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## Side People

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from the editor



**CHUCK MILLHUFF**

## SIDE PEOPLE

“Till the storm passes over, till the thunder rolls no more....” You would have to have been there to know what I’m talking about. If you have never heard Jim Bohi sing, then you really should get one of his records or tapes. It was my privilege to travel with him for several years in hundreds of revivals all over America and to many parts of the world. Jim knew how to set up a service for a preacher. Having sung with so many of our greatest pulpeteers starting in the late '50s, he learned a lot that he passed on to me.

Jim still sings with his family on occasion. He has two sons who are good singers and two daughters who are great singers and a wife, Carolyn, who is a saint. With his whole family spread out across the platform singing, there comes that magic moment when that incredible voice cuts in on the last verse, and there it is all over again. There is no way I can describe it. Jim Hill, the great tenor and author of “What a Day That Will Be,” called Jim the greatest revival singer he had ever heard while Hill was singing with the Statesmen Quartet. I would agree. The memories of those years with Jim are deep and unforgettable. He is my very dear friend. When I think of side people, Jim Bohi is the essence of them.

In the secular world of entertainment, the people who support the main act are called side people: the drummer, the bass player, the vocals, etc. In the field of Evangelism we would never use such a term, but that’s what they are. It is popular now in some circles to think of the music as the main part of the worship service experience. The sermon is worked into the middle of the service giving the event some spoken thought. Yet, I would remind these people that it is through the foolishness of preaching that God has ordained the message of salvation to be delivered. (I Corinthians 1:21) No one can deny that these other folks are of immense importance. I refer to singers, children’s workers, those who pray in the service, altar workers, accompanists and others without which we could not have the experience in worship that we do.

The history of these so-called “side people” goes all the way back to Bible times. These teams stand out: Moses and Aaron, David and Jonathan, Elijah and Elisha, and Paul and Silas or Timothy to name but a few. In modern times they began in the 19th century with D.L. Moody

# FROM A BEAN FIELD TO GLORY

*By Jim Bohi*

**M**y story began in 1932 in a big square farmhouse three miles west of Bloomfield, Iowa, on a hot day in July when a baby was born. I was that baby—James Thomas Bohi, or Jimmie, as my mother most often called me. That day Daddy looked at me and, because I had one ear higher than the other, said I would probably be a genius or a musician. Well, time has proved him wrong on the genius part of the theory.

But he was right about the music. At age 3 in a Christmas program at the Wesley Chapel Country Methodist church, I walked up on stage and sang “Away in a Manger.” As I grew into my teen years, I found real enjoyment in singing. At 13, I sang for the first time in a Nazarene church on a Sunday night the song “Just a Closer Walk with Thee.”

A few years, and a series of divine directions later—that at the time I was not aware of but now realize were truly God’s doing—I found myself standing beside a piano in the Tabor, Iowa, Church of the Nazarene singing at a Nazarene preacher’s meeting. I made it fine through the first verse, but when I got to the chorus something happened. Preachers started standing up, some clapping, some crying, some shouting and some running around the church. I stood there wondering what I had done wrong. I was 16 years old and had never seen anything like that. It was the first time I really realized the gift I had in me. I guess that was the beginning of the visible hand of God leading me into evangelistic singing. Pastors started calling me to come to their church and handle the music for revivals.

I was not without my spiritual struggles. As a teenager I longed for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. I tried different churches and approaches but to no avail. I loved the farm and could not imagine my life without it. The smell of the fresh-turned soil in the spring is still a wonderful smell to me as is the feeling of

walking through a freshly plowed field. I love everything about it. That might have been a part of the problem.

One day on an old tractor, with no cab in those days, I was longing for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Tears were running down my dust-covered face as I wept for whatever it was I longed for. I looked behind me and could see I was plowing up more beans than I was cultivating. I stopped and knelt at the implement I was pulling, and there I prayed until the Holy Spirit of the Living God touched me. I was to never be the same again, though I have had times of difficult testing and trial.

At 18, I applied for my first Song Evangelist commission on the Iowa district. Three years later, the chairman of the Board of Ministerial studies told me the board would not give me another license unless I went to college and seriously pursued my education and music career.

In January 1957, we—my wife Carolyn and Doug, our only son at the time—moved to Olivet Nazarene College in my green ’49 Chevy truck, with the dented hood from my bumping a stubborn cow. Three weeks after arriving on campus with our trailer house, I met the Reverend John Swearngen in the chapel. He asked if I would be pursuing singing while there. I answered, “Yes.” He said, “Good, I want you to go to Cloverdale, Indiana, next Sunday for the day.”

That’s when it began at Olivet. Five-and-a-half years later, I walked across the stage in that black robe



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and received my Bachelor of Arts in Church Music. A pastor was waiting for me when the ceremony was over. I kissed my wife goodbye and rode to Cincinnati, Ohio, to hold a revival with Luther Watson, pastor of the Springdale Church of the Nazarene.

As I sit here and write this story, I am profoundly moved by the truth that none of this would have happened if God had not had a special plan for my life in music evangelism. While in college, fellow students and professors encouraged me to study opera. In honesty that was probably the only great temptation I ever had to do something different than what I knew was God's first plan for my life. All through the years there were opportunities to give time and attention to music other than evangelistic music. But somewhere between singing at age 3 in the Methodist chapel and seeking out and going to college, I knew that I was supposed to be an evangelist. Thirty-four years have passed with the call ever there and the door open for me to pursue my calling. I faithfully stayed at the job.

Throughout the years, hundreds of young people have asked the question, "How do you know when you are called?" My answer has always been the same, "If you really see the need for ministry, if you have God-given talent special to a need, if you know that God has drawn your attention aside and you can't get away from that God-given feeling, then you are called and marked by God for a ministry."

One day many years ago now, Dr. V.H. Lewis said to me, "Jim, it's always easy to preach after you prepare a service through music." I am not sure where that goal emerged in my ministry, but it was always first priority in choosing songs for congregational singing, choir singing and solo singing. I have been privileged to prepare the service for so many and never felt less than or the smaller part of the service. Evangelistic singing is a gift as real as the preaching ministry, and God has proved it to me all over the world.

I honor the Holy Spirit and say that only His spirit and guidance made me somehow effective in His service. If one person is in heaven or on their way because of Jim Bohi's singing, then I say it is all because as a 13-year-old boy I bowed at an altar in the Bloomfield Church of the Nazarene during revival services conducted by Reverend H.E. Hegstrum, and for the first time in my life I knew I was saved from my sins. I guess that's where Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you a fisher of men."

