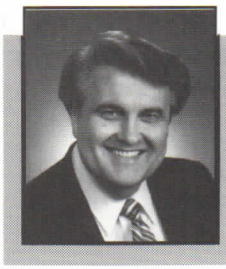

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Bo Baker: The Shepherd's Touch

By Richard C. Brown — Contributing: Linda Massengale

Pastor Bo Baker recalls little Micah's story: "Micah, whose parents are in the church, was born five years ago, premature. He stayed in the hospital for weeks, with some kind of infection. The doctors had paralyzed his body with some kind of drug.

"It got to the point that they said Micah wouldn't make it through the night. However, that night, I felt the Lord impressing me to anoint the boy and pray for him. I went to the hospital, where Micah was in intensive care. They had his bed covered with some kind of clear plastic wrapping, so that no germs could get in there. I prayed for him, but I didn't touch him. As I walked away, the Lord spoke to me strongly: 'I told you to anoint him!'

"So I went back inside and told the nurse what I needed to do. She said, 'You know I'm not supposed to let anyone touch the baby.' But she turned the cellophane cover back one corner and said, 'Please hurry.' I reached inside and anointed him and prayed for him. That morning at about six o'clock, I got a call from the father. He said, 'Brother Baker, I don't know what happened, but during the night, the infection dissipated, and Micah's starting to respond to treatment.'

"That's just one story," Brother Baker said, "of one of the little sheep in our church. And that's an example of what I'm talking about. As a pastor, a shepherd, I don't ever want to lose the ability to reach out and touch people, with love and concern."

The shepherd's heart is what has kept Brother Baker going these seven years since assuming the pastorate of The Pentecostals of Wilmington (NC). More than programs or administration, Brother Baker has tried to keep his focus on caring about the needs of people; about maintaining the shepherd's touch. And during the course of his pastorate, more and more have responded to this touch: Since 1989, the 42-year-old Brother Baker has seen his average Sunday morning congregation grow from 125 to around 260.

The Denominational Road

Brother Baker's life has taken him through several religious twists and turns, first in the denominational world, then bringing him to the Apostolic movement. He was born in Texas and raised in Bozer City, LA by a Baptist family. Indeed, it was as a nine-year-old Baptist that he first felt called to preach.

Brother Baker attended Northeast Louisiana University, and following graduation, went to visit his brother in Dallas. "The first day in Dallas, I met my wife, Valerie," Baker said. "The third day, God filled me with the Holy Ghost."

The circumstances behind Baker receiving the Holy Ghost were unique. Brother Baker's brother had been an instructor at a Trinitarian Bible college, while Bob Baker himself had just written a book entitled, *Why Tongues is Not Real for Today.*

But "one night, on the parking lot of the college, I was talking to five Bible college boys.

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Above: *Pastor and Sister Bo Baker of Wilmington, NC.* ***Right:*** *Brush Arbor meeting conducted by the Wilmington church.*

Opinions

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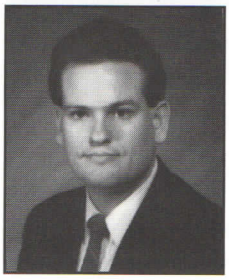

T. W. Massengale
AIS Director
Indianapolis, IN

The church has always had to grapple with change. Whether it's the Gentile question two thousand years ago or modern technology today, godly men have had to pray and seek direction. The Bible does not address every question. Rather, the Word provides general principles and the Spirit helps us apply these principles to our daily lives. This was true of telephone, radio, television, computers -- and now the Internet. Potential for abuse lies within each.

As watchmen, it is our duty to warn of danger. Even so, it is impossible to eliminate all danger. The devil has laid traps everywhere. Bookstores and libraries contain books that no Christian read. Radio today has stations replete with filthy jokes and punk / rap lyrics promoting violence, suicide and rape. Even the telephone in your living room can call forth 900 number sexual filth of unimaginable depravity. Therefore we must be constantly vigilant.

For years we have rightly stood against television. TV is an "active" medium - it sends a continual stream of ungodliness into viewers homes. The temptation to watch unwholesome programs is great, for they come over the

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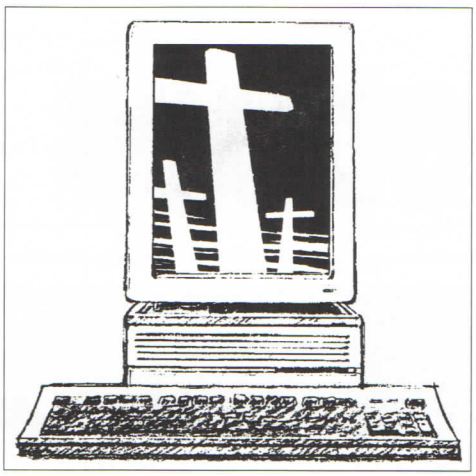


Pros and Cons of using the Internet

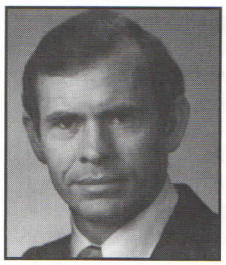
AIS VIEW: *The Internet and in-line services can be powerful ministry tools, both in communicating the Gospel and in providing valuable resources for teaching and ministering. However, there is also a considerable amount of ungodly material on-line. Yet, because the Internet will soon be as commonly used as the telephone, and (unlike television) the usefulness of the Internet outweighs the bad, a complete ban on Internet use would be impractical.*

I have some men in my church who are investigating the Internet issue for me. Consequently, I've not come to any firm conclusions about it yet. However, this I know for certain: A person must proceed with caution.

Leonard Westberg
District Superintendent
Junction City, KS

There are some dangers associated with online communications. For instance, I know of one man who had a very dedicated lady in his church. She became familiar with Internet technology and became acquainted with a man in a chat room. The ultimate outcome was that she ran off and left the country with this man.

Some have likened objectionable material online with a book store; you simply have to buy what is good and leave what is not, they say. However, I must tell you that I wouldn't want the average book store in my house, with both good and bad books. I walk into book stores; I don't bring the bookstore into my home. With the Internet, you're bringing the whole store, with good and evil content, into your house. Therefore, at the very least, great care should be used. Anything that violates a man's conscience is wrong. I hope to have a more informed stand on information technology when I've investigated the issue more thoroughly.

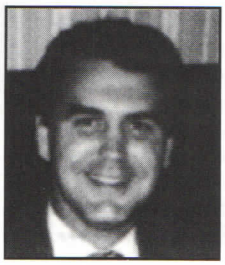


David Abbott
Pastor
Scottsdale, AZ

I'm not computer-literate enough to know all the pros and cons of the Internet, but we had a man in our church working in computer repair who was an ex-convict. His past failures had been because of pornography on the Internet, and as a result of him getting back involved with that, we lost him back to prison again.

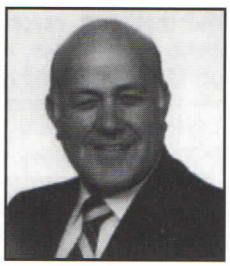
Cecil Daniels
Pastor
Shreveport, LA

The Internet is here, and we need to use it, but there are things you need to be careful about. I've addressed my church about being careful about the material to which they expose themselves. It can be a helpful medium, because it allows us as an organization to put ourselves in as many places as possible in a positive light.



