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#### from the editor



#### THERE WERE SO MANY

I was sitting in the balcony of Chicago First Church, to the left of the platform and looking down on the man. His name was the Rev. U.E. Harding, and I was 7 years old. He had come all the way from California, which was a marvel in itself in those days. As I sat there, I heard the voice of God say, "You will do what that man is doing someday." I have never gotten over that moment.

Years later, while a student at Olivet Nazarene College, I heard C. William Fisher preaching in a college revival. He not only preached, but he also played a very smooth trombone. He invited anyone who felt a call to Evangelism to meet him for a special breakfast on Saturday morning. I was there and again I heard God's voice in an adult sense. I liked everything about Evangelist Fisher—his clothes, his articulate speech, his music and his passion. I said, "If that is an Evangelist, I want to be one."

The influence of each other on each other has always had its work in God's kingdom. To put names to the chain effect is like writing a literal story of Biblical and church history.

I started preaching in my early college days. I was gone most weekends. Still, I wondered if this was for me. While sitting with Paul Cunningham in his car on the Kankakee River, I asked my roommate, "Paul, do you think I should be an Evangelist?" I will never forget his answer. "Chuck, you look like an Evangelist, you talk like an Evangelist, you dress like an Evangelist, you act like an Evangelist. I believe you ARE an Evangelist." I had discovered what I was. I can say these years later that settled it forever.

The Revival movement started in America with George Whitefield in the late 1700's. The American Camp Meeting Movement was in full swing by the early 1860's, with Evangelists like Peter Cartwright and Charles Finney and then, of course, D.L.Moody, Billy Sunday and later Billy Graham and now his son, Franklin Graham. All these men had their part in leading me into this glorious work that I have done now for 50 years. The Church of the Nazarene had its start in the late 1800's as well. By and large, Evangelists were its early leaders. Dr. Phineas Bresee was our founder and a pastor, educator and very effective

# Dr. C. William Fisher at 90: still COMMITTED, CANDID and CONCERNED

by Norman Moore

Tt was a warm, sunny day in Coronado, across the bay from downtown San Diego, where Dr. C. William ■ Fisher and I met for lunch and an inspiring interview. Seated at our window table, we noticed the noon-time sunshine relaxed on the water while quiet sailboats eased their way through the bay. We ordered our salads and began a most meaningful conversation.

I briefly bumped some prepared questions and topics regarding his ministry as an Evangelist in

the Church of the Nazarene: Calling? History? Purpose? Cause? Strategy? Current perspective? Advice? Ideas for improvement?

Dr. Fisher, who insisted on me calling him Bill, took off as I took notes.

He was in management training, employed by J.C. Penney Company, Inc., in Blackwell, Oklahoma, when on the closing night of the revival, at age 20, he responded to the invitation and went forward to answer his call to preach. He still remembered the date: "April 11, 1937."

"My dad was a realtor, and I had four houses by the time I was 20," Dr. Fisher said.

He fully intended to pursue management for J.C. Penney, but "that revival changed it all!" he exclaimed. Soon after, he received a letter from B.M. Hall at Bethany Nazarene College, inviting him to enroll.

After arriving in Bethany, Dr. Fisher joined a vocal and instrumental quartet with Cecil Miller, Alan Miller and Forrest Nash. They traveled, representing the school in the fall of 1937. During his sophomore year, he served as minister of music at Oklahoma City Westside Church of the Nazarene. He pastored during his junior year in Purcell, Oklahoma. During his senior year, he began to hold weekend revivals. In December of that same year, he married Marjorie Crooks.

He punctuated his story with an emphatic, "I had no doubt of my call as an Evangelist. I had six months of revivals scheduled when I graduated in the spring of 1941."

Dr. and Mrs. Fisher settled in San Luis Obispo, on the Central Coast of California, where Dr Fisher's brother, Dr. Clyde P. Fisher, was a professor at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis

Obispo. The couple had two boys. Mrs. Fisher taught school and served in the local church while Dr. Fisher traveled throughout the country and held revivals.

