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## Nathaniel P. Urshan:

# STEWARDS

## *of God's Grace*



**ABOVE:** Pastor Nathaniel P. Urshan of Zion First United Pentecostal Church in Kokomo, IN, preaches on a Sunday night.

**C**hief among the gifts given to Nathaniel P. Urshan by his family has been an awareness of the power of prayer. "A few years ago, we witnessed a man who was pronounced dead by medical technicians and a doctor. But our church believes in prayer, so we laid hands on him and prayed. He immediately came back to life, after having lain dead for 30 minutes."

It's not surprising that part of the Urshan heritage would be an emphasis on prayer. And it's also not surprising that Brother Urshan, now pastoring Zion United Pentecostal Church in Kokomo, IN, believes in being a faithful

steward of the heritage given to him. In fact, the key element that has guided Urshan in his path to producing a revival church has been imparting to members the need to be stewards of God's grace. That is, in the minds of Brother Urshan and the saints at Zion, it is their responsibility to share with others the same grace that they have received. And they appear to have been faithful in their stewardship: Since Brother Urshan took the church nine years ago, the congregation has grown tenfold, from about 40 to 400.

### A Godly Heritage

Nathaniel P. Urshan was born in 1951, the son of the UPCI's General Superintendent Nathaniel A. Urshan. Born in Indianapolis, Brother Urshan lived in that city for 25 years. "I received the Holy Ghost when I was eight years old. It was during a revival, and one night, a blizzard had hit. Conse-

quently, very few people showed up that night. I'd already been seeking the Holy Ghost, so I told my mother that I didn't think I could get it that night, because there was hardly anybody there. She said the weather had nothing to do with me getting the Holy Ghost and urged me on. That talk put faith in me, and I got the

Holy Ghost that night." Following his graduation from high school, Urshan attended Apostolic Bible Institute in St. Paul, Minnesota for a year. He then went to the University of Indianapolis, where he received a Bachelors degree in history. "While there," Brother Urshan recalled, "I was able to witness to a 62 year old professor of the religion department. I got him to come to church, and he was consequently converted to the Apostolic message."

Brother Urshan, now 45, began his pulpit ministry in earnest at age 24. "The first time I really felt the anointing was, ironically, in Kokomo, Indiana. I was preaching a revival there, and it was then that I first felt a definite quickening of God."

After several years of evangelizing,  
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**BELOW:** Pastor Nathaniel P. Urshan with his wife and children.





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*Billy Cole  
Pastor  
Charleston, WV*

I think it would be a great idea for those selling sermon tapes to pay a royalty to the one who preached the message (Small camps and local churches would be an exception). Although there are some ministers who make an income off things such as selling real estate or secular jobs, there are others

who have only their ministry as a means of living.

In my own situation, I've had situations happen in which I'd receive a few hundred dollars for a message only to find the tape ministry fared much better. On one occasion, the tape ministry sold \$8,500 worth of cassettes off one message. That's a lot of tapes! And let's face it, a man can only come up with so many messages, so if everybody has already heard it all over the world, it makes it difficult. It's hard to come up with something fresh and new all the time.

Some will criticize this line of thinking, saying that ultimately, God owns the message. However, God may give you a song, but when you write it, you become the earthly owner of that song. Those who use it pay for the work of the song-writer in transcribing what God gave. It should be the same with preachers. Although ultimately, God gave the message, the preacher is "worthy of his hire."



**Cassette Tape Royalties: Right or Wrong?**

**AIS VIEW:** *Some feel that ministers are entitled to royalties from sermon tape sales, saying the laborer is worthy of his hire. Others say that the message came from God, and should not be "for sale." The best solution is for all parties to sit down with the host of the event and communicate their expectations regarding tape sales.*

I have been in the tape ministry for 23 years, and it's my deep conviction that a minister should not be paid royalties for sermon cassettes. Here's why.

The tape ministry is an extension of the preacher's pulpit ministry. They've already been paid for that by the persons sponsoring the event. Even the preacher himself benefits from having his tapes sold. For instance, in 1977, a minister gave us permission to sell tapes of his message. It went out to many people, and as a result, he was invited to preach at many conferences and camp-meetings. If he had made us pay a royalty for use of the message, his ministry would not have taken off like that. In fact, word of many men's ministries spreads because of tape ministry.

Let me assure you, those who are in full-time tape ministry as I am do not get rich off of it. I've been in it full-time for two decades, and I barely make a living, because of the cost involved. I have two or three meetings where I am guaranteed a profit. There are three times as many events where I make no profit.

So why do I do it? Because the Lord called me into it. Ultimately, the tape ministry is done to support the pastor and evangelist, and we're working to help them.



*Willis Harrod  
Minister / Tape Ministry  
Stockton, CA*



*David Showalter  
Pastor  
Omaha, NE*

I don't think people who sell preaching tapes should pay royalties to those who preached the message, because when a person preaches the Word of God, they're taking it from inspiration of God. And they're also perhaps using other reading sources. The bottom line is that you can't copyright inspiration from God.



*Jay Stinemann  
Pastor  
Fall River, MA*

A person who sells tapes absolutely should not be expected to pay royalties to the preacher. Let's face it, there's no sermon that hasn't already been preached! Now on the other hand, I don't think churches should market the messages for sale to other churches. But it's fine to sell them within their own congregation.



*Rick Robertson  
Pastor  
Spencer, IN*

This is a ministry, and I don't really feel like you can put a price on it. I understand that men work at getting these sermons, but still, it comes from God. On the other hand, if somebody willingly wanted to give something for it, that would be okay. But he shouldn't charge for it, especially if revenue from tapes is going back into ministry.