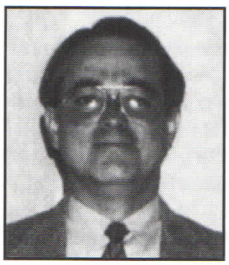
Marty Johnson
Pastor
Camden, TN

To me, the Internet is like video. It's a tremendous tool that can be used in a positive way or negative way. There are educational materials and even things that can be used for ministry, such as sermon illustrations. You can also use it to touch missionaries overseas almost immediately. But you do need to be careful not to abuse it.



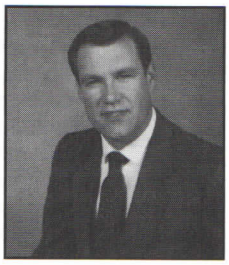
Albert Dillon
Pastor
Salem, OR

I could get a new Cadillac, but I wouldn't have to put it in the Red-Light District. I can get the use out of it on the positive side without abusing it. The same is true of Internet technology. It all comes back to the fact that what's in your heart will eventually come out. If you love God, you won't even be interested in the bad content.



Alexander Kloster, Jr.
Pastor
Keokuk, IL

We've not addressed the Internet issue yet in our church, simply because it's not something that needs to be addressed yet. It can be positive public relations for the message of the church. Ultimately, from what I hear, the Internet is like a book store. You may walk down past some objectionable books, but you have to refrain from buying them.



Harold Kern
Pastor
Issaquah, WA

I'm open to Internet use. A person must, of course, use discretion in what he accesses. The technology has great potential for communication and evangelism. It allows thousands of people reading to know your beliefs and testimony. For many, this is a unique opportunity, because many would not seek out this information any other way.

Cover Story

Bo Baker:
The Shepherd's Touch

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One of them said, 'Let us lay hands on you, and we'll pray for God to fill you with the Holy Ghost.' I prayed, and with tears in my eyes, said, 'Lord, if this is real, I want you to give it to me tonight.' They laid hands on me, and the next thing I knew, I was waking up on my brother's couch. All those boys were around me rejoicing; they said I'd been speaking in tongues for over three hours."

Eventually while in Dallas, the Bakers met up with Brother V.R. Guidroz, who taught them a home Bible study and baptized them in Jesus' name. In 1979, Baker became Brother Guidroz's assistant pastor. Then in 1981, he became a full-time evangelist. Finally, in April 1989, he was approached by North Carolina District Superintendent Johnny Godair about taking the Wilmington church. He accepted.

Early Mistakes

Brother Baker is not shy about admitting his early weaknesses as a pastor. One of the most significant, he recalls, was trying to pastor with an evangelist's mentality.

"When I came here, I was so accustomed to evangelizing, that I came herestill as an evangelist at heart. I was used to preaching every night, so formost of that first year, I was an evangelist. Then I realized that there's more to pastoring than just preaching fiery messages.

"I had to tone that down and begin to learn to teach effectively. One of the most important things for a pastor's ministry is to learn not just how to preach, but to teach. Some of our greatest pastors, the ones truly having revival in their churches, are not necessarily fiery preachers. They're not evangelists at heart, but rather, they're just solid men who love people and are capable of teaching. It comes back to the shepherding aspect. You can't just be a preacher; you have to be a shepherd."

Developing a shepherd's touch also includes mentoring others, something Brother Baker wishes he had discovered earlier in his pastorate. "It's only been the past couple of years that I've been dealing with this whole mentoring concept," said Baker. "It really birthed in my heart from Exodus 18, where Moses had a tremendous problem: He had millions of people he was leading. So Jethro came to him and said, 'Moses, what in the world are you doing to these people. If you continue to try to pastor all these people by yourself, you're going to wear yourself away and you're going to wear the people away. All this is too heavy for one person. You need to seek out able men from among the congregation. Let them judge the smaller matters and bring the bigger things to you.'

"So the revelation I've gotten is that, for his own sake and for the sake of seeing growth in his saints, the pastor has to be willing to train others to lead, and to let them develop. That's what mentoring and training are all about."

Below: *Exterior view of the new building which will soon house the Wilmington congregation.* ***Bottom:*** *A Sunday night crowd.*

Mentoring & Cell Ministry

One of the ways Brother Baker intends to mentor and develop leaders is through the launching of a new cell ministry. This he intends to do this year, both for the purpose of training new leaders and, of course, for outreach purposes.

"I'm heavily promoting right now our Care Fellowship Groups. This will probably be the greatest outreach effort that we've ever had - the idea of saints ministering to people in the local home. We're living in a different society today than what we had 50 years ago; it's much more dysfunctional. We're having to deal with problems in churches today that we never before had. We've got divorce running rampant, troubled families, and people have got to be able to have those needs met by the church. It takes more than preaching: It takes special support groups to deal with these problems." And, said Baker, that's part of the appeal of cell ministry. "God will use people in the church if they will allow Him. This Care Fellowship ministry depends heavily on that principle."

A Job for Everyone

Indeed, there are numerous places in the ministry of the Wilmington church for saints to get involved. For instance, the church relies heavily on home Bible study: "I talk about Bible studies regularly from behind the pulpit," Baker said. "We have several studies going right now, although we don't have as many as we had eight months ago, simply because we're completing a church building program. But we're still teaching lots of them."

The Pentecostals of Wilmington also operate an active youth ministry called "Youth Alive;" a singles' ministry they call "Solo;" plus a visitation ministry; hospital ministry; jail outreach; and specialized outreaches for specialized interests, such as senior citizens. And the church features a variety of choirs: "We have an adult choir, youth choir, and children's choir. We also have a "Silent Hands" choir; that's our deaf choir. In fact, we have a complete deaf ministry that's doing great."

One thing the Wilmington church does not concentrate heavily on anymore is random door-knocking. "When we first came here," Baker recalled, "we used mainly door-to-door visitation.

"One of the most important things for a pastor's ministry is to learn not just how to preach, but to teach."

--Bo Baker, Pastor, Wilmington, NC

However, it came to the point that it wasn't very effective for us. It was interesting, because I purchased a book a few months ago called User Friendly Churches, by George Barna. The book gave 10 areas that user friendly churches do not do, and one of the things that caught my attention was, 'No cold-call evangelism.' Barna noticed thatmost successful churches didn't have a bunch of people knocking doors of those with whom

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Plainly Speaking

The Power of Radio Evangelism

Exclusive AIS Interview
With Hugh Rose

Editor's note: For nearly 36 years, Harvestime has served as the radio voice of the United Pentecostal Church International, and Brother Hugh Rose has served as coordinator. Brother Rose, who also pastors in Jewett, Ohio, handles both the administrative duties of the radio ministry as well as announcer for the weekly program. Recently, AIS spoke with Brother Rose about Harvestime and about radio outreach in general. Below are some of his remarks.

Brother Rose, give us a bit of the history of Harvestime.

Harvestime will be 36 years old in March, although I was actually not involved with coordinating the affairs to get it on the air during those prelinary stages. From its inception, it has been the official radio voice of the United Pentecostal Church, and consequently it has been on multiple stations since it started.