> "I'd leave in September and drive through the north, then head east and then down south before returning back home Christmas," he explained.

There were 167 different local churches where Dr. Fisher held five revivals or more in each church!

"I never once asked for a meeting," he said.

He and Mrs. Fisher gave 35 summers to preaching overseas on the mission field.

"We gave one revival per year with no remuneration, with the intent of starting a new church," he commented.

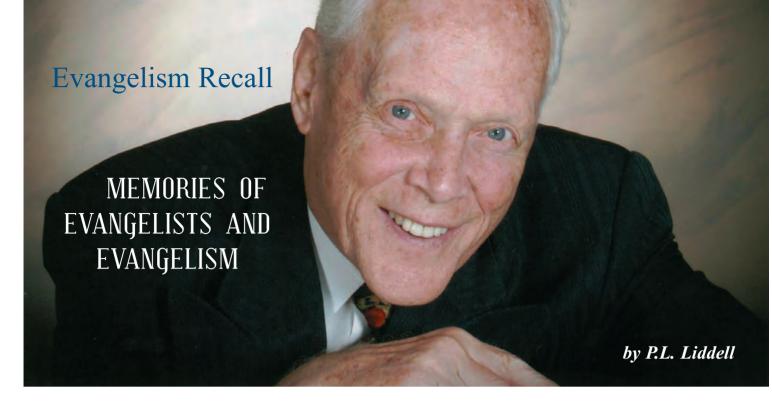
Dr. Fisher has preached in all 50 states and in 28 foreign countries in 50 years of full-time evangelism. He has authored 11 books and booklets and was the

radio preacher for "Showers of Blessing" for eight years, airing on 722 stations every week.

"My strategy was to be obedient to the Holy Spirit," Dr. Fisher explained. "My tactics were determined by the needs I sensed in each local church."

Dr. and Mrs. Fisher moved to Coronado in 1979. where he was forced to retire after his second heart attack at age 74.

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r. Millhuff's invitation for me to give a written account of the personal impact of early Evangelists and their evangelism stirred within me nostalgic embers to a bonfire of exciting recall. My earliest reflection of church life was in the old Chicago Woodlawn Church pastored by the Rev. Harry Morrow who, more than anyone, was responsible for the Manville Illinois Camp becoming the Northwest Illinois District Camp. It was there in the late 1920's that my maternal grandmother served as the camp cook and my parents were the Song Evangelists. I was only 3 or 4 years old at the time, but I'm quite sure one of the Evangelists was E.E. Shelhammer.

My father left the field of electrical engineering to answer the call to the ministry in 1929. His first pastorate was in Hoopeston, Illinois. Some of the prominent Evangelists that conducted our revivals in those years were Uncle Buddy Robinson—I'm so glad that my father enriched his children's young lives by having him in our home during revival time—I.G. Martin, Howard Sweeten, Dr. Glen Griffith, C.B. Fugett, Joe Wolpe, John and Bona Flemming, H.N. Dickerson, E.D. Urschel, Harold Volk, Dr. Raymond Browning, Freddie Thomas, Dr. Jarrett Aycock, C.B. Cox, Danny Petrone and Dr. Nettie Miller.

I would be remiss not to mention the ministry of some of the early Song Evangelists (who were often advertised with the title "professor"): John E. Moore, Ben Sutton, Curtis Brown, Boyce and Kathryn Pierce, Burl Sparks, Harold Baumgartner, and a dear man, Brother Doug Slack, who would strum his guitar and sing the glory down in his own homespun way. Another group of Song Evangelists I remember well is The Cleveland Colored Quintet. They were not Nazarenes but were much used in Nazarene revivals and camp meetings. After deaths and

illness, this group downsized and was known as the Harold Lacy Trio.

Back then our revivals were usually 10 to 14 days long. I remember one that went on for five weeks! They were always well attended, which may be explained in part by the Great Depression that began the same year that my father began his ministry. Another explanation for strong attendance was that other churches supported neighboring revivals with their attendance. Many a family had its only affordable opportunity—which may have been entertainment for some of them—to hear preaching and singing by much-traveled men and women. One way we financed the revivals was to announce that Friday night would be dime night. Everyone was encouraged to bring a dime for the Evangelist's offering on that night.

