dry-as-bones how-to book, Robbins approaches his subject with a refreshing sense of humor. As you're learning the basics of youth ministry, you'll be laughing all the way!

■ **EVANGELISM A LOW PRIORITY**

Christian groups (including denominational groups) don't seem to be taking the Great Commission seriously, according to a recent survey. The poll results, published in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, said that only 52 percent of Southerners who call themselves Christians consider converting people "very important." A mere 32 percent of those living outside of the South consider witnessing a priority. According to the survey, people consider opportunities for worship, helping the needy, and providing moral guidance for young people to be more important than sharing their faith.

■ **TRUTHS ABOUT SMALL CHURCHES**

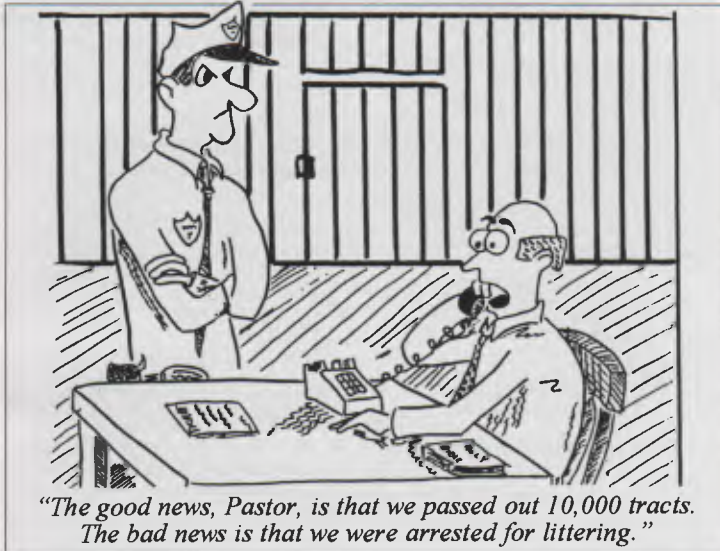
Church growth expert Lyle Schaller predicts "a viable future for the congregation of 100 or fewer" in the December issue of *Ministry Advantage*. Why is this? According to Schaller, "no one congregation can meet the religious needs of all the residents of a community. No one congregation can be all things to all people." Therefore, according to Schaller, new churches will have to be started to meet the increasingly diverse needs that the 21st Century will present. Though Schaller is speaking largely for denominational churches, the same principle would apparently hold true for Apostolic churches. While few pastors want their church to stay small, there are certain advantages the congregation can offer during the years that they are small. Author David Ray gives a few of these in his book, *The Big Small Church Book*: 1) Because small churches act like families, they can fight intensively and remain together, whereas larger congregations may be more likely to split over similar issues. 2) Changes can happen in small churches if key people are consulted first, if members are asked to help make the changes, and if the changes are introduced with statements like, "Let's try it for a while and see if we like it." 3) Worship is the small church's "house specialty," and much happens in worship that ordinarily happens at other times in congregations of other sizes. 4) Small churches are far better at events than they are at the development of programs. In small churches, the events are the programs. 5) Pastors of small-membership churches that are effective in (a) leading worship, (b) caring about the members, (c) taking an interest in the youth, (d) valuing past memories, and (e) exhibiting genuine concern for the community and its people will be viewed as highly effective. Mr. Ray concludes that the wise church leader will use the church's "smallness" as a positive factor, thereby helping future growth.

■ **SENIOR - SENSITIVE CHURCHES**

Sociologists are tracking what appears to be one of the next great trends over the next few decades: the graying of America. It's really not hard to see coming. As the Baby Boom generation enters into the 21st Century, they promise to bring the day when there will be more senior citizens than teens and twenty-somethings. The old conventional wisdom was: "The youth are the future." The new conventional wisdom, however, is more like, "The future belongs to the old." Still, this doesn't change the fact that the church, for the most part, has ignored this aging trend. Why is this? Charles Arn of the *Win Arn Growth Report* gives three main reasons: 1) *Ageism*. This attitude discriminates against, diminishes, and demeans age. "Unfortunately, it is alive and well, not only in our society, but also in our churches," Arn says. 2) *Ignorance*. "A minuscule number of today's church leaders have been trained in the unique needs, opportunities, and outreach strategies required for persons over age 50." 3) *Irrelevance*. Arn says that "most existing senior adult church groups are operating on assumptions about senior adults that grew out of a different time and place. Today's senior adults are far different from their parents or grandparents." Arn concludes that the wise church staff will start recognizing the treasure they have in their senior citizens. Arn offers this advice: 1) Realize that all seniors aren't seniors. Indeed, medical reports show that older adults are living healthier, more active, productive, longer lives. In reality, a person of 50 or 60 can expect to live 15-30 more years. 2) Realize that age does make a difference. People 30 years old are different from people 60 years old. Older adults think differently than younger adults. 3) Select leaders to start a seniors ministry. These should be people who have been trained in the unique challenges of seniors in the 1990s. 4) Get the facts. What are the actual statistics in your church? How many members are over age 50? 55? 65? What are the age groupings in your community? How many are home-bound? What are the various needs represented. Effective programs and activities will be based on the findings of your research.

