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I Was There When It Happened

And I Ought To Know!

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to the Experience of
Entire Sanctification



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CHUCK MILLHUFF

This remarkable statement was made by the legendary educator Dean Bertha Monroe of Eastern Nazarene College. I vividly remember reading it on the front cover of THE HERALD OF HOLINESS when I was a student at Nazarene Theological Seminary. Those were days of challenge in so many ways. Academically, I struggled with the level of learning expected. Financially, Jeanne and I were literally counting pennies. On top of all of this, we were learning how to be married. It was during those days that I would go back in my memory and recount how I knew that I knew that I had received my direction from The Holy Spirit.

As a sophomore, I was sitting with my roommate, Dr. Paul Cunningham, in his car on the Kankakee River. I was trying to really know if this call to a lifetime of itinerate evangelism was God's perfect will. I had been preaching at every opportunity that was provided to me. I loved it so much that I would have preached to a cat if it had sat still. I can remember Paul saying, “Chuck, you act like an evangelist; you look like an evangelist; you love being an evangelist; you probably are an evangelist.”

Right there in that convertible with the top down, a mantle settled down on me that I have never been able to shed. I have been offered other

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Style of the CROSS

“I Am” an Evangelist


by Stephen Manley

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth,” (Acts 1:8). “Be witnesses” is the same word Jesus used for His personal **“I am”** identification. **“I am the bread of life”** (John 6:48). **“I am the way, the truth, and the life”** (John 14:6). **“I am the good shepherd”** (John 10:11). **“I am the door”** (John 10:9).

“Be witnesses” is the personal “I am” for every evangelist. It is ingrained in our spiritual relationship with Him; it is who we are. It is not an activity we accomplish, but the nature of our being.

Henry M. Stanley found David Livingstone in Africa and lived with him for some time. Upon his return from this experience, he reported, “I went to Africa as prejudiced as the biggest atheist in London. But there came for me a long time for reflection. I saw this solitary old man there, and asked myself, ‘How on earth does he stop here? Is he cracked, or what? What is it that inspires him?’

“For months after we met, I found myself wondering at the old man carrying out all that was said in the Bible: **‘Leave all things and follow Me.’** Little by little, his sympathy for others became contagious. My sympathy was aroused—seeing his piety, his gentleness, his zeal, his earnestness, and how he went about his business. I was converted by him, although he had not tried to do it.”

Evangelism is much more than a method. The “being” quality of the evangelist speaks above carefully chosen words. We will not be remembered for our method, but only for our “being” quality. 



Stephen Manley,
Nashville, TN
Evangelist, Church
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My Surrender and Sanctification

by Dr. MaryLou Riggle

Our family regularly attended Sunday morning services at a small, non-denominational, community church in rural Indiana. Through the Sunday School, the church provided good biblical information; but, unfortunately, personal application was lacking. There was no clear doctrinal teaching, as our pastors came from different theological orientations. At home, my father always prayed at mealtime, and we were taught a memorized prayer for bedtime.

However, my thirteenth summer came, and I had no understanding of myself as a sinner and in need of personal salvation. Then, in the mercy of the Lord, our church received a new pastor and his wife—students at Taylor University—for the three months of summer vacation. The last Sunday of his pastorate, he preached an evangelistic message and gave the first invitation to the altar that I had ever experienced. I really do not remember the content of the message.

As Grace, an older teen, responded to the invitation, a younger friend whispered to ask me why she was going to the front (an event not seen before in

our church). There was a moment of understanding for me, and I opened my mouth to explain, but couldn't speak. Almost before I knew what was happening, I, too, was on my way to the altar to pray. Thankfully, there were older members of the church who knew how to pray and to guide us. I didn't have an intellectual understanding of my need, but when I left the church that morning, I knew a marvelous change had come to my life.

By the grace of God, another couple from Taylor, David and Becky Le Shana, came to our church the very next Sunday. (Later David became a leader in holiness circles in the West, serving as president of Seattle Pacific and George Fox Colleges and at Western Theological Seminary). During one year, they gave us careful pastoral care and basic discipleship, teaching us to read the Bible devotionally and to pray. Also, during that time, they took a group of us to the annual "Youth Conference" at Taylor, where I began to feel for the first time a call to missionary service.

However, about two years later, I began to experience a spiritual hunger

for a deeper relationship with the Lord. I was reading the Bible and praying, but was not spiritually mature enough to find the message of holiness in the Scriptures. I inquired of my pastor (by this time, a Calvinist) about the dissatisfaction and longing I was experiencing, but he responded that what I was feeling was characteristic of the “normal Christian life”. His answer did not help or encourage. But the LORD IS FAITHFUL WHEN OUR HEARTS ARE OPEN!


When I was 17, I went to the “city” for a summer job; during that time the Lord brought me into contact with the Church of the Nazarene through the testimony of another Christian teen I met there. I found a large and active group of young people excited about serving the Lord and I began to hear holiness preached. In my heart, I knew that was the answer to my longing, but I was not sanctified at that time.