As a preacher's kid I was so proud of our workers. They were celebrities to me. They all preached on the Second Coming, heaven, hell, sin, healing, prayer, fasting, repentance, regeneration, restitution, and **entire sanctification**—both the doctrine and the ethics of the experience. They all stressed high holiness standards.

Their unction—their peculiar anointing—brought powerful conviction on the sinner and the unsanctified. They named sins and denounced wrongful living in such understandable terms that many times I witnessed men putting their tobacco and their playing cards on the altar as evidence that they were going to take up their cross and follow Christ. Women forsook what, in those days, were called worldly adornments for the same reason. This was always followed by testimonies of what God had done for them in that service. There would be weeping and singing and shouting as the audience responded to the victories. I confess that this sounds so primitive and so radical and so

"unreal" in this 21st century that you may not believe me. I am asking myself, "Did that really happen, or is this the doting of an old man who just thinks it was that way?" This is how I remember the revivals that I attended in that period of my life.

We need the evidence of the supernatural. Without prayer and vital concern, we can hold meetings without having true revival. As travail or labor is necessary to produce the birth of a child, so, too, the church must conceive a burden that produces true conversions.

As we enter the second century of our existence, it would be time well spent to look into our rearview mirror before we make any turns or stops. We need a fresh touch. a clear vision of the importance of revival, and a burden that drives us to powerful praying that fuels powerful results. We would do well to stick to the themes of those Evangelists of yesteryear. We are not just another denomination; rather, we are a holiness church. Our proclamation of the holiness message must continue to be clear and sure. Our message is needed now more than ever. We Evangelists must keep our denomination's distinctive qualities in clear view of those to whom we preach. We must not allow ourselves or our hearers to become tasteless, for as Jesus warned, "If the salt hath lost its savor...it is good for nothing." We have God's answer to mankind's need! With rare exception, the early Evangelists were found faithful. They were significant in molding the church into a spiritual force.

Part of our task is to warn the church of the "woe" that accompanies being "at ease in Zion." Our church, in its youth, was not much confronted with "at ease." But we have moved far down the road from material want and the other struggles that characterized our early years. Our colleges have become well-funded, leading universities. Our denomination has moved from the "wrong side of the tracks" to the "right side of the tracks." In consequence, we are faced with the same dangers as the Laodiceans. They said, "we have need of nothing." But God deemed them naked, blind and poor. We must stand before the congregations as the Apostle Paul did: "not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and power that [our hearer's faith] should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

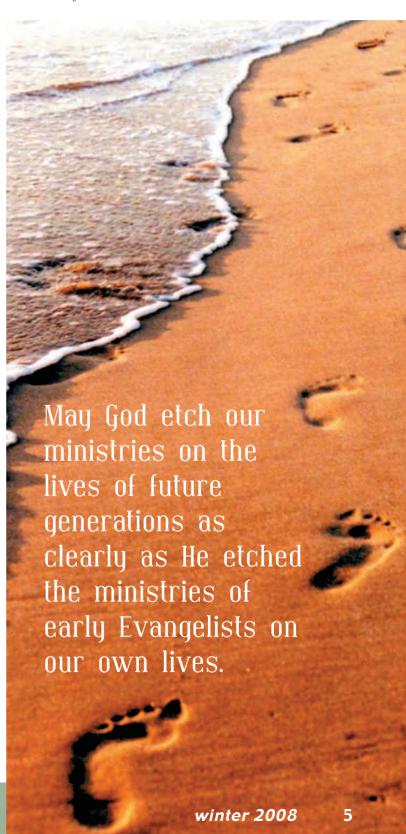
Dr. R.T. Williams did more than any other to sculpt the course of the church of the Nazarene in the 30 years he served as a General Superintendent. I am informed that he came to that office from the field of Evangelism. Although as General Superintendent he left the field of *itinerant* Evangelism, he was an Evangelist until his death.