I can still see that old white farmhouse, and yet I long for that farmhouse in the sky. When you get there, look for me. I will be singing in that great choir next to Warny Tippit, or Jim Hill, or maybe David himself, with all storms gone forever. 



# REVIVALISM FUND

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

**“ We would love to have a Revival at our church  
but we just can't afford one.  
We need help.”**

The reality is that we have 3,700 churches in the USA and Canada that run less than 100 in Sunday morning attendance and 2000 of them that run less than 50. Most of these churches raise less than \$100,000 for all purposes, have bi-vocational pastors, and find it nearly impossible to have revival meetings.

Revivalism Ministries has now established THE REVIVALISM FUND, which is funded by the generous gifts of churches and people who believe the REVIVAL MEETING must not die in The Church of the Nazarene.

THE REVIVALISM FUND will match any Nazarene church that meets the criteria up to \$750, creating \$1,500 for a crusade once every three years. This is considered a 10% special when a church gives it.

The criteria are that the church must:

- Raise less than \$100,000 for all purposes...
- Use a Nazarene Evangelist in a Nazarene Church...
- Pay the Evangelist an honorarium of at least \$1,000...

- House the Evangelist in a reasonable motel or pay for the motor home hookup and pay the cost of a motel less the hookup charge...
- Pay for round-trip travel...
- Give the Evangelist \$100 for food.

It is understood that the \$1,500 will not cover all of these expenses, but as the offerings come in all the needs will be met.

Again, this fund is totally reliant on the gifts of churches and individuals that believe in this work. The checks should be made payable to General Treasurer, marked “The Revivalism Fund,” and mailed to the General Church — Global Treasury Services, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131 USA.

I have every belief that there are hundreds of people who will aid this exciting challenge. The average Evangelist holds 26 revivals a year. If you do the math and include taxes, hospitalization, and insurances, it will all come into focus.

Blessings on all of you who will pray and help us with this great cause.

**Charles R. Millhuff, D.Min.**

**Revivalism Coordinator, The Church of the Nazarene**

# from a Chair to a Console

by Carolyn Pickering



**D**r. Ed Robinson, the new president of MidAmerica Nazarene University, recently spoke at Olathe College Church and talked about the “Saints” who have gone on before us. The message prompted me to reflect on my childhood and growing up traveling with my parents, the Reverends Calvin & Marge Jantz.

My parents answered a call to full-time evangelism when I was 3 years old. I traveled with them until I reached school age, and then I lived with my grandparents during the school year. Beginning in the fourth grade, my parents began a home-schooling program, Calvert School, which enabled me to travel with them. We traveled in an Airstream trailer so I could have some semblance of a home life complete with a dog and a parakeet. I had a “living education” and I loved it. We would always take a field trip in whatever city we were holding a revival. I have seen the manufacturing process of nearly everything—from hotdogs to Kodak cameras. In reflecting back on this time, I now realize I had the wonderful opportunity to listen to the best “saints” of our beloved church.

My summers were spent going to camp meetings and listening three times a day, often in stifling heat—yes, I said three times a day—to the heroes of our church. Dr. Hardy Powers and Dr. G.B Williamson always made me feel so special. I can remember Dr. Powers saying, “If you’ll laugh at my jokes over and over, I’ll say amen over and over to your songs.” Dr. Williamson always saved a place at the dining room table right by him so we could visit. As I grew older, we had the privilege of being at Dr. George Coulter’s first District Assembly in Kearney, Nebraska, with the Reverends Whit and Maridel Harding and Dr. Curtis Smith. I loved Dr. Coulter and that little mischievous twinkle in his eye. His wit was so winsome.

My young tender heart would always feel convicted when I heard Dr. James Crabtree preach on hell. I was quite sure I could see the smoke coming out from behind the pulpit. I loved the Rev. Paul Stuart’s use of “big” words and my favorite was when he talked about pusillanimous Christians. I was a frequent flyer at the altar during my childhood. I look back now and kind of chuckle, realizing I lived in such a protected environment that I couldn’t have sinned if I had wanted to, but the Holy Spirit kept my heart tender even though I heard the Word preached every day and night.

I will always remember singing, “It Is No Secret What God Can Do,” by Stuart Hamlin. A layman in Dodge City, Kansas, promised me cowboy boots if I’d stand on the restaurant table and belt it out. My how I loved those cowboy boots! I’m sure my mother will never forget the Sunday afternoon at the New Mexico camp meeting when I said from the chair I was standing on next to the pulpit in my 4-year-old voice, “I’m sick and tired of singing this song,” then proceeded to jump down off of the chair I was standing on and walk off the platform in tears.

I must say, however, in memory’s light that the best thing ever was to be an Evangelist’s child. I loved returning to the same churches and being with my favorite pastors Norman Bloom, Glenn Flannery, Ross Hayslip, Earl McKinney and Luther Watson. They were my friends. I had so many pen pals that have turned out to be my life-long friends. Looking back on it now, I understand it was the attitude of my parents that made me feel so privileged. They always protected my ears from the “tabletop gossip” and I just thought the best about everybody. I’m so glad they allowed me to believe the best about everyone and The Church of the Nazarene.

When I went to Olivet Nazarene College in the fall of 1965 it was a great time of adjustment for me. I had

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## MAKING A CONTRIBUTION

by *Don Gessner*

In reflection, God was putting it all together before we ever entertained the first thought of a music ministry. As “teenage sweethearts,” doing music was just a common way of spending time together. It was during that time, however, that we both committed our lives to Jesus Christ.

A few years later, while living a comfortable lifestyle with goals that centered around ourselves, God revealed Himself in a way that got my attention. It was 1977 and we were singing at a camp meeting in Pennsylvania, when God showed me the selfishness of my life. It was during that GOD MOMENT that He personalized Colossians 3:16. “Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”


Soon, Eric our son was born, and as the years unfolded, he became a significant part of our ministry. What memories...we will never forget! Along with his singing role, one of the key components that he gives to us is relevance in ministry. He now has his own business and serves as media director at Grace Pointe Church of the Nazarene. Eric and his lovely wife, Deborah, recently had their first child, Mirabelle. Yes, we are proud grandparents! We all make our home in Indianapolis.

As our ministry continues to follow “The Call,” God has given us a unique opportunity to share our passion for evangelism at Grace Pointe Church of the Nazarene in Indianapolis, a church with remarkable growth. Merging evangelism through the roles of a local and travel ministry has provided an effective dynamic not otherwise realized. The Call for us is clear and very exciting.

