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## The WRIGHT STUFF



**"Prevailing prayer" and deep repentance, along with hard work and determination are what Chester Wright of Annapolis, MD sees as the necessary ingredients for a strong church.**

**C**hester Wright's original plan was to follow in his father's footsteps. A Navy son, Brother Wright attended the Naval Academy with hopes of eventually becoming an officer. Then, maybe some day, he would preach. Suddenly, though, God changed his priorities. Now, 25 years later, Brother Wright is pastoring a growing revival church in Annapolis, MD. This is Brother Wright's story and the story of Antioch, the Apostolic Church.

**By Richard C. Brown**

**G**et up early and work hard all day. That's the philosophy at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Brother Chester Wright, currently pastoring at Antioch, the Apostolic Church in Annapolis, knows the life well. He put in his two years at the Academy. For nine months a year, the school put students through a grueling regimen of intellectual and physical disciplines in order to produce Naval officer material – to place within them the "right stuff," as some call it.

But following his graduation from the Academy, Brother Wright's life took a different turn,

placing him in full-time ministry. He now pastors a thriving church that has grown from zero to 900 in the 25 years he's been there. And those same traits of duty, determination and hard work that the Naval Academy emphasized have helped bring him to where he is. Now, Brother Wright himself seeks to place within the saints he's training those same traits – the "Wright stuff."

### **Navy Family**

The 50-year-old Annapolis pastor actually inherited the "Wright stuff" from both parents. His father, a Navy man, taught Brother Wright the value of duty and diligence, while his

mother, a Pentecostal lady, placed within him spiritual values from a young age. At age 12, he received the Holy Ghost and began immediately getting involved in the church. He preached his first sermon at age 15 in Cranston, Rhode Island. However, for all practical purposes, his ministry did not really begin until age 22, after his graduation from the Naval Academy.

"It was while there at the Academy that I had a really life-changing experience," recalled Brother Wright. I had been there for a year when I witnessed to a man who had never been to a Pentecostal service. There was not a Pentecostal church around, so I made arrangements for a Pentecostal minister to come from an hour away to baptize him. The man got the Holy Ghost in the water. I knew that this guy knew nothing about God except what I had taught him, so that totally changed my perspective of what's really important."

Then, a week before his graduation from the Naval Academy, Brother Wright was in a service where Sister Janet Trout was preaching. During that service, a burden for the ministry began stirring within him. "My original plans had been to put in five years in the Navy, and then maybe preach. But now,  
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J.R. Ensey  
Minister  
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We had a situation in the church I pastored where some of the men had let some grudge come between them. So one night, one of the men got out of bed and got a towel and pan of water. He called the other men and had them meet him in the prayerroom, where they washed each other's feet. From that, they managed

to patch things up.

This, then, is the true value of foot-washing. In fact, there are three main purposes: one is to obey the command and example of our Lord. Second, through foot-washing, we show our submission to one another. And finally, it helps to unify the saints and bring them together in a spirit of oneness.

Foot-washing is something that should be done often, yet not too often. If it's done too often, it begins to become common and starts to lose its power. Probably once or twice a year is a good schedule. Some churches have practiced it as much as quarterly, but I don't think you should have it much more often than that.

Foot-washing is a command. Jesus said we should do it, and Paul indicated that the early church did it when he said that the widows who wash feet are qualified to receive assistance. So with those precedents, we should not neglect it.



## The Importance of Foot-Washing

**AIS VIEW:** *Certainly foot-washing is not a heaven-or-hell issue. However, Jesus gave this practice to us as a valuable symbol of our submission to one another. As such, it's something a church should practice on a regular basis.*

My view on foot-washing is different from most people's. According to my study, foot-washing is mandatory for the ministry, but optional for the church Body at large.

Foot-washing is a New Testament anti-type of the incident in the Old Testament when Moses carried all of Aaron's sons and the priests to the door of the Tabernacle and washed them. Thus, when Jesus fulfilled this type, He didn't wash all of His disciples' feet; He washed only the 12 Apostles'. He washed theirs because He was preparing to leave and place them in charge of His work.

Therefore, when we do foot-washing, the ministry washes one another's feet in front of the church. We then allow any of the elder men who want to participate to also be involved. We don't exclude the women, but we have them do it in another room.

Foot-washing, then, is an essential ordinance for the church. The principles it instills in us are those of unity and humility. However, it's not as effective among the Body as it is among the ministry. Although there's no concrete evidence that the whole church should be involved, there is concrete evidence that all ministers must be involved in foot-washing.



Larry Sims  
Pastor  
Tallahassee, FL



Arthur Hodges III  
Pastor  
San Diego, CA

Ordinarily, we do foot-washing as part of our Communion service, twice yearly: at Easter and New Year's. Foot-washing is not a commandment in the sense that, if we don't do it, we'll go to hell. It is a positive thing, however, in that it shows personal humility, submission, and respect for other members of the Body of Christ.



William Sciscone  
Pastor  
Columbus, OH

We don't do foot-washing every time we have communion, because I don't want it to become just a ritual. It's a needed practice though, because foot-washing wars against the flesh and against pride. A pastor would be missing a special blessing if he doesn't hold foot-washing in his church on a regular schedule.



Ronald Humphrey  
Pastor  
Plymouth, IN

The majority of the time that we have Communion, we also have foot-washing. Usually once or twice a year is sufficient. However, if there is an occasion where some strife is stirred up in your church, that's a time that foot-washing could be a great help. If we'll let it, it helps bring a real surrender to God and to one another.



Rickard Strawcutter  
Pastor  
Adrian, MI

I'm a weird guy. I actually like foot-washing. So sometimes as I'm sitting there getting my feet washed, I ask the Lord, "How am I supposed to feel humble when I enjoy this so much!" Still, that is the value of the practice, to help us with humility. It's something we should all do, because we all need to stay humble so we don't stumble.



Roger Barcus  
Pastor  
St. Paul, MN

Although traditionally, churches have practiced communion and foot-washing together, they don't necessarily go hand-in-hand. They're for two different purposes. Foot-washing encourages us to be servants to one another. And besides that, it brings a spiritual joy to those practicing it. We try to do it about once a year at our church.



Donald Butler  
Pastor  
Gibsonsia, PA

I do believe foot-washing is a Biblical commandment. It's an excellent way of showing your love for the brethren. It has helped our church keep a sense of humility. We try to practice it twice a year, but there's no required time. We do it when we feel like we need to do it. A pastor who doesn't practice it is missing a real spiritual plus.

