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**NOTE WORTHY**

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**CHUCK MILLHUFF**

I have a vivid memory of when I first fell in love with the music that touched the core of me. I grew up in Chicago, and I listened to an old Philco radio. On Saturday nights I would hear the Chicago Barn Dance. Now why did that music reach a kid born and raised in the heart of a big concrete and iron city? I'm not sure that I can tell you. The nearest things to cowboys were the Chicago Stock Yards, and though I do not remember ever seeing the place, I can remember smelling it when the wind blew out of the Northwest. I have come to know why that music appealed to me. It was the 3/4 time of the music, and the fact that these musicians laid off the beat. You may not know what that means, but that's at the heart of the popularity of that kind of music. It is a first cousin of the Blues and a direct descendant of the Spirituals and of the native African melodies and rhythm brought to the New World in slave ships.

The most popular songwriters that have written in this genre wrote lyrics to fit these musical beats. In the last hundred years it has been, to name only two, Fanny Crosby with 6,000 poems and Bill and Gloria Gaither with more than 2,000 songs. "Amazing Grace" has lasted for awhile, and will most likely be sung at many of our funerals, or maybe "What A Day That Will Be." These were written 300 years apart: one by the converted slave trader John Newton and the other by my good friend, Jim Hill, respectively. I must admit that in my attempts to write Christian music, I have, as a rule, written my lyrics to fit the rhythms and beat of a song like "He Touched Me" reasoning that those mechanics seem to be working and have endured. Why do these songs work? Well, you might say they are *Note Worthy*. At least they are to me.

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# Style of the CROSS

## Spirited Worship Or Spirit Worship

by *Stephen Manley*

The people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir combined their armies to defeat the armies of Judah, who were led by King Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20). Fear gripped the heart of the king. He declared a great fast throughout the land, and the people began to seek the Lord for deliverance. The Lord promised to defeat the enemy for Judah as they followed His instruction. As a vital part of the obedience, they were to appoint those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness as they went out before the army (20:21). As these designated persons began to worship, the army and congregation of Judah responded in praise. The end result was, "Now when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated" (20:22).

The key element of victory in spiritual warfare is worship. The emphasis of worship in the context of this scripture is focused on the wonder of who God is! The worship is not in the beat of the music or the constant repeating of lines; but it comes from a focus on the qualities of our great God. Everything Judah needed in battle was found in the total exaltation of God. Their eyes were lifted above the strength of the enemy armies. The threat against them was diminished in the light of Jehovah. Their enemy could not capture them because they had been captured by God.

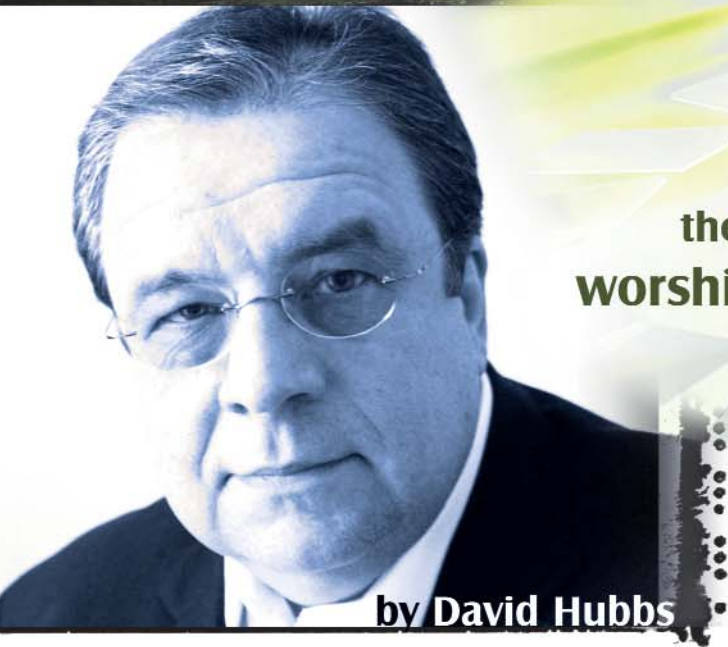
Who or what is your enemy? When you worship God, you can grasp the victory over any enemy. 



**Stephen Manley,**  
Nashville, TN  
Evangelist, Church  
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# WHY ME, LORD?

the confessions of the  
worship leader  
of a large church




by David Hubbs

**H**ow could this have ever happened to me? How could God, in His infinite wisdom, expect me to know anything about worshipping Him—much less lead others in such a sacred act? When I realized, after 25 years of music ministry, that I knew nothing about worship, I was devastated. The realization came after years of maintaining status quo and fighting change. Holding on to what had always worked, and was safe and good enough to at least survive for another week was usually the goal. If God actually chose to move in a service that I was participating in, I would thank Him. But my thanks were merely gratitude for bailing me out one more time. I did not recognize His genuine presence. It was only about me. It was about my looking good and Godly and sustaining my ultimate job security.

Even now, as I am writing this confession, I want to throw up. It makes me ill (literally) to think about my service to Almighty God and how shallow and selfish it has been. But, now that I know this, what am I to do? How can I suddenly be transformed into something I've never been?

I'm weary of the worship wars. I surrender! But surrender is sweet! I do not surrender to compromise, but to confidence. Confidence is knowing that God is truly worthy to be praised! How could I have missed

this truth for so long? People want to see Jesus. Have I seen Him? People want to know God. Do I know Him? For me, everything about leading worship comes down to these questions.

May I humbly encourage all of you who have been placed in this awesome responsibility of leading worship to honestly seek God, if you have not done so already? Not just with your lips, but with your whole heart. When you realize that you know nothing, it is then that God will fill the void of ignorance and selfishness with the peace of His spirit. It will carry you, my brothers and sisters. It won't matter if you sing "Amazing Grace" or "Feliz Navidad"; He will be glorified. When He is glorified through your service, it is humbling. It is then that others will see Him and know Him. It is also then that you will be released from the crushing responsibility of being performance driven. Be sure, however, that you are not standing too close to the light that is reserved for Christ Jesus. Take a step or two back; let Him be seen, and watch what happens. 