“Making a Contribution” in the lives of people is a simple principle that has guided my adult life. I now realize how our music ministry became the vehicle that continues to fulfill this principle over and over again.



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Names and titles eventually vanish. Awards and accolades lose their significance in time. Yet who we are every day, every moment, and how we deal with adversity, both small and large, is what makes a WORTHY LIFE.\* 

\*Reid, Julie. “Writing The Song of God’s Victory.” *Worship Leader Magazine*. January/February 2006.





## REFLECTIONS ON A CATHEDRAL

by *G. Stuart McWhirter*

One evening in 1974, my wife and I, with our 4-year-old son Stuart, sat in the candle lit Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore, the famous Duomo of Florence, Italy. Before us, above us and around us was a visual feast of architecture, art and antiquity. In the transept to our left, the soft light fell on Michelangelo's Pieta, a work of his later abstract period. The figure of Joseph of Arimathea in this work is believed to be a self-sculpture of Michelangelo. Brunelleschi's dome, one of the architectural wonders of the world, rose above us. The entire setting provided an almost mystical encounter with beauty, wonder and human creativity. We marveled at the cathedral remaining resplendent through more than half a millennium.

Earlier that evening, a guide showed us a bronze orb in the floor of

the cathedral. Each year, at the summer solstice, sunlight coming through a high window fills this orb to its exalt perimeter and no more. Thus, annually for centuries, the soundness of the structure is known.

As I reflected on the work of the brilliant builders of Florence's Duomo, I remembered that several times the New Testament with mixed figurative language describes the people of God as builders or as being built. The great Florentine builders erected for the ages these beautiful works, but those who build for the progress of the Gospel and for the spiritual soundness of God's church, build for eternity. In Ephesians 2: 20, Paul describes the people of God as "Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone." In First Corinthians 3:11,

Paul states, "For no man can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." In these verses, Paul emphasizes the imperative for all Christians to always carefully, earnestly remain faithful to the teaching and preaching of the apostles, remembering that they are the first witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Are we Christians building according to the pattern that the Apostles gave? To do so, we must adhere to their teaching and preaching which is the hallmark of all authentic Christianity. We should communicate the gospel to modern people through intelligible language without changing its meaning or resorting to cold, rote clichés. Above all, we should ground all of our teaching and preaching in a vital personal relationship with Jesus Christ as the Apostles taught.

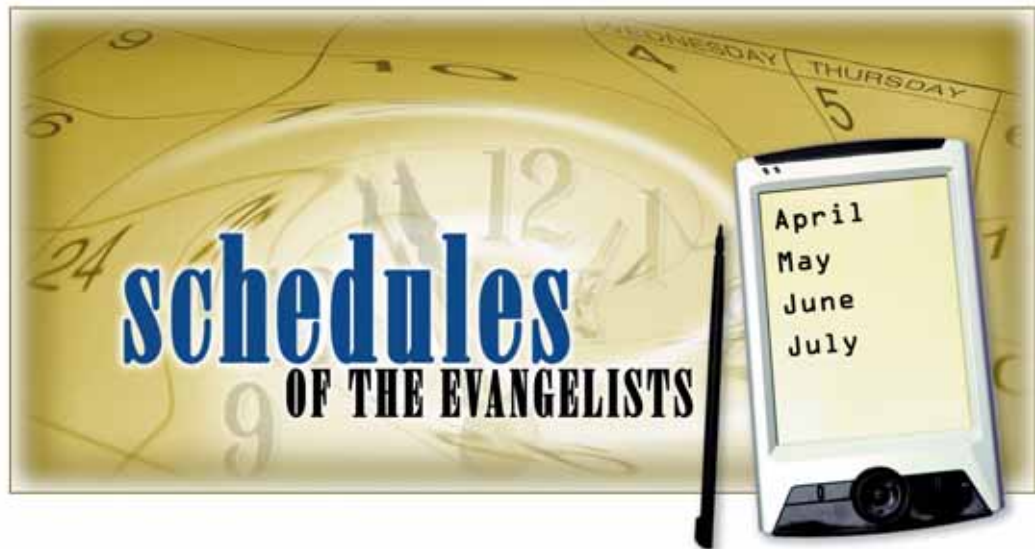
Jude in verse three of his epistle states, "Dear friends, although I was eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints." Michael Green, commenting on this verse, responded, "By faith... entrusted' Jude means the apostolic teaching and preaching which was regulative upon the church." Green continues, "The once-for-allness of

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**ADAMS, DAVID AND CHARLENE  
ADAMS VOICE**

Apr 2, Burlington, IA, First  
Apr 23-26, Eureka, IL  
Apr 29, Angola, IN,  
Apr 30, Angola, IN, Community

**ADAMS, MICHAEL**

Apr 2-5, Schwartz Creek, MI,  
Apr 9-13, Fostoria, OH, First  
Apr 18-23, Muncie, IN, South Side  
Apr 26-30, Rochester, NY, Trinity  
May 7-10, Shelbyville, TN  
May 14-17, Kingsport, TN, First  
May 21-24, Sturgis, MI, Evangelical Church  
Jun 8-18, Roberta, GA, Southeast Holiness  
Campmtg  
Jul 12-16, Augusta, ME, Maine District Nazarene  
Campmtg  
Jul 17-23, Pleasant Ridge, PA  
Jul 26-30, Butler, PA, Pittsburg District Nazarene  
Campmtg

**ARMSTRONG, LEON (T)**

**ARMSTRONG FAMILY MINISTRIES**

Mar 28-2, Conneaut, OH, Kelloggsville  
Apr 4-9, Meadville, PA, First  
Apr 11-16, Montpelier, IN, Union Chap.  
Apr 19-23, York, NE, New Life  
Apr 25-30, Britt, IA, Zion  
May 3-7, Orbisonia, PA  
May 10-14, Petersburg, PA  
May 16-21, West Lebanon, IN  
Jul 17-23, Rutland, OH

**ARNOLD, DANIEL**

Apr 2-6, Cedar Rapids, IA, Oakland  
Apr 28-29, Des Moines, IA, Iowa District Men's  
Retreat  
Apr 30-May 3, Newton, IA, New Life Community  
May 7-11, Wheatland, MO