# The Wright Stuff

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those wants began shifting." As a result, rather than join the Navy, Brother Wright began evangelizing full-time.

Then, a year and a half later, he founded the church in Annapolis that would eventually be the thriving Antioch church there today.

"During the time that my Dad was in the Navy, we had been stationed here in Maryland. The closest church was literally an hour away. So I spent four years by myself, in a spiritual sense. They were four very lonely, difficult years." Wright said he'd originally planned on going to Key West, Florida to start a church, but the Lord give him direction to fill that void in Annapolis.

## Foretaste of Revival

During Antioch's history, a series of special services have had a phenomenal effect on the church's growth. And consistent with Wright's philosophy of diligence and hard work, it happened after much spiritual preparation. Revival, Wright says, is not something that comes to people afraid of spiritual work: "The first break we had here was in 1971. We hadn't really prayed anybody through in 18 months, so we had a real praying and fasting push. We bound the principalities and powers of the air. The next month, we baptized nine and 11 received the Holy Ghost."

Then, during 1980 to 1981, the church again prayed fervently for an outpouring of God's Spirit. "We had 1,585 people receive the Holy Ghost in two years. Even more significant is that probably 40 to 50 percent of them are still living for God now. Our church quadrupled as a result of that." And following that, another 350 received the Holy Ghost in 1982.

But even all of this is just what Wright calls a "foretaste" of revival. "I have a very strong opinion about the difference between evangelism and revival. Evangelism, which is definitely ordained of God, is something that is affected by personalities involved, by resources available, and by the area you're in. It's something we don't like to accept, but evangelism is dependent upon external circumstances.

"However, it seems as though there are no external circumstances that affect true, Biblical revival. And that kind of revival is my goal."

## Traits of Revival

And what characterizes true revival as Brother Wright sees it? Several years of study on the matter has given him definite ideas.

"In all great revivals, whether New Testament or historical, there are three key ingredients that I've found were present. The first thing was an attitude of prayer. And this prayer was beyond just a devotional prayer; many call it 'prevailing prayer,' a deep interceding travail. The second thing that was common was a deep conviction that moved upon people. It was not primarily emotion, and it wasn't produced by emotion; it was spiritual, produced by the Spirit. It appeared to be the result of this prevailing prayer. The result was a depth of repentance that most of us have never experi-

"I have come to realize that having faith for revival is not synonymous with having a concept that allows you to handle the results of revival. I realized that all my faith for revival, while it produced results, it certainly didn't enable me to handle results. I was putting new wine into old wine skins. So out of that, I came to the conclusion that the most significant thing I could do is to develop a new concept of true revival."

Hence, with that philosophy, Brother Wright said one of his primary focuses has been on how to handle the revival once it comes. "The traditional structure of the pastor doing everything, very frankly, will not work when true revival comes. You can have a 200-soul revival, and you can stick with old concepts and somehow manage to maintain 25 or 30 of them. But if we're going to reach our world, we're going to have to have tremendous revival, with hundreds and even thousands coming in. Yet most churches are not set up to handle that kind of revival."

One of the key elements that Brother Wright has implemented to prepare for revival is a strong administrative structure. He has a "ministries coordinator" whose major responsibility is to see that others in the church are involved in ministry and to make sure that all areas are being adequately covered. Wright's goal is for 100 percent of his saints to be involved in some capacity. "I make it very clear that the way to backslide is to not get involved. You cannot maintain if all you have is an inflow. You have to also have an outflow. Look at the difference between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. The Sea of Galilee has an inflow and outflow, and it's teeming with life. However, the Dead Sea only takes in; it never gives out, and it won't support any life at all. That's the way we are.

"I've come to realize that my role as pastor is not to do everything; it is to help others discover what their burden and their vision is, and to help them fit that into the overall ministry of the body. If somebody comes to me with a burden for doing something, and we're not already doing it, then we start it. The result is we probably have 50 or 60 ministries currently operating in the church!"

And Brother Wright is serious about imparting to his ministry leaders the "Wright stuff" that has guided him for so long. He keeps them in "training" at all times, with various seminars and required reading material. "Also, I person-

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## ANTIOCH: Inside & Out

### From the Inside...

*Right: The sanctuary of Antioch, the Apostolic Church during a Sunday morning service. The building is filled nearly to capacity.*

*Said Brother Wright of the building: "We have an auditorium that will seat a thousand. We're in the process of building one that will seat 2,000 without the balcony."*



### ...And From the Outside

*Below: The exterior of the Antioch facility. Said Brother Wright of the building: "We built this building from scratch. It's approximately 60,000 square feet. The building is not fancy, but it's functional. We don't have any unused space. Everything is used for something, so we don't exactly have room to spare."*



*"We currently have 30-some acres of ground on a major four-lane highway running out of Annapolis. So people know we're here."*

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"And the third thing that was always present with true revival was persecution. Unfortunately, it seems as though we're attempting to avoid that by using growth methods that make the Gospel acceptable and palatable. But we're not going to reach the world like that."

## Preparing for Revival

Brother Wright's whole concept of church growth, while not contradicting others, at least changes the order of some things. Rather than primarily emphasize growth programs, Wright says his number one goal is to get ready for the revival that he knows God is going to send.



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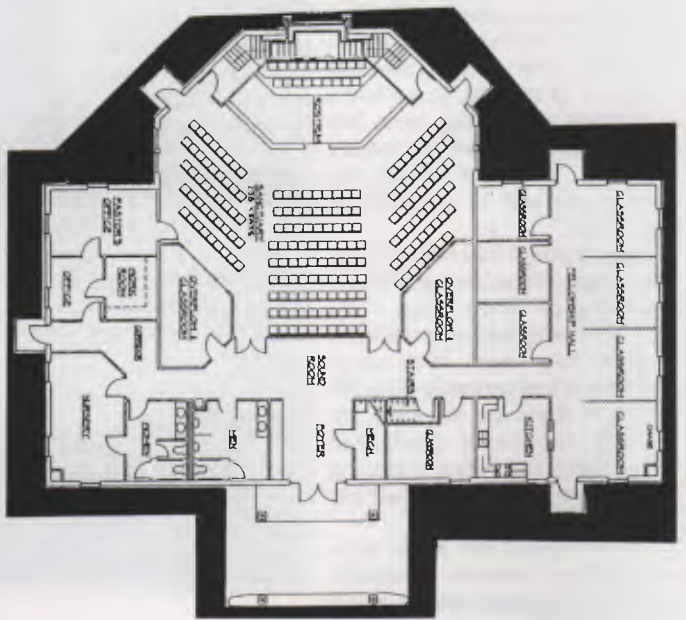
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# Legal Challenges For The Ministry