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## NOTE WORTHY

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There is no doubt that the issue at the heart of most of the discussions that revolve around the changing music scene in the church today deals with the theology imbedded in the words of the songs or choruses. The notes are the least of the discussion. I will admit that a good wholesome whole note is no more righteous than an eighth note or a dotted sixteenth. Nor is a monotone unison melody or a Rap boom boom jabbering story (my interpretation) any less inspired of God than an oratorio. You might hold your head and scream at that, but that is the nature of music; it's personal. One argument we hear today is that we in ministry would be wise to consider going into a shopping mall parking lot and turning on every radio to see how much organ music we would find. Having been involved in close to 100 Gaither videos, I do admit a love for gospel music. It seems to stir my soul, and as a fact, has been and is packing the world's largest arenas at a hefty ticket price, and doing it about 50 times a year from Glasgow to Peoria.

But is that a reason for your worship experience to feature 3/4 time rhythms and ballad-type songs sung by performers who, indeed, do perform to the glory of God? No, it is not. In your place of worship that may not be relevant or even blessed. I've lived long enough to remember the battle over sound systems, guitars, robed choirs, and, God forbid, drums. Brock Speer told me years ago of when his father, known to the world as Dad Speer, decided to use a sound system. They had one big RCA microphone and a single twelve-inch speaker on the edge of the stage. Brock said that some of the people held their ears as if they would burst. Today the speaker would not even qualify as a monitor aimed back at the musicians. It's tough to find helpful support in the Bible from Psalm 150 when you have everything with praise being offered on anything one could blow or beat against only to realize that the one who wrote the grand finale to the Book of Songs once danced naked before the Lord.

So what is *Note Worthy*?

Let me make a few observations:

Music is not the major issue that brings and holds people to the Church or to the Lord. Thom S. Rainer, the Dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth, has written a landmark book based on a study of the recently unchurched—*Surprising Insights from the Unchurched*. The book asks, "What factors led you to

choose this church?" Of the eleven items mentioned, worship and/or musical style came in dead last. Number one was the pastor and his or her preaching. (74) George Barna, the internationally recognized evangelical pollster, has stated in his recent book, *Grow Your Church from the Outside In*, that it is a myth to believe that church growth is dependent on a given worship model. He explains, "We saw that if a church wants to be truly evangelistic and attract unchurched people, it must do more than have a contemporary worship service or change the language it uses to exorcise the Elizabethan terms and insider lingo that baffle the unchurched." (128)

These and other in-depth studies point to the involvement in the lives of people. In other words, it is not so much what happens on the platform: it's what happens in the foyer.

Whenever considering if a given musical program is *Note Worthy*, we must be sure the beat does not supercede the blessing, and that the media is not a massage when it is certainly meant to be a message. Entertainment is not our main goal, but make no mistake that it is a factor. If you cringe at the word entertainment, then call it appeal or seeker-friendly or any other words that mean, "I liked it, and I would come back."

Be careful to be open to any style of Gospel presentation. It may not be the carbon copy of your favorite style, but one must consider the heart of the presenter and the heart of the one who planned the service or presentation.

Remember that the operative word in "contemporary" is "temporary." Be kind, be open, and, most of all, be Christian.

We, as evangelists, must realize that we are moving in and out of many different worship styles as we go from church to church. In most churches, we now sit on the front row when for years we sat on the platform with the pastor. Casual dress is now often the weeknight apparel. I rather like it. It is more like I am going to church as I see the progression of the service from the congregation's perspective. I have developed a few Power-Point sermons and am developing more because so many churches are equipped to use this visual aid. In a recent evangelist's gathering, the Sharps presented a breath-taking video before their song. Believe me; we were getting the song like we

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# EVANGELISTS' SCHEDULES

See where your evangelist is going to be

May, June, July 2004

## ADAMS, MICHAEL

Jun 2-6, Skyland, NC, Arden  
Jun 13, Camden, SC\*  
Jun 14-20, West Columbia, SC  
Jul 4-11, McDonough, GA  
Jul 18-25, Fenton, MI

## ARMSTRONG, B. <sup>†</sup> ARMSTRONG FAMILY MINISTRIES

May 4-9, Veedersburg, IN  
May 11-16, Kempton, IL  
May 19-23, Louisville, KY  
Louisville Valley  
May 25-30, Staunton, VA  
Jun 2-6, West Point, VA  
West Point Community  
Jun 14-20, Victoria, VA  
Jun 21-27, Forest, VA\*  
Jul 19-25, Archdale, NC  
Jul 26-Aug 1, Rutland, OH

## BELZER, DAVID

May 17-23, Cache, OK  
Komah Memorial  
May 25-30, White River, SD

## BENDER, TIMOTHY <sup>†</sup>

May 12-16, Orbisonia, PA  
May 18-23, Harrisonville, PA\*

## BOLICH, JEREMIAH CROSS STYLE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

May 1-7, "Mabolo, Cebu City 6000"\*  
May 9-12, Madisonville, KY  
May 16-20, Spencer, IN  
May 23-26, Portage, MI  
May 28-30, Newberry, IN  
Jun 4-6, Bourbonnais, IL, Olivet  
Nazarene University  
Jun 7-13, New Baltimore, MI, Anchor  
Bay  
Jun 14-18, West Des Moines, IA  
Jun 21-25, Salem, OR  
Jun 27-Jul 3, Mount Vernon, NY  
Jul 11-17, Payson, AZ\*  
Jul 19-23, Hillview, KY  
Jul 23-25, Louisville, KY  
Jul 25-Aug 1, Ludlow Falls, OH\*

## BOLING, JERRY

May 3-8, Carter City, KY\*  
May 10-16, Millersburg, KY\*  
May 17-23, Concord, KY\*  
Jun 24-Jul 3, Bentonville, OH\*  
Jul 8-17, Olive Hill, KY\*

## BOND, GARY <sup>†</sup>

**GARY BOND MINISTRIES**  
May 2-5, Bedford, IN  
May 9-12, Hominy, OK  
May 16-19, Meade, KS  
May 30-Jun 2, Archdale, LA  
Jun 8-13, Alexandria, LA  
Jul 19-25, Hillview, KY