May we never lose our optimism for the spiritual success that uniquely attends the call to be an Evangelist. Let us hold the banner high. Let us make the Gospel our boast, the divine cause our passion, and God and His church our all-consuming love.

Our necessary service will continue to appeal to the fact that " ${\bf HE}$  gave some Evangelists." This ministry is  ${\bf HIS}$ 

doing. And it has a dynamic role in **HIS** stated purpose to "build **MY** church." Thank God for the Evangelists of the past, and may God etch our ministries on the lives of future generations as clearly as He etched the ministries of early Evangelists on our own lives.

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#### A JOURNEY OF FAITH

#### by Pat Burkhalter

Several years before I was born, my parents were saved at a tent meeting in Atlanta, Texas. Because their lives were changed forever, I was raised in the Church of the Nazarene. I knew when the church doors were open that we would be there. I have a great heritage. In my early 20s, I served on the church board and was faithful to God's house. I worked at Lone Star Steel Company as a shipping foreman, but my real love was to have the best cattle in northeast Texas. Along with the cattle were horses and necessary equipment. Preaching was never on my list of things to do in life.

In August 1975 at the Dallas District Assembly, I heard God speak to me and say, "Pat, I want you to preach the Gospel." I replied, "Lord, you have made a big mistake. Not me." I tried to forget about it, but I could not run from it. The words "I want you to preach the Gospel" continued to ring loud and clear.

A few months after district assembly, I went to my parents' bedroom around 2 a.m. and said, "I believe the Lord is calling me to preach."

They replied, "Pat, if you can get to heaven without preaching, don't preach."

That was not the answer I wanted to hear, so I went to my pastor, the Rev. Arlie Kyzer and told him, "I believe the Lord is calling me to preach."

He replied, "Pat, if you can get to heaven without preaching, don't preach." At the moment the answer seemed so wrong, but in time it proved to be so wise. For months I spent many sleepless nights talking to God and seeking His perfect will for my life.

I sought the Lord and struggled for almost one year. I bought things to try to satisfy the uneasiness within my soul. All the time God was dealing with my life in a special way.

It was a Sunday night in August of 1976 during dismissal prayer that God said, "Pat, ask the church to pray for you." So I stepped to the platform and told the congregation that I believed the Lord was calling me to preach but I wanted to know for sure.

The following week I heard God speak clearly to me. He said, "Pat, preach the Gospel or lose your soul."

The struggle was over.

I began to sell material possessions. By October, everything had been sold except a hay baler. I told the Lord that if He would send me a buyer soon, I would enroll in Bethany Nazarene College in January.

One Saturday morning as pastor was visiting me and my parents, there was a knock at our door. Dad said, "Son, there's your buyer." Sure enough he bought the hay baler.

In November, I went to my supervisor at work and told him God had called me to preach and I would be quitting in January to enroll in BNC.

In January of 1977, I headed for Bethany to prepare for the ministry. I had already attended junior college, so I graduated from BNC in May 1979.

While preparing to write my resume to district superintendents concerning a pastoral position, the God who called me to preach, spoke clearly and said, "Pat, I want you to be an Evangelist."

The call was settled.

I went back to Atlanta, Texas, lived with my parents and worked at the county courthouse as a custodian. They allowed me to hold revivals as the calls came in. While working there, I received the Master of Ministry degree from Trinity Theological Seminary.

In the summer of 1982, God and I had a talk about my future. I said, "God, you called me to be an Evangelist, not a custodian." So I quit, stepped out on faith and trusted God for meetings.

For several years I had been going before the district credentials board on the Dallas District. Dr. Jesse Middendorf was the chairman. He said the board wanted me to pastor for two years before being ordained. My reply was, "God has called me to be an Evangelist and I plan to pursue this area of ministry."

The following year, 1983, I was ordained at the Dallas District Assembly by Dr. Greathouse.

It has been a journey of faith. I traveled as a single Evangelist for several years. I had grown tired of people introducing me to single ladies. In February 1988, while staying in a motel during revival, I talked to the Lord about remaining single or getting married. I said, "Lord, if you want me to remain single, I will; but if you want me to get married, let me meet my wife soon."