**BAKER, JUDITH**

**JUDITH BAKER MINISTRIES**

Jul 10-14, Dothan, AL, Bethel AME

**BALLARD, DONALD**

May 7, Germantown, TN, Southerland Place  
Comm. Start  
May 14, Germantown, TN, Plantation Community  
Start  
May 21, Germantown, TN, Southerland Place  
Comm. Start  
May 29, Germantown, TN, Plantation Community  
Start  
Jun 4, Germantown, TN, Southerland Place  
Community Start  
Jun 11, Germantown, TN, Plantation Community  
Start  
Jun 18, Germantown, TN, Southerland Place  
Comm. Start  
Jun 25, Germantown, TN, Southerland Place  
Comm. Start  
Jul 2, Germantown, TN, Plantation Community  
Start  
Jul 9, Germantown, TN, Southerland Place  
Community Start  
Jul 16, Germantown, TN, Plantation Community  
Start  
Jul 23, Germantown, TN, Southerland Place  
Community Start  
Jul 30, Germantown, TN, Southerland Place  
Community Start

**BELZER, DAVID**

Apr 25-30, Lees Summit, MO, New Beginnings  
May 2-7, Arcola, IL, First  
May 9-14, Alma, MI

**BENDER, TIMOTHY (T)**

Apr 4-9, Indianapolis, IN, South Irvington  
Apr 11-16, Lucasville, OH, Candy Run Wesleyan  
Tabernacle  
Apr 18-23, Carnegie, OK  
May 9-14, Greeneville, TN, Wesleyan Bible  
Tabernacle  
May 16-19, Greeneville, TN  
May 21, Greeneville, TN  
Jun 23-Jul 2, Franklin, PA, Oak Hill Holiness  
Camp  
Jul 12-16, Oak Hill, FL, Grace

**BEVILLE, W.**

Apr 2-15, Shelbyville, IL

(T) Tenured Evangelist is recognized by the church as a lifetime assignment. See *Manual* 407.3

**BIRT, ALVIN**

**HAPPY HEART MINISTRIES**

May 26-28, Syracuse, IN, "The Waiting School"-  
Petitts' Min.

**BOLICH, JEREMIAH**

**CROSS STYLE INTERNAT. MIN.**

Apr 2-5, Chandler, OK, First  
Apr 9-12, Banner, MO,  
Apr 23-26, Frankfort, IN, Wesleyan First Church  
Apr 30-3, Kewanee, IL, Grace

**BOND, GARY (T)**

**GARY BOND MINISTRIES**

Apr 2-5, Warner Robins, GA, First  
Apr 9-12, Archdale, NC  
Apr 16-19, Mineola, TX  
Apr 23-26, Fayette, OH  
Apr 30-May 3, Columbus, IN, Columbus First  
May 7-10, Elkins, WV  
May 12-14, New Castle, IN, First  
Jun 7-11, Vandalia, IL, Harvest United Methodist  
Jun 19-25, Marion, IN, NE Indiana Nazarene  
District Camp  
Jun 28-Jul 2, Sylacauga, AL, First  
Jul 15-23, Grand Ledge, MI, Michigan District  
Camp Meeting  
Jul 24-30, Conneautville, PA, Peniel Holiness  
Camp PA

**CANEN, DAVID (T)**

**DAVID CANEN MINISTRIES, INC.**

Apr 4-9, East View, KY, Wesleyan  
Apr 11-16, Swainsboro, GA, First  
Apr 19-23, Greensboro, IN  
Apr 26-30, Shirley, IN

**CANFIELD, DAVID**

**CANFIELD EVANGELISTIC MINS.**

Mar 31-Apr 2, Warren, OH, Warren Champion  
Apr 9-12, Quincy, KY, Kentucky Heights  
Jun 20-24, Wellston, OH, Wellston Camp Meeting

**CASSELMAN, GERALD**

Mar 29-Apr 2, Slidell, LA, First  
Apr 7-9, Dadeville, AL  
Apr 16-19, Pineville, LA, First

**CHAFFINS, BRYAN**

Apr 9-14, Huntington, WV, Kellogg Holiness  
Church

**CHAPMAN, JAMES**

**BIG CHAP MINISTRIES**

Jun 5-9, Indianapolis, IN, SW Indiana Junior High  
Camp  
Jul 12-16, Des Moines, IA, Iowa District Junior  
High Camp  
Jul 17-21, Manville, IL, NW Illinois District Sr. Teen  
Camp

**COVINGTON, NATHAN**

**LIFE MENDERS**

Apr 2-5, Douglasville, GA, First  
Apr 9-12, Searcy, AR  
Apr 16-19, Tahlequah, OK  
Apr 23-26, Three Rivers, MI  
Apr 30-May 3, Richland Center, WI  
May 7-10, Sioux City, IA, First  
May 12-13, Glen Burnie, MD  
May 14-17, Bedford, PA  
Jul 30-Aug 2, Hutchinson, KS, Bethany

**CRABTREE, DR. J.C.**

**THE VOICE OF EVANGELISM**

Feb 6-14, Greeneville, TN  
Apr 9-12, Arentzville, IL, Bethel Community Church  
Jul 3-9, Hendersonville, NC, Hendersonville  
Nazarene Camp Mtg.

**CUNDIFF, VICKIE**

**SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE**

Apr 7-9, Dayton, OH, Maryland Avenue

**CURRY, MICHAEL**

Apr 2-5, Weatherford, OK  
Apr 7-8, Tishomingo, OK, SE Oklahoma District  
Ladies Retreat  
May 5-7, Indianapolis, IN, Castleton

**DABYDEEN, ROBERT (T)**

Apr 1-6, Chester, SC  
Apr 9-12, Carthage, TN  
Apr 16-19, Parkersburg, WV, First  
Apr 22-26, Charleston, WV, First  
May 1-3, Rutland, OH  
May 7-10, Loriman, IN,  
May 14-17, West Main, SC,  
May 21-26, Brent, AL, Ridgeville  
Jun 11-14, Hannibal, MO, First  
Jun 18-21, Morehead City, NC, Crystal Coast  
Jun 25-28, Roley, AL,  
Jul 16-19, Decatur, AL, First

**DEGENKOLB, WILLIAM**

Apr 16, Mahaffey, PA, Easter Concert-Banner  
Ridge Commun.  
Apr 21, Lancaster, PA, District Senior Day-Sight &  
Sound  
Apr 26-30, Confluence, PA  
May 3-7, Ridgway, PA  
May 13-13, Cherry Tree, PA, Zion Evangelical  
Church  
May 20-21, Knox, PA, Bethany Evangelical  
Congregational  
Jun 23-25, Xenia, OH, WGM Hearland Mission  
Celebration  
Jul 21-30, Mt. Chestnut, PA, Nazarene Dist.  
Assembly & Camp