**AIS INTERVIEW**  
*With Owen Taylor*



**E**ditor's note: For the past six years, Brother Owen Taylor, a full-time Apostolic attorney has headed up the Christian Freedom Foundation. CFF specializes in constitutional law as pertaining to the church. In addition to his duties for CFF, Brother Taylor writes the monthly "Church Law" column for Perspectives. He also has just in the past year started a home missions church in Bethesda, MD. Recently, AIS interviewed Brother Taylor on a variety of legal issues. Portions of this interview are printed below:

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### **Brother Taylor, how is your Christian Freedom Foundation doing?**

It's doing fairly well. We've been around for six years now. In that time, we've made a real effort to build up a financial base so that we can be a legal resource to Apostolics for legal information and a defense organization for constitutional rights issues.

I have gradually been able to build up a little bit of a financial base, so now we have a mailing list of about 200 supporters; these are churches and individuals. However, against that, we have enormous expenses. We've got one suit right now that's in a federal court in Ohio. We're representing an Apostolic believer in a penitentiary there. He has wanted to have Apostolic services in the penitentiary, and has a local pastor who is willing to hold the services, but the authorities have said no. They don't really offer a good reason why, except that there are Protestant services available. So in order to break through that, we've had to file suit. This is just a mountain of work, and the case work alone will probably be \$25,000. And there are similar cases, so obviously, we're spending much more money than we have as income.

### **What are the big legal challenges facing Apostolic churches today?**

One of the big issues facing the ministry has been in tax areas: how to handle their taxes, how to handle audits, those kinds of issues.

### **Do you have any advice in that regard?**

I think that our Bible colleges and other training programs really lack in the area of preparing people for their financial and tax responsibilities in the ministry. There is a real absence of any adequate training tax-wise; this is to say nothing of those who don't even go to Bible school. (Editor's note: We should point out that the AIS parent organization, Indiana Bible College, may be the exception here, as the college has both a full-time attorney and a full-time CPA on staff, teaching classes in Church

Law and Ministerial Finance.) The older ministry or the minister who doesn't go to Bible college really needs to become self-trained in these financial areas. The way he does it is through seminars and reading. These issues are not complicated; they are very specific, however, for the ministry.

### **Do you think churches and the ministry today are being targeted by the IRS?**

I have heard from reliable sources that there is a targeting concept out there by the IRS directed toward the ministry. Statistically, about 80 percent of ministers do not file their tax returns correctly. It may be a small error or sometimes a larger error. However, with that kind of a statistic, it's no wonder the IRS has taken an interest in pursuing it.

### **What should the church do to protect itself against these audits?**

There's no question that there ought to be a real effort on the part of the ministry to seek out competent advice on their taxes. Don't just do your taxes yourself and don't just have your friend do it. Get somebody who specializes in ministry-related areas.

### **What other legal challenges face us?**

Another major area would be what I call liability or risk management issues.

### **Give us an example.**

One of the most obvious examples that is in the news all the time are the issues concerning sexual molestation, relationships with youth, child abuse, those sorts of things. In addition to that, there are issues concerning property management, keeping your church safe, all these kinds of areas. Most of the ministry is not well-versed in these, but the church is a public facility, and as such, there is sometimes some misunderstanding about our responsibility to provide safe places, parking lots, stairways, and common areas for the public. Couple that with the fact that a lot of churches are now involving themselves in schools and child care and you have even more liability issues.

### **Could you expand on the legal dangers pertaining to youth work?**

As a lawyer, it would be easy for me to smile and tell the pastor not to have any kind of youth activities at all, because youth activities are fraught with legal dangers. Now obviously he's not going to cancel his whole youth program, but he should be cautious.

One of the bigger problems is the adult-

youth ratio and the competency of supervision at youth events. For instance, you load up all the kids on some vans to go to the ball field. You need to ask, "Are there enough adults present to supervise the activities for this number of youth?" Then, even if you get there and find that there are enough supervisors, too often the supervisors are participating in other activities: They're cooking hamburgers rather than watching the game, or they're talking amongst themselves. So it's possible for you to have enough supervisors but still not have them supervised.

### **What would be a good number of supervisors then?**

The ratio depends on the nature of the event. If you're going to do rope rappelling, you need one adult for every youth. If you're going to do white water rafting, you're also going to need a high number of supervisors. On the other hand, you could probably have two or three adults for a baseball game.

### **What else?**

You also should have adult supervisors who are not related or married. You want them to be able to verify one another, because part of what we're looking for is the abuse and sexual molestation thing. If some child makes a claim against one of the adults, the other adult standing there saying it didn't happen should not be a relative. Otherwise, it takes away from his or her credibility.

Another problem at these activities is having teenagers drive other teenagers. Even though the person is a licensed driver, in the eyes of the law, he is not considered a competent driver. If something happens, eyebrows will go up and authorities will start asking, "Why did you allow an underage child to drive other children to this church activity?"

### **Can you give us some advice in the event that litigation does happen?**

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Brother Taylor was interviewed by AIS correspondent Linda Massengale.

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Paul D. Mooney

■ **Ministry**

*How much time should you spend in preparing a sermon?*

As a rule of thumb, a well prepared sermon or Bible study probably takes six to eight hours. The reality, of course, is that not all sermons or presentations are well prepared.

An active pastor or evangelist in the flow of constant preaching needs plenty of study time. Paul's admonishment to study is critical (II Timothy 2:15). However, much study alone does not guarantee good preaching. It's an element, to be sure, but there's much more. Preaching needs "pathos," feeling, love, enthusiasm, and confidence. These are elements supplied by the Spirit of God upon the soul of a man, and cannot be artificially manufactured. The anointing is mysterious to some degree, however, when it's present, there is no mistaking it. When it's not present, an intellectual presentation given through much study is a poor substitute.

All that said, many talented, even anointed, ministers have limited themselves with poor study habits. A "rip and tear, grab a thought and go" approach to preaching is unfortunate. It takes time to bring words to bear upon the hearts of men. Good study does not suggest that a minister prepare some scholarly discourse and read it to his congregation. That is often a form of arrogance that speakers display, then blame the crowd for not getting the point; when in fact they have failed in their presentation to make the sermon simple and attractive to the human heart. Jesus took the most profound of thoughts and reduced them to simple concepts. This is not easy, but it should be the objective of good study. Someone said that to preach interesting sermons, one must live an interesting life. No doubt that applies to our intellect as well.