The Lord clearly said, "Pat, you will meet your wife this year." I was excited!

As the months and revivals passed, I said, "Lord, time is running out and only a few more revivals are left this year." In October 1988 I held a revival in Park Hills, Mo., and met Donna Adams, who was single and looking for a Christian husband—but not necessarily an Evangelist. It was not love at first sight.

Several weeks later, I was holding a revival nearby and Donna and several others visited. From that time on

our relationship moved rather fast. On August 5, 1989, we were married at Park Hills (Mo.) Church of the Nazarene. The Lord has blessed me with the best wife in the world.

The journey has not always been what we would have chosen, but God has been faithful.

In 1996, Donna became pregnant and in October a full-term ,beautiful baby girl was stillborn. Through it all God's grace was sufficient.

In May 1998 God blessed us with Jonathan Patrick, who is the best boy in the world. His first revival was at the age of 3 months. Jonathan is home schooled using the A Beka DVD program and is in the fourth grade.

We travel in a semitruck, pulling a 50-foot trailer which is fully self-contained. The Rig, as Donna calls it, is our full-time home. I do the preaching and we all sing.

I was a quiet, reserved young man who was the most unlikely person to be called by God to be an Evangelist. Many had their doubts, but I knew God had called. Many said, "You will never be able to make it financially with a wife." God has provided. Many said, "You will not be able to buy diapers for a baby." God has provided. He always provides!

A preacher of the past once said, "To know God's will is life's greatest knowledge and to do God's will is life's greatest accomplishment."

The call has given me a determination to continue when it would have been easy to quit. The call is bigger than adversity. The call has held me steady through the good times and the tough times. Through it all, God has been faithful. I would not trade the call for anything in this world.



**Pat,Donna and Jonathan Burkhalter,** Park Hills, MO, Tenured Evangelist, Church of the Nazarene

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Evangelist starting many of our early churches with tent revivals all across the country. The reading of his works and others like him led me in my style and passion.

Revivals were common and even thought to be absolutely necessary up through World War II. After the war, the cultural scene changed. Servicemen and servicewomen returned, received their mustering-out pay and began living the high life that accompanied the fact they had "made it home." Revivals began to wane in the late '60's and were ruled ineffective in large measure by the Church Growth Movement in the '70's. Today, revivals are used by about one-third of our churches, and most of them are small in size. Our universities have cut them down to a few days, and the altar call is not used at all in most of our general gatherings. An exception is Nazarene Youth Congress (NYC) rallies that draw about 15,000 youth every four years and see scenes of overwhelming prayer and repentance.

Through all of this, the Holy Spirit of God and the men and women He has used have led me in my life. On the way home from church on Sunday nights when I was a child, we always listened to the "Old Time Revival Hour" with Charles E. Fuller. His style is a part of what I am today. C.M. Ward and his Revival Time Choir were stunning. I can hear him even now as I sit at this computer and remember the effect his words and style had on my heart while in seminary. My childhood pastor, L.A. Reed, had a stature I admire even these long years after his death. General Superintendent Dr. Hugh C. Benner had eyes that pierced your heart at any distance. The Rev. Estelle Crutcher, a longtime East Coast pastorturned-Evangelist, in her last years pulled me aside at the General Assembly in Miami and spoke to me of things I will never forget. Well, this could go on and on, and I have left out so many that have led me. I must, however, name my hero—General Superintendent Edward Lawler. Oh my, what a riveting delivery that led to a moment of decision in my life! His flaming white hair and black suit and tie and gleaming shoes were unforgettable. But that was only the package. The unction he seemed to walk in was overwhelming. I can hear his booming voice as he left the platform chair on the way to the pulpit, "Let us take God's book." The case he built for repentance and decision was undeniable.