WORD TO THE WISE:

*“The Gospel isn't something a person comes to church to hear.
The Gospel is something he goes from church to tell.”*



*“The good news, Pastor, is that we passed out 10,000 tracts.
The bad news is that we were arrested for littering.”*

FOR REASONS no one may ever know, a Pentecostal lady went one Sunday to a very staid and formal church. As the preacher reached the end of his first prayer, she said quietly but firmly, “Amen, Lord. Amen.”

A deacon who was in the same pew leaned over and whispered, “Lady, we don’t allow that kind of thing in this church!”

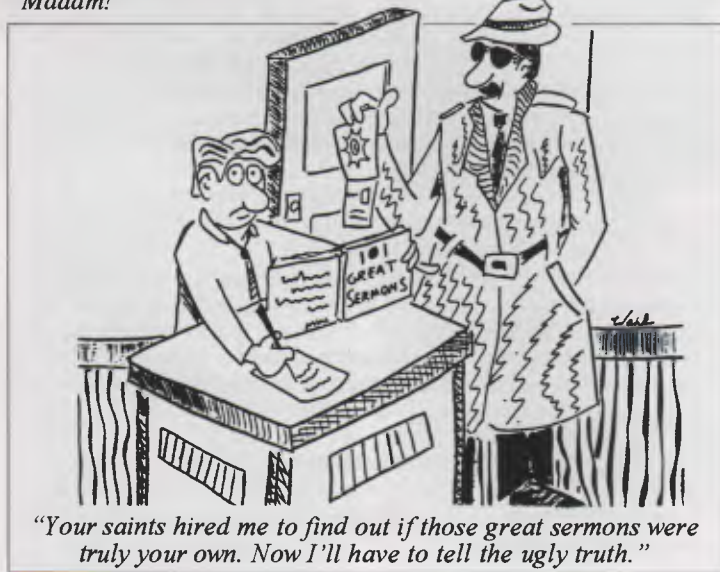
However, no sooner had the next hymn come to a close, when the woman shouted, “Amen! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!”

The deacon quickly leaned over again. “Lady!” he hissed, “You must quiet down immediately or leave!”

“Oh, I really didn’t mean to disturb,” said the woman, “but I’m just so happy since I found the Lord!”

“Well I am quite certain you did not find Him *here!*”

A LITTLE BOY was asked by his Sunday school teacher to name the first man. He promptly answered: “Adam!” Then, he was asked to name the first woman. He thought long and hard, then he answered: “Madam!”



“Your saints hired me to find out if those great sermons were truly your own. Now I’ll have to tell the ugly truth.”

A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER asked her class: “Can anyone tell me the story of Adam and Eve?” A little girl put up her hand. “First God created Adam,” she said. “Then God looked at him and said, ‘I think I could do better if I tried again.’ So he created Eve!”

A MINISTER SHOOK a newcomer’s hand at the door of the church. “Welcome to New Life Tabernacle,” he said. “We like to think of ourselves as the friendliest church in town.” Hardly five minutes later, another newcomer entered. “Welcome to New Life Tabernacle. We like to think of ourselves as the friendliest church in town.” When the second newcomer had entered the church, an usher sidled up to the minister, and whispered, “Bro. Jones, what will you say if someone finds out we’re the *only* church in town?”

TWO LADIES began to argue over how they should organize the next church dinner. After a while, the first lady said to the second, “Look, we really shouldn’t be arguing over this. After all, we’re both doing the Lord’s work. So you do it your way, and I’ll do it HIS way!”



A MOTHER WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY persuading her son to go to Sunday school one morning. “Nobody likes me there,” said the son. “The members don’t. The children don’t. And the deacons want to send me to another church! I don’t want to go!”

“But John,” said his mother, “you’ve simply *got* to go. You’re not sick. It isn’t *raining*. People are *expecting* you to be there. And besides, you’re 50 years old now and the *pastor* of the church; you simply *must* go!”

A FARMER WENT to eat out at a restaurant in town - and, as was his custom, he bowed his head and said a prayer before his meal. At the next table were some rowdy young men who began to poke fun at him. “Hey, farmer!” said one, “that’s out of vogue, man! Nobody prays nowadays!”

“Yes, indeed,” said the farmer. “There are some members of my own household who won’t pray before their meals.”

“Hey, they must be real smart!” said the young man, “Who are they?”

The farmer answered dryly: “They are my pigs.”