*Gary Gleason  
Pastor  
Oregon City, OR*

I'm not going to say that the people producing these tapes are committing some great sin. On the other hand, it would not be wrong for a preacher who puts much time into his message to receive remuneration if there are many tapes sold. It's really something the preacher and the person who makes the tapes should discuss beforehand.



*Dan Butler  
Pastor  
Cerritos, CA*

I don't like anything or anybody that exploits the Word of God for monetary gain. It seems to me to be inconsistent with the purity of the Gospel for them to market His Word for profit. On the other hand, if it's a tape that has a lot of work in it or a lot of effort in the development of it, that's another story. Royalties would then be in line.



*Scott Carley  
Pastor  
Lubbock, TX*

The motivation would have to be considered. If an organization makes tapes and the money is being pocketed, it maybe should pay royalties. But if the money is going back into a worthy cause, there's no need for a royalty. As for copyrighting sermons. I could never do that. Most inspirations are not original, but have borrowed from others



# Nathaniel P. Urshan: Stewards of God's Grace

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Brother Urshan accepted his first pastorate at a small home missions church in Memphis, TN in 1975. He was in Memphis for about nine years when God opened the door for him to take the church in Kokomo.

When Brother Urshan began his pastorate in Kokomo, space to grow was not an urgent concern. After all, their facility at 404 West Jefferson could hold their congregation ten-times over. Now, though, only a few years later, the saints regularly pack out the auditorium.

## The Secret of Success

The "secret" for packing out Zion is really

***"My wife has been a blessing to both the church and me. She is really my 'assistant pastor.'" --Nathaniel P. Urshan***



Left: Sister Urshan hosts the Zion Mother-Daughter Banquet.

In 1971, Brother Nathaniel P. Urshan married his wife, Kathy, making this the couple's Silver Anniversary year. Sister Urshan has a pivotal role in the function of the church, noted Pastor Urshan.

"She is not only my wife. My wife is really my assistant pastor. She helps me and supports me in all the major operations of the church. It is no exaggeration to say that I could not have done this without her."

Sister Urshan, also 46, serves as secretary of the church, and is, as Brother Urshan puts it, "the church's number one counselor."

***"The best way to fuel the anointing is through a deep and powerful study of Scripture." --Nathaniel P. Urshan***



Left: Brother Urshan prepares to preach the Word to a capacity crowd during a special crusade held at Zion United Pentecostal Church.

Brother Urshan said that, when the church first moved into the building at 404 W. Jefferson many years ago, it held the congregation quite well. However, the Zion congregation now regularly packs out the former Baptist church building.

"Our auditorium seats about 400. We have approximately eleven Sunday school rooms. Our services on Sunday night are overflow. We average close to 400 on Sunday mornings," Brother Urshan said.

no secret to Brother Urshan. It all lies, he says, in the principle of stewardship that he puts within his saints.

"The most effective means of church growth that I have found are the principles in the seminar I teach. It's known as "Basic Bible Principles of Growth." This method is built around the stewardship principle. When the believers become stewards of the grace of God, the church has to grow. Most preachers do not operate on principle; they operate on emotion or the latest outreach fad. But while fads come and go, principles always work."

In essence, Urshan's ideas, as represented by his seminar, focus on each saint becoming

an ambassador to his community. Church growth, then, rests not so much on the shoulders of the ministry, but on the work of each saint in presenting a positive witness about the Kingdom of God. Besides Zion, 40 to 50 other Apostolic churches have found Urshan's ideas to work.

On a practical level, what this means is that nearly all Zion UPC saints become involved in some form of ministry. Currently, Brother Urshan estimates that about 75 percent of his congregation is actively involved.

"We have many areas of service for the saints. We have a very powerful Sunday school department, which fuels our bus ministry and junior Bible quiz program. It also operates a very effective vacation Bible school. We get a lot out of our VBS. Every year, we have about 200 children. So we put a lot of effort into it. It's a week long, and we end it with a great evangelistic weekend, including a Friday night service and a Sunday morning service devoted to the children."

Other departments, said Brother Urshan, include the music department, youth ministry, and Christian education program (which contains, among other things, the Christian school, which currently educates 68 students).

## Ambassadors to Kokomo

And, of course, being faithful "stewards" means carrying the Gospel out into the Kokomo community - becoming spiritual ambassadors.

"Even our youth are involved in this process. Our young people go out continually and knock doors and solicit Bible studies with a survey form," Urshan said.

The outreach department oversees door-to-door evangelism, home Bible study ministry and nursing home ministry. "We're actually winning the staff of these nursing homes," Brother Urshan said. "They are so impressed with people who care about others that they're drawn to our message. One of the nurses just received the Holy Ghost about a month ago."

Also in the area of outreach, the church ministers at local jails and prisons. Plus, Zion offers a unique kind of "chaplaincy" program, unlike other community outreaches. It involves ministering to employees of local businesses. Brother Urshan noted: "It's not been that long ago that we started this program; it's actually a chaplaincy program for the businesses and companies of our county, in which we offer a representative who goes and ministers to workers and their families. In effect, they become a contact person that the worker can feel comfortable receiving spiritual counsel from."

Other ministries also afford Zion saints the opportunity to be involved. The church has, for instance, a talented music department, Christian education department (which oversees,

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# The Deeper Things of God

## AIS INTERVIEW

With David K. Bernard



**E**ditor's note: Few men have served the Apostolic movement in as many capacities as David K. Bernard. The founding pastor of New Life United Pentecostal Church in Austin, TX, Brother Bernard continues to serve as Associate Editor for the Editorial Division of the UPCI. He has written numerous books and hundreds of articles on Pentecostal doctrine, church history, and other subjects.