## BURKHALTER, G. <sup>†</sup>

**BURKHALTER MINISTRIES**  
May 5-9, Altus, OK  
May 12-16, Vici, OK  
May 19-23, Montrose, IA  
May 26-30, Sikeston, MO, Sikeston  
Eastside  
Jun 2-Jul 6, Saint Bernice, IN, St.  
Bernice  
Jun 23-27, Port Arthur, TX, Grace

## CANFIELD, DAVID CANFIELD EVANGELISTIC MIN- ISTRIES

May 2-5, Romney, WV  
May 9-12, Columbus, OH\*

## CASSELMAN, GERALD

May 1-31, Robertsedale, AL

## COVINGTON, NATHAN LIFE MENDERS

May 5-9, Muncie, IN, First  
May 16-19, Poteau, OK  
May 23-26, Caddo, OK  
Jul 20-25, Alexandria, LA

## CRABTREE, JAMES THE VOICE OF EVANGELISM

May 5-9, Crestline, OH

## CURRY, J.

May 2-5, Cleo Springs, OK  
May 9-12, Hannibal, MO, First  
May 16-19, Cheyenne, WY, First  
Jul 5-8, Carthage, MO, Joplin  
Jul 12-17, Oklahoma City, OK  
Jul 26-30, Springfield, IL

<sup>†</sup> Tenured Evangelist is recognized by the church as a lifetime assignment. See *Manual* 407.3

## DELL, JIMMY <sup>†</sup>

**JIMMY DELL MINISTRIES**  
May 1-5, Fortville, IN  
May 6-9, Pioneer, OH  
May 16-Jun 4, Junction City, OR  
May 23-26, Salem, OR, First  
Jun 2-6, Corydon, IN, Community of  
Hope  
Jun 13-16, Kalkaska, MI  
Jun 17-20, Charlevoix, MI  
Jun 21-27, Normal, IL\*  
Jul 3-4, Cochise, AZ\*  
Jul 28-Aug 1, Amelia, OH

## DODDS, LARRY LARRY DODDS MINISTRIES, INC.

Jul 14-20, University Park, IA\*

## DOWNING, ANN ANN DOWNING MINISTRIES

May 8, Parsons, TN\*  
May 24, Lyons, GA\*  
Jun 6, Milan, TN\*  
Jul 9, Bruce, MS\*

## ELLIS, PAUL LIBERTY QUARTET

May 1, Wendell, ID\*  
May 2, Layton, UT\*  
May 2, Salt Lake City, UT, First  
May 19, Alpena, MI\*  
May 20, Stanton, MI\*  
May 21, Waterford, MI, Williams  
Lake  
Jun 4, The Dalles, OR\*  
Jun 5, Portland, OR\*  
Jun 6, North Bend, OR, Bay Area  
Jun 11, Weston, OR\*  
Jun 13, Walla Walla, WA, Amazing  
Grace  
Jul 4, Vancouver, WA, Hillcrest  
Jul 23, Palmer, AK\*  
Jul 25, Soldatna, AK\*  
Jul 25, Nikiski, AK\*

## EVERMAN, RUSSELL

May 12-16, Paris, KY\*  
May 19-23, Hamilton, OH, Tuley  
Road

## FLINT, ROBERT LIFE THROUGH THE WORD MINISTRIES

May 2-7, Steubenville, OH  
May 10-14, Findlay, OH\*  
Jul 15-25, Sebring, OH\*

## GERDES, TIMOTHY GERDES FAMILY MINISTRIES

May 2-5, Bismarck, ND, Living Hope

## GESSNER, DON AND SHIRL GESSNER MUSIC MINISTRIES

May 4-9, Indianapolis, IN,  
Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
May 11-16, Indianapolis, IN,  
Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
May 18-23, Indianapolis, IN,  
Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
May 25-30, Indianapolis, IN,  
Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
Jun 1-6, Indianapolis, IN,  
Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
Jun 8-13, Indianapolis, IN,  
Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
Jun 22-27, Indianapolis, IN,  
Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
Jun 29-4, Indianapolis, IN,  
Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
Jul 6-11, Indianapolis, IN,  
Indianapolis Grace Pointe  
Jul 13-18, Springfield, IL  
Jul 19-21, Highpoint, NC\*  
Jul 25-Aug 1, St. Marys, OH

## GRAY, ROBERT BOB AND BECKY GRAY / SINGING UNTO THE LORD

May 9-12, Hannibal, MO, First  
May 14-15, Marietta, GA, First  
Jun 2-6, Henryetta, OK  
Jun 7-13, Fort Worth, TX  
Jun 21-27, Saint Louis, MO  
Jul 18-21, Carthage, MO  
Jul 31-Aug 3, Oklahoma City, OK

## GREENWAY, KENNETH GREENWAY MINISTRIES

May 2-5, Gloster, MS\*  
May 8-14, Fruitland, MD\*  
May 16-19, Tabernacle, NC\*  
May 23-27, Linville, NC\*  
Jun 19-20, Kannapolis, NC\*

## HICKS, JOHN DAVID FAITH ENCOUNTER, INC.

May 2-5, Everett, WA, First  
May 16-19, Anaheim, CA, First  
Jun 6-9, Council, ID

## HUDDLESTON, BILLY BILLY HUDDLESTON MINISTRIES

May 2-5, Elmwood, OH\*  
May 9-12, Sanborn, NY, St. Paul's  
May 23-26, Alpha, OH  
May 30-Jun 2, West Lebanon, IN  
Jun 7-11, New Baltimore, MI, Anchor  
Bay  
Jul 4-4, Portsmouth, OH\*  
Jul 11-11, Jackson, OH  
Jul 15-24, Sebring, OH\*  
Jul 25, Buchanan, MI

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<b>Bond, Gary</b>	<a href="http://www.deeperlife.org">www.deeperlife.org</a>	•	<b>Legg, Charles</b>	<a href="http://www.middlecrossministries.org">www.middlecrossministries.org</a>
<b>Bullock, Rex</b>	<a href="http://www.bondministries.com">www.bondministries.com</a>	•	<b>Loman, Lane</b>	<a href="http://www.lomanministries.com">www.lomanministries.com</a>
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	<a href="http://www.gojetstream.net">www.gojetstream.net</a>	•	<b>Whitworth, Marcus</b>	<a href="http://www.marcuswhitworth.com">www.marcuswhitworth.com</a>