T. R. O'Daniel

■ **Theology**

*Is there any difference between Holy Ghost and Holy Spirit?*

Not Biblically. The Greek word *pneuma*, found 385 times in the New Testament, literally means "breath, wind or spirit."

In the King James Version, it is translated "spirit" three times as often as it is translated "ghost." The occasions where the KJV translators chose to translate it "ghost" are usually when it appears with the Greek word *hagion* (holy). It is hypothesized that the KJV translators used ghost to translate what they believed to be a reference to the Third Person in the Trinity, the Holy Ghost.

Most modern translators, including The New King James Version, have chosen not to use the word ghost with their logic being that the modern connotation of ghost implies the spirit of a dead person, while *pneuma hagion* refers to the Holy Spirit of the living God. From my perspective, I am comfortable referring to either the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit. However, Holy Ghost is more traditional, and consequently, many are not comfortable with the term Holy Spirit. They associate the term Holy Spirit with a modern charismatic approach that fails to teach that a baptism of the Holy Spirit (Ghost) is a life-changing experience that will be accompanied by separation from the world.

Whichever term you use, there are three things we should understand. Neither term refers to a third person in a Trinity, but to the one eternal God who created the universe, dwelt in Jesus Christ, and in-dwells the believer. It is the Spirit of Christ, and there is no other Spirit (Ephesians 4:4). Second, when a person is born again by a Holy Ghost (Spirit) infilling, it will be evidenced by speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Acts 2:4). Finally, the Spirit with which they are filled is holy, and they will strive to live holy as He is holy (I Peter 1:16).



O. C. Marler

■ **Family**

*I know it's an age-old question, but it's one that's got my husband and me wondering.*

*Since my husband is a pastor, should our kids be considered an "example" for the other kids to follow, or should they be looked at as any other kids?*

First, let me say that your kids are not different in the way that you are thinking. They are different, however, in that they are in the most difficult place conceivable. Your children feel the pressure to be different, but they don't want to be. They just want to be kids. Pressure to be spiritual leaders is probably the number one cause of backsliding among preachers' children. And how can you make them live for God? That in itself is quite a trick, since the Bible says we each have a free will.

Young people forced to be examples – denied a normal childhood – face a much greater chance of rebelling later on, even in their 30s and 40s.

Preachers' children should not necessarily receive special attention at church just because they are PKs (often they find it embarrassing). But then, neither should they be held back from special appointments, or other opportunities.

Don't worry. They'll have enough pressure from their peers and the older saints without getting it from home too. When other children get by with things for which yours are punished, the inconsistency hurts.

Remember that your husband is pastor. God has called him, not the children. They might not even be saved yet. All their lives they will hear, "You mean you're a preacher's kid, and you did that?" So my advice is this: Teach them to the best of your ability to be Christians. Don't put more on them than is necessary. Be real. Be quiet. And have faith for the best.



T. W. Massengale

■ **Outreach**

*I am so busy pastoring the church that I seem to have little time left over for soul-winning. Any suggestions?*

In his book *A Quest for Vitality in Religion*, F.B. Edge draws a marked distinction between "the work of the

Church" and "church work." Church work is the every day routine of necessary, but often superficial, tasks. After all, someone must have the church van inspected and take Sunday's offering deposit to the bank. Why not the pastor? Isn't that what he's there for?

On the other hand, "the work of the church" is to do the tasks that Jesus would be doing if

He were pastoring in your place. "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel" (Mt. 9:35). This is what you should be doing also. The pastor should give himself to study, to prayer, and to winning the lost. Delegation is not so a pastor can sit back and do nothing; it is so he can do the things only he can do. Therefore, the following are the basic steps of delegation:

1) Determine what needs to be delegated. Make a list of where you spend your time. Next, make a list of what tasks could be delegated to others. 2) Take a total church membership list and select two or three people who would be capable of doing each job if they were properly trained. Let the Holy Ghost lead you. Make it a matter of prayer.

3) Call your first choice and set up a brief appointment. Meet with him or her and explain what you would like done. Give a written outline of the job (known as a job description) that accurately describes what the person will be doing and how much time will be required to do it. Ask the person to pray about the position and make an appointment with you to give his or her answer. 4) In this manner, go through the entire list of jobs to be delegated.

5) As each position is filled, spend much time in training. Make sure the "how-to-do" is in writing as well as the "what-to-do." This is very important. 6) Establish a system of accountability. Remember, "responsibility without accountability is total futility." People do not do what you "expect." They do what you "inspect." This is simply good management.



MEDICINE

## 'Assisted Suicide' Gaining Ground in U.S.

Approximately 75 percent of Americans believe it should be legal for doctors to assist a terminally-ill patient to end his or her life, according to a May survey by *USA Today*. But while the "right-to-die" community winning the public relations war, the legal fight is still a tug-of-war:

- In June, the Supreme Court ruled that Washington state's ban on assisted suicide could remain in effect, despite a ruling by a lower court that it's illegal. The court left the ban in place while state officials prepare a challenge to the earlier court's ruling.

- Meanwhile, energized by juries' reluctance to convict him on assisted suicide charges, Dr. Jack Kevorkian has helped kill three people this year. Hit total number of suicides since 1990 now stands at 31. If a jury ever acknowledges Kevorkian's actions as murder, the ruling would give the doctor the dubious honor of being the worst serial killer in history.

- In June, the American Medical Association voted to reaffirm its stand against euthanasia and assisted suicide. Said Dr. Nancy Dicky, chair of the board of trustees: "Today's

overwhelming reaffirmation sends a strong message. The medical profession will not tolerate being put in a position to judge the value of the lives of the patients we are trained to heal, comfort and care for."

Nevertheless, forces opposed to assisted suicide are not encouraged by the legal developments, with juries and many judges seeming to find nothing wrong with the practice. In the original Washington trial, Judge Roger Miner said there is "a constitutionally protected liberty interest in determining the time and manner of one's own death." And he "rejected the long-held rule that the state has an interest in preserving life at all times," according to Evangelical Press.

EDUCATION

## College Cheating Is On the Increase

Thirty percent of students at the nation's most elite colleges admit cheating on a test during their college days, according to a new survey by Rutgers University professor Don McCabe.