When I finished high school, I felt led of the Lord to attend Taylor University to begin to prepare to fulfill my missionary call. There were professors and fellow students who preached and lived holiness, but there were also other influences. During those first months at Taylor, I checked out books on holiness and sanctification from the library where I was working and read them. Driven by the growing hunger, I searched for answers. It was during those months, too, that I began participating in a Church of the Nazarene “home mission” project in the college community, and the following year became a member of the church when it was organized.

I enrolled in a five-year program for missionaries, which offered a double major in religion and education. Besides the courses in Bible and theology required of all students, the program I had chosen included additional biblical and theological courses, as well as Greek, which I never would have chosen otherwise. As I look back, I

realize that was the Lord’s way of preparing me for an “enlargement” of His call which would come later when I was ready to “cope” with that. How wonderful it is that the Lord doesn’t ask more of us than that which we are able to handle at any given moment!

It was during the spring spiritual emphasis week at the college (March 1957) that I was sanctified. I had participated actively in the dorm prayer meetings leading up to the event, and the visiting preacher preached holiness with a clear call to total commitment the whole week. I listened carefully through two services a day, Monday through Thursday, but did not go forward. On Thursday night I stayed in my seat in the chapel until everyone had finished praying and they closed the chapel. By the time I reached the dorm, my roommates were asleep; I climbed into my top bunk, but could not sleep. By 2 a.m., I could wait no longer. I got up, quietly left the room, awakened a friend in whom I had confidence, told her my need and asked her to pray with me. We went to the recreation room and I prayed. I knew what I had to do. I put my whole life—from that day through the rest of my life—in the Lord’s hands and surrendered my plans and dreams totally to His will.

What freedom! Now the big decisions of life—ministry, work, marriage or not—were in His hands. My job was just to know His will and say “yes.” The 45-plus years since that day have been a wonderful process of working out the implications of that decision in a growing intimate relationship with the Lord, being corrected and formed by Him in every area of my life. 



Dr. MaryLou Riggle,
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Church of the Nazarene*

EVANGELISTS' SCHEDULES

See where your evangelist is going to be

January, February, March 2003

ADAMS, GERALD (JERRY) THE JERRY ADAMS FAMILY

Jan 11-11, Fairmont, IL *
Jan 12-12, Monticello, IL
Jan 19-19, Edinburg, IN,
Feb 15-15, Indianapolis, IN, *
Mar 9-9, Danville, IN, Danville Calvary

ADAMS, MICHAEL

Jan 4-8, McDonough, GA
Jan 12-31, Florida, FL *
Feb 9-12, Erin, TN
Feb 15-19, Flintstone, GA, Chattanooga Valley
Feb 23-27, Moultrie, GA, Moultrie First
Mar 1-5, Albany, GA, Albany Grace
Mar 9-12, Marietta, GA, Marietta First
Mar 16-19, Crown Point, IN, South Lake
Mar 23-26, Delroy, OH
Mar 30-2, Shelbyville, TN, Himesville

ARMSTRONG, B. LEON ARMSTRONG FAMILY MINISTRIES

Jan 28-2, Swainsboro, GA, Swainsboro First
Feb 19-23, Elizabeth City, NC
Mar 4-9, Tenneson, IN *
Mar 12-16, Hominy, OK
Mar 18-23, Kansas City, KS, Kansas City
Metropolitan
Mar 25-30, Georgetown, IL, Olivet

BELZER, DAVID

Mar 4-9, Port St. Joe, FL
Apr 6-13, Centerview, MO, Countryside

BOLING, JERRY

Feb 5-9, Quincy, KY, Kentucky Heights
Mar 5-9, Covington, KY, Covington Eastside
Mar 11-16, Paris, KY, Clintonville
Mar 31-6, Flemingsburg, KY, *
Apr 8-13, Winchester, KY

BOND, GARY, GARY BOND MINISTRIES

Jan 5-8, Kalamazoo, MI, Kalamazoo South Side
Jan 12-15, Dublin, GA, Dublin First
Jan 19-22, De Land, FL, DeLand
Jan 26-29, Fayetteville, AR, Fayetteville First
Feb 2-5, Mount Pleasant, TX
Mar 2-5, Virginia Beach, VA, Tidewater Central
Mar 9-12, Pekin, IL, Pekin First
Mar 16-19, Fenton, MI, Eastern Michigan
Mar 23-26, Brunswick, GA, Brunswick First
Mar 30-2, Uniontown, OH, Akron Trinity

CANEN, DAVID

Jan 12-15, Ruskin, FL, Ruskin Community
Jan 22-26, Cochran, GA
Jan 28-3, Warner Robins, GA, WR First
Feb 4-9, Tullahoma, TN, Tullahoma Eastside
Feb 12-16, Springfield, OH, Springfield First
Feb 18-23, San Mateo, FL, San Mateo First
Feb 25-3, Fort Smith, AR, Fort Smith Trinity
Mar 4-9, Bethany, OK, Bethany Jernigan
Memorial
Mar 11-16, Monterey, TN
Mar 18-23, Rockledge, GA, Wilkes
Mar 25-30, Pikeville, KY, *

CLAY, WILLIAM, "SERVE THE WORD, INC."

Feb 23-2, Cape May, NJ, Seashore Community
Mar 9-12, Erma, NJ *
Mar 16-19, Somerset, PA
Mar 30-2, New Holland, PA

COBB, W., "BILL COBB MINISTRIES, INC."