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### JACKSON, PAUL AND PATRICIA JETSTREAM MINISTRIES

Jun 13, Salina, KS, Belmont Boulevard  
Jun 13-16, Wichita, KS, Kansas  
Jun 22-26, Hatfield, AR\*  
Jul 19-24, Lee's Summit, MO\*

### KEARCE, DOUGLAS AND DARLA

**CROSS STYLE KIDS**  
Jun 7-12, New Baltimore, MI, Anchor Bay  
Jun 21-27, Upper Marlboro, MD, Melwood  
Jul 12-18, Springfield, IL  
Jul 19-23, McDonough, GA  
Jul 24-25, Warm Springs, GA, Harmony  
Jul 26-30, Hillview, KY  
Jul 31-Aug 4, New Holland, PA

### LAIN, C.

May 18-21, Edinboro, PA, Hillcrest

### LAXSON

#### WALLY AND GINGER

May 4-5, Alexandria, LA  
May 9, Decatur, AL, Spring Avenue  
May 16, Decatur, AL, Spring Avenue  
May 23, Decatur, AL, Spring Avenue  
May 30, Decatur, AL, Spring Avenue  
Jun 6-6, Decatur, AL, Spring Avenue  
Jun 11-12, Charlotte, NC, North Carolina  
Jun 20, Decatur, AL, Spring Avenue  
Jun 27, Decatur, AL, Spring Avenue  
Jul 4, Decatur, AL, Spring Avenue  
Jul 11, Decatur, AL, Spring Avenue  
Jul 13-18, Gardendale, AL  
Jul 25, Decatur, AL, Spring Avenue

### LECKRONE, LARRY <sup>Ⓢ</sup>

#### LECKRONE MINISTRIES, INC.

May 1-5, Chicago, IL, Northside  
May 8-12, Angola, IN, Community  
May 15-19, Shipshewana, IN  
May 22-26, Portland, MI  
Jun 1-6, Des Moines, IA\*  
Jun 13, Billings, MT, First  
Jun 14-17, Billings, MT  
Jul 1-11, Sharon, OH\*  
Jul 14-25, Wilmington, OH

### LEIDY, ARNOLD

#### UPWARD CALL MINISTRIES

May 5-9, Viborg, SD  
May 12-16, Kenmare, ND  
May 20-23, El Paso, TX, El Paso Valley  
Jun 25-27, Farmington, NM, First Nations Fellowship

### LEWIS, CHRISTOPHER CHRIS LEWIS MINISTRIES

Jun 25-27, Calgary, AB,

### LEWIS, JOHN

#### WHITE DOVE MINISTRIES

May 4-9, Grand Junction, CO, First  
May 16-19, Tomah, WI

### LIVERSAGE, JERRY

#### JERRY LIVERSAGE MINISTRIES., INC.

May 19-23, Show Low, AZ, New Life Community

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May, June, July 2004

## LOMAN, H.

### LOMAN MINISTRIES

May 2-5, Griffin, GA, First  
May 9-12, Warren, OH,  
Morgandale  
May 16, Hillsborough, NC\*  
May 23-26, Clarkston, MI\*  
May 28-30, Newport, TN  
Jun 2-6, High Point, NC\*  
Jun 7-13, Estill Springs, TN  
Jun 20-23, Roanoke, VA\*  
Jun 27-30, Murfreesboro, TN  
Jul 11, McComb, MS, First  
Jul 12-16, Collins, MS\*  
Jul 18-21, Minerva, OH  
Jul 25-28, Eden, NC\*  
Jul 31-Aug 8, Rimersburg, PA\*

## MANLEY, STEPHEN, SMEA

May 5-10, Warren, MI, Warren  
Woods  
May 12-17, Otisville, MI, Richfield  
May 17-23, Hague, NY\*  
May 26-30, Jefferson, OH  
Jun 2-7, Rochester Hills, MI, First  
Jun 7-14, New Baltimore, MI\*  
Jun 14-20, White Springs, FL\*  
Jun 22-28, Mannington, WV  
Jun 28-Jul 5, Frankstown, PA\*  
Jul 6-12, Payette, ID  
Jul 11-18, Nampa, ID  
Jul 20-25, Pukalani, HI, Community  
Jul 27-Aug 2, Louisville, KY, First

## MILLER, C.

### C. WESLEY MINISTRIES

May 2-5, Fargo, OK  
Jul 16-18, Vici, OK  
Jul 24-26, Bethany, OK

## MILLHUFF, CHARLES

### MILLHUFF MINISTRIES

May 12-16, Elkhart, IN, Northside  
May 19-23, Silver Bay, MN\*  
Jun 7-13, Fort Worth, TX  
Jun 28-4, Charlotte, NC

## MILLS, CARLTON

### SECOND TOUCH EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

May 16-19, Fostoria, OH, First  
May 23-26, Marietta, OH, Harmer  
Hill  
May 28-30, Georgetown, IL, Olivet  
Jun 11-13, Fort Pierce, FL, First  
Haitian  
Jul 9-18, Cumberland, MD\*

## MITCHELL, ROYCE

### LIBERTY QUARTET

May 1, Wendell, ID\*  
May 2, Layton, UT\*  
May 2, Salt Lake City, UT, First  
May 19, Alpena, MI\*  
May 20, Staton, MI\*  
May 21, Waterford, MI, Williams  
Lake  
Jun 4, The Dalles, OR\*  
Jun 5, Portland, OR\*  
Jun 6, North Bend, OR  
Jun 11, Weston, OR\*  
Jun 13, Walla Walla, WA, Amazing  
Grace  
Jul 4, Vancouver, WA, Hillcrest  
Jul 23, Palmer, AK\*  
Jul 25, Soldatna, AK\*  
Jul 25, Nikiski, AK\*