Formerly Assistant Vice President of Jackson College of Ministries in Jackson, MS, Brother Bernard now also serves as an adjunct instructor for Indiana Bible College's IBCOME (Indiana Bible College Off-campus Modular Education) program.

**Brother Bernard, you started a home missions church a few years ago. How is it doing?**

It's going well. We started with about nine people, and we now run approximately 150. The Lord has blessed us.

**What has been the philosophy of ministry that has guided you?**

Throughout my ministry, I have been exposed to a variety of home and foreign missionary situations, as well as situations at larger churches. Since I've started pastoring, I've tried to refine and implement those ideas in my own philosophy of ministry.

There are several aspects to this philosophy. Number one is the importance of prayer and dedication to God. It's simply a must. Next, you must have a definite sense of calling and mission in your community. Finally, the pastor has to have a genuine love for people. As a presbyter, and as somebody who has traveled a lot, I'm sometimes amazed at the problems that are caused when pastors don't respect or love their saints. They treat them as objects or underlings, or people who are not worthy of respect. A genuine love for and respect for people, and a desire to heal the hurting, goes a long way toward building a church.

And finally, the pastor should incorporate strong teaching and preaching into his ministry, with a balance on evangelism.

I guess a good summary is that we need a deeper commitment to the deep things of God.

**Could you expand on that "deeper commitment?"**

There are three great needs among the Apostolic ministry. Number one is, of course,

continued and increasing prayer. Number two, we need a deeper study of the Word of God, and a deeper teaching of the Word. And finally, we need a deeper commitment to truth and to a godly life-style.

**So you see a lack of deep Scriptural study as a problem in the church of the 90s?**

To an extent, yes. There is a need among us for diligent study of the Word, especially in the 1990s. There are so many competing doctrines, values and ideologies today, that it's essential that we solidify the truths of the Bible in our hearts.

**You've mentioned "commitment" a couple of times. Is that a problem for today's youth?**

I actually see the Baby Boom generation as having the bigger problem with commitment. In too many instances, this is the generation that has demonstrated lack of commitment to spouses, to church, to their community. Of course, that does sometimes filter down to the teens and twenty-somethings, but at least in our local church, there are a lot of teenagers who were not raised in church, but who are seeing problems in a lot of areas and saying, "I want something better."

**Speaking of challenges of the 1990s, what are the big legal issues facing us today?**

One thing that's a problem is increasing government regulation. We're now living in a post-Christian society, so the government no longer takes into account the impact that various actions and regulations may have on churches. They don't consider churches as deserving any special consideration. As far as they're concerned, church is not an important part of society, so they really don't care. I believe in the future, there will be increasing pressures on religious freedom, for Christians in particular.

**Why Christians in particular?**

Because secular minded people today are willing to grant freedom to exotic religions. However, anything that they consider "fundamentalism," or to be representative of old-fashioned Christian values, they tend to scorn. They don't consider them deserving of religious freedom.

I'm afraid that what we'll see in the future is an increase in regulations, particularly in the area of family law, child abuse, and related areas. But they're not going to stop with

merely regulating abuse; it looks as if they're going to begin to encroach upon liberties of the Christian family to train children in godly values.

**As a recent home missionary, do you think we need to improve missionary training?**

I think there are some things we could do. For instance, in our Bible colleges, there needs to be more in-depth study of Gospel truths. Some of the colleges are doing well in that, but there is room for an elevation in the quality of our doctrinal teaching. Second, we need more practical courses, courses that deal with the variety of issues that a pastor will face. We ought to be teaching them about business, accounting, and legal issues, all of which will deeply impact the church.

I was fortunate enough to have a background in accounting, law, and management in my secular training. Some pastors aren't that fortunate, so they need to get this from somewhere. Bible college is one answer. And for those who can't go away to Bible college, I think taking some basic courses, such as night classes, in these areas, would be a viable option. It's a smart thing for a pastor to attract some people around him who can handle some of these things for him. However, even at that, the pastor must have a working knowledge of these issues, so that he'll know when he needs help and when the advice he's getting is correct.

**What is your number one goal as a pastor?**

It's to do what God has called pastors to do: to heal the hurting who have been ravaged by sin. So many people have been hurt or disillusioned by experiences with other religious groups that I want to always show genuine love and respect for them.

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Brother Bernard was interviewed by AIS correspondent Linda Massengale.



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Paul D. Mooney

■ **Ministry**

*From your experience, what changes would you like to see in the ministry?*

Help! Without doubt that's too big a question to tackle in this small column, but at the risk of sounding a bit shallow on the subject, I'll list a few observations. These are not meant to be critical or judgmental, and they are certainly not all-knowing. Rather, they are intended to be a bit more like just one person's opinion. I would like to see ministers:

1) Be more careful to celebrate with others. There is an unfortunate trend of ignoring anniversaries, dedications, and other special events. Ministers need to be supportive toward the accomplishments of their fellows.

2) Change the terms "pay our speaker" or "pay our evangelist" to "bless our evangelist." It may seem like a minor point, but there's a difference in attitudes. Churches should not say, "How much should we pay?" but "How can we bless or support this minister?" and then go "beyond measure" to support them financially. The old-fashioned love offering opened a lot of doors for ministers who did not have a regular income to be "blessed" by a congregation. Because of downtime and other factors, ministers on the road need to be blessed beyond just "pay" to help defray expenses and cover other costs involved in self-employment, etc.

3) Resist the temptation to take shots at certain conflicts. Most all ministers preach places where they are aware of certain controversies, and it's certainly appropriate to make a Scriptural case for one's convictions, even if there may be resistance to his opinion. This is called free speech. But that's different from taking a "shot" at somebody. A surly remark can ruin an otherwise great sermon. Anyway, ministers could be more careful along these lines.