Jan 9-12, Murrieta, CA, Southern California
Jan 19-22, Garland, TX
Mar 4-9, Seymour, IN
Mar 23-30, Marietta, OH, Marietta First

COVINGTON, NATHAN "SERVANT HEART MINISTRIES, INC."

Jan 5-6, Valley, AL, Shawmut First
Jan 12-15, Guthrie, OK
Jan 19-22, Mesa, AZ, Mesa First
Jan 26-29, Antlers, OK, Gateway Community
Feb 2-5, Amarillo, TX, Amarillo First
Feb 9-12, Haywood, OK, Arpelaar
Feb 14-16, Grove, OK
Feb 21-23, Temple, TX, Temple First
Mar 2-5, Winchester, IN
Mar 9-12, Clarksville, TN, Clarksville First
Mar 16-19, Pelham, TN, Chapman's Chapel
Mar 23-26, Douglasville, GA, Douglasville First

DABYDEEN, ROBERT

Jan 5-8, Riverdale, GA, Timberlake
Jan 19-22, Sanford, FL, Sanford First
Jan 26-29, Greenwood, SC, Greenwood
Community
Feb 1-4, Fort Payne, AL, Briarwood
Feb 8-12, Warm Springs, GA, Harmony
Feb 16-19, Claxton, GA, Bellville Trinity
Feb 23-26, Sparta, TN
Mar 2-5, Winchester, TN, Brownington
Mar 7-9, Albany, GA, Albany First
Mar 12-16, Jacksonville, TX, Lookout Valley
Mar 23-26, Flora, IL
Mar 28-2, Dunbar, WV

DELBRIDGE, OSCAR

JIMMY DELL MINISTRIES

Jan 5-5, Coolidge, AZ, Coolidge Valley
Community Fellowship
Jan 19-22, Rock Hill, SC, Rock Hill Grace
Feb 5-9, Ava, MO, Ava Highway
Feb 12-16, Joplin, MO, Joplin Calvary
Feb 23-26, Apple Valley, CA
Mar 2-6, Greenville, MS, Greenville First
Mar 6-9, Portland, IN
Mar 16-19, Clarence, MO
Mar 23-26, Bonner Spgs, KS, Bonner Springs
Mar 27-30, Columbus, IN, Columbus First

DODDS, LARRY

"LARRY DODDS MINISTRIES, INC."

Mar 2-5, Syracuse, KS
Apr 16-20, Knoxville, IA

DOVE, KENNETH, KEN DOVE MINISTRIES

Jan 3-5, Monticello, FL
Jan 12-15, White Springs, FL, Suwannee River
Jan 19-22, Largo, FL, Largo Westside
Jan 24-26, St. Petersburg, FL, St. Petersburg
Lealman
Feb 2-5, Greenville, TX, Peniel
Feb 9-12, Ainsworth, NE
Feb 17-19, Nashville, TN, Millennium 3
Feb 23-26, Wrightsville, GA, Mount Olive
Mar 2-5, Pana, IL, Pana First
Mar 7-9, Columbus, IN, Columbus Calvary
Mar 11-16, Shelbyville, IN, Shelbyville First
Mar 23-26, Bedford, IN, Valley Mission

DOWNING, ANN, ANN DOWNING MINISTRIES

Mar 3-10, Waikiki, HI *
Apr 4-5, Salem, OR, Oregon Pacific
Apr 25-26, Bethany, OK, Southwest Oklahoma

ELLINGSON, STAN

Feb 9-9, Jackson Center, OH
Mar 30-30, "Arcanum, OH", OH, *
Apr 9-9, "Dayton, OH", OH, *

EVERMAN, RUSSELL

Mar 28-30, Maysville, KY, *
Apr 1-6, Catlettsburg, KY, Twin Fork
Apr 8-13, Greenup, KY, Lloyd
Apr 16-20, Grayson, KY
Apr 22-27, Owensboro, KY, *

GRAY, ROBERT

Feb 9-12, Gahanna, OH, Columbus Shepherd
Feb 19-23, Rantoul, IL
Feb 26-2, Collinsville, IL, Collinsville First
Mar 5-9, North Huntingdon, PA, Irwin Norwin
Mar 16-19, Pelham, TN, Chapman's Chapel
Mar 23-26, Frankfort, KY, Frankfort Capital

GREENWAY, KENNETH

GREENWAY MINISTRIES

Jan 26-29, High Point, NC *
Feb 2-6, Gastonia, NC *
Feb 9-12, Gloster, MS *
Feb 13-16, Brunswick, GA, Brunswick Bethel
Feb 18-23, Jesup, GA *
Mar 2-6, Eden, NC *
Mar 9-13, Yadkinville, NC *
Mar 16-20, Hickory, NC *
Mar 23-27, Stuart, VA *
Mar 30-3, High Point, NC *

HAINES, GARY

Jan 8-12, Choctaw, OK
Jan 18-22, Little Rock, AR, Little Rock First
Feb 1-5, Casper, WY, "Casper, Wyo. First"
Feb 12-16, Downsview, ON, Toronto Emmanuel
Mar 1-5, San Angelo, TX, San Angelo First
Mar 12-19, Denver, CO, Denver Faith
Mar 29-2, Hannibal, MO, Hannibal First