McCabe surveyed 4,300 students at 31 selective colleges, including schools such as Harvard, Yale and Rutgers. His survey updated a previous one, conducted in 1990, in which he found that only 24 percent admitted to cheating. Among other findings of the survey:

- When both tests and written assignments were included, 54 percent at honor-code schools said they'd cheated. This was up from 44 percent in 1990.

- If "cheating" is defined as including cases where a student takes a test earlier than his classmates and then tips a friend to the questions, the number rises to 62 percent.

- McCabe found that business majors cheat the most of any major; engineering majors are next on the list.

- McCabe also surveyed students at colleges not considered particularly selective, or "honor code" schools. Of those, 45 percent said they had cheated on a test, and 71 percent said they had cheated on a test or written assignment. And when notifying a friend of what questions will be on a test is included, 83 percents said they had cheated.

McCabe told *USA Today* that while students might not want to cheat, "they don't want to be left behind" in the competition for graduate school admission.

MORALITY

## Britain to Destroy 2,500 Embryos

British fertility clinics are planning to destroy 2,500 frozen embryos this year, according to the Religion News Service.

The embryos have been left unclaimed for five years by the parents who created them. Under British law, clinics are not allowed to keep the embryos frozen beyond five years.

In a related development, to prevent what they perceive as murder, a top Vatican official has suggested it would be acceptable for married Catholic women to volunteer to bring to term the embryos, to prevent what the Catholic Church perceives as the greater of two evils.

AMERICAN FAMILY

## Kids Growing Up Scared in America

A large number of children, age 10 to 14, say they are scared of various dangers facing them in modern America, according to pollster George Gallup, Jr.

Gallup writes in his book, *Scared: Growing Up in America*, that 28 percent of teenagers are aware of peers who carry guns and knives to school. Twenty-five percent say they fear for their own safety while at school.

Among other fears cited by the young people: drug addiction, alcohol abuse, violence, suicide, teen pregnancy, and an AIDS epidemic. Gallup suggests that people involved with youth, including parents, teachers and youth ministers, take heed to the numbers and help young people deal with their fears. He also concluded that one weapon to fight youth fears is for them to become more deeply rooted in religious faith.

## News In Brief...

- ♦ Marine Corps Commandant General Charles Krulak announced in July his plans to add another week to basic training for the purpose of teaching morality and basic values such as ethics, fidelity and courage.

- ♦ The U.S. House of Representatives has passed the Defense of Marriage Act, which says that no state is required to recognize a homosexual marriage performed in another state.

- ♦ The Cult Awareness Network will close down because of a \$1.1 million judgment against it for its part in the alleged kidnapping and attempted "deprogramming" of a Oneness Apostolic.

STRANGE WORLD

## Bury an Idol, Sell a House

Some more examples, from the world of the weird and bizarre, that we live in a fallen and strange world:

- *The New York Times* reported in May that there was a furious demand for \$6.95 St. Joseph statues from the Long Island Catholic Supply store, especially among folks trying to sell their houses. The run on the statues occurred after rumors spread that burying Joseph upside down in the lawn brings a quick and lucrative sale.

- Also in May, a Rhode Island judge sentenced Keven McGreery to 20 days' home confinement for his second drunk-driving offense. Under the sentence, according to the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*, the man could not stray more than 150 feet from his house. It's unclear whether the judge was aware that McGreery lives directly beneath a bar, well within the 120 feet.



*John Stratton*

# 'Fund-Winning' Brings in New Funds & Souls

## CHURCH GROWTH

**A** home missionary pastor can make a living this way at the same time that he's inviting people to church," said Pastor John Stratton of San Bernardino, CA. "Or any pastor can use it as a great church fund-raising tool." A fund-raiser that's also an outreach may seem like an unlikely combination, but it's precisely what Stratton is offering through his "Fund-Winning" program.

Brother Stratton started last year a partnership with Discount Liquidators, a wholesaler of major department store returns and salvaged goods. "They have made available to us 100 contracts," said Stratton, "allowing 100 Apostolic churches to obtain their quality materials at unbelievably low prices."

Since obtaining the contracts, Brother Stratton's church has purchased thousands of dollars worth of merchandise, with a heavy emphasis on household items.

"We do a giant sale -- a flea market or garage type sale-- with the merchandise. We have done a sale once or twice a month, and have generally raised \$6,000 to \$7,000 a month, during a four-day sale. There are others who have done even better, because they have had better locations than we have."

Brother Stratton said they are typically able to sell the merchandise at 50 percent -- sometimes as much as 75 percent -- off the normal retail price.

Soon after starting the sales as a regular fund-raiser, Brother Stratton discovered that they could also be used for outreach purposes. They set up a "Pop Quiz" table at their sale, in which they asked people Bible-related questions and then encouraged them to sign up for a free home Bible study. "We now average about 60 Bible study contacts a month," Stratton said. He said that pastors, whether home

missions or other, could use whatever outreach format works best for them, adding that some might simply want to pass out business cards to all customers.

Another possible benefit, said Stratton: Providing employment for the unemployed in your church. "There was one unemployed man in my church who was unskilled and had a lot of disadvantages. So I told God, 'Lord, if this works with this man, it can work with anybody.' I financed him at first and gave him three pallets of merchandise. I sent him out, and he sold the stuff, came back and paid off his original debt. He then bought two pallets on his own. Since then, he's been buying anywhere from five to six pallets a week. It's become a full-time job for him.

For information about getting involved in the "Fund-Winning" program, call Brother Stratton at (909) 882-2080.

# Prayer Journal Offers Help in Spiritual Warfare

## APOSTOLIC RESOURCES

in the book, which relate to various portions of prayer time, include pleading the blood, putting on the armor of God, dispatching angels, binding and loosing, and others. Each section also contains Scriptural insights for the various areas.

This past summer, Sister Doughty's prayer

team was at it again, visiting both San Salvador and Prague. And of course, her outline for spiritual warfare went along.

Cost for the prayer book, which has now been printed in a professional-quality format, is \$5.00. They can be ordered from Sister Doughty by writing First Apostolic Church, P.O. Box 374, Mattoon, IL 61928. Or call (217) 234-4130.

**S**ister Judy Doughty was not surprised when five notorious leaders of Russian organized crime were captured last summer. Or when the value of the ruble jumped to record levels. She and a prayer team who spent two weeks in Russia in June of 1995 had prayed for these very things.