## MOORE, NORMAN

### NORMAN MOORE MINISTRIES

May 2-5, Rock Island, IL, First  
May 16-19, Danville, IL, First  
Jul 6-11, Fresno, CA  
Jul 25-28, Butler, PA

## NICHOLAS, CLAUDE

### RENEWING LOVE MINISTRIES

May 9-12, Mount Sterling, OH  
May 15-17, Van Wert, OH  
May 23-26, Lynn, IN  
Jul 16-25, Fenton, MI  
Jul 25-Aug 1, St. Marys, OH

## PERDUE, DR. NELSON

### PERDUE MINISTRIES

May 5-9, Greeneville, TN  
May 12-16, Chillicothe, OH, First  
May 19-23, Gallipolis, OH\*  
May 26-30, Bedford, IN, Valley  
Mission  
Jun 2-6, London, OH\*  
Jun 7-13, Estill Springs, TN  
Jul 5-11, Camillus, NY  
Jul 20-22, Stoutsville, OH\*  
Jul 25-Aug 1, St. Marys, OH

## PETTIT, BENJAMIN AND

### AMANDA

### ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES

Jun 8-13, Alexandria, LA  
Jun 20-23, Clearwater, FL, First  
Jul 25-31, Auburn, PA\*

## PETTIT, ELAINE

### ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES

May 2-5, Vicksburg, MI, Chapman  
Memorial  
May 9-12, Woodward, OK  
May 16-19, Albany, NY\*  
May 23-26, Columbus, MS, First  
Jun 13-16, Saint Paris, OH,  
Community  
Jun 20-25, Clearwater, FL, First  
Jun 27-30, Minong, WI, Faith

## PHELPS, PHILLIP

### PHILLIP PHELPS MINISTRIES

May 15-19, Jefferson, TX  
Jun 6, Carrier Mills, IL\*

## REAGLE, RONALD

### REAGLE EVANGELISM MINISTRY

May 19-23, Springboro, PA

## REED, SHERMAN

### LIVING TRUTH MINISTRIES

May 4-6, San Antonio, TX\*  
May 8, Jasonville, IN\*  
May 9, Clay City, IN\*  
May 15, Johnson City, TN\*  
May 16-19, Cory, IN, Community  
May 25, Lebanon, TN, First

## ROTH, RONALD

### RON ROTH MINISTRIES

May 9-11, Clinton, TN\*  
May 12-16, Sparta, TN\*

## SEMRAN, CINDY

### PROCLAIM & PRAISE MINISTRIES, INC.

Jun 14-18, Swanton, OH  
Jun 21-25, Fort Recovery, OH

## SEMRAN, KIM

### PROCLAIM & PRAISE MINISTRIES, INC.

Jun 14-18, Swanton, OH  
Jun 21-25, Fort Recovery, OH

## SMITH, DUANE

### DUANE SMITH MINISTRIES, INC.

May 12-16, Columbus, IN, First  
May 19-23, Newell, WV, Glendale  
May 26-30, Parsons, WV  
Jun 14-20, University Park, IA\*  
Jul 14-18, Alanson, MI, Lakeview

## SNODGRASS, ROBERT

Jun 2, Mount Juliet, TN, Covenant  
Fellowship  
Jun 9, Mount Juliet, TN, Covenant  
Fellowship  
Jun 16, Mount Juliet, TN, Covenant  
Fellowship  
Jun 30, Mount Juliet, TN, Covenant  
Fellowship

## STARK, EDDIE

### WORTHYCAUSE MINISTRY

May 16, Oklahoma City, OK, Trinity  
Jun 21-27, Cache, OK, First Indian  
Jul 29-8, Imperial, NE\*

## THARP, JAMES

### CHRISTIAN RENEWAL MINISTRIES

May 12-16, Dickson, TN, Jason  
Chapel

## THROWER, JAMES

### STRAIGHTWAY EVANGELISTIC MINISTRY, INC.

May 2-5, Fairview Heights, IL,  
Parkview  
May 16-19, Sandersville, GA, Good  
Shepherd  
May 23-26, Bamberg, SC  
Jul 8-13, Altamont, IL\*

## ULMET, WILLIAM

### ULMET MINISTRIES

May 2-4, Reading, MI  
May 12-16, Charleston, WV, North  
Side  
May 19-23, Kansas City, MO,  
Summit View  
May 26-30, Rock Hill, SC, First  
Jun 4-6, Waverly, IA, Cornerstone  
Jun 20-25, Albany, KY, United

## WARD, DALE

### FREEDOM QUEST MINISTRY

May 2-5, Nevada, MO  
May 9-12, St. Joseph, MO, Turning  
Point  
May 16-19, Las Animas, CO, First  
May 23-26, Pueblo, CO, Belmont  
Jun 6-9, Wichita, KS, Indian Hills

## WHITWORTH, MARCUS

### Memorial

May 2, Bethany, OK, Williams  
Memorial  
May 6-8, Alexandria, LA  
May 15-19, Noel, MO  
May 22, Carthage, MO  
Jun 27, Tahlequah, OK  
Jul 4-11, Camillus, NY

## WOMACK, PAUL

### PP&P MINISTRIES

May 2-5, Greenville, TX, Peniel  
May 13-16, Oklahoma City, OK,  
May Avenue  
May 23-26, Jackson, MO  
Jun 21-27, Saint Louis, MO



# MUSICAL CATECHISM

*By G. Stuart McWhirter*

While waiting for our flight to New York, my wife and I sat in a departure lounge in the Zurich, Switzerland airport. Our flight was delayed for more than two hours. I was seated beside a distinguished looking older gentleman. We began to converse. I learned he was a violinist in the San Francisco symphony. Beginning at the close of World War II, he and his wife had annually attended the great music festivals of Europe, such as Salzburg, Edinburgh and Bayreuth. In turn, he asked my profession. I told him that I was a minister in the Church of the Nazarene. He said he had heard of my denomination but that he was not familiar with it. I said, "Probably the best way I can describe my denomination is to say we adhere to Wesleyan Theology." He said, "Ah, Charles Wesley's hymns are the most magnificent of all Christian hymns." This came from a man I learned was Roman Catholic.