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

* denotes non-Nazarene church

WEB SITE showcase

Visit The Sites Of Your Evangelists

Adams, David & Charlene and Faithful	www.dcadamsmusic.com	•	Loman, Lane	www.lomanministries.com
Benson, Michael	www.deeperlife.org	•	Manley, Stephen	www.crossstyle.org
Bond, Gary	www.bondministries.com	•	Millhuff, Chuck	www.milhuffministries.com
Bullock, Rex	www.dayspringradio.com	•	Miner, Scott	scottminer.homestead.com
Burkhalter, Pat & Donna	www.burkhalterministries.org	•	Mitchell, Royce	www.libertyquartet.com
Busby, Paul	www.busby.20m.com	•	Moore, Benjamin	www.iam.homepage.com
Cervantes, Rudy	www.heavenlytrumpet.com	•	Perdue, Nelson	www.perdueministries.com
Davis, James R.	www.bright.net/~dafam	•	Pettit, Elaine	www.elainepettitministries.org
Dority, Randy	www.dority.net	•	Pickle, Robert	www.setfreerp.org
Garrick, John	www.eternalimpact.org	•	Reed, Sherman	members.truepath.net/ShermanReed
Gee, C. Eugene	www.networksplus.net/g2pray	•	Scrivner, Vickie	www.ihsmministries.org
Gessner, Don & Shirly	www.gessnermusicministries.org	•	Sharpe, Vance and Jeannie	www.thesharpes.com
Hance, Larry	www.larryhance.com	•	Tharp, James W.	www.crcmin.org
Hicks, John David	www.faithencounter.org	•	Ulmet, Bill	www.angelfire.com/la/ulmetministry
Huddleston, Billy	www.billyhuddleston.com	•	Vecchi, Pete	www.petevecchi.com
Jackson, Paul & Trish	home.earthlink.net/~jetstreammin	•	Whitworth, Marcus	www.marcuswhitworth.com
Leckrone, Larry	www.leckroneministries.org	•		

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HANCOCK, TIMOTHY

Feb 2-5, Apopka, FL, Apopka Calvary
Feb 9-12, Ontario, OR
Feb 16-19, Polk, OH, Rowsburg
Feb 23-2, Cape May, NJ, Seashore Community
Mar 9-12, Clendenin, WV
Mar 16-19, Fredericktown, OH
Mar 23-26, Saint Marys, OH, St. Marys First
Mar 30-2, Jacksonville, NC, Jacksonville Faith

HICKS, JOHN DAVID

"FAITH ENCOUNTER, INC."

Jan 12-15, Kingman, AZ
Jan 19-22, Oak Harbor, WA
Feb 2-5, Forks, WA
Feb 16-19, Caldwell, ID, Caldwell Canyon Hill
Mar 2-5, Longmont, CO
Mar 9-12, Pomeroy, WA
Mar 16-19, Brookings, OR

HUDDLESTON, BILLY

BILLY HUDDLESTON MINISTRIES

Jan 25-29, Mitchell, IN
Feb 2-5, Zanesville, OH, South Zanesville
Feb 9-9, Fairborn, OH *
Feb 16-19, Lancaster, OH, Gloryland
Feb 23-26, Havana, IL
Feb 28-2, Lowell, IN
Mar 5-9, Edinburg, IN, Edinburg
Mar 11-16, Mackey, IN
Mar 19-23, Cincinnati, OH, Cincinnati Carthage
Mar 26-30, Rensselaer, IN

JEWELL, KENNETH

Mar 26-30, Terre Haute, IN, Terre Haute
South Side

JEWETT, LARRY AND TRISHA

WINDS OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES

Jan 22-26, New Castle, IN, New Castle First
Feb 23-26, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis
Castleton
Mar 2-4, Anderson, IN, IN, *
Mar 5-9, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis
Southwest
Mar 12-16, Marysville, OH
Mar 19-23, Tulsa, OK *

LEAGUE, P. ,

LEAGUE EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

Feb 2-5, El Dorado Springs, MO
Feb 16-19, Stafford, KS
Feb 23-26, Neosho, MO
Mar 2-5, Wichita, KS, Wichita Trinity
Mar 9-12, Branson, MO
Mar 19-23, Salem, IL, Salem Grace
Mar 25-30, Marshall, IL

LECKRONE, LARRY

"LECKRONE MINISTRIES, INC."

Jan 3-5, Sharpsburg, GA, Sharpsburg First
Jan 17-19, Leesburg, FL
Jan 25-28, Avon Park, FL, Avon Park First
Jan 29-2, Leesburg, FL
Feb 17-19, Nashville, TN, Millennium 3
Feb 22-26, Lebanon, TN, Lebanon First
Mar 8-12, Denton, MD
Mar 15-19, Ripley, WV
Mar 22-26, Napoleon, OH
Mar 29-2, Mount Sterling, OH

LEEDER, DAVID

DAVID LEEDER MINISTRIES

Feb 2-5, Lansing, MI, Lansing Central
Feb 9-12, Clearwater, FL, Clearwater First
Feb 16-23, Lakeland, FL, *
Feb 26-2, Selma, IN, Harris Chapel
Mar 4-9, Ligonier, IN, *
Mar 16-19, Pennington, NJ, Trenton
Mar 23-26, Lewisburg, PA, Crossroads
Mar 30-1, Portland, MI

LEGG, CHARLES , "MIDDLE CROSS

EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES, INC."