**DELL, JIMMY (T)**

**JIMMY DELL MINISTRIES**

Apr 2-5, Harrison, OH  
Apr 9-12, Lansing, MI, First  
Apr 23-26, Carlsbad, NM, First  
Apr 30-May 3, Reading, MI  
May 7-10, San Pedro, CA, Peninsula  
May 13-18, Roanoke, VA, East Gate  
May 19-21, Laingsburg, MI  
Jun 19-25, Normal, IL, Central Illinois Holiness  
Assoc.  
Jul 23-30, Fenton, MI

**DODDS, LARRY**

**LARRY DODDS MINISTRIES, INC.**

Apr 30-May 3, Pittsfield, IL

**DOLE, CHARLES**

**EVERLASTING SONG MINISTRIES**

Apr 16, Covington, KY, Eastside  
May 15, West Harrison, IN, SW Ohio District  
Prime Time Retreat  
Jun 17, Independence, KY, Baptist  
Jul 22, Lafayette, IN,

**DONNERBERG, JOHN**

**JOHN DONNERBERG MINISTRIES**

Mar 30-Apr 2, Carey, OH, Ridge Chapel  
Apr 9-12, Choctaw, OK  
Apr 23-26, Ada, OK  
Apr 30-May 3, Hillsboro, TX  
May 4-7, Whitney, TX  
May 14-17, Burleson, TX  
May 21-24, Arlington, TX, East Park  
May 25-28, Halton City, TX  
Jul 1-7, Brooktondale, NY, Upstate NY District  
Camp  
Jul 8-9, Schenectady, NY  
Jul 23-31, Fort Worth, TX, Crossroads Tabernacle

**DOWNING, ANN**

**ANN DOWNING MINISTRIES**

Apr 21-22, Schroom Lake, NY, Word of Life Dist  
Ladies Retreat  
Apr 28-30, Tulsa, OK, NW OK Women's Retreat  
May 5-7, Nashville, TN, Annual Middle TN  
Women's Retreat  
May 20, Oakland, MS, New Life Fellowship  
May 21, Bolivar, TN, West Memorial Baptist  
Church  
Jun 4, Mayfield, KY  
Jun 27, Dickson, TN, Roger Neal & Friends Sing  
for MS  
Jul 9, Garnett, KS  
Jul 22, Rumney, NH, Rumney Bible Camp

**ELLINGSON, STAN**

May 12, Dayton, OH, East Dayton Christian  
School Chapel

**ELLIS, PAUL**

**LIBERTY QUARTET**

Apr 20, Boise, ID, Biblical Worldview Conference  
Apr 22, Reno, NV, South Reno Baptist  
Apr 23, Reno, NV, South Reno Baptist  
Apr 23, Sparks, NV, First  
Apr 27, Fresno, CA, Southern Gospel Fan Festival  
Apr 28, Fresno, CA, Save Mart Center  
Apr 29, Fresno, CA, Save Mart Center  
Apr 30, Elk Grove, CA, First Baptist Church  
May 4, Boise, ID, ID Statehouse Steps  
May 6, Twin Falls, ID, First Assembly of God  
Gospel Opry  
May 7, Twin Falls, ID

**FLINT, ROBERT**

**LIFE THROUGH THE WORD MINS.**

Apr 5-9, Carey, OH, Ridge Chapel  
Apr 23-26, Fredericktown, OH  
May 5-7, Sebring, OH, United Methodist  
May 8-10, Findlay, OH, Winebrenner Seminary  
Jun 4-18, Millford Center, OH, Trinity Chapel  
Jul 15-16, Pioneer, OH  
Jul 20-30, Sebring, OH, Holiness Camp Meeting

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Mar 29-Apr 2, Roanoke, VA, Calvary Tabernacle  
Apr 23-26, Parkersburg, WV, Calvary Memorial  
Church  
May 14-17, Lancaster, OH, First  
Jun 11-18, Hallsville, TX, Noonday Holiness Camp  
Jul 16, Springfield, OH, High Street  
Jul 16-23, Columbus, OH, West Central District  
Camp (CCCU)  
Jul 24-29, Hinton, WV, Mt. Olivet Camp



**PETTIT, ELAINE** 

**ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES**  
 Apr 2-5, Saint Joseph, MI  
 Apr 9-12, Oklahoma City, OK, Western Oaks  
 Apr 16-19, Owensboro, KY, Calvary Wesleyan  
 Apr 20-23, San Diego, CA, Wesleyan Holiness  
 Women's Clergy  
 Apr 30-May 3, Ludington, MI  
 May 7-10, Wheelersburg, OH, Cornerstone  
 May 26-28, Syracuse, IN, "The Waiting School" -  
 Oakwood  
 Jun 14-18, Colorado Springs, CO, Eastborough  
 Jun 23-Jul 2, Auburn, PA, Auburn Family  
 Campmeeting  
 Jul 7-14, Bradford, PA, High/Ch-Free Methodist  
 Family Camp

**PHELPS, PHILLIP**

**PHILLIP PHELPS MINISTRIES**  
 Jul 11-18, Dallas, TX, Noonday Campmeeting

**PICKERING, DEAN**

**PICKERING MINISTRIES**  
 May 14-14, Orlando, FL, Colonial  
 May 28-28, Valdosta, GA, Westside Baptist Church  
 Jun 22-24, Batesburg, SC, SC District Family  
 Campmeeting  
 Jun 25, Augusta, GA, First  
 Jun 25, Batesburg, SC, SC District Family  
 Campmeeting  
 Jul 8, Bell, FL, Gospel Post Convention

**PICKERING, TWANDA**

**PICKERING MINISTRIES**  
 May 14, Orlando, FL, Colonial  
 May 28, Valdosta, GA, Westside Baptist Church  
 Jun 22-24, Batesburg, SC, SC District Family  
 Campmeeting  
 Jun 25, Augusta, GA, First  
 Jun 25, Batesburg, SC, SC District Family  
 Campmeeting  
 Jul 8, Bell, FL, Gospel Post Convention

**PICKLE, ROBERT**

**SET FREE MINISTRIES, INC.**  
 Apr 2-5, Bloomington, IN, Zion Community  
 Apr 6-10, Clinton, IN, New Life  
 Apr 30-May 1, Celina, OH  
 May 2, Celina, OH, SADD & PROM for 2000 H.S.  
 Teens  
 May 3, Celina, OH