We as Evangelists must never forget our past that has led to this day. We must never be ashamed of this style of preaching. This same persuasive style of oratory is so expected at political conventions where so much

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#### THE EVANGELIST: A BIBLICAL OFFICE

#### by G. Stuart McWhirter

The office of the Evangelist is very ancient. It is, in fact, as ancient as the earliest and Apostolic Church. Ephesians 4: 11 clearly lists it as a biblical office. Any church that does not allow and encourage this office is in danger of departing from the word of God. This raises the specter of a spiritual problem.

The itinerant Evangelist comes through a long and illustrious lineage. It begins with the Apostle John who, from the dawn of Christianity, has been known as Saint John the Evangelist. It continues with the Apostle Paul who was as much an itinerant Evangelist as he was a missionary.

The line comes through John Wycliffe and his poor priests. These Evangelists of the 14th century were sent by Wycliffe to preach from village to village in England. They were often bitterly opposed by the church leaders of that time. They preached from the Scriptures Wycliffe had hand written for each of them. They read the Scriptures to the poor masses in the English language. This was incredibly courageous and revolutionary for that time. They greatly displeased the established church. Dr. Dennis Kinlaw said this proves the Holy Spirit recognizes the office of the Evangelist even when the church does not.

The lineage of the Evangelist continues with John Wesley himself. For years he rode horseback through England, preaching often five times a day at five different places. He was, if anything, an itinerant Evangelist.

The traveling Evangelist descends from David Brainerd who trudged through harsh New England winter, ravaged by tuberculosis, spitting blood across the snow, determined to bring Christ to the American Indians.

This lineage comes through Francis Asbury who, though titled a Bishop, was, without a doubt, an itinerant Evangelist. He traveled by horseback through the dangers of the American wilderness frontier, reading his Greek New Testament by the light of his lonely campfire and preaching Perfect Love all the way. He preached as far south and west as Nashville, Tenn., an amazing accomplishment for that day.

The Nazarene Evangelist descends from C.B. Jernigan who lived an uprooted life for years, traveling from town to town and organizing the first Nazarene churches in seven states.

The long lineage continues with Allie and Emma Irick. The Iricks were not a two-car family. They were a two-tent family. They put up their gospel tent from town to town. Behind this tent they placed a smaller tent in which they and their children lived. This dynamic team dotted the country with newly organized Churches of the Nazarene.

There are countless stories that show the pivotal role of the Evangelist in Nazarene history. More than a sentimental trip into yesterday, they are at the heart of Nazarene history. They, indeed, define our denomination.

The day in which we now live calls for creative and innovative methods of ministry. I rejoice to see the many new strategies for evangelism that have been developed within our denomination as well as throughout the evangelical world. Yet, with all these improvements,

there are some ministry roles that might need to be changed superficially but should remain essentially the same. One such order is the itinerant Evangelist.

It is strange and puzzling to encounter the seemingly growing disdain for the Evangelist. What are the root causes for this? I frankly suspect a subtle, collective inferiority complex is one of the sources for this disattitude toward missive the Evangelist. Previous generations of Nazarenes experienced this complex more than the present generation, but we are still tainted with it. The origins of our denomination are humble since most first generation Nazarenes were poor. Socially and economically, we were an "across the tracks" church. Many of our earliest meeting places were storefronts, rented halls, and often-tattered tents. The Evangelist is one of the strongest reminders of our past. Are we shying from the spirit of revivalism and the role of the Evangelist because, as a result of this complex, our revivalist roots embarrass us? We should never be ashamed of our great heritage. We should embrace and celebrate it.

A noteworthy fact is that a biblically grounded church should be alert to perceive those who have the gift for

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#### **ADAMS, DAVID & CHARLENE**

Jan 13 Fort Myers, FL (Concert) First Jan 27 Sturgis, MI (Concert) Feb 24-27 Fortville, IN (Revival) Mar 2-5 Gadsden, AL (Revival) Mar 30 Bluffton, IN (Concert) Apr 6 Middletown, IN (Concert) Apr 13 New Castle, IN (Revival) Mt. Zion Wesleyan

Apr 23 Bloomington, IN (Campmeeting) Zone Indoor Camp

#### ADAMS, GERALD W.

Jan 12 Fairmount, IL (Concert) Greer