Jan 12-15, Melbourne, FL, Melbourne
Harbor City
Jan 17-19, Haines City, FL
Jan 26-29, Titusville, FL, Titusville First
Feb 16-19, New Port Richey, FL, Port Richey
Trinity

LEIDY, ARNOLD , UPWARD CALL MINISTRIES

Jan 22-26, Alamogordo, NM
Feb 5-9, Naples, FL *
Feb 19-23, Andalusia
Feb 26-2, Ozark, AL
Mar 5-9, Greensboro, NC, Greensboro
White Rock
Mar 19-23, Murphysboro, IL
Mar 26-30, Carmi, IL

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January, February, March 2003

LEWIS, CHRISTOPHER

Jan 12-2, Kirkintilloch, Scotland *
Feb 23-23, Linlithgow, Scotland *
Mar 2-5, Dinuba, CA
Mar 9-16, Atwater, CA
Mar 23-26, Terra Bella, CA
Mar 30-2, Sheridan, WV

LOMAN, H. , LOMAN MINISTRIES

Jan 5-8, Youngstown Mt. Olivet
Jan 12-15, Monticello, MS *
Jan 19-22, Cullman, AL, Cullman First
Jan 26-29, East Brewton, AL
Feb 2-5, Mineral City, OH
Feb 9-12, Canton, OH *
Feb 16-19, N. Bloomfield, OH, Greene
Feb 23-26, Orangeburg, SC, Orangeburg Memorial
Mar 2-5, Tullahoma, TN, Tullahoma First
Mar 9-12, Archdale, NC
Mar 16-19, Greensboro, NC, Greensboro Southeast
Mar 23-26, Cedar Rapids, IA, Cedar Rapids Oakland
Mar 30-2, Piedmont, MO

MANLEY, STEPHEN , SMEA

Jan 1-4, Scottsdale, AZ, Faith Christian Community
Jan 5-8, Roswell, NM, Roswell First
Jan 10-12, Prescott, AZ *
Jan 16-19, Tucson, AZ, Tucson Mountain View
Jan 22-26, Chandler, AZ, CrossRoads
Jan 31-2, Park Hills, KY, Covington First
Feb 5-9, Homestead, FL, Princeton
Feb 10-13, Central America Region, *
Feb 14-16, Arlington, TX, Arlington First
Feb 21-22, Lincoln, NE *
Feb 23-26, Grafton, OH *
Feb 27-2, Frankstown, PA *
Mar 3-9, Middleport, OH
Mar 12-16, Xenia, OH
Mar 19-23, Fort Worth, TX, Fort Worth Crossroads Tabernacle
Mar 24-27, Central America Region *
Mar 28-30, Fort Worth, TX, Fort Worth Wedgwood

MILLHUFF, CHARLES

MILLHUFF MINISTRIES

Jan 12, Houston, TX, Houston First
Jan 14-19, Saint Louis, MO, Missouri
Jan 22-26, Huntington, IN, Huntington First
Feb 12-16, Terre Haute, IN, Terre Haute First
Mar 12-16, Cabot, AR, Cabot Family Life Mission

MILLS, CARLTON

SECOND TOUCH EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

Feb 19-19, Winter Haven, FL, Winter Haven First
Feb 23-26, Albertville, AL, Albertville First
Mar 2-5, Waldron, AR, Waldron First
Mar 11-16, Peoria, IL, Peoria First
Mar 19-23, Rocky Mount, NC
Mar 25-30, Madison Hts., VA, Madison Height Emmanuel

MINER, SCOTT , MINER REVIVAL MINISTRIES

Mar 3-6, Columbia City, IN
Mar 10-13, Butler, IN
Mar 17-20, Huntingdon, PA, McConnellstown

MOORE, NORMAN

Jan 12-15, Gainesville, FL, Gainesville First
Jan 19-22, Riverside, CA, Riverside Arlington Avenue
Jan 29-2, Sherman, TX
Feb 9-16, Olathe, KS, Olathe College
Feb 17-19, Nashville, TN, Millennium 3
Mar 5-9, Joliet, IL, Joliet First
Mar 16-19, Sandusky, OH
Mar 23-26, Longview, TX, Longview First
Mar 30-4, Long Beach, CA, Long Beach First

NAJARIAN, BERGE

Mar 2-2, Englewood, FL

NICHOLAS, CLAUDE

RENEWING LOVE MINISTRIES

Feb 16-19, Plant City, FL, Plant City Wagoner Memorial
Feb 23-26, Cridersville, OH
Mar 2-5, Greenfield, OH
Mar 9-12, St. Albans, WV, Saint Albans
Mar 16-19, Tampa, FL, Tampa First
Mar 23-26, Dayton, OH, Vandalia
Mar 30-2, Warren, MI, Warren Woods

PETTIT, ELAINE , ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES

Jan 3-8, Pasadena, CA, Pasadena First
Jan 19-22, Texarkana, AR, Texarkana Cathedral Heights
Jan 26-29, Kerrville, TX
Jan 31-1, San Antonio, TX, San Antonio E. Terrell Hills
Feb 2-5, Austin, TX, Austin South
Feb 9-12, Cadillac, MI, Cadillac Cherry Grove
Feb 17-20, Nashville, TN, Millennium 3
Feb 23-26, Virginia Beach, VA, Virginia Beach First
Mar 2-5, Dumas, TX
Mar 9-12, York, NE, York First
Mar 16-19, Ann Arbor, MI, Ann Arbor Honey Creek
Mar 21-23, Prattville, AL, Alabama South
Mar 30-2, Duncan, OK, Duncan Heritage Oaks

SEMRAN, KIM AND CINDY

"PROCLAIM & PRAISE MINISTRIES, INC."