At a later time, while viewing a live telecast interview with Archbishop Kelly of the Louisville diocese, I heard him say that he loved the Wesley hymns. Of course, I was delighted to hear these remarks from both the Roman Catholic violinist and the archbishop. But I was somewhat chagrined by the thought that my own denomination made little use of the Wesley hymns.

We should be concerned with being Wesleyan only if Wesleyan the-

ology connects with the mainstream of ancient and Apostolic Christianity. I firmly believe it does. And if anyone asks what it means to be Wesleyan, let them sing the Wesley hymns and they will know.


The richness, beauty, doctrinal strength and universal appeal of the Wesley hymns are unsurpassed. They are songs for all seasons. At Christmas, throughout the world, multitudes of people sing, "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing." Likewise, at Easter, voices around our globe rise in singing "Christ, The Lord, Is Risen Today." And on Good Friday, countless hearts and minds across the face of our planet turn their thoughts to the words of "And Can It Be." This, of course, is only a small sampling of the more than 3,000 hymns written by Charles Wesley. And this entire treasure of worship and devotional resources relates intimately to Nazarene theological roots.

One of the reasons we should sing the Wesley hymns is for their great teaching value. They are musical catechism. They clearly instruct us in the way of full salvation. They show us the way of a complete spiritual relationship. When singing them, we sing the gospel as it is written to be available to us.



Another reason we should sing the Wesley hymns is that they strengthen our sense of tradition. Our Nazarene practice of revivalism, spontaneous and audible praise, and fervor in worship is beautiful. This should not be forsaken. But we have a legitimate claim to an older and wider spiritual ancestry. We are descendants of the eighteenth century Wesleyan revival. This was one of the important events in the religious history of Western civilization, with far reaching influence on the character of the American frontier. And Nazarenes are truly heirs of this splendid legacy. An authentic line runs from Pilot Point back to Aldersgate. To neglect the Wesley hymns could cause us to lose contact with a great heritage.

It is crucial that we, as people called Nazarenes, know who we are. This is not sectarianism. This is vital for the spiritual sustenance of any body of believers. Any congregation of Christians is in crisis if there is a loss of awareness of identity. Recovery of the Wesley hymns could help to avoid this loss.

Good contemporary Christian music certainly has a rightful place in our worship services. We should remember that Wesley's hymns were once contemporary, controversial, and strongly criticized. However, these hymns have long since gained a place of permanence in the life of the church. And the spiritual meals that are served through sermons and songs in our worship services must consist of more than modernity or we will become spiritually emaciated. The older hymns reinforce a sense of timeless truth in a tumultuous, anxious, and increasingly rootless society. 

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# The CALL

by Bill Ulmet



On Sunday morning, June 30, 1974, I was suddenly awakened from a sound sleep. I sat up at strict attention. I believe I heard someone speaking to me. The voice said, "I want you to preach the gospel." I was shocked! I had awakened in the night many times to ask the Lord for His will to be done. This was the first and only time that I have ever sensed God speaking audibly to me other than through His Holy Word. My first reaction to His call was wondering if it was imagined, or even the devil. I had always had deep respect for God's call, and, at times, would have been thrilled to say "yes," but why now?

## Why Now?

I was so content in God's leadership in my life. He had led me into coaching and teaching. God had led us back to a small high school in Iowa. It was the town where my dad, the late Dr. Aleck G. Ulmet, had been pastor. I was looking forward to my eighth year. Dad's successor in the pastorate was Dr. James Diehl, presently General Superintendent. Dr. Diehl had felt led to ask us if we were interested in

interviewing at Oskaloosa, Iowa. Here we were, content in teaching math, coaching basketball, starting a summer recreational program, and enjoying so many ministry opportunities (even in the classroom with gospel films and sharing Jesus.), both one-on-one evangelism and in a growing local church, pastored by Gary Henecke. I felt like I needed confirmation before making this great leap!

## Confirmation!

Is it not amazing how patient God is with us if we are truly seeking his will? He confirmed His call over and over:

- The first Sunday at church a young lady mistakenly thought I was the Pastor.
- When I told my wife, Kathy, her response was, "It was always my dream to be a preacher's wife." I figured with four daughters, a house, and complete satisfaction with the way God had led, she would not be interested. She was ready to sacrifice and go immediately, if that was needed.

- That same day a preacher on the radio quoted I Cor. 9:16; “Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.” This verse spoke to me very strongly, and was probably the strongest continuing confirmation during the year and to this present time.
- A page had fallen out of someone’s Bible. Kathy found it on the floor in our house. I Tim. 6: 16-II Tim. 2:4. God was speaking through His Word! Many Scriptures confirmed His Call.

God also used Dr. Bob Kirpatrick, Dr. Hugh Benner, Dr. Harold Reed, Dr. Forrest Nash, Rev. Mel Johnson, Pastor Gary Henecke, Missionary Don Scarlett, Missionary Jack Barnell, Rev. Sam Salter, Rev. Homer Max, Dr. Merne Harris, Mrs. Stanley, Dad and Mom Ulmet, Rev. John and Laurel Yoder, Dad and Mom Morris, and many others to confirm His call. I am amazed now at the number of affirmations He gave me through His Word and others.

### “Do the work of an evangelist” II Tim. 4:5

I can see now that accepting His call was not only a “Divine Moment” of release (praying through), but also a process. I was to “Preach the Word,” and I said I would go. I pastored for 18 years, trying to pray and minister His Word. I remember being asked a question during one of our moves to a local church. It was while listening to the radio program “The Millionaire.” Someone asked me, “What would you do with a million dollars if it was given to you?” I immediately answered, “I would go to all the churches that couldn’t afford revivals and preach revivals for them.” This vision continued to stay in my mind through the remaining pastorates.

There are always moments in God’s call and the ensuing process that one has to totally surrender to His will and trust Him completely. I believe that He called me into teaching and coaching as preparation for His call. He may have been calling me into evangelism when I answered His call to preach, but I sensed He led me to pastor to prepare me to be an evangelist. I have learned that it is easy to confuse The Call with opportunities to follow the call. His Call for me included trusting Him to take care of family and living, never asking for anything, knowing that God will supply. God told me through His Word: “Go your way, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. The laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house, whatsoever city you enter, eat such things as are set before you, and heal the sick that are therein and say to them; the kingdom of God is com-


ing nigh unto you.” He not only called me into evangelism, but gave me the instructions on going. Was there a struggle? Yes, I struggled!