"We prayed everyday about the economy there. Also, there is such a corrupting influence because of Russian organized crime, so we prayed about it also. As a result, within days, the ruble jumped twice to record levels, and five of their main Mob leaders were arrested. So we were encouraged in our prayer warfare."

Sister Doughty's team are not the only ones encouraged by this spiritual warfare. At the heart of their ministry was a book that Sister Doughty had put together, designed to help people expand their prayer time. So impressed was Sister Thetus Tenney of the World Network of Prayer by it that she convinced Doughty to publish the book. It has now sold over 9,000 copies and will soon be in its fourth printing.

"We knew that we would be praying several times a day in Russia," said Sister Doughty, who is a member of Brother John Doe's church in Mattoon, IL. "I had determined it would be difficult if we didn't have a plan to follow." So she developed the booklet which serves as an easy reference for intercessory prayer. Sections



*Judy Doughty*

# 'Top Drive' Ministers to Truckers

## OUTREACH PROGRAMS

**M**ichael Hyde, coordinator of Spirit of Freedom Ministries in Metairie, LA experienced just a touch of the trucking life in his younger days, but it was enough to convince him that the life-style is a world unto itself. That was the reason Spirit of Freedom, a ministry to those addicted to drugs and alcohol, developed Top Drive: to reach into an otherwise unreachable world.

"We developed an outreach specifically for truckers, because the truckers' society across America is basically a closed society. Many times, the only way you're going to reach into a truck driver's life is through

another truck driver," said Brother Hyde.

Top Drive is a packet of materials targeting the trucker specifically. In the packet are materials about the trucking life, a bumper sticker with the Spirit of Freedom toll-free phone number, and a copy of the tape, "Raised From the Ruins." The tape is an account of how Hyde's father, Fred Hyde (founder of Spirit of Freedom) went from alcoholic to victory in Jesus Christ.

"Most truckers won't go into a drug rehab or detox program, because if they do, the Department of Transportation will take their license. This is a way of reaching them that they'll more often accept. Some men have even set up tables at truck stops and distributed the material."

For more information about Top Drive, call Spirit of Freedom at (504) 831-7368.



*Michael Hyde*



- Consider keeping on hand two credit cards for church and ministry purchases.
- Roy Moss offers a book that serves as an excellent study on giving of your finances.
- One author offers advice on surviving the emotional trauma of a new ministry.

**PREACHER'S PICKS**

Recently, we asked various well-respected ministers in the Apostolic movement for their selections for the minister's library. Some of the responses:

- *Roger Barcus: 7700 Sermon Illustrations, ed. by Paul Lee Tan*
- *J.R. Ensey: Preaching and Preaching, by Martin Lloyd Jones*
- *William Sciscoe: The Rhythm of Life, by Richard Eckley*

Please send your recommendations for the minister's library to: AIS, P.O. Box 47917, Indianapolis, IN 46247.

■ **the need for two credit cards**

The credit card craze continues unabated in the 1990s, with more banks offering better deals on their cards. And though many financial experts advise against having too many cards, Elizabeth Lewin, writing in *Kiss the Rat Race Goodbye*, advises keeping two of them for your ministry purchases.

"Use one card to charge major, or fairly expensive, items - ones you plan to pay off over a short time," Lewin said. "then clear the debt as soon as possible.

"But there's no reason you should ever pay a finance charge on minor buys. So use the other credit card for smaller, less-costly purchases," such as books, small amounts of supplies or clothes. "Pay this bill in full each month. By using the system consistently and not combining smaller purchases with big ones, you can cut the interest charges you'll pay over a year."

■ **book review**

*The Lord's Portion, by Roy L. Moss, Revised edition, 1996, Word Aflame Press, 8855 Dunn Rd., Hazelwood, MO 63042. 96 pages, paperback, \$8.99.*

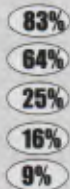
In the revised edition of *The Lord's Portion*, originally printed in 1983, Author Roy Moss does a thorough job examining the church's responsibility to financially support the ministry. He does so by tracing the practice from the days of the Levitical priesthood to the New Testament church. While the book is sub-titled "A Scriptural Study of Tithing," it is actually a good resource on giving in general, even if it does not answer all questions that a "tithe-objector" might have.

■ **surviving a new ministry**

The first year at a new ministry, whether starting a church or taking over an established one, can be hard on the pastor's family. From *Being a Minister's Wife* and *Being Yourself*, by Nancy Pannell, comes this advice if you find yourself in this situation: 1) If your kids still live at home, give them top priority. Children suffer the most in a move. Devote large doses of time and attention to them. 2) Take time to adjust before assuming new responsibilities. 3) Develop an interest or hobby outside the church. And keep growing by developing new ones: writing skills, collecting, etc. 4) Find a close friend. 5) Set new goals, both immediate and long-term. Think of at least one grand dream you'd like to fulfill in the future.

■ **American Pulse: The Practice of Prayer**

What are people's feelings about prayer? The following statistics may tell you something about your need to teach on this subject.



**PEOPLE WHO PRAY...**

- By talking in their own words 83%
- By just sitting quietly and thinking about God 64%
- By reading from a book of prayers 25%
- By using a secular meditation practice 16%
- By using an eastern meditation practice 9%

Source: *Emerging Trends*, June 1996

# Church Law

By Owen Taylor

And now for a tale from the more sordid side of church and finances: Ellen F. Cooke was the trusted treasurer at the national headquarters for the Episcopal Church. Over several years, she embezzled \$1.5 million from the church. Further, she evaded over \$300,000.00 in taxes. She was recently sentenced to five years in prison.

Cooke defended her actions by saying a psychiatric disorder caused her to commit the offenses. The federal court judge found her claim of mental illness to be "spurious." In addition to her five-year sentence, the judge ordered \$75,000.00 in fines and three years probation when she is freed from prison.

Cooke has repaid the church \$100,000.00 and returned real estate to the church that she purchased with the embezzled funds.

The temptations facing church secretaries, treasurers and others handling money is very great. In this case, Cooke had complete control of the church's auditing and reconciliation operations. On a smaller scale, this type of situation is occurring every day in churches and ministries. Ministry boards, church boards and pastors who allow these conditions to exist are placing themselves in a very precarious position, because they have failed to institute proper safeguards of the funds entrusted into their oversight. It is possible that the shortfall of the difference between what Cooke pays back and the amount embezzled could be charged to the church board for this failure in proper oversight. Double signatures, two people involved with counting and depositing money, and frequent auditing cross checks and balances are required for all churches and ministries.