Feb 2-2, Monroe, MI *
Feb 23-26, Carey, OH, Ridge Chapel
Mar 2-5, Allen Park, MI

SICKELS, DANIEL

Apr 2-6, Dunkirk, IN
Apr 8-13, Elkhart, IN, Elkhart Bresee

SMITH, DUANE

Jan 20-2, Brandon, FL, Brandon First
Feb 12-16, Robeline, LA, Friendship
Feb 17-19, Nashville, TN, Millennium 3
Feb 26-2, Whitney, TX
Mar 5-9, Tuscaloosa, AL, Tuscaloosa Holten Heights
Mar 19-23, Lexington, KY, Lexington Lafayette
Mar 26-30, South Charleston, WV, Charleston Davis Creek

TAYLOR, ROBERT , "LEARN TO LIVE, INTL."

Feb 2-5, Pinellas Park, FL
Mar 2-5, Sacramento, CA, Sacramento Liberty Towers
Mar 16-19, Charleston, WV, Charleston Southeast
Mar 23-26, South Charleston, WV, South Charleston Grace
Mar 30-30, Warren, MI, Warren Woods

TUCKER, RODNEY

RODNEY TUCKER MINISTRIES

Mar 2-9, Shenandoah, IA
Mar 11-16, Clarinda, IA
Mar 23-30, Deep River, IA

ULMET, WILLIAM , ULMET MINISTRY

Feb 2-5, Bennettsville, SC, Bennettsville First
Feb 9-12, Columbia, SC, Columbia Grace
Feb 16-19, Macon, GA, Macon Shurlington
Feb 26-2, Pittsfield, IL
Mar 5-9, Iowa Falls, IA
Mar 12-16, Winterset, IA
Mar 19-23, Red Oak, IA
Mar 26-30, Moravia, IA

WARD, DALE , FREEDOM QUEST MINISTRY

Jan 3-5, Lewisburg, WV, Greenbrier Valley
Jan 12-15, Deltona, FL
Jan 26-29, Greensburg, IN, Greensburg Community
Jan 31-1, Nacogdoches, TX
Feb 2-5, Nacogdoches, TX
Feb 9-12, Burleson, TX
Feb 17-19, Nashville, TN, Millennium 3
Feb 28-1, Ellensburg, WA
Mar 2-5, Royal City, WA
Mar 9-12, Quincy, WA
Mar 16-19, Kennewick, WA
Mar 23-26, Colfax, WA

WELLS, LINARD

Feb 5-9, Port Arthur, TX, Port Arthur Grace
Feb 18-24, El Reno, OK, El Reno First
Mar 4-9, Blossom, TX
Mar 18-23, New Llano, LA, Leesville First
Mar 25-30, Franklin, IN

WILLISON, RICK , THE X-TREME TEAM

Feb 28-28, White Salmon, WA, White Salmon Pinecrest
Mar 3-5, Kennewick, WA
Mar 8-8, ??, OR, *
Mar 28-28, Waterford, WI, *

WOMACK, PAUL , PP&P MINISTRIES

Jan 5-8, Calvert, AL
Jan 12-16, Clinton, AR
Jan 19-23, Natchitoches, LA
Jan 26-29, Millry, AL
Feb 5-9, Sylvia, KS, Pleasant Hill
Feb 16-20, Fulton, MO, Fulton Heartland
Feb 23-27, Winfield, KS
Mar 2-5, Graham, TX
Mar 9-12, Des Moines, IA, Des Moines Highland Park
Mar 16-19, Falls City, NE
Mar 23-26, Flint, TX
Mar 30-2, Troup, TX, Martin's Chapel



An exciting and comparatively recent archaeological excavation in Jerusalem is known as “the Herodian mansions.” These were first century residences of the upper class, possibly homes of the high priests. My wife and I were touring this site when our guide told us, “Jesus was probably never up here; he was down among the poor,” he continued, pointing down hill toward the vicinity of the Temple Mount. I was particularly struck by the phrase, “down among the poor.” No better phrase could have been used to describe the ministry of Christ.

In His “inaugural address” in Nazareth’s synagogue (Luke 4:16-21), Jesus clearly directed His ministry to the dispossessed, downtrodden and poor. In his book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, Philip Yancey quotes Catholic scholars as coining the phrase, “God’s preferential option for the poor” to describe a phenomenon they found throughout both the Old and New Testament which clearly showed God’s partiality toward the poor and the disadvantaged. Consistent with this view, Dr. Raymond Hurn, General Superintendent Emeritus, has for several years

emphasized the importance of evangelism among the poor. In a 1984 Conference on Evangelism, he emphasized, “We could see a substantial increase in conversions and membership by organizing churches among the poor.” In his book *The Rising Tide* he quotes Dr. Bresee who said, “We can get along without rich people, but not without preaching the gospel to the poor. We want pastors who will go out and find the poor that nobody cares for.”