T.R. O'Daniel

■ **Theology**

*Is a baby born a sinner?*

Could I get by with giving you an answer of both yes and no? Theologically, Scripture implies, yes. "Behold I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm 51:5). This is a psalm of David's repentance as a result of his own adultery with Bathsheba and murder of her husband. The New International Version states clearly, "Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me."

The New Testament teaches the universality of sin, and Paul's epistle to the Romans traces the source of man's sinfulness to Adam (Romans 5:12). This refers to the sinful or fallen nature we "genetically" inherit from Adam. The implication is that since we were all in the loins of Adam we participated in his sin. However, having a beautiful three month old granddaughter, it is difficult for me to accept anything but the innocence of a baby. Scripture also supports this view, as David took solace in the knowledge that he would go to be with his deceased infant son (II Samuel 12:23).

Are they therefore "innocent sinners?" The answer may lie in when guilt is imputed. In the parallelism of Romans, all men are justified unto life in Jesus Christ (vs. 18). However, Scripture teaches that being imputed Christ's righteousness and being made alive in Christ is conditional upon our choosing to accept His offer of salvation. If the parallelism follows through, could it be that our guilt for Adam's sin is also not imputed to us until we reach an age of moral responsibility and consciously choose sin as our way of life? I believe this would be consistent with all Scriptural evidence. Ultimately, a child that dies before reaching an age of moral responsibility rests in the hands of a merciful God.



O. C. Marler

■ **Family**

*My husband and I have grown apart in the last five years. It frightens me. How can we get it back together? A lot of hurt and fear has replaced everything we once had.*

I will suggest something that most therapists and seminar directors will not. Repentance is the best avenue in approaching healing. Repent, sincerely, first to God, and then ask your mate for forgiveness. Make a commitment to straighten out the part of your lives that is upsetting to you, trying not to count apologies. Both of you must get rid of emotional tension. Your making the first move in this direction could inspire your husband to follow; but you must remember that if he does not keep pace with your new way that you must give him time. Some times response and reaction take longer with one person than another.

If prayer, kindness, and love do not drain away the hostility, probably nothing will. A constant arguing will not drain tension from your situation.

Harmony is what you are striving for, and it is never gained by anything except togetherness. If this togetherness cannot be reached, your marriage will never know true harmony - the harmony of two people singing the same song. Being kind to everyone - even strangers - helps you to be kind at home. It becomes a habit, or a part of you.

If you could inspire your mate to join you in a worthy project, such as helping troubled youth, it would put purpose in your life and marriage. When we live only for ourselves, we find that we become very bored. But when we laugh, cry, and even sometimes struggle together to put a common cause over the top, then we find we have neither the time nor the desire to criticize each other.



T. W. Massengale

■ **Outreach**

*Our Sunday school is dying. Any ideas on how to revive it?*

There are eight key elements that should be a part of all growing Sunday schools. They are as follows:

1) *Teachers' Prayer.* Every church should maintain a Sunday morning teachers' prayer / staff meeting to begin at least 30 minutes before the teachers are to be in class. This will be one of the most positive methods of binding your staff together and getting into a spiritual frame of mind. 2) *Teacher Motivation Program.* Many churches are utilizing the "Aim for Excellence" program of motivating teachers to fulfill the

basics of their teaching commitment. It gives each teacher a "standard of excellence" to aim for in the areas of arriving on time, attending Sunday morning prayer, absentee follow-up, lesson preparation, and classroom appearance.

3) *Absentee & Visitor Follow-Up.* The superintendent should motivate all teachers to follow a good absentee follow-up and child visitor follow-up practices each week. 4) *Regular Promotions.* Attendance promotions are a must. Key times are Easter, Pentecost Sunday, Fall Thrust, and Christmas. More can be planned as needed. Promotions include dramas, special musical programs, contests, giveaways, and special theme Sundays. 5) *Bus or Van Ministry.* Few ministries have been more successful in increasing Sunday school attendance than bus and van ministry. However, to be productive as a soul-

winning tool, a regular effort must be made to reach the unsaved parents. Plus, bus children must also be given regular opportunities to receive the Holy Ghost. 6) *Regular Staff Meetings.* A superintendent should have a regular staff meeting on an off church night at least quarterly to keep teachers informed of upcoming plans. Some training can also be planned. 7) *Teacher Training.* Every church should provide an annual teacher training course, on several off-church nights, unless a program is offered by the section or district. This should be an in-depth training session that focuses on the teacher's burden and responsibilities, as well as teaching techniques. 8) *Accurate Records.* Records are an important diagnostic tool. They tell you where you are and where you are going, so keep them current.





RELIGIOUS TRENDS

## Persecution Increases Around the Globe

**A** movement is gathering steam among both religious leaders and politicians to combat the growing wave of persecution directed toward Christians around the world.

In recent months, China in particular has directed massive hostility toward the Christian church. In some instances, Chinese authorities have actually beaten to death Christians meeting in houses for worship. More than 300 house churches have been closed, with dozens arrested. The high government officials fear the rise of a charismatic leader who could unite these millions into a political force," said John Short, an expert on China and a Bible teacher recently expelled from the country.

Other countries where persecution has been increasing include Turkey and Cuba.

Evangelical leaders have begun calling on American political leaders to do something about the growing tide of persecution. In addition, the World Evangelical Fellowship has declared a Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on September 29. "The greatest untold story of this decade is the discrimination,

harassment and persecution of Christians throughout the world," said Brian O'Connell of the WEF's project. "It is well past time for us to mobilize the international church to spiritual action on behalf of suffering believers."