**RAEBURN, STEPHEN AND JANET**

**RED NOSE MINISTRIES**  
 Apr 21-22, Northville, MI, Fellowship of Christian  
 Magicians  
 May 5-7, St. Albans, WV  
 May 26-28, Syracuse, IN, The Waiting School -  
 Pettit  
 Jun 5-9, Lancaster, KY  
 Jun 12-18, Columbus, OH, West Broad  
 Jun 19-25, Hixson, TN, Chattanooga Grace  
 Jun 26-30, Zanesville, OH, N. Central OH District  
 Kids Camp  
 Jul 2, Gregory, MI, Southwest  
 Jul 7-16, Zanesville, OH, N. Central OH District  
 Camp Mtg.  
 Jul 19-23, Burton, MI, Flint South  
 Jul 24-28, Mechanicsburg, IL, IL District Boys &  
 Girls Camp  
 Jul 31-Aug 4, Mechanicsburg, IL, IL District Boys &  
 Girls Camp

**REED, SHERMAN**

**LIVING TRUTH MINISTRIES**  
 Apr 7-10, Lakeland, FL, Holiness Camp  
 Apr 18-23, Smithfield, IL  
 Apr 24-27, Charlotte, NC, Billy Graham Evangelism  
 Conference

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**SINGING RICHARDS**  
 May 14, Richmond, IN, First

**ROACH, BARBARA, JERRY & REBECCA**

**ROACH EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES**  
 Apr 2-28, Paris, TN  
 May 7-28, Paris, TN  
 Jun 2-30, Paris, TN  
 Jul 2-31, Paris, TN

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**RON ROTH MINISTRIES**  
 Apr 2-5, Nitro, WV, West VA South Nazarene  
 District Mtg  
 Apr 9-14, Grafton, WV, West VA North Nazarene  
 District Mtg  
 Apr 16-20, Spencer, WV  
 Apr 23-26, Weirton, WV, First  
 Apr 27-30, Marlinton, WV, First

**SCUTT, M.V.**

Apr 9-12, Portsmouth, OH, First  
 Apr 26-30, Mannington, WV  
 May 3-7, Point Pleasant, WV  
 May 10-14, Lizemores, WV  
 May 21-24, Ladoga, IN, Crossroads Community

**SEMRAN, CINDY AND KIM, PROCLAIM & PRAISE MINISTRIES, INC.**

Jun 19-25, Nelsonville, OH, Nelsonville Holiness  
 Campmeeting

**SHANK, GARY AND MARLA**

Jun 25-30, Fredericktown, MO, Missouri District  
 Children's Camp

**SHAVER, DR. CHIC**

Apr 29-3, Johnson, VT, Lamoille Valley  
 May 5-7, Rogers, AR, First  
 May 13-17, Rockville, MD  
 May 20-24, Crestline, OH  
 Jul 17-23, Ashland, KY, First  
 Jul 25-30, Fort Wright, KY, Covington Central

**SHELLENBERGER, SUSIE**

Jun 15-17, Mount Vernon, OH, Mount Vernon  
 Nazarene University

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**WESHERWOOD MINISTRIES**  
 Apr 4-9, Connersville, IN, First

**SMITH, DUANE** 

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 Apr 5-9, Plainfield, IN, United Community  
 Apr 19-23, Anna, IL, First  
 Apr 26-30, Columbia, MO, First  
 May 3-7, Colorado Springs, CO, Church of God  
 Holiness  
 May 14-17, Huntingdon, PA,  
 May 21-24, South Haven, MI  
 Jun 4-7, Payne, OH  
 Jun 11-18, Fort Recovery, OH  
 Jun 25-Jul 2, Portland, IN, Indiana State Holiness  
 Camp

**SPEARS, DANNY, VISUAL MINISTRIES**

May 29-Jun 4, Greenbriar, AR, Pleasant Hill  
 Jun 5-11, North Little Rock, AR, Grace  
 Jun 26-Jul 2, Jasper, TN  
 Jul 2-9, Hendersonville, NC, Hendersonville Family  
 Campmeeting  
 Jul 12-16, Hendersonville, NC, First  
 Jul 17-21, Calera, AL, AL South District Children's  
 Camp  
 Jul 24-30, Augusta, GA, First

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**CHRISTIAN RENEWAL MINISTRIES**  
 Apr 23-26, Portland, IN

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 May 7-10, Tullahoma, TN, First  
 Jul 15-23, Pefferlaw, ON, Cedardale

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Apr 26-30, Myrtle Beach, SC, The Connection  
 Jun 4, Goose Creek, SC, Calvary  
 Jul 1-2, Ruffin, NC, Promise Baptist Church

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Apr 2-5, Lansing, MI, Central  
 Apr 6-9, Williamsburg, IN  
 Apr 9-12, Redkey, IN  
 Apr 13-16, Logan, WV  
 Apr 18-23, Terre Haute, IN, South Side  
 Apr 26-30, Newell, WV, Glendale  
 May 3-7, Clymer, PA, Indiana First  
 May 14-17, Elk City, OK  
 May 21-24, West Columbia, SC, Central

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Mar 29-Apr 2, Sweetwater, TN

**WHITWORTH, MARCUS**

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 Dist. Assembly  
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## “WHAT DO I PRAY FOR NOW?”

That’s the question Randy Davis, a layperson in our congregation, presented to me at the close of our fall revival services. He told me how he and his wife, Debbie, had agreed to six specific requests they were asking God to answer during the services.

“He has answered every one,” Randy said with a smile. “I guess we are going to have to find some new things to pray for.”

The closing service on Wednesday night crowned those days of ministry. People spontaneously came to the altar during the song service. As our praise team sang “I Will Serve Thee,” Scott Woodward, a young father, made his way weeping to the altar. Others came. There would be no preaching, but there was victory! By the end of the service many stood to testify to God’s help during the week. Five testified to sanctification, several were saved or restored to faith, testimonies were given about divine healing, and one teen testified of her renewed call to Christian service.

Our evangelist Elaine Pettit told our congregation, “Do you know how rare a service like this is? It is all because you prayed, and others partnered with you in those prayers. God still wants to bring revival to His church.” And so He did.

A man who had driven 75 miles to attend the service stood to testify, “I knew God wanted me here tonight. I wish my church could experience a service like this. It is so encouraging to feel God’s presence.” All we could do is add “Amen,” and “Thank you, Jesus.”

To God be the glory,

Pastor Duane Brush

Mexico, Missouri.



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# What Can You Learn On A Farm?

*by David Felter*

What can you learn on a farm?

That animals make funny noises...that birds sing, forming choirs in the woodlands that express symphonies of praise, joy and hope...that life can be rich if your dreams move you to invest your talents in sacrifice, purpose and commitment.