While we should preach the gospel to people of every class, we must never forget Jesus’ concern for the poor. This concern has continued through such leaders as St. Francis, John Wesley, William Booth, and Phineas F. Bresee. Indeed, most of the great evangelistic movements in Christian history began among the poor. In the Church of the Nazarene, we find our roots mostly in the ranks of

the poor. Because of our humble beginnings, most of our earliest meeting places were in storefronts, rented halls, and often tattered tents. As in any movement with humble origins, we must guard against developing a collective inferiority complex which could breed a tragic pursuit of pseudo-sophistication. We should always pursue excellence while avoiding these subtle dangers.

We are near three remarkable milestones. We are in the dawn of the third Christian millennium; we are entering the year of the Wesley Tri-Centennial; and we are near the end of the first century of our denominational history. We have also entered an era of unprecedented possibilities for communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world. This is an especially appropriate time to embrace and celebrate our humble origins and go back to where we began—“down among the poor” where Jesus ministered. ^{EP}



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The CALL



I heard

the voice of the Lord, saying,

"Whom shall I send,

and who will go

for us?"

Then said I, "Here am I;

send me."

by Barbara Roach

I became a Christian at age 12. In the early seventies, I traveled and sang with two well-known Southern Gospel groups. Later, I became a nightclub singer. While I was playing in Moorhead, Minnesota, a young Nazarene preacher and his wife would come to the Holiday Inn where I was entertaining, and invite me to church. That Nazarene preacher could not have known the impact he was having on my life. On Mother's Day 1980, I overdosed on wine and sleeping pills. By the grace of God and the prayers of my mother and others, I survived.

In September 1980, I met my husband in a club around the corner from Olivet Nazarene College. That October, I gave my life back to the Lord!! In November, Jerry gave his life to the Lord, and in December we were married.


We did not know about entire sanctification at that time, but God used our lives and called us into ministry. We traveled all over the country singing, and sharing. In 1982, Jerry surrendered to the call to preach.



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Two years later, God blessed us with a beautiful daughter.

In 1985, Jerry was entirely sanctified, and three months later God led us to the Church of the Nazarene. God had already been teaching us, through His Word, all about holiness. We became Nazarenes in the fall of that year, continuing to travel in evangelism until the spring of 1988, when we took our first pastorate. It was during that year that I had a heart-cleansing experience, and was entirely sanctified.

I still pray daily for the mulling of His Spirit to keep me new! 

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ministry opportunities, but that mantle has not budged in the intervening 45 years. Many times I have turned my face to the wall in a lonely motel room and cried out to God for another way to do His will. So many miles have been traveled while missing Chip's basketball games, Melinda's recitals and smiles, and, not least of all, Jeanne's cooking and love. No, it has not all been easy, though the high points are without number. It was the great "God moment" that sustained me. For reassurance, I have often revisited that Kankakee River moment over the years.

There was, however, a greater defining moment that has been the keel of the whole ship of my life. During a Revival at Olivet Nazarene University in 1956, I went to the far left of the great long altar in College Church, and I settled the question of control forever. That Tuesday night, I was crucified with Christ. I was sanctified (separated) wholly to the will of God. No wonder, after all these years, Galatians 2:20 has become my life's verse. "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live..." St. Paul never got over his Damascus road experience where he was literally knocked off his horse. And I will never forget that Tuesday night when I was knocked off mine. So much has happened since that moment. In terms of shear drama, there have been times that were far more spectacular and painful, but that moment at that altar was the defining one. Yes, "I was there when it happened, and I ought to know."

You will read about these defining moments in the lives of some of our most influential leaders in this edition. This is far more than a doctrine; it is a reality. If you are still shy of this death to self-reign, please take the death route and let the Blessed Holy Spirit take His rightful place in your spirit. Let the God that made you run you. And for those of you that can say, "I was there when it happened, and I ought to know," continue to trust in that defining moment in your life—TRUST THAT GREAT MOMENT!

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NOTICE



Because Ken Dove has recently accepted a pastorate, Evangelist Tim Hancock will replace him on the Committee OnThe Interest Of "The God-Called Evangelist."



I Was There When It



...and I ought to know!


by Dr. Ron Benefiel



Happened...

The year was 1971. I was a senior at Pasadena College (now Point Loma Nazarene University). For well over a year I had been earnestly seeking God and the fullness of God's Presence in my life. Early in the previous year, the fires of the Asbury revival had spread to college campuses across the country. I remember the day the revival "hit" the Pasadena College campus. The Wednesday morning chapel service was overwhelmed by the sense of the Presence of God as students, staff and faculty came in waves to the altar and stood in line to give their testimonies. Classes were cancelled as people continued to pray and testify through the day and into the evening. The revival fires spread from the campus to churches in the area as students gave their reports of what was happening on campus. Those were wonderful days of spontaneous revival as the Holy Spirit moved among us in Power!