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Commitment To Soul Winning

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departmentalized. For instance, there is a children's ministry, Sunday school, hospital ministry, prison ministry, new convert care group, Ladies Auxiliary, and a singles' ministry, all in their own departments."

Working under the ministry leaders, Cornwell has what he terms "Ministers In Training; two or three aspiring ministers work with each leader, training for that particular area of ministry.

"I developed a video course for training lay leaders," Cornwell noted. "We require them to go through the 12 weeks of training for lay leadership."

Future Plans

Bro. Cornwell's goal is to double the congregation's size to about 2,000 within five years. And he has a plan for doing so.

"We'll do it largely through home Bible study. We are in the process right now of training lay leadership for the Bible study ministry. Our auditorium currently will seat about 1,100. We have two-story Sunday school facilities which also contains a half gym. Recently, though, we purchased some more property next to us, and our building is designed so that we can continue expanding the auditorium until it eventually seats 3,000. We are also planning to build a Family Life Center and a new educational structure.

"The one thing I can't stand is laziness. People need to be excited about the work of God. A really great evening to me is teaching a home Bible study and then taking the people to church and baptizing them. I can honestly say that soul-winning is the number one thing in my life, so we plan to keep winning souls."

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got a whole group in Bible Study, and they all came from the Pop Quiz," reports Bro. Runner.

Both Runner and Stratton emphasize the importance of telephone followup. "It will not work by itself," said Runner. "Phone followup is necessary to keep them interested in a Bible study." Runner also said the Pop Quiz is perfect for a home missions work, as it provides a large reservoir of contacts to approach for potential home Bible studies.

Information on the Pop Quiz program, including sample quizzes, can be obtained from Gateway Christian Fellowship, pastored by Bro. Howard Davis, at 4380 4th Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92407. The church can also be contacted at (909) 882-2080.

The 100 Club (Continued from page eight)

ner that we give them every month, which they record in their prayer time, number of chapters read in their Bibles, number of meals that they fasted, how many people they witnessed to, the ministry they were involved in, and so on. They have to turn that planner in to us every month to stay in the 100 Club. We want to reward these young people for their commitment, so we give them one activity a month and an annual retreat every year that's just for them," Bro. McCoy explained.

Bro. McCoy reports that people are being saved through The 100 Club: "We started off with only five young people in The 100 Club and we have approximately 33 now. We've had approximately five or six young people between the ages of 16 and 25 come in and receive the Holy Ghost. We've had 100 Club members that have won 100 Club members that have won 100 Club members!"

Bro. McCoy has published a leadership manual and professionally printed brochures and forms are available. Bro. McCoy also conducts three-day "kick-off" seminars during which he teaches (to youth and adults alike) the basic concepts of walking with God and the power of faithful young people in churches. "The seminar seems to help churches quite a bit toward an effective kick-off," stated Bro. McCoy who can be reached by phoning (219) 423-4566 or by writing him. The address is 100 Club Ministries, 2702 Spring Street, Ft. Wayne, IN 46808.

Feedback



To the editor:

I.B.C Perspectives is one of the best magazines of its kind that I have ever read. I especially like the Q & A page; I rate the Guest Editorials high also. Keep up the great work. I'm always one to read good Apostolic literature and news.

--Dennis Aldrich
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--Cathy Gilfillen
Indianapolis, IN

To the editor:

I really enjoy *Perspectives* magazine. The World News page has long been needed; it is time we reported some of the things in the world that are downplayed or ignored by the world media. I do have one criticism, though. In *News You Can Use*, Vol. 4, No. 11, you said that the BibleSoft Bible program does not have Greek and Hebrew, and they do, I have it. They have Strong's Greek and Hebrew dictionary. Just thought you should know.

--William Kimbley
Madera, CA

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AIS Expands Worldwide

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should be implemented in April.

Another goal of AIS related to the missionaries is to establish AIS extension sites overseas. "For those with sufficient hard drive space," Bro. Massengale said, "we'd like to set up an extension library, providing them with a copy of every file in the AIS library. New files would then be added each month at no additional cost. This could then help to serve all the churches in that area." Similarly, in the States, Bro. Massengale would like to establish extensions, providing any interested District or Bible college their own AIS node.

Other developments also promise to make AIS less of a "bulletin board service" and more of a full-fledged online service for Apostolics. First, AIS is scheduled to tie into the ADP computer network in May. AIS will then be able to offer local access to most U.S. cities for \$5.00 a month; this \$5.00 would purchase five hours of connect time during that month. "Internet access is also coming," Bro. Massengale said, "with an option for members that will give them access to Internet discussion areas, E-mail and file transfer for \$3.95 a month." This will also allow AIS files to be transferred from any Internet host.

And one other development is a new Windows-based software that promises to reduce the learning curve for using the AIS Computer Network. AIS for Windows is scheduled for release to members this spring.

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