The rolling grasslands give way to forest glades where trees stand tall and the wind whispers dreams and visions of singing before thousands of listening people. From this setting a young man answered the call of a dream, ignoring traditions that could have encased him in the ruts of routine and the shackles of the ordinary.

And the singer began to sing...

The long road wound through college classrooms, small churches, to Sunday night concerts and long miles through the silent darkness toward home. The investment always gives way to its return and the long, winding road led farther and farther from those rolling grasslands.

And the singer sang on....

Through the air, across the seas to sessions with symphonic orchestras recording a timeless message of grace and hope...

The journey of a lifetime carried an unmistakable voice whose incredible range and timbre pierced heart and soul with a message that demanded a response.

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**David Felter, D.D.**  
General Editor,  
Church of the Nazarene,  
Editor of Holiness Today

## WHAT CAN YOU LEARN ON A FARM?

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And the singer sang on....

From crusades in America's largest cities, to humble houses of worship in the heartland...the singer stood...unleashing the brilliant tones of vibrant color, texture and depth to relay a message of supernatural grace...

At home in the small church nestled between the trees, boldly standing on the prairie, the singer paused his globe-circling ministry to touch his roots...to sing to old friends, family and guests in attendance on Easter Sunday....

And the singer sang on...


The years of unrelieved, unselfish, and unreserved ministry exacted a costly toll as the physical apparatus through which the tonal impulse is translated into melodies that confront the soul were damaged.

Silence fell. Travel ceased. Music scores were left unread...

And the singer was silent...

A new day dawned...a still, small voice, silent for so long, quietly spoke to the singer..."It's time...sing again!" The internal argument that ensued was strong...in the end...hesitatingly...almost timidly, the singer found his voice. And the music began...

Surrounded by his family and friends and motivated by his faith, the message of grace and hope, carried on the winds and propelled by his voice, ascend in tribute and praise to God.

Ladies and gentlemen, Jim Bohi sings again! 

*Dr. David Felter pastored the Bloomfield, Iowa, Church where he first met Jim Bohi. This was David's first Nazarene assignment after his early life traveling with his Pilgrim Holiness Evangelist parents. Jim and Carolyn welcomed David and Sandy into the church in a special way. It was my privilege to preach a revival in this setting in which I ate copious amounts of Carolyn's fresh corn at the great table every night! —CRM*

## SIDE PEOPLE

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and Ira Sankey who really saw the value of what many thought was entertainment that had no place behind the sacred desk. Homer Rodeheavor played the trombone and sang next to Billy Sunday. George Beverly Shea the great bass singer standing to the side of Billy Graham is a team my generation will never forget. The Church of the Nazarene has been rich with these kinds of people as well. Guitars, mandolins and pianos have been a part of our worship from the very beginnings as pictured in this edition. To name any is to leave many out, but the Keller Yorks, the Laceys, Helen Greenlee, the Greens, Ron Lush, and the Jantz trio are forever recorded in my mind and heart.

I personally believe that the addition of children's workers as a part of the revival effort is the greatest improvement in my 50 years of continuous revivalism. Parents of young children are able to come to the service, and many are the salvation stories of these children whose lives are changed under the anointed work of these that are far more than baby sitters. We now have a growing number of these remarkable ministers.

The world may call them side people, but to me they are my beloved laborers in the vineyard. Many have been the times that I have sat weary and broken on a platform and have been revived by the anointed talent of a musician on the platform, beautifully setting up my sermon. Many have been the times after a powerful moving of The Holy Spirit in song there was nothing left to do but wave the penitent in to the altar. What glorious memories these have been. We now have a growing number of highly professional Song Evangelists in our church that make all the difference in the world when they are a part of leading the congregational singing and contributing their very special God blessed music.

To call these moments cheap acts of manipulation would be in my convicted opinion dangerous words that could grieve The Holy Spirit. No doubt there are those who have been in the entertainment business in the name of our Lord, but to paint all such folk as this is to use way too wide a brush. It is a shame when vocal solos and instrumentals are considered unworshipful. I love it all. Worship teams, soloists, choirs with or without robes, drums, orchestras, bands, synthesizers and even tambourines. Side-People. I love them. What would we ever do without them?

Let me close by saying that the anointed, specially called, talented Song Evangelist has abilities that any preaching Evangelist depends on. How many times over these years have I turned to the Song Evangelist in my exhaustion from preaching and with only a look see these remarkable people begin to play the perfect song and take the altar call to levels that only Godly teamwork can accomplish.

In this edition is an article by Carolyn Jantz Pickering who learned this spiritual skill. I have held 15 revivals at College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas. Carolyn, due to a lifetime of this kind of musical sensitivity learned during childhood, knows how to bring in the great organ, along with Kathy Smith on the great grand piano, with the perfect setting. God bless Carolyn and Kathy and all of those like them. 




## INSIGNIFICANT PEOPLE

by *Stephen Manley*

How does one measure the significance of an individual? Obviously the world has its own set of standards. Far too often the world's standards have been the criteria used by Kingdom people. This was the predicament of the disciples, which caused a conflict with Jesus. As Jesus, Peter, James and John were returning from the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9), a discussion concerning the forerunner developed. The disciples understood Jesus could not do the proper activities of the Messiah until "Elijah" had accomplished the task of the forerunner. Jesus informed them, "But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands" (Matthew 17:12).

At first they did not recognize the proposed "Elijah" either. Then they understood Jesus was referring to John the Baptist (Matthew 17:13). This was startling news to them! How could they possibly have seen John the Baptist as the important forerunner of Christ? They did not have his name right. He did not fit well into his culture. His dress and eating habits left something to be desired. His ministry was a church plant down on the banks of the Jordan River. While at times there were great crowds, it was basically out of curiosity that people attended. Besides his ministry only lasted about six months; he was beheaded for his lack of ministerial tact. He was an insignificant person!

But notice how important John the Baptist was to Jesus. He was a forerunner of the cross style of Christ. John the Baptist did not think of himself but lost his life for Christ. It was in that vital commitment, he laid down a blood pavement over which Christ could march to redeem a world. What greater significance could anyone have? Perhaps this is the single criterion by which we should measure one's value! 



**Stephen Manley,**  
Nashville, TN,  
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## FROM A CHAIR TO A CONSOLE


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lived with my parents 24/7 since the fourth grade, so there were many lonely days of finding the person I was to become. I made up my mind that I could and would complete my music education degree. I felt it would be disrespectful to my parents' ministry not to complete the education that they had so instilled within me. Professors Ovid Young and Naomi Larsen never gave up on me and helped me to become that music teacher I wanted to be.