The next year and a half was a time of intense seeking after God. I read all that I could get my hands on about the Fullness of the Spirit and the Sanctified Life. I prayed and fasted, sometimes for several days at a time. I met regularly with professors, pastors and friends for times of prayer, Bible study and spiritual counsel. I stopped once to count the number of worship services, Bible studies and prayer groups I attended on a weekly basis, and the count added up to nine! Sometime during that year, I came to a dead-end. I suppose you could say, "I came to the end of myself." I now realized that in my own efforts, I would inevitably fall far short of the call of God. I realized there was nothing more I could do in seeking the Fullness of the Presence of God in my life except to patiently wait before Him. This period of waiting continued for about three months.

In May 1971, toward the end of my senior year, I had an assignment due for one of my classes in which I was to exegete Romans 8:15 from the Greek ("For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by whom we cry out, 'Abba! Father!'"). I spent most of the night writing the paper, and then decided to drive a short distance to Farnsworth Park to watch the sun come up. As I walked the paths of the park, The Spirit of God came upon me in a way I will never forget. I heard in my soul words from God of His great love for me. I heard Him say how He had loved me all of my life, not only personally and directly, but also through godly parents, the care of the Church, Christian friends and the guidance of youth leaders and college professors. I could hardly see the path as my eyes filled with tears. All I could do was sob as I was overwhelmed by His Presence. I was immersed, covered, and "baptized" in His Love and in His power. I knew like I had never known before what it meant to be called a "son of God." And I finally understood what it meant to look to God and call Him, "Abba! Father!" As certainly as I knew my name, I knew of God's love and cleansing power in my life. My days of seeking and waiting before God had come to a moment of fulfillment as His Presence invaded the depths of my soul. For the first time, in my own heart, I understood what I had heard preachers preach and theologians teach as they spoke of entire sanctification. I now knew that even I had been filled with the Love of God! To God be the Glory! 



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VICTORY THROUGH



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I WAS CALLED TO PREACH at 12 years of age. The struggle against acceptance began immediately and lasted through high school and an academic career at a Nazarene college. While I prepared for the ministry, I did so grudgingly; there was no joy.

After graduating from college, I was driving a Borden milk truck in Chicago to help finance my studies at Nazarene Theological Seminary in the fall. Connie and I had been married just a short time when she developed symptoms similar to what she had experienced in Africa when she lived with her medical missionary parents years earlier. While in Africa, they had

done exploratory surgery and discovered ovarian cancer. At that time, no treatment was available other than surgery. They thought she would die, but, thankfully, God healed her. She had never had another symptom until that moment in Chicago.

I was terrified, and as I drove that truck down those pothole-filled Chicago streets with tear-filled eyes, I contemplated the possibility of losing the most important person in my life. At that moment God impressed me strongly with this thought: "Paul, to whom does she belong? Is she yours, or is she mine?" I said, "She's yours, Lord." And He said, "Well, if she's mine, then let me take

“Now all I need is you—the *real* you; the one who lives down deep inside that no one else knows.”

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care of her.” Thankfully, as it turned out, Connie didn’t have cancer, and she was well again in a few weeks; but for all practical purposes, I surrendered the most important person in my life to God that day. But the surrendering wasn’t over.

During my first year at seminary I was struggling with inner conflict. It had been going on for years. I really didn’t want to be there studying for the ministry. I was desperately unhappy to the point I finally kneeled by our bed one day and began to cry out to God for this conflict to end. I had assurance of salvation, but I knew I needed something more. As I poured out my heart in soul-anguish, the Lord came powerfully close and impressed me with this thought: “Paul, the problem is this: you have given Me your life. You’re here preparing to do My will. And you’ve given Me your wife, the most important person in your life. Now all I need is you—the *real* you; the one who lives down deep inside that no one else knows. The one who lives in that secret room you have where you keep things hidden from everyone—like your secret fear of failure. The reason you don’t want to be My preacher is because you don’t think you have the ability; you think you will fail, and you have a terrible fear of failure. You don’t realize that anything I ask you to do, I will enable and empower you to do. Your problem is a lack of trust in Me. You see yourself doing all this

in your own strength, and it frightens you. What you need to do is to surrender completely to Me, and trust Me to make you adequate. It’s time to unlock that secret room, let the secrets out, and let my Holy Spirit come and purify every corner of your life, including that secret room.”

Now I could see it all! He was so right—I was afraid! In desperation I confessed my need to trust Him completely. I surrendered everything to Him, including my fear, and, as I did, the promised Sanctifier came and cleansed my life from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet. No more secrets. The secrets were out, and the Holy Spirit was in with sanctifying power. For me, everything changed—I now had peace and power and a confidence born of absolute trust in God’s ability to enable me to do whatever He asked me to do.

This experience came as a result of a long process that God used over a period of years to prepare me for that crisis moment, a Pentecost experience that energizes and motivates my life to this very day. I’m sure it could have happened much sooner if only I had been willing to trust God with every aspect of my life, but I allowed fear of the unknown to hold me back. As a result, I suffered needlessly for too many years; but how grateful I am that ultimately I experienced victory through surrender. It’s the greatest life in the world! 

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