### The Struggle

Yes, after the security of pastoring full-time in four churches, with social security, medical insurance, annuities, housing, utilities, expenses, paid vacation time, and other fringe benefits provided, how could I just give that all up with no guarantee of any meetings or finances. Paul wrote to me and said, “And My God shall supply all. All? Yes. All your needs! How? According to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” Many evangelists were so encouraging and helpful as I entered evangelism. I am finishing ten years of full-time work and can tell you that God supplies. It is exciting to watch God provide through the churches and individuals.

### His Provision

God has provided over 400 revival meetings, over 2,280 preaching services, in over 422 churches—an average of 20 districts per year in ten years. Yet, I have never been more excited about the future. The God-called evangelist is a necessary part of the Missional Vision of His Church. It is an honor to be a tenured “God-called” evangelist. I believe the leadership of His Church is, and will continue to see the need of using the evangelist to bring renewal in the church. I am not sure that the meetings will always be structured exactly the same, but our people will always need “revival.” God’s call is expecting the evangelist to bring His people together to focus, refocus, or renew our focus on Jesus (the Source) and our relationship with Him. It’s all about Him! When we individually listen to Him through His Word and ask Him to give us what we need, we have renewal. Collectively, His Church has revival, and disciples are developed. Every church needs this as much as they need their pastor and other ministry leaders.

For Revival,  
Rev. Bill Ulmet 



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# Revival Fires

*unusual breakthroughs of the Holy Spirit in our churches!*

Evangelist Chuck Millhuff

A Journal Entry in my Room after this Event

November 17, 2003

Last Saturday night I preached to about 1000 Africans from all over the continent of Africa in the Good News Center, our conference center in Johannesburg, South Africa. After a wonderful mixed sextet of Africans sang in their indescribable style, I got up to preach. My text was Galatians 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ..."

God, the Holy Spirit, turned me inside out in my spirit with unction like I have seldom experienced. At the end, I began to quote the second verse of "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." When I got to the words, "Hold o'er my being absolute sway," the place exploded with a rush to the altars as I have never seen before. I asked one of the internationals on the platform, "How many came?" He responded that approximately half of the congregation had come.

The piano finally did start, but we never sang. During the altar service, I felt led to pray in the name of Jesus against any evil spirit or any plan that was formed against us. God lifted me beyond myself in prayer. It was as if there was an implosion of the Spirit. There was such weeping and shouting in twenty-five-plus African tongues—a sound you may never hear in a lifetime.

God is doing a great thing in Africa.

I am in my room now, and am so tired that I think I am dead; but, praise God, He again used me for His glory. It was, for sure, not me. I felt so incapable tonight that I was actually afraid.



**Has God been working in an unusual way in your church or camp meeting? We encourage you to submit written accounts.**

At the heart of every growing and truly effective church is a solid media strategy.

# Can You Hear Me Now ?

by Eric Gessner



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**T**he most significant Truth of all time is being casually dismissed by a modern and popular culture. In current society, information and technology are prevalent, and they assert solutions for the human condition. Masses buy into this concept—that wealth, luxury, status and gadgets will fill the void in their lives. Their dependency is severe, and it profoundly impacts every thought and decision made in their lives.

It's obvious that people have changed behaviorally over time. The question is: Are we, in Christendom, seemingly using the same antiquated, church-culture methodology from 25 years ago to reach a new kind of people? Should we be surprised by their genuine disinterest, boredom and lack of time for the most significant Truth in all of history? If we in ministry cannot engage an individual within their value system, then we need to understand that our message is of no importance to them, because our presentation suggests we are not in touch with their world.

Looking for a format to effectively capture their attention and challenge an individual's core beliefs? Glad you asked!

Interested in viewing some demo clips used for sermon illustrations, mission statement openers and program promos? Go online to [\[http://www.matrix49.com/epdemo\]](http://www.matrix49.com/epdemo)

If you have questions about the range of media possibilities, pricing, media integration plans and/or constructing a technology strategy or model for your church, please contact me at [\[eric@matrix49.com\]](mailto:eric@matrix49.com)

At the heart of every growing and truly effective church is a solid media strategy. A modern society is being spoken to through media. Television is playing a dominant role in shaping our culture, and has been for a long time. With the recent arrival of the Internet, the visual information revolution is in full bloom. We have been walking around with eyes plugged into the front of our heads for years. Why neglect the entire visual spectrum when it comes to worshipping God? Perhaps we have forgotten just how amazing looking through our own eyes can be. The Book of Revelation is full of imagery, which, if seen first hand, would probably leave us temporarily crippled in awe. If we live in a society that is accustomed to information being delivered visually, how can the church make an impact without doing likewise? If you need to communicate absolute truth to a relative culture, a powerful media strategy must be used to deliver a message effectively. The most important goal is to engage and bring people into a conversation with the truth.

Before we take a look at various media ideas, I encourage you to not make this a matter of relevancy, obsolescence, technological aptitude, budgetary constraints or any of the

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# A Soldier Says Goodbye...

**Jan died suddenly in Terre Haute, Indiana, while the Reeds were traveling. Later, Sherman wrote this letter to family and friends and gave permission to have it reprinted here in the Evangelists' Perspective.**

Greetings,

This Christmas letter will be the most unusual one I have ever written. This is Jan's first Christmas in heaven and the most difficult one for me in our entire married journey. I want you to understand that our loss of Jan does not change the meaning of Christmas; for the true meaning of Christmas far surpasses any separation, heartache, loss or happiness we may ever experience this side of heaven's gates. Christmas truly means eternal life for us believers, as well as a life here that is pardoned from our sin. I do not deny our loss, tears and heartache, but know that God came to earth in Jesus, and is still helping each of us with all that comes our way. He is still God of the difficult times as well as the good times. I fully understand that, but this is a time of absence and mourning as I recall our life together and the 38 years we celebrated Christmas.