How did it begin?

It was introduced at the 1960 General Conference in Dallas, Texas, and then went on the air in March, 1961. It was on about 60 stations at the time.

How did you happen to get involved with the program?

It happened like this. First, there was a committee formed, comprised of Brother Nathaniel A. Urshan, Norman Paslay, C.H. Yadon, F.E. Kinzie, and T. Richard Reed. Harvestime was at first a part of the Home Missions Division, so Brother Yadon, as Home Missions Director, became the first director of Harvestime. Brother Urshan was selected as the first speaker.

I just happened to be with Brother Urshan at Calvary Tabernacle in Indianapolis when he was asked to be the speaker. Consequently, the production of Harvestime was done at Calvary Tabernacle; that's the only reason I became involved.

And what is the status of Harvestime today?

Right now, we are on 150 stations, reaching into over 125 countries. At one time, we were on 300 stations, but many of those were just tiny, tiny stations which we got on for five dollars or so. However, we are reaching more people now with the stations we're on than we have ever reached. This is because the current stations are more strategically located; they're larger markets with larger potential audiences.

And what is your potential audience today?

Our potential audience is between two to three billion people. This is because some of our stations reach such vast audiences. We have, for instance, broadcasts on six shortwave stations, which reach into large parts of the world. Radio Sri Lanka says they have a potential audience of three billion people, and that's just one station.

What about your actual *listening* audience?

A few years ago, an agency from California did an in-depth study and said we literally reach a minimum of five million people just in North America every week. That's only North American listeners; the number is multiplied many times by our international stations.

What steps can a pastor or other ministry leader take to have an effective radio evangelism program?

I'm glad you asked! First, starting your own radio broadcast can be a fairly inexpensive venture. Put something from your church on the air. In addition, I would suggest arranging for your local radio station to air Harvestime if it's not already doing so. You can do this by communicating both with the station and with us at the radio ministry.

Also, Brother John Smelser, who is part of the Harvestime team at our St. Louis office, usually suggests that the local church sponsor a Harvestime Broadcast Rally, complete with a songfest, in the local church. This strengthens the radio effort of your local assembly.

Tell us something of the power of radio as a ministry.

Radio goes into areaswhere we could not otherwise go into. Many doors are closed to us and to our missionary outreach. However, this is not true of radio.

In our large cities, we cannot visit most high rise apartments, but radio can. Radio broadcasts can go where we could never go and reach people whom we could never reach with the Truth.

You've had some great names associated with Harvestime, haven't you?

Definitely. For instance, we've had involved as speakers and directors such men as Brothers C.H. Yadon, James Lumpkin, F.L. McKinzie, T.F. Tenney, Ray Agnew, and Nathaniel Wilson. And of course, our present speakers are Nathaniel A. Urshan and C.M. Becton, who share the speaking responsibilities. Brother Urshan himself has been doing it for 12 years.

Actually, were it not for Brother Urshan's totally uncompromising vision for radio evangelism, Harvestime would in no way have continued these 36 years.

What can ministers do to support Harvestime?

Our current budget for Harvestime is $575,000, so one thing ministers can do is to support us financially. Our Thanksgiving offering doesn't meet all the expenses, although we have been very pleased with the results of it. In the last two years, we've gotten record offerings. And of course, we're hoping this year will be another record year.

And then finally, consider sponsoring Harvestime in your city. Call the station and make arrangements to sponsor the program. Then Harvestime will ship the tapes at no charge to the church or radio station. Radio is an important part of most people's lives. The church should be careful to make it an important part of its evangelistic efforts as well.

Brother Rose was interviewed by Perspectives *correspondent Linda Massengale.*

Q & A Forum

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Paul D. Mooney

■ Ministry

I'm about to graduate from Bible college, but am worried that no position in the ministry will come my way. What can I do?

You're probably right: Nothing will just "come your way." I recall seeing a sign on a door once that said "automatic." It opened without pushing any buttons. It appeared to be automatic. But when the little boy on the train we were riding said to the conductor that he really liked that automatic door, the conductor said, "Nothing is automatic, son. Somebody has to build that door."

That statement has hung in my head. Nothing is automatic! It's true, of course, that we often think that some things will just come our way, but they never do. Journeys never embarked on are never taken. Victory is secured when one rises to the challenge and gets the job done.

I so often see young people standing around in a pool of sarcasm and criticism doing nothing while hoping something will come their way automatically. It won't! Or worse, they walk through some doors that seem to open automatically. But the truth is somewhere, somehow, at some time, somebody may have cleared a path or prepared for their future. More often, it's like King David who collected the materials for the House of God. Solomon built it, but it wasn't automatic. The blood and sweat on David's hands had provided the opportunity for Solomon.

Nothing is automatic! Listen up: Don't be tempted to stand back and stew or become cynical or wait for something to be handed to you on the proverbial silver platter. God has great things for you, but you must work, labor, sacrifice, and commit. Do what you see needs done and then watch doors open.

T.R. O'Daniel

■ Theology

Is belief in the essentiality of baptism relying on works for salvation?

Scripture teaches that salvation is a free gift from God, and works will never earn the believer salvation. Salvation is only possible by God's grace accessed by faith (Romans 4:1-5; 5:2; Ephesians 2:8, 9; II Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5). God does the "work" in salvation, not us.

However, classifying baptism as a work of the believer is inappropriate. Baptism certainly does not qualify as a work of the flesh contrary to faith. The baptismal candidate submits to baptism as an act of obedience in faith that God will do the "work" of remitting their sins as He promised He would (Acts 2:38). The real work was accomplished by Jesus Christ when He shed His blood on Calvary. God graciously credits us for this work if we in faith call upon His name in baptism (Romans 6:3). Hence, baptism is not antithetical to faith or even in addition to faith, but rather, an aspect of "the obedience of faith" (Romans 16:26).

Those who classify baptism as a work usually do so as a basis for, or in conjunction with, denying the Scriptural teaching of the essentiality of baptism. Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). Peter commanded baptism (Acts 2:38; 10:48) and spoke of baptism saving us (I Peter 3:21).

Baptism cannot earn us forgiveness, but God in His sovereignty chose repentance and baptism in the name of Jesus to be the means of accessing forgiveness and / or remission of sins. God then graciously fills us with the Holy Ghost. Both of these actions by God are predicated on our faith, not our works. We have nothing to boast of, but rather, we must give Him all the glory.

O. C. Marler

■ Family

My husband and I were married eight months ago. Soon after the wedding, we moved far away from family and friends. I never imagined how lonely and depressing this could be. My husband had to work long hours. We have very little time together, and I don't know anyone I can really talk to. I write many letters to my old friends, but they don't usually write back. While growing up, I had to cope with loved ones dying, and my parents divorced. Maybe I am expecting too much. Is there anything I can do?

I can see your difficulty. Being married only eight months, you are still in the difficult "early adjustment" period of marriage and moving a distance from home would only add to your upset. Few things are worse than homesickness, but time has a way of easing pain. I am far more concerned with your depression.

A person must deal quickly with depression before it becomes a neurosis, and the best antidote for depression is forcing yourself to stay active. You mentioned a lack of friends. In this day and time, the best place to find friends is at church. If the church is not putting out the welcome mat like you think they should, let me say that few churches do. You see, they are "home," and they don't realize your predicament. So you must reach out to them rather than waiting for them to reach out to you. *You* make the first move.

Secondly, pray that your husband's work schedule improves. But don't stop there; in the meantime, make the time you *do* have together quality time. Thirdly, try expanding your education. Fill your mind with fresh thoughts and ideas. And finally, get involved in the work of God!

T. W. Massengale

■ Outreach

We are a small church and don't have a large amount of money to spend on advertising. Another denominational church in town spends thousands each year on advertising, and needless to say, they have grown rapidly. It grieves my heart to see so many going there every Sunday when we have the Truth and no one hardly knows we exist. My question is this: What is the most effective evangelism method that a small church can use to obtain maximum growth on a limited budget? Do you have to spend thousands on advertising to grow?

The most effective way to reach your community is not by spending thousands on advertising. Advertising will increase your name recognition and community awareness profile, but real growth comes only from reaching your church's oikos (family, friends and acquaintances) with the Gospel.

In most churches 90 percent of all who receive the Holy Ghost do so within a church service of some kind. Secondly, almost 93 percent of those who have received the Spirit have done so after attending church three or more times.

The bottom line is this: To grow you must increase the number of oikos visitors that attend your church and secondly, they must come more than once. There is no single evangelism method that effectively accomplishes both. What has proven most effective in bringing oikos visitors are events such as revivals, special services, church socials, attendance promotions and similar activities. What has proven most effective in encouraging those visitors to return is a full-featured visitor follow-up ministry. In my opinion, a good follow-up ministry is the most important evangelism ministry a church can have, because if your visitors don't return, very few will ever receive the Holy Ghost.

But let me conclude by saying that an organized program cannot substitute for power-packed, Spirit-filled services. Such services will not only attract visitors but will keep them coming back until God can convict their hearts. And that, of course, is the ultimate objective in any outreach program.

BIBLE & SCIENCE

Scientists Find Evidence of Mount Sinai

German and Italian scientists say they are the latest ones to find a site of Biblical significance, further strengthening the Bible's archaelogical validity. Italian archaeologist Emmanuel Anati, along with Catholic theologian Paul Imhoffof Istanbul claim they've found the mountain on which Moses received the 10 Commandments 5,000 years ago.

The location, according to Anati and Istanbul, is on the Har Karkom plateau in East Sinai. A report in the German magazine Weltbild documents a host of clues that the pair has found on Har Karkom that indicate it was the Biblical Sinai:

- First, more than 2,000 finds (including many tools, graves, altars, and more) fit descriptions given in the book of Exodus.
- Also found: 12 stones behind what appears to be a sacrificial stone at the foot of the mountain. This, the researchers say, fit with the passage in Exodus 24:4, which says, [Moses] rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of th e mountain, and put up 12 sacred pillars" (Exodus 24:4).
- An engraving discovered in the area shows a tablet with 10 squares, causing the men to think this represents the stone tablets on which the 10 Commandments were written.
- They also found many rock engravings of scorpions, reminiscent of one of the 10 plagues that God had brought on Egypt.

STRANGE WORLD

Pizza, Baptism Don't Mix

Here's another example, from the world of the weird and bizarre, that we live in a fallen and strange world.

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• Little did the children of Wobern, MA know that when they went to church one weekend for pizza, they would come away baptized - sometimes against their own will.

That's the story related by Christianity Today in October, as they told of Anchor Baptist Church of Woburn. According to CT, the church enticed 200 youths from low-income housing to come to church through promises of pizza and free prizes. However, once there, they sat through a sermon on baptism, and most were baptized. Twelve-year-old Hieu Nguyen said he was one of many who didn't even know what was happening as they were put down in the water.

Pastor Chris Pledger said they obtained parental permission slips that allowed them to do the baptisms, as the forms gave permission for the kids "to participate in all aspects of the service.

"We feel like the Lord would have us to do it this way," Pledger said.

CULTS & OCCULT

Role-Playing Games Endanger Youth

A gruesome murder involving a so-called "Vampire Cult" has highlighted once again the danger of allowing youths to be involved in occult role-playing games, according to some Christian groups.

In December, a 15-year-old girl plotted with four friends to kill her parents, and eventually carried out the plan. All five of the youths were involved in a "Vampire Cult." The group was motivated when they took too seriously a bestselling role-playing game called "Vampire: The Masquerade."

This, however, is only one of the new generation of occult-based games carrying on in the tradition of the 1980s' "Dungeons and Dragons." There are literally dozens of others.

One of the more popular games drawing in teens by thousands is "Magic: The Gathering." "MTG" is a game played with special decks of cards, with various mystical symbols on each card. Different packs are available for various prices, each of which has different cards. Each card gives the player certain powers and, in some cases, special incantations and spells. As the player buys more and more cards, his character becomes more powerful. The result is that the youth gets more and more drawn into the game. Some sample cards available: the "Zuran Spellcaster," the "Demonic Tutor," the "Counterspell," the "Pentagram of the Ages," and literally hundreds more. "Magic: The Gathering" has become so popular, dozens of similar games have sprung up in comic book shops and on computer online services.

When Martha Anderson's son was arrested as one of those involved in the "Vampire Cult" slaying, his mother knew it had something to do with his role-playing habits. Ms. Anderson said she intends to get her son a psychiatric evaluation. "I don't know what it is. . .He fell under the spell of something."

CHURCH TRENDS

Church Relying On Experience, Not Scripture

Church members are relying less on the Bible as their "rule of faith," and more on special revelations, according to a recent "Culting of Christianity" conference held in St. Louis, MO. The conference, held in November, analyzed cultic trends within the church.

G. Richard Fisher, a board member for Evanelical Ministries to New Religions, which sponsored the conference, said Christians today are losing the ability or interest to do any systematic study of Scripture. He said that Christians no longer consider the Bible to be "adequate for godliness and maturity." Rather, many feel they need extrabiblical experiences.

Likewise, James Bjornstad, president of EMNR, said that "hermeneutics today is reduced to one sentence: The Spirit told me." Such supernatural experiences have replaced an objective study of what God has revealed in the Bible, Bjornstad said.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Arcades Fail to Monitor Games

A new report by the National Institute on Media and the Family finds that, while parents have done a good effort at keeping adult materials away from their home computers, video arcades are undermining those efforts by not policing who plays what.

The informal survey was based on telephone interviews and spot checks of about 90 arcades and rental stores. Dr. David Walsh of the institute said of his visit to arcades: "I saw kids - eight, nine, ten years old - playing some extremely violent games. We're calling upon the arcade industry to kind of take a look at their practices."

News In Brief...

◆ The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to take another look at the Communications Decency Act this term, after striking it down last year. The Act makes it illegal to disseminate sexually explicit materials via the Internet or online services. The Justice Department, however, has asked the Court to consider whether certain portions of the law might be declared valid.

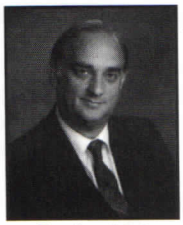
Interviews By Linda Massengale

Gordon Mallory Offers "Family Revival Seminars"

APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES

By Rick McGee

Throughout his childhood, Brother Gordon Mallory experienced first-hand the horror and pain of an abusive home. It was partly this experience that led Brother Mallory to start a ministry to the family 20 years ago, leading to his recent "Family Revival" video series and seminars.



Gordon Mallory

As a former pastor in Gary, IN, Mallory noted, "Most of my time as a pastor was being spent with people having marital and family problems." He soon realized that marital counseling was a common time-consumer for other pastors as well. These pastors began to invite Mallory to teach lessons on family life, and thus "Family Revival Seminar" was born.

Is there a great need for this type of ministry today? Mallory gives an emphatic, "Yes!"

"There is a terrible breakdown of the home and family in today's society. These problems have made their way into the Christian home and church. We must stand up and make a difference."

Mallory feels the Family Life Seminars have made a difference in many families. Abusive husbands have been saved, he notes, divorce plans have been changed, and many good marriages have been improved.

While Brother Mallory admits he's no psychiatrist or psychologist, he says his years as a pastor and background in an abusive family have given him unique insights to share.

Just how effective is Mallory's seminar: "One man received the Holy Ghost while renewing his wedding vows at the conclusion of one seminar," he noted. Another, Mallroy said, who had been abusive toward his wife and children, was saved at one of Mallory's meetings. "A few years later, I met this man again. He told publicly of the deliverance he'd received. He was now happily married, no longer abusive, and of all things, the pastor of a church in Texas!"

Each Family Revival Seminar lasts approximately four days. The four topics discussed are: True Love, Discipline, Meekness, and Finance. For information about either the seminars or videos, call Brother Mallory at (360) 841-0224. Or write him at World Evangelism Center, 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, Missouri 63042.

David Norris Joins IBC Faculty

INDIANA BIBLE COLLEGE

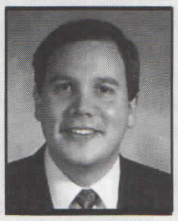
By Joel Richardson & Richard C. Brown

Brother David Norris, the grandson of S.G. Norris (founder of Apostolic Bible Institute) is carrying on his family's Bible college tradition, now teaching at Indiana Bible College.

Norris, who formerly taught at Kent Christian College, is considered a true scholar in the Oneness movement and is completing his PhD in religion this year at Temple University. He also has a Masters Degree in Theological Studies from Eastern Seminary and a B.A. in Liberal Studies from Neumann College.

"I first became involved in Bible college while pastoring in West Bend, Wisconsin. During that time, I specifically felt the Lord speak to me about doing Bible school training."

Norris, who now pastors in Philadelphia, PA, flies in for his IBC classes. "When I fly in, I go into a whirlwind schedule," he said, "working with individuals on independent study projects as well as teaching a course in research methods, one in church planting, and one in Old Testament Theology. Next semester, I will teach Pentateuch and Eschatology.



David Norris

"What a blessing it is to see how God can work out His plan in the lives of young men and women. I believe that with a few minor changes in our organization's Bible school structure, we could multiply our effectiveness in training leaders to reach the lost."

Friendship International Reaches Foreign College Students

WORLD MISSIONS

By Richard C. Brown

Everyone has heard of "undercover police." Most have heard of undercover spies. But undercover friends? That's just what the Foreign Missions Division hopes to produce on college campuses around the world with its "Friendship International" ministry.

Friendship International is a relatively new ministry of Foreign Missions, designed to reach international students visiting a country long enough to get a college education. Because many of these countries frown on religious proselytizing of the students, people involved in the ministry go in as "friends reaching friends," according to Brother Clifford Readout, coordinator of the program.

Clifford Readout

"We know from statistics," said Brother Readout, who also pastors in Longmeadow, MA, "that international students have a deep desire to make a friend in the nation where they're studying. Of those that get converted, a large percentage of them convert to the religion of their first friend in that country. So we plan on making use of that wherever possible."

Friendship International was originally conceived by Foreign Missions Director Harry Scism. Brother Scism, knowing that Brother Readout had previously been involved in campus evangelism, asked the Foreign Missions board to let Bro. Readout serve as coordinator. Under the ministry, the six regional directors of the foreign field are asked to develop a plan for reaching colleges and universities in their area. They do so by sending in people to make friends with students who have come from other countries. "Our major approach will not be to treat people as commodities, but as human beings with needs, and to build relationships."

The approach works, Readout stresses. They've already had successes in several areas. "One of our committee members from Belarus said that at last report, they had about 200 converts from the university there."

Because the program is still in its infancy, there is considerable financial need to cover traveling and literature expenses. "So we are definitely in need of some assistance with funding."

For more information about Friendship International or about how you can help, write Brother Readout at 26 Somersville Rd., East Longmeadow, MA 01028. Or call (413) 525-2233.

NEWS You Can Use

- Christian schools can earn valuable supplies by buying the right products.
- Four different types of people require four different types of preaching, teaching.
- Owen Taylor warns that ministers may legally be considered "public figures."

EDITOR'S PICKS

Normally, we ask prominent Apostolic ministers for their recommended reading list. For the first issue of the new year, however, AIS managing editor Richard C. Brown decided to chime in with his recommendations:

- "For an understanding of the Godhead issue, nothing tops David K. Bernard's *The Oneness of God*, but his sequel, *A Oneness View of Jesus Christ* comes close."
- "*The Teacher's Commentary* by Lawrence Richards is one of the best Bible references for anybody teaching Sunday school or Bible studies. It not only comments on Scripture but helps you with an outline for teaching various passages.

■ saving stripes for your Christian school

With the school year halfway finished, now is the time for Christian academies to begin planning on buying supplies for the next school year. Christian school experts agree that often, waiting until summer is too late.

One valuable source of supplies for non-profit ministries such as Christian academies are those UPC (Universal Product Code) stripes that you see on the bottom of grocery store goods. Many companies now have offers allowing you to redeem those UPC symbols for educational and sporting equipment. In fact, there is a new catalog, recently published by Eastman Kodak, Hershey Foods and Hefty Products, that details more than 250 items that you can obtain for your Christian school by simply asking church members to save their UPC symbols. To obtain your catalog, call (800) 645-0515.

■ four audiences

Leadership magazine notes that there are four types of listeners any preacher or teacher will be speaking to, and hence, four different types of needs to be met:

1) Generation X (16 to 25 years old): This is a "feed me" generation, that tends to retreat from the world into small groups. They need unconditional acceptance and a very short list of what's really important. Also, written reinforcement of key concepts.

2) Busters (25 to 35 years old): They are the "Why me?" generation. They don't like crowds and are skeptical of guarantees. They need relationships, and to feel like they're creating a better world.

3) Boomers (35 to 50 years old): They're the "Entertain & Earn Me" generation. They are faddish, and looking for spiritual definition. They need self-definition and a sense of worth.

4) Older Adults (50 and up): They're the "Need Me & Show Me" generation. They possess skills and money and want to do something worthwhile. Offer them duties that they can easily perform.

■ book review

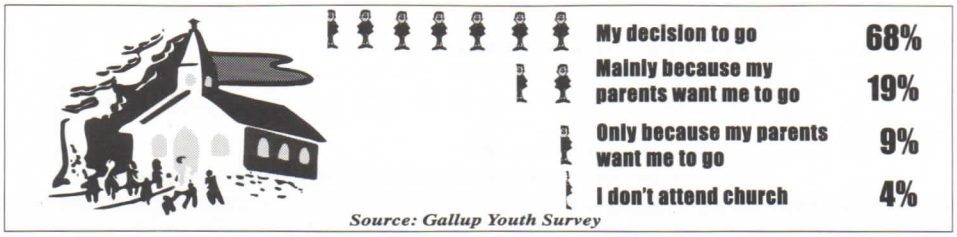
Christ-Centered Preaching, *by Bryan Chapell, 1995 Baker Book House, 300 pages, hardcover, $24.99*

In this book, chock-full of practical advice for the preacher, author Bryan Chapell points wandering preachers back to Christ as the focal point of their preaching. In doing so, he supplies a detailed prescription of how to construct such a Christ-centered sermon.

True, Chapell's presentation does at times seem unnecessarily "academic" for the casual reader. But if you can wade through the high-brow language, you might become a better sermon-preparer.

■ American Pulse: Why Teens Go to Church

Churches wanting to attract more youth to their services should target the youths themselves more, and not so much the parents, according to recent statistics. Why teens go to church:



Source: Gallup Youth Survey

Church Law

By Owen Taylor

A New York court has ruled that a prominent minister could not sue a newspaper for an allegedly defamatory article, since he was unable to prove malice. The court ruled that Louis Farrakhan must prove legal malice in order to sustain his action against N.Y.P. Holdings, Inc.

Noting that persons who are "public figures" cannot be defamed unless legal malice - that the person knew the remark was false or made it with reckless disregard for the truth - is proven, the court threw out Farrakhan's suit. The court said that Farrakhan failed to make out a case of legal malice.

Farrakhan's basic complaint was that the newspaper article accused him of complicity in the Malcolm X assassination. The court indicated that the failure to investigate and report other accounts of the assassination, failure to report on every aspect of the assassination and the unsubstantiated assertion that the newspaper relied on dubious sources was not enough to establish legal malice.

The moral of the story is that it is very hard for a "public figure" to successfully sue for defamation. The question for ministers, then, is clear: Are preachers "public figures?" The answer will hold great significance for similar ministry-related cases in the future.

Owen Taylor is an Apostolic attorney. Call him at (410) 757-8080, or write: Christian Freedom Foundation, 1304 Harmony Lane, Annapolis, MD 21401.

100 CLUB

100% Committed To Jesus

How many times
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The key to helping young people maintain this level of commitment is found in the 100 Club program. Not only does 100 Club provide them with a vision and a task, but it also keeps them accountable. Each member is required to complete a monthly planner each month, in which they record their prayer time, chapters read, meals fasted, and people witnessed to. These planners must be turned in to participate in the monthly activities and annual retreats that are reserved for members only!

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Guest Pulpit

You Have a Need, But I Have a God

Selected Sermon Outline by James Larson

TEXT: Philippians 4:8-19. "...My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory."

James Larson pastors Revival Tabernacle in San Diego, CA, and is a frequent campmeeting and conference speaker.

OUTLINE

- **I. Introduction - Paul encouraged a "recklessness" in our faith; to be careful for nothing**
- **II. Focus on God rather than on problems**
- **III. The 'Bigness' of God**
  - **A. Solomon said the Temple could not contain Him**
  - **B. No need is too big for God**
- **IV. Balaam's Story**
- **V. Conclusion: Job found that God was bigger than his needs**

As we read Philippians 4:6, we find that Paul encourages the church to "be careful for nothing." He is encouraging them to not worry about a thing. Actually, he is telling them to be reckless in their Christian faith: Be reckless in your giving, and to be reckless in stepping out to do something for God. And how is it that we can be so reckless, so carefree? Because according to this chapter, "my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory."

PAUL ALMOST SOUNDS a little cocky here. "You have a need? That's okay; I have a God." Here's a man who was so strong, yet he couldn't sing in the choir, he was not too good looking, and probably blind as a bat. Yet he comes across harshly, with an almost cocky attitude. He is absolutely certain that His God can meet your needs.

But Paul's cockiness, his confidence, was not because of his abilities, but because of the God he served. This man was educated at the feet of a brilliant person. He had talent and various kinds of ability. Yet it was his encounter with Jesus that made him truly great. He received the greatest revelation in one small experience, and that experience made him one of the most anointed writers of the New Testament. He knew it was God who made him what he was; it was God on whom he relied.

WHAT I'M SAYING, therefore, is this: Sometimes we get so anxious and upset about our problems that we get emotionally distraught. Many people get so caught up in a problem that the problem is all they can see. It's all they can think about. They are committed to the negative, and dedicated to their problem. What we need is to become committed to God, take our focus off the problem and put it in Him. For He is the One who will supply the answer for our problems.

SOLOMON WAS THE WISEST man who ever lived besides Jesus Christ. And he was the builder of the Temple of God. It took hundreds of men and many years to complete the Temple. Yet when they got into it, Solomon said, "How can the God of all ages fit into this Temple, when the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him?" And likewise, I say to you that my God is bigger than any building tonight, and He's bigger than any need.

Some Pentecostals can look at their need and put God in a match box and shut it, making God so small. For instance, I talked with some folks years ago who were having marriage troubles. This brother came to me and said, "I've had it with her. I can't take her another day; I'm getting out of the situation while I still can."

I told him, "It seems as though you have already made up your mind." This man had already determined that the problem was bigger than God.

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I told this man I wanted him to write down on a piece of paper everything he liked about his wife, and then to write down everything he doesn't like about her. When he finished, he had a list with many good attributes: She was pretty, she was a good cook, she was a good mother, and much more. But when he started to make the other list, he told me, "There's really only one thing I don't like about her."

So we had a man about to ruin his family's life over one little thing - one little problem that he felt was too much for God to help him handle.

This is the way so many of us are. We become so concerned over one little problem. We become consumed by it. We need to realize the truth of what Paul said: "If you have a need, I have a God!"

CONSIDER THE CASE of Balaam. This was a prophet who was paid to curse Israel. However, before he went to curse Israel, he said there was one last thing he had to do. He wanted to climb a hill and look at everything that's called Israel. He wanted to see the beauty of the nation one more time before he climbed down. True, he did eventually try to curse Israel anyway, but perhaps it was this love for the nation that caused God to try to reach him.

Some folks can only see the problem in the church. But when I meet with a person like that, I try to bait them: I try to get them to take a look at the big picture, and the great things the church represents. The church is the greatest thing on the planet; it's the greatest thing we've ever been privileged to be a part of.

AND FINALLY, consider the case of Job. When you hear the name "Job," you think of a name that's magic with problems. Job became ill, he lost his family, his wife cursed him, and his friends mocked him.

The whole shooting match of Job's experience happened in six months. For six months, he experienced the worst kind of torment, yet he never once charged God foolishly. Consequently, in the end, Job was more blessed than ever before in his life. Job had great need - but he also had God.

And Paul himself could talk about need. He said he'd been shipwrecked, he'd had people lie about him, and he'd been imprisoned and beaten. Yet all of these things Paul called "light afflictions."

And so, he could legitimately tell them: "You've got some valleys? You have upsets? You have needs? That's okay, because I have a God, and my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory." AIS

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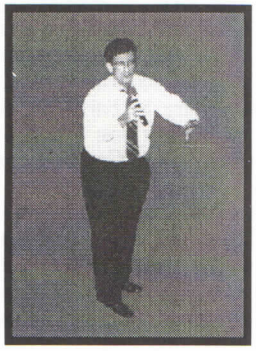

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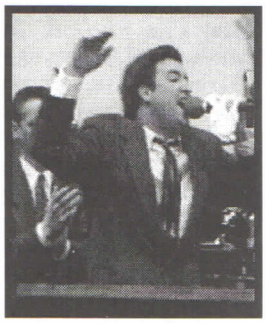

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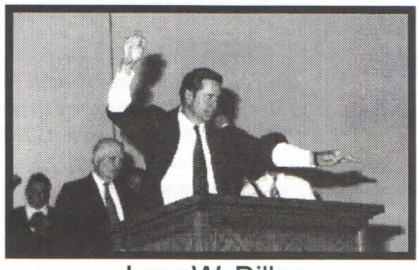

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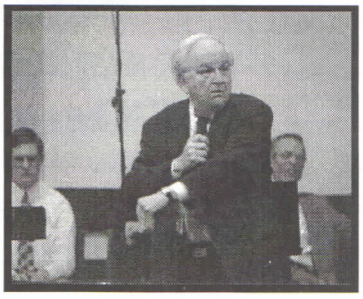

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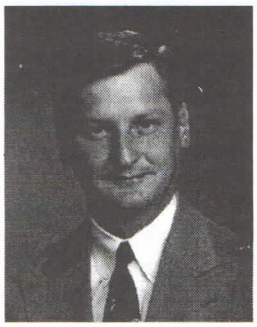

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WORD TO THE WISE:

"A procrastinator is somebody who won't take 'Now' for an answer."

"I'M NEW TO TEACHING YOUR AGE GROUP. HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY?"

A pastor noticed that a member of his congregation usually nodded almost as soon as the sermon began. "Sid," the pastor said jokingly to the man after a recent service, "I can't seem to keep your interest. You go to sleep almost as soon as I start preaching."

"Pastor," replied the man, "that's a compliment. Would I go to sleep if I didn't have confidence in you?"

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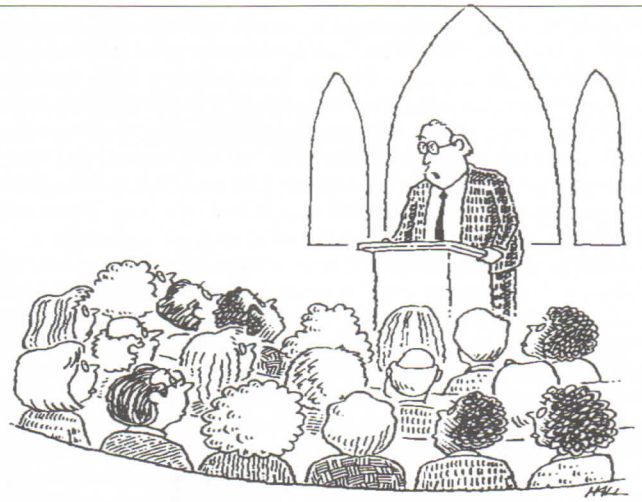
Three pastors got together for coffee one day and found all their churches had bat-infestation problems. "I got so mad," said one, "I took a shotgun and fired at them. It made holes in the ceiling, but did nothing to the bats."

"I tried trapping them alive," said the second. "then I drove 50 miles before releasing them, but they beat me back to the church."

"I haven't had any more problems," said the third. "I simply baptized them, and I haven't seen them since!"



"ALL OF US HAVE SINNED. I'VE KNOWN MOST OF YOU A LONG TIME, SO I CAN BE MORE SPECIFIC IF YOU LIKE."

One Sunday, the Sunday school teacher spoke about the ingredients required to make up a church, using a chocolate-chip cookie as an example. He explained to the kids that, as with a cookie requiring ingredients such as sugar and eggs, the church needed ingredients to make up the congregation.

Holding a cookie aloft, he asked, "If I took the chocolate chips out of this cookie, what would I have?"

A shy six-year-old raised her hand. "Six less grams of fat," she replied.

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As a man was passing through this small town, he noticed there was a church on every corner. So he slowed down to listen to the congreagtions singing. The first church was singing, "Will there be any stars, any stars in my crown?" In the next block they were singing, "No, not one! No, not one!" And the third church chimed, "O that will be Glory for me.."

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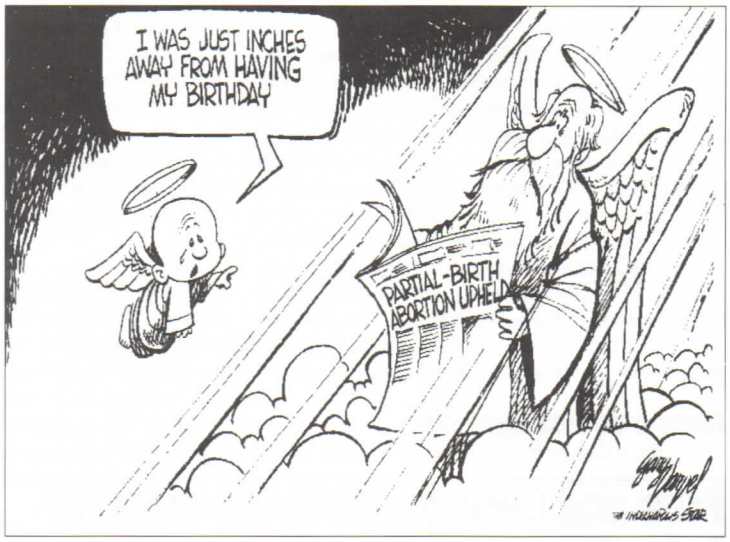
Some things just don't make sense: The Lord's Prayer is 66 words, the Gettysburg Address contains 286 words, and the Declaration of Independence consists of 1,322 words. But government regulations on the sale of cabbage total 26,911 words.



A true story related by an actual evangelist: "While I was preaching in a church in Mississippi, the pastor announced that their prison quartet would be singing the following evening. I wasn't aware there was a prison in the vicinity and I looked forward to hearing them.

The next evening, I was puzzled when four members of the church approached the stage. Then the pastor introduced them. "This is our prison quartet," he said. "They stay behind a few bars and they're always looking for the key."

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And another true story: At the end of service at one church, the pastor asked the congregation to hold hands and sing, "Bind Us Together." As the singing began, sure enough, a second-grader tied together the shoelaces of his sleeping three-year-old brother.

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Heading into the jungle on his first outing, the American missionary was confident he could handle any emergency. He sidled up to the experienced native guide and said smugly, "I know that carrying a torch will keep lions away."

"True," the guide replied. "But it depends on how fast you carry the torch!"

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Bo Baker: "The Shepherd's Touch" (Continued from page three)

they've had no prior contact."