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# The Necessity of the Holy Ghost

Classic Sermon Outline by Verbal Bean

**TEXT: John 3:8. “. . .like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so, we also should walk in newness of life.”**



Before his passing several years ago, Verbal Bean was considered something of a spiritual legend. He started one of the most thriving churches in Houston, TX at the age of 22. He was one of the most sought after evangelists of his day, and served as pastor and teacher during his life as well.

**T**here is an abundance of false teachers in our world today saying that the baptism of the Holy Ghost, while helpful, is not necessary. Tonight, I speak out against such a teaching, for there are several purposes, several reasons that each person who calls himself “Christian” must have this experience.

**THE FIRST PURPOSE** of the Holy Ghost is to provide for us salvation. Our text plainly states that if we’ve been planted together in Christ’s likeness, that is, buried in death by baptism, then as Christ was raised from the dead, even so we should begin to walk in newness of life. It is necessary for us to complete this third step of the Gospel, and that third step is the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

Jesus told Nicodemus in John chapter three, “Marvel not when I tell you that you must be born again.” Further, Jesus plainly stated what He was talking about; He said you must be born again of water and of Spirit. That Spirit is the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

There are those today who would have us to believe that the only thing necessary for salvation is repentance, but this is not the newness of life that Paul refers to in Romans 6:4-5. In reality, repentance simply refers to turning your life around, and walking a new direction; it’s getting rid of the sinful junk out of your life. But this “getting rid of stuff” is not what really saves. The Bible says it’s not by works of righteousness which we have done that saves us. In other words, right living does not save us. I don’t care how good you are, it’s not until you’ve received God’s Spirit into your life that you’ve completed the salvation process.

**NEXT, LET’S CONSIDER** Paul’s words in I Corinthians 2:12-15, “*Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they*

*are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.”*

The Apostle is telling the Corinthian church that the Spirit we have received is not the spirit of the world; it is the Spirit which is of God. But why have we received it? We’ve received His Spirit so that we may know the things that are freely given of God. The Spirit has been given to us so that we might learn the things of God. Thus, the second thing which the Spirit does is to bring us wisdom about spiritual things.

**NEXT, LET’S LOOK AT** I Corinthians 3:16-17.

*“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.”*

**“There is only one way you can be immersed into this Body, and that is through the Holy Ghost.”**

The third purpose of the Spirit in our lives is to make us the dwelling place of God. Throughout the Bible, we find seven complete dwelling places of God with man. The first one was in the Garden of Eden. The next was when God dwelt with man in that old badger skin of the tabernacle in the wilderness, where the Shekinah Glory was manifest. After that, we see God dwelling the temple that Solomon built. After that, of course, God dwelt in the man Christ Jesus, for the Bible says that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself.

Following the age we are now in, God will dwell with man, first in His reign of a thousand years on the earth, and then eternally in Heaven.

But for now, He has a different plan. For God has created the human

being with a vacancy inside his being. This was not by accident, for God’s plan now, is not to dwell in a beautiful temple or in a badger skin; now our individual bodies become the temple of the Holy Ghost.

This is important, because for you to resist the Holy Ghost is to resist the very purpose of our body. This temple, your body, does not even belong to you; you belong to God, that He might in-dwell you.

**AND FINALLY**, receiving the Holy Ghost places you within the Body of Christ. Make no mistake: There’s only one way that you can be immersed, or baptized, into this one Body, and that is through the Holy Ghost. We have been made to all drink of that one Spirit.

There are some who would say that there are different experiences of the Spirit. Some say the “filling” is different from the “baptism.” However, I’m so glad that we have one experience of the infilling of the Holy Ghost. And I’m glad that there is one initial evidence: that of speaking in other tongues.

**SO WHAT IS THE RESULT** of being filled with the Spirit? The Apostle tells us in Galatians 5:16-25 that the result should be for us to walk in the Spirit. He said that if we will walk in the Spirit, we won’t fulfill the lust of the flesh. It’s impossible for you to overcome the flesh if you are not walking in the Spirit; the carnal mind is not subject to the law of God. But if we live in the Spirit, we will walk in the Spirit.

There are only two paths you can take, friend. You can either walk in the Spirit or in the flesh. If you’re in the flesh, you cannot please God, for you’re not subject to His laws. Rather, you’re an enemy of God. But if you’re walking in the Spirit, it’s a different story. This allows you to please God, for it allows you to have the mind of the Spirit. But it comes only as a work of the Holy Ghost. MS

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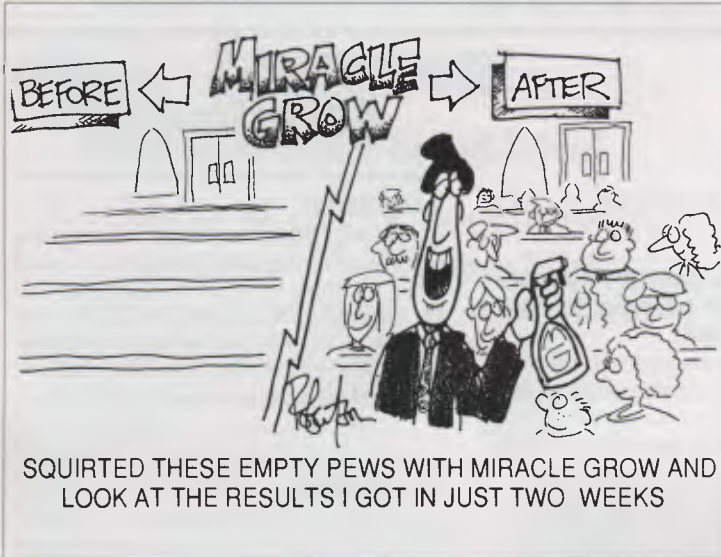
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**WORD TO THE WISE:**

*"It is better for both tools and men to be worn out than to rust out."*

**Smiles**



**Top Ten Reasons** for not washing yourself, by those same people who refuse to go to church:

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9. When I was a child, I was forced to wash myself.
8. There are so many different brands of soap, how do I know any of them is the right one?
7. People who wash themselves are just hypocrites and think they are cleaner than everyone else.
6. None of my friends ever wash themselves.
5. I used to wash myself, but I quit because it was so boring.
4. Washing myself takes time.
3. I'm still young. When I start getting dirty, I might consider washing myself.
2. The clerk at the store where I buy soap never shakes my hand.
1. I only wash for special occasions, like Christmas and Easter.