As an adult, the Evangelists have still influenced my life and that of my family. I am so glad that we still have revivals at Olathe College Church. We all need those times of renewal and a fresh infilling. My children will always cherish the weekly Biblical teaching of our pastor Dr. Paul Cunningham and those revival times with Dr. Chuck Millhuff and the Rev. Lenny Wisehart. Chuck always did and still has the ability to present old truths in a fresh and up-to-date manner.

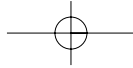
Well, it's about all those "Saints" that were my family and friends. Those "Saints" are in my heavenly gallery cheering me on to complete the race that I strive to run to the best of my ability each and every day. I would not want to disappoint my sweet daddy and all those who have nurtured and believed in me.

As for today, my husband Joel and I live in Olathe, Kansas, where we have resided since graduating from Olivet in 1969. We have three grown sons, two wonderful daughters-in-law, and two precious grandchildren. I enjoy my ministry of teaching music to elementary school children in the Olathe Public Schools and being the organist at Olathe College Church of the Nazarene, where I have worked beside pianist Kathy Smith for more than 20 years now. God is good!

I never really thought of myself as a real help to those great preachers as I sat on the front pew swinging my little legs, but I know now that I was. Though I no longer swing my legs from a pew but sit at the grand huge console of the organ in a 4,000-seat sanctuary, I realize again that I am there to amplify, create and allow the Holy Spirit to use my heart and my fingers and feet to add a little bit to the work of God in that place every Sunday. 



**Carolyn Pickering,**  
Olathe, KS,  
Organist, Olathe College  
Church of the Nazarene



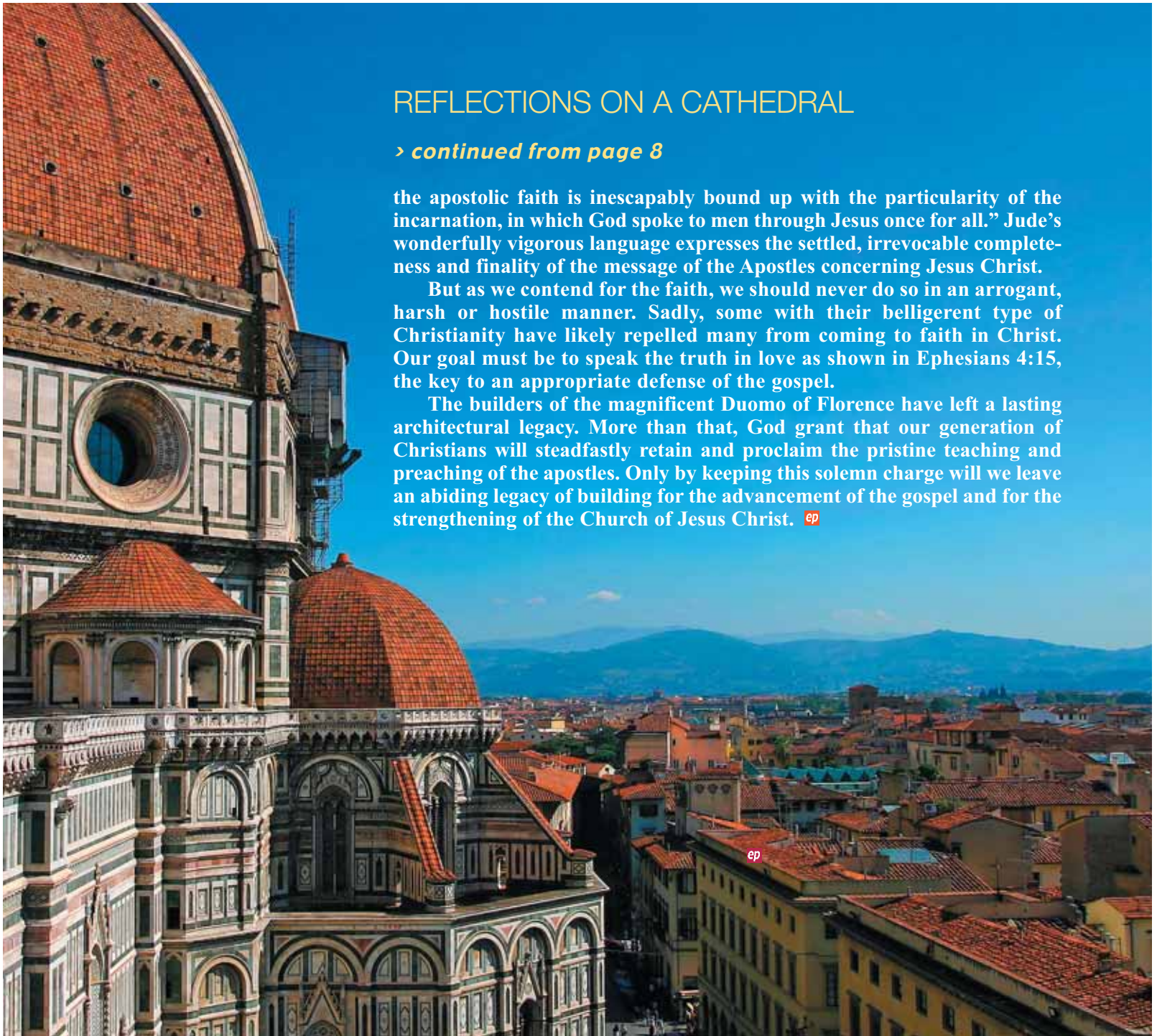
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the apostolic faith is inescapably bound up with the particularity of the incarnation, in which God spoke to men through Jesus once for all.” Jude’s wonderfully vigorous language expresses the settled, irrevocable completeness and finality of the message of the Apostles concerning Jesus Christ.

But as we contend for the faith, we should never do so in an arrogant, harsh or hostile manner. Sadly, some with their belligerent type of Christianity have likely repelled many from coming to faith in Christ. Our goal must be to speak the truth in love as shown in Ephesians 4:15, the key to an appropriate defense of the gospel.

The builders of the magnificent Duomo of Florence have left a lasting architectural legacy. More than that, God grant that our generation of Christians will steadfastly retain and proclaim the pristine teaching and preaching of the apostles. Only by keeping this solemn charge will we leave an abiding legacy of building for the advancement of the gospel and for the strengthening of the Church of Jesus Christ. **ep**



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