And on the political end, Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA) has introduced a "sense of the House" resolution, condemning the persecution of Christians around the world. In the declaration, the House asks President Clinton to expand government efforts to combat persecution of Christians and to examine U.S. policies affecting persecuted Christians.

CHURCH & STATE

## SBA Clears Way for Religion Loans

**T**he Federal government has decided to allow some religious-oriented businesses to receive government-guaranteed loans, under a recent rule change enacted by the Small Business Administration (SBA).

The new rule stipulates that only businesses primarily "engaged in teaching, instructing, counseling, or indoctrinating religion or religious beliefs" won't be allowed to receive the loans. However, businesses that sell religious books or merchandise or similar services won't be disallowed "merely because they encourage moral or ethical values based upon religious beliefs."

SBA administrator Philip Lader said the rule change was the result of President Clinton's concern over "the increasing secularization" of American society.

POLITICS

## Christians Believe in Political Action

**C**hristians increasingly believe in the power of political activity, according to an American Jewish Committee poll. The survey, conducted by Gallup International Institute, found that 76 percent of Americans who are part of the "religious right" think "Christians should get involved in politics to protect their values." Forty-four percent believe that the Christian view is the correct one on most political issues.

EDUCATION

## Private School Vouchers Okayed

**A**n Ohio state court has ruled that an experimental school voucher program in Cleveland, OH, which allows parents to use public money to pay tuition at private and religious schools, is constitutional.

The case concerned an experimental program slated to begin operation this fall. Under the program, 1,500 Cleveland children will be allowed to attend the private or parochial school of their choice and receive tuition help via tax monies. Up to \$2,250 may be received per child.

The ruling is certain to be challenged, but if it's upheld, Cleveland will be the first city in the country with a voucher program that allows students to attend Christian academies and still receive government assistance.

RELIGION

## Ecumenicalism Not Coming to Pass

**A**n official for the World Council of Churches reports that, after a century of seeking unity of all Christian denominations, few differences have actually been resolved. "After a century of intense theological activity," said Alan Falconer at a meeting of the WCC's Faith and Order Commission, "the churches in most places seem no closer to unity."

Despite recent endeavors to bring Catholics and Evangelicals together, Falconer said that "the fruits of the struggle for consensus have not materialized."

"There seems to be a growing tendency in the churches to assert their confessional identity and resist change," he said.

## News In Brief...

♦ Jail ministries in Hennepin County, MN can once again preach against homosexuality, according to Focus on the Family. The county had put in place a ban on sharing the Biblical view of the gay lifestyle, but backed off after two churches filed lawsuits.

♦ The American Medical Association has voted, through its House of Delegates, to reaffirm its stand against euthanasia and assisted suicide.

♦ The Unitarian Universalist Association, a liberal church group, on June 25 endorsed the concept of homosexual marriages.

STRANGE WORLD

## Unique Way of Keeping Warm

**S**ome of the weirdest news items come from right within the so-called "church world." Some examples:

• Swedish media are reporting that the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kalmar, Sweden has come up with a novel way of heating their buildings. They have applied for a permit to hook up the crematorium in its memorial park with its other buildings, to make warming them less expensive.

• According to the Weird News page on the World Wide Web, a Fundamentalist pastor from rural Tennessee died of interesting circumstances recently. During a revival meeting, the minister encouraged saints to go forward and not only handle rattlesnakes, but to be bitten from them. "Only those who live with the devil will die from the venom," the pastor said. Of the dozen people who went forward, only one died: the pastor.



# Pastor Who Won Over 300 Souls Does Home Bible Study with Video Tape

## HOME BIBLE STUDY

By Richard C. Brown

While Pastor Gary Morgans of Liberty, MO likes the home Bible study ministry, the 1990s demand a few adaptations, he feels. So for several years now, Morgans has fought the battle of short attention spans and fast-paced life-styles through the use of shorter, one-hour studies and video technology.

"Our method started with the QUEST survey put out by World Evangelism Center. I took it and adopted my own style and introduction, creating my own questions." Like the Quest survey, Morgans' starts with general questions about the respondent's feelings about religion. The ninth question is



*Gary Morgans & Family*

what Brother Morgans calls his "altar call."

"At that point I ask them, if they had an opportunity, would they accept a Bible study, so they'd know more about what it takes to be saved." It's then that Brother Morgans sets up a time to meet for a short home Bible study. "Like most, I used to ask for 10 lessons, but that's quite a commitment these days. Normally, we'd get halfway through the study and they would quit. So now I just ask for a one-hour setting, just long enough to take them through the plan of salvation."

Morgans has used both, the "Into His Marvelous Light" published by the Home Missions Division, and "The New Birth," by Brother Michael Blankenship. "I've never taught 'Into His Marvelous Light' without having someone in the home get converted," noted Morgans.

A video cassette helps in the process, as well. "When I teach the lesson, after the meeting, I give them a videotape of the same lesson I just taught, which they can look at a second

time or pass on to a friend. Also, if they're not interested in the lesson, I give them the tape as a gift in the hopes that down the road, they'll watch it. In fact, even if they don't take the survey, I give them the tape."

The tape, which costs \$3.00 to produce, comes in a clear case. Morgans places a tract inside, facing outward. Also included is an outline of the Bible study.

"During the past eight years, we've probably had about 70 people won, largely through this type of Bible study ministry."

Morgans makes available to interested ministers a copy of the video for \$10.00 apiece. However, "it's important that they use it only as an example of what they can produce, because your video needs to be your own pastor teaching it. This way, people have an automatic connection with the pastor."

Anyone interested in the video can call Brother Morgans at (816) 781-9689. Or write: 1315 Nashua Rd., Liberty, MO 64068.

### Foreign Missions in Boston?

## Stanford's Metro Evangelism

### CHURCH GROWTH

Think of it as foreign missions come to Massachusetts: Pastor Denver Stanford of Boston's United Pentecostal Church has a new/old concept for metro evangelism that promises to bring rapid growth to the New England area using techniques long adopted by foreign missionaries.

"This is a bit different from the standard mother-daughter church concept," said Stanford. "I actually am going to function like a foreign missionary. Rather than starting a single church in the Boston area, my goal is to start five separate congregations. I will act as the coordinator and will train and appoint 'pastors' over each of the congregations."

Brother Stanford's primary responsibilities under his new approach to evangelism will be to secure facilities for the churches he's establishing and to find leaders to handle the day-to-day operation of the local congregation. He will train them in all aspects of pastoral ministry.



*Denver Stanford*

"It's actually a kind of internship. I invite young men from Bible colleges to come in and serve a two-

year internship with me, during which time they will actually be the pastor of one of the congregations. They meet with me as a group each Monday night for leadership training. After two years, they may continue to serve if they want. If not, then if they have proven themselves, we give them a certificate saying that they are a proven church builder, and we bring in somebody else."

Stanford said he has already gotten permission to open three facilities in various ethnic areas, including a Spanish work and a Portuguese work. "I intend to open four or five churches a year in the Boston area, placing an intern - pastor in each one. This way, in three years, instead of having just a couple of churches, we'll have 12 to 14 of them."

Brother Stanford said the Bible colleges are excited about the prospect of working with him. Indiana Bible College, Gateway College in St. Louis, and Apostolic Bible Institute in St. Paul have all said they would be interested in helping.

"This is a totally new concept for home missions," said Stanford, "because I don't focus on a single church and congregation. I spend my time looking for properties and training leaders. It multiplies the effect that one man could have."

For more information, call Brother Stanford at (617) 782-8391.

## Newsletter: Apostolics Online

### COMPUTERS & MINISTRY

The so-called "Information Superhighway" can be a difficult place to navigate. For Apostolics looking for Apostolic sites, a "road map" would be a great help. Sister Colleen Clabaugh has what she considers the best available map: the *Apostolics Online* newsletter.

*Apostolics Online* is a monthly online as well as hard-copy newsletter that focuses on promoting Apostolic resources on the Internet, as well as giving basic Internet information to subscribers. "I realized one day that we as Apostolics have so much of the



*Colleen Clabaugh*

Truth to share and that the Internet is an effective way to do it," said Sister Clabaugh, who attends Brother Michael Blankenship's church in Norfolk, VA. "If the Baptists, Catholics, and every other type of religion in the world can promote their "truth," then we must, in my opinion, do our part to promote His Truth."

A typical issue of the four-page publication has a "Church Site of the Month," HTML Web Page editing tips, advice for promoting Apostolic resources on the Internet, new Apostolic web sites, advice on spreading the Gospel on the Internet, and news pertaining to Apostolic Internet "mailing lists."

The newsletter, which has been published  
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- Numerous organizations offer free merchandise useful for Apostolic ministry.
- Statistics show that Americans, logically or not, are obsessed with psychic phenomena.
- Book shows real-life stories of Americans defending their faith against government attack.

**PREACHER'S PICKS**

During a recent interview, Brother David K. Bernard recommended the following reading material for ministers:

*"I'd like to mention Word Aflame Press. There are two of our books that every minister ought to have for their reference value. Both are compilations by various authors. One is called The Pentecostal Minister, and it gives a good overview of several general aspects of being a minister. The other is called Doctrines of the Bible. In eight chapters, it solidly establishes our basic doctrinal view."*

**free stuff for apostolic churches**

It's true that there's no "free lunch," but there are numerous organizations offering, for publicity purposes, items and services that your church or ministry might find helpful. Below is a collection of many of the freebies that AIS has uncovered.

- 1) Free FAX Service. If your church or ministry doesn't currently own a FAX machine, you can still send FAXES for free over the Internet. TPC is a nonprofit organization that operates a free e-mail to FAX service. To send a FAX, simply create an e-mail message. Then send it using the following address, replacing the italicized variables with the actual person's name and phone number, but keeping the punctuation (including the underline) intact: *remoteprinter.First\_Last@phone number.iddd.tpc.int*
- 2) Free Birthday Gift. Here's a great idea to recognize Sunday school kids on special occasions: The First Name Almanac. This is an 8 1/2" x 11" presentation of a first name, its meaning, origin, personality traits and much more. To order, send the person's name, gender, birth date to: Val's Kids Books, P.O. Box 8, Millbury, MA 01527-0008.
- 3) Prepaid Calling Cards. This is a good gift for young people going away to college - the gift of long-distance phone calls. Just send \$1.00 shipping for the card, which offers calls at nineteen cents a minute, to The Fuzz Net, P.O. Box 50316, Raleigh, NC 27650.

**book review**

And Nothing But the Truth, *by Jay Sekulow & Keith Fournier, 1996 Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville, 276 pages, hardcover.*

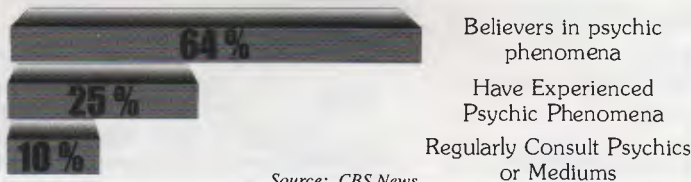
This volume by the lawyers who head up the American Center for Law and Justice is at once disturbing yet inspiring. It's disturbing in its tale of government trying to take away more and more rights of Christian groups. Yet, at the same time, it's inspiring as it shows the quest of regular men and women across the nation standing up for their rights. Emotions flow freely in this stand-up-and-cheer work.

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**American Pulse: America's Psychic Obsession**



*Most Americans believe in psychic phenomena, though fewer have seen actual proof of its legitimacy. A recent poll revealed this about Americans:*



# Church Law

**By Owen Taylor**

If you operate a Christian school, please understand that the Courts have ruled that private schools may not racially discriminate in admissions criteria. In 1971 the IRS ruled that a private school "not having a racially nondiscriminatory policy as to students is not 'charitable' and accordingly does not qualify as an organization exempt from Federal income tax." (See Rev. Rul. 71-447). The IRS subsequently issued two revenue procedures that gave detailed guidelines for determining whether a particular school is in fact engaged in racial discrimination. The procedure specifically provides that a private school must: 1) include a statement in its charter, bylaws or other governing instrument or in a resolution of its governing body, that it has a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students; 2) include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures and catalogs dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships; 3) make its racially nondiscriminatory policy known to all segments of the general community served by the school through the publication of a notice of its racially nondiscriminatory policy at least annually in a newspaper of general circulation serving all racial segments of the community, or through utilization of the broadcast media to publicize its nondiscriminatory policy if this use makes such nondiscriminatory policy known to all segments of the general community - there are some exceptions to this such as publication in separate publications of the sponsoring denomination, publications in certain types of schools drawing from large areas such as over the U.S., and by demonstration of minority enrollment in meaningful numbers; 4) be able to show that all programs and facilities are

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# Faith's Formula

*Selected Sermon Outline by Royce Elms*

**TEXT: "...when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).**



Royce Elms is pastor of Jubilee Apostolic Church in Amarillo, TX, as well as a well-known conference and campmeeting speaker.

July 14, 1934 dawned a beautiful day in Bedford, Indiana. In the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Underwood, it was especially beautiful. Their son and daughter-in-law, Pastor and Mrs. Ralph Underwood, were there awaiting the arrival of their firstborn child. The doctor came to deliver the baby in the home, as was the custom at the time. The hours dragged by and the mother was having a struggle. So the doctor administered chloroform to enable her to rest for awhile. The anxious father looked over at his wife. She stirred and lifted her hand in a good-bye gesture. He called the doctor's attention to it. The doctor leaped to his feet and bounded to her side. "She is going into convulsions," he stated with concern.

Pastor Underwood stood by his stricken wife's side. He watched her eyes roll back into her head. Doctor Dusard held the stethoscope to her chest. He turned slowly and said, "Ralph, your wife is dead."

Tears began to flow down Pastor Underwood's face. His whole world was crumbling. Instead of the joy of a new baby, it was the dread of a double funeral. A hopelessness spread over his being. He turned and asked the doctor if there was anything he could do to bring her back to life. The doctor sadly shook his head and said, "Ralph, it is too late; your wife is dead."

Suddenly Pastor Underwood felt a powerful surging deep in his soul! It was as the Scripture says, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59:19). Pastor Underwood cried out, "I refuse to accept death!" He fell to his knees and began to pray. "Faith Power" began to be generated in his heart, and he rebuked death in the name of Jesus. The longer he prayed, the stronger his faith became! Suddenly, he heard the doctor's voice, "Ralph, I can hear a faint heart beat." His faith soared yet higher. Finally he stopped praying and watched his wife returning from the dead.

**THERE WAS A REASON** Pastor Underwood was able to rise above his situation. He knew "Faith's Formula."

When you exercise "Faith Power," it is necessary to follow the formula as found in God's Word:

*"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).*

Here is the formula: First, ask for the thing you desire. Second, believe that you will receive. Third, act as though you have already received your petition.

**CONSIDER WITH ME** the first part of "Faith's Formula." Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7).

Now listen carefully to this: "Ask,

**"First, ask for the thing you desire. Second, believe that you will receive. Third, act as though you have already received your petition."**

*and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24).* God really wants to meet the needs of your life! He wants your joy to be full! Our Heavenly Father delights in giving His children the good things of life. James declares, "Ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:2). "Faith's Formula" says, "Ask for the things you desire. Go to His throne boldly!"

**NEXT, CONSIDER** the second part of "Faith's Formula": When you ask God for the good things that you desire, believe that you will receive your request. Our text says, "Believe that ye receive them."

Blind Bartimaeus sat by the highway begging. When he heard that Jesus was in town, he began immediately to ask for mercy. He cried out, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me." He had made up his mind to go after his

healing.

He stepped up to Jesus. Jesus asked him, "What can I do for you?" Bartimaeus said, "Lord, that I might receive my sight." And Jesus said unto him, "Go thy way; thy faith hath made the whole" (Mark 10:52). Faith's formula says, "When you ask, you must believe that you are going to receive your request."

**FINALLY, CONSIDER** the third part of "Faith's Formula." After you have asked in faith believing, from that point onward, act as though you already have your answer. When you turn real "Faith Power" loose, you are going to see the results. You are going to see deliverance where bondage seemed final.

Andrew David Urshan was a great apostle of faith and the founder of the Oneness Pentecostal Church in Soviet Russia. In his older years, he became very ill while on a missionary journey to the Middle East. He realized that he needed to return to the States, to his son, Nathaniel A. Urshan in Indianapolis. His son immediately realized the seriousness of his father's condition, but the great apostle of faith told his son, "Take me to a motel."

His son was very concerned for his father's life, and he pleaded with him to let him take him home. He wanted to watch over his condition. But Andrew David Urshan was insistent: "Take me to a motel." After getting his father situated in a motel room, his son asked if he wanted a doctor.

The great apostle of faith answered, "I don't want to see a doctor; I want to talk to my Lord. You go, and if I am going to get well, I will call you."

For three days, Brother Urshan talked with his Lord. Angels monitored his condition, and the Great Physician sent him on the road to recovery. He called his son. "Come and get me; God has given me a few more years to preach the gospel."

"Faith's Formula" works! What would you like to request from the Lord? I challenge you to use "Faith's Formula." It will work for you. **ALS**

## OUTLINE

- I. Introduction - Story of pastor who, exercising faith, saw his wife come back to life
- II. Faith's Formula (Mark 11:24)
  - A. Ask (God delights in meeting our needs) See John 16:24 James 4:2
  - B. Believe (Story of Blind Bartimaeus. See Mark 10:52)
  - C. Act As Though You've Already Received (Story of A.D. Urshan's miraculous healing)
- III. Conclusion: Faith's Formula Works



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**WORD TO THE WISE:**

*"Look back to see how far you've come  
before looking forward to see how far you have to go."*

**Smiles**



*"Remember when we gave them little blue or white New Testaments?"*

**The new home missions pastor** of a rural community was talking to one of the few saints from his church: "So Sister Mildred, how did Hank lose the fingers off his right hand?"

"Well, Pastor, he put 'em in the horse's mouth to see how many teeth he had."

"And then what happened?" the pastor asked.

"Well, then the horse closed his mouth to see how many fingers Hank had."

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**The pastor was counseling** a couple with marital problems one day.

Pastor: "Do you enjoy talking to each other?"

Husband: "Oh yes, we enjoy talking to each other all right."

Wife: "The problem is we hate *listening* to each other."

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**Always remember:** God gives the milk, but not the pail.



*Our giving is on budget for March. Unfortunately, it's now September.*

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**Mrs. Jones had two young sons,** Billy and Johnny. The boys were constantly getting in trouble, picking on other children, and teasing the neighborhood pets. At her wits end, Mrs. Jones called Pastor Smith, hoping he could improve her sons' behavior. The pastor decided to talk to the boys individually to resolve the problem. Maybe if they realized God was always watching them, they would mend their ways.

Billy was the first to be called to the pastor's office. "Billy, where is God?" Pastor Smith said. Billy sat in his chair and didn't answer. "Billy," the pastor repeated, "where is God?" Billy squirmed a bit but said nothing. Pastor Smith asked again, this time sternly, "Billy, *where is God?*"

Billy jumped out of his chair and ran all the way home. He burst into his brother's room, visibly shaken. "What's the matter?" Johnny asked.

"We have to get out of here!" Billy exclaimed. "God is missing, and they're blaming it on us!"

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**The builder** was building a new parsonage for the pastor and family. Builder: "Could you please give me some idea of what kind of house you want me to build?"

Pastor: "Well, all I know is it must go with this antique doorknob my wife bought in Vermont."



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**Nathaniel P. Urshan:**  
**Stewards of God's Grace**

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among other things, the church's Christian school) and a Sunday school for all members of the family. Indeed, family is an important part of the total outreach effort at the Kokomo church. As mentioned, their VBS, youth ministry, nursery and school all have the family and children at heart.

The church's outreach to children continues on Wednesday night, when they conduct a child evangelism hour. Just like their Sunday school routine, they send out buses to bring in the children and teach interesting yet fun Bible lessons on that night.

**Developing Faithful Stewards**

Because so much of Brother Urshan's philosophy of ministry focuses on developing leaders or "stewards," leadership training is high on his list of priorities. He meets with department leaders about every six weeks and keeps in constant contact with them. While not requiring written reports, he talks with each leader verbally to track their progress.

"Also, once a quarter, we have a planning session, in which we sit down and decide what we want to do in each of the departments. I train them with the seminar that I mentioned earlier; this trains them to be disciplined and to get rid of distraction. This seminar motivates, not only the leaders, but the entire church to want to become involved. Most of our churches operate under a situation where the pastor begs and

pleads, but a proper approach will motivate people to seek out ministry opportunities."

**Fueling the Anointing**

While stewardship is an important part of Urshan's philosophy of ministry, there's another aspect that he considers almost equally important: that of having a proper perspective of the Scriptures. "I have an enormous thirst for understanding of the Word of God," he said. "I've found that this fuels a preacher's anointing. Some people try to manufacture an anointing in their ministry, but I've found that the best way to fuel the anointing is through a deep and powerful study of Scripture. The anointing that results greatly impacts people. Unfortunately, teaching is not stressed in our organization like preaching is. Consequently, some people don't spend enough time getting deep into Scripture. I want our congregation to know the book that they live by."

And that's not a problem at Zion, where depth of spirituality is expected. Because ultimately, Brother Urshan is not striving just to win new souls, but to produce new workers, capable of being faithful stewards of the grace of God imparted to them. It's sometimes a difficult process, but always a rewarding one.

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*Those interested in information about the "Basic Bible Principles of Growth" two-day seminar, contact Nathaniel P. Urshan at (317) 459-5663. Or write: Zion First United Pentecostal Church, 404 W. Jefferson, Kokomo, IN 46901.*

**Church Law**

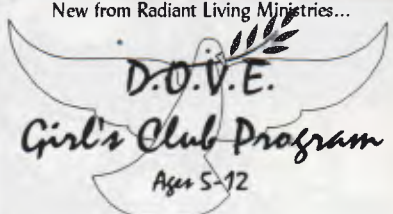
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operated in a racially nondiscriminatory manner; 5) be able to show that all scholarships and other benefits are offered on a nondiscriminatory manner; 6) certify annually to the IRS that it has satisfied all the preceding requirements. The annual certification is accomplished by filing Form 5578 with the IRS no later than May 15 for the preceding year.

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