**The strongman** at a circus sideshow demonstrated his power before a large audience. Toward the end, he squeezed the juice from a lemon between his hands. He then said to the audience, "I will offer \$200 to anyone who can squeeze another drop from this lemon."

A thin scholarly looking man came forward, picked up the lemon, strained hard and managed to get a drop. The strongman was amazed. He paid the man and asked, "What is the secret of your strength?"

"Practice," the man answered. "I was the treasurer at a Pentecostal church for 32 years!"

**A man asked God one day**, "Lord, how much is a million dollars to you?"

God responded, "It is but a penny."

The man: "God, how long is a million years to you?"

God: "It is but a second."

The man: "God, could you please give me a penny?"

God: "Sure, just a second."

**Did you hear** about the group of dyslexic devil worshippers in the Ozarks? They sold their souls to Santa!



**Paul's Chain Letter** to the Corinthians:

1. The Chain Letter of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians. This epistle comes to you from Philippi. Grace be to you and peace. Spiritual gifts will be delivered unto you within four days of receiving this letter - provided you in turn send it on.

2. This is no joke. Send copies to whomsoever among the Gentiles you would comfort in their tribulation.

3. While visiting the household of Stephanas, a Macedonian proconsul received the epistle and was greeted by his brethren with a holy kiss. But he broke the chain, and now he is become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

4. Do note the following: Crispus had the gift of prophecy, and understood all mysteries, and all knowledge and had all faith, so that he could remove mountains. But he forgot that the epistle had to leave his hands within 96 hours, and now he is nothing.

5. In A.D. 37, the epistle was received by a young Galatian woman who put it aside to send later. She was plagued by various problems; thrice she was beaten, once she was stoned, and thrice suffered shipwreck. Finally, she copied the letter. A trumpet sounded, and she was raised incorruptible. Remember: Believeth all things, hopeth all things. The chain never faileth.

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Plainly Speaking:

**Legal Challenges for the Ministry**

Interview with Apostolic Attorney and Pastor Owen Taylor

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There are more than 800,000 lawyers in this country, and as a result, there is a lot of litigation. Consequently, there is a lot of pressure to find new avenues of liability. Therefore, the church and ministry no longer have the protections about us that we had 25 years ago. Back then, nobody would sue the church. Now, they're viewed, not as churches anymore, but as nonprofit organizations, and lawsuits against churches are very common.

The best way churches can prepare for this kind of pressure is through good, common-sense approaches to things we've overlooked in the past. As an example, in Sunday school, there are teachers having supervision over youth. There is usually no screening of who it is that has oversight of these youth, plus there's often inadequate supervision of them. The ratio of teachers to students is usually inadequate.

There was a horrible instance in which a church released a child after church was over, and that child went outside, unsupervised, ran out into traffic and was killed. As a result, the church was sued, because the child had not yet

received a place of safety back with the parents.

**Okay, so we should screen workers and make sure we have adequate supervision. What about liability insurance?**

Insurance coverages are very important. If even a frivolous lawsuit comes against the church, you need to have insurance just to defend the case. The cost of defending yourself now is extremely high.

The church I was a part of before we started our own was sued in a frivolous lawsuit; it cost \$40,000 to defend it, and it didn't even go to court! So you need to check how much coverage you have. Some kinds of coverage have a cap. I mean, the building can only burn down, and you know it's only going to be worth a certain amount of coverage. But these cases with sexual molestation are extremely expensive. There was a multimillion dollar judgment in Southern California in one of these cases. It was set aside by a court later, because it was just too high. But the alleged damages to young people as the result of the trauma they receive goes on for a lifetime according to psychologists, and therefore the damages are high. Consequently, you can't get enough insurance in that regard.

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**--Owen Taylor**

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ally meet with department leaders each month, while my ministries coordinator meets with them every week."

Planning for various church programs takes place in three stages at Antioch. Phase one is six to 12 months ahead of time, when general details are discussed. Phase two takes place three months in advance, when they get more specific. "By the last phase, a month ahead of time, we nail everything down. Nothing is changed after that point."

**Evangelistic Emphasis**

Brother Wright maintains that the world cannot be reached by evangelism. "It's going to take a genuine, supernatural revival. And I believe it's coming." Nevertheless, he stresses that evangelism is Biblical and necessary. "We

operate all the standard evangelism methods: home Bible study, door-knocking, bus ministry. Our Sunday morning service is strictly evangelistic. We don't have any traditional services Sunday morning; we keep it focused on evangelism. We sing, we shout, we dance, we preach, and then we pray people through."

The Sunday school program that the church does operate is also very evangelistic in approach: "We have what we call Neighborhood Outreach Sunday School, where some of our people go into a community center or an apartment complex in a neighborhood and knock on doors and invite children - and some adults - to come to Sunday school in their neighborhood."

Also, the concept of care groups or "cell ministry" is important in Antioch's entire evangelistic thrust.

**Feedback**

**To the editor:**

I really enjoy the "Smiles" page in the Perspectives magazine. It is done in good taste, and many times I find it applies to real-life situations. I always look forward to reading that portion as well as the entire magazine. Keep up the great work. May the Lord bless you as you bless others with "Smiles."

*--Steve Tarwater  
 Hymera, IN*

**To the editor:**

The comics and jokes on the "Smiles" page are more than a source of amusement: They are also a means of conveying a spiritual message about things we encounter everyday, but perhaps over look too often. Perhaps by laughing at some of our difficulties and shortcomings, we can see them from a different "perspective" and begin to change them.

*--Rick McGee  
 Lafayette, IN*

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**Chester Wright: "The Wright Stuff"**

"Obviously at Pentecost, if you divided 3,000 souls by 12 Apostles, that was a large group to work with. But divided by the 120 that they had to work with, you only have 25 per person or group. From that fact, God gave me a revelation from Scripture of a cell structure that I'd never heard of before. Then one day, I went to a Christian bookstore, and there were two shelves full of books about this concept. I remember being very angry that something so Scriptural was never talked about among us. This is an Apostolic method of really getting ready for the revival God wants to send."

And that concept - getting ready for revival - is the force that continues to drive Chester Wright. There's no time to slow down, only time to train others to join the work; only time to impart other workers for the Kingdom with the "Wright stuff."

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*The Williamses*

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*Brent Coltharp*

## Or Ask Deanna Dill and Missy Diveley . . .

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