The Heart of a Shepherd

But perhaps as much as anything, it's been Brother Baker's own attitude and philosophy about the ministry that has helped his church grow. Baker makes no attempt to hide his deep affection and concern for his congregation. And indeed, it's that transparency that draws people to the church: "A pastor has to have a balance of truth and love in his ministry. A hireling and a shepherd are two different people. A shepherd has genuine concern for his flock, whereas a hireling usually doesn't. Unfortunately, there are too many hirelings involved in the ministry; we need more shepherds who are not afraid to preach the truth, but preach it in love.

"Everything in ministry revolves around relationship. A pastor's number one priority should be a healthy relationship with God. Next, he needs to maintain a healthy relationship with his family; nobody is more important to you than them. Then, your number three priority is your relationship to the people in the church. And finally, you have to have a burden for the lost. There are a lot of people pastoring today who have no business pastoring; they're doing what they want and not what God wants. You have to be a shepherd who cares for your flock, and part of how this shows is in your burden for the lost."

Future of the Wilmington Flock

Brother Baker has a vision of a great future for the Wilmington flock. Even now, the church is preparing for future growth. "We're in the process of completing a brand new church," said Baker. "It will be a complete relocation. We've been in the present location since the 1950s, and since then, this part of town has become an industrial area. So God birthed a vision in my heart four years ago for a complete relocation."

The church, therefore, obtained 8.3 acres in a prime part of Wilmington: on a thoroughfare that soon will have 40,000 cars going by the church per day. The church sold three of the acres, and kept 5.3 of them. Plans are to construct a sanctuary that will seat about 560 people, with room to expand and eventually seat 700. The current facility seats fewer than 300. "We'll have 14 classrooms in the new building. That will be a blessing, because one of the main reasons we decided to make this move is that our current Sunday school facilities just do not adequately handle the kids we're bringing in our bus ministry." Baker said phase one of the building should be finished in February, with phase two - a "gym-a-torium" to come in a couple of years.

"My ministry here is about loving people and showing them that God has a special place for them. If I can instill in the hearts of our people that they are worth something to God, and that God created them and loves them like they are, and that He wants to use them, then I will have fulfilled my role as a pastor."

Feedback

To the editor:

Re: "Missionary Deputation" (Opinions, Vol. 6, No. 10):

It seems to me that a huge overhaul is needed. As a missions-loving pastor, I greatly enjoy having missionaries come by on deputation. However, it is not needful for a church to have everyone by in order to support them. Somehow the church must get re-energized to its commitment to "the whole Gospel to the whole world" and take some of the money used to help one of our missionaries on deputation and put it right into the budget to get the person on the field.

--Michael Blankenship
Norfolk, VA

To the editor:

I believe that there are a lot of pastors who feel that there is too much red tape involved with the missions program. It's probably as bureaucratic as the U.S. government. I have friends who pastor who would prefer to just give the donation directly to the missionaries themselves to cut out a lot of fat.

--Derek Purser,
Smyrna, TN

Pros and Cons of using the Internet

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selected channel whether you want them to or not. The Internet, on the other hand is "passive" - it only sends to your screen what you request. Each Internet site has an "address" that must be entered before you connect. I have no more desire to enter an address of 'http://www.hotsex.com' on the Internet than I have to pick up the phone and dial '1-900-SEX-TALK.'

Therefore, we must evaluate the Internet's potential for good as well as bad. Should the Lord tarry, experts agree that the use of computers in our daily lives will grow. Within twenty years the telephone and computer will merge into a single instrument. Using computers to assist in shopping, banking, voting, and education will be as common as using your car to do any of these things today. The "highway" that will be used by your computer will be the Internet.

The church will find the Internet a powerful tool for sharing truth. Currently, large yellow page ads can be costly for a church. However, full color, multi-page Internet ads will cost $10 - $20 dollars a month. Besides the usual information they will also share program descriptions, on-line Bible studies, audio preaching clips, testimonials, and more.

Missionaries can use the net to promote their ministries and projects and also stay in almost daily contact with family and friends. Electronic mailing lists allow prayer requests to be sent to tens of thousands around the world in minutes. The lonely home missionary can fellowship with other Apostolic pastors on a regular basis, sharing frustrations and victories and receiving much needed advice. Church ministry leaders can share ideas and access ministry files to help their Sunday school, outreach, or youth ministries. Pastors can tap into research for sermon development, program ideas, evangelism tips, and church management tools. Apostolic authors can sell their books and tape sets. Music artists can provide a sampling of their latest song with an audio clip.

And finally, education is swiftly embracing the Internet. Thousands of college level courses can now be taken online. Within a few months, IBC will be offering their entire Theology degree program via the Internet, allowing student / instructor interaction. In just a few years, you will also be able to view the Bible lecture via Internet video.

The list goes on. Applications are endless. Experts are calling the Internet the next great force in social evolution, doing to modern society what the telephone and automobile did a hundred years ago. For this very reason caution should be used. No parent should allow unsupervised access to the Internet. Computer programs can be purchased that will block access to any pornographic or sexually oriented site. You can count on the devil to take the Internet and twist it to promote his agenda of sin. However, this should not stop the church from using this great tool for furthering the cause of Christ. ■

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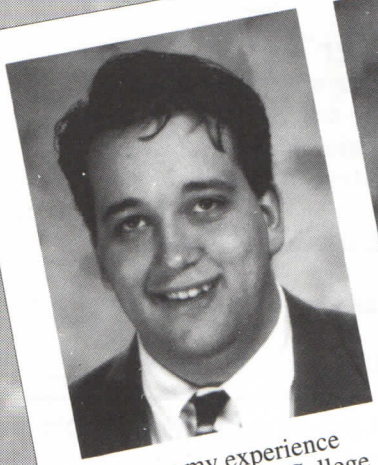
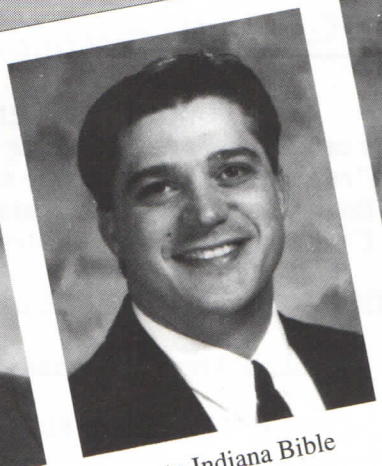


It's been my experience that Indiana Bible College is a wise investment for anyone considering a future in the ministry. One year of in-depth training at IBC is equivalent to three years of personal study. And there is clearly an anointing prevalent in the classroom teaching and in the chapel services. Furthermore, prayer time at IBC has always been powerful. IBC was the right choice for me!

--Brett Healey, Sophomore



I came to Indiana Bible College after being introduced to it on a trip to Indianapolis. I had been praying that God would give me direction, and He began dealing with me about going. After I came, everything just started working out for me. What I've found that's really affected me has been the friendly and exciting atmosphere at IBC. This college has the right personality for me.

--Rob Beckwith, Junior

Our daughter Melissa Schnitzer, we firmly believe, is in the will of God in attending IBC. There are processes taking place in her life that cannot be measured in academic equivelents alone. To hear her stories about various outreach trips and chorale tour stops is always a great joy. IBC was the right choice for us.

--Art Schnitzer, father of Melissa Schnitzer, Junior

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--Brian, Lakelie Williams Alumni, Russia Missionaries

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