I continue to hear from people around the world with words of encouragement and sympathy through email, phone calls and regular mail. Thank you so very much. You mean so much, not only to me, but also to my family.

I am reminded of a Christmas a long time ago—1966, in fact. It was our first Christmas apart after being married. That Christmas we had been married eighteen months. A war was on then, too. I was in SE Asia, and Jan was completing her senior year at Olivet Nazarene College—now University. I had received letters from her nearly every time the plane could get in to us and mail call could be held. I was homesick thinking of her and the special season; it was Christmas. It was hot, and much different than what we had been used to. I was part of a unit located at a station on a small cliff on the South China Sea. We could stand there and watch the sun go down and the stars come out at night, but it was still lonely. We were away from loved ones. Thousands of miles of ocean separated us. Most of us carried a small calendar or similar device to count the number of days we had left to see our families again.

It was Christmas Eve, and I was the Senior Controller on duty that night. I had a great crew, and most had volunteered to work that evening for there wasn't much else to do. I was an Interceptor Weapons Controller Officer for the Air Force assigned to PACAF. It was a slow and quiet night for us. Most of our Interceptor Aircraft were on the ground and in alert status; just as we were as Controllers. The huge B-52s had completed their bomb runs over N Viet Nam; their refueling tankers had successfully refueled the bombers and landed while the bombers continued on their return journey to their "home plate." Bob Hope and his group had taken off for their homes in California after completing their tour of Thailand and Viet Nam.

As the night progressed, so quiet and still, the silence was suddenly broken with a call to us from a pilot. I answered the call, and the plotters marked the aircraft on the huge Blue Room Board. It was the Bob Hope USO group heading home. They wanted to wish us all a very Merry Christmas and thank us for the service to our country. Then, from that one aircraft in all that open air space, we heard the voice of Anita Bryant coming over the interceptor control channel singing to us the song, "Silent Night." We listened to her sing as the plane moved, all too quickly, out of range of radar and voice communication. How lonely it seemed after they had given us their greeting and sang the song. We all did another count, and thought of how many days it was until we could see our family once again, face-to-face.

Now, in many ways, that is how lonely I feel again these 37 Christmases later. The absence of Jan is staggering, but I can testify to God's keeping and guiding presence, and one day we will see each other again, face-to-face. The hymn writer has said it so well, "What a Day That Will Be." Jan is enjoying this Christmas to the fullest revelation God can give. She is experiencing all that we preached about and she sang about.

My pastor-friend, Don Wilkins, prayed a prayer with me the night Jan went to heaven. In his prayer he






prayed, “God, You are too wise to be mistaken, and too good to be unkind to Your children.” I believe that prayer, and I have trusted in it. I also know that I am not the only one to go through this ordeal. My heart goes out to those of you who have lost your spouse or family member. Our two children, Angela and John, their spouses, and the four grandchildren are a real help and inspiration to me. It is true that this Christmas will be the most unusual and difficult one we have ever celebrated as a family, but we all know that while Jan cannot be there, God will be, and His presence has been so precious.

My family and I wish for each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas. God is truly here.

To those of you who will receive this email while defending our country and away from your families—thank you for being “on point” and our “Vanguards of Freedom” this Christmas. May you sense His divine presence wherever you are.

His For This Generation,

*Sherman Reed*

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typical reasons we use to explain our shortcomings. It's simply a paradigm shift in philosophy. We need to start looking through the eyes of the people we are attempting to reach, and care more about their lives and lifestyles than our own hang-ups and insecurities. We must be willing to daily venture outside our comfort zone, and be willing to change the way we normally do things. If we have a passion for souls and recognize how effective media can be, then all of the above issues are simply understood to be part of the process and not perceived as roadblocks.

Let's get into benefits and ideas. Any church, regardless of size, can implement a media strategy. Integrating media and technology allows you to plug into groups of people that perhaps have been neglected as active participants: graphic designers, computer programmers and specific engineering types. These individuals can express themselves in ministry roles and have it become a true manifestation of their faith.

Computer technology provides an efficient means for streamlining productivity, providing unending resources for projects, communicating with the masses, and so on, while each category also provides new ministry opportunities for individuals. Technical and creative types alike can be involved with the worship service by designing and operating the presentation programs and inserting relevant imagery and video behind the worship lyrics and sermon notes. Pre-produced videos can be played as a visual backdrop to the music, communion and other settings, adding a dynamic atmosphere of meaning to worship. Short videos can be filmed and edited for the purpose of sermon illustrations or mission statement openers before each service. Design-savvy types can make announcements, handouts and program guides visually dynamic, interesting and appealing. A theatre-like audio experience combined with proper stage lighting brings additional emphasis and enhanced focus to worship.

Our job is to create an environment with which the attendees identify and, subsequently, feel comfortable enough to truly enjoy the service and open their hearts to the most significant Truth of all time.

Hang on. Can you hear me now? Yes? Good! 




## NOTE WORTHY

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would not have without the video. As Eric Gessner says in his article, "We do live in a visual world, and we might as well realize this reality and benefit from it."

Let me clearly say here that all we do, or for that matter, have ever done, is dross if the unction of the Holy Spirit is absent. This is no minor point. It is more relevant than all the rest!

The personal article of worship leader David Hubbs in this magazine evidences the pain, and even fear, that exists. What is church going to sound like eventually? I really don't know. But this I do know: I'm going to be there because I believe that my pastor and his worship leader are going to come crawling out of their offices on their knees and present to us the gospel in music, sight, sound and word on a weekly basis. Will it sound like the Chicago Barn Dance? I doubt it, but then our sound system doesn't sound like that old Philco radio either. 

### **SURPRISING INSIGHTS FROM THE UNCHURCHED AND PROVEN WAYS TO REACH THEM**

THOM S. RAINER; ZONDERVAN; GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN; 2001; Pg. 74.

### **GROW THE CHURCH FROM THE OUTSIDE IN**

GEORGE BARNA; REGAL BOOKS; VENTURA, CALIFORNIA; 2002; Pg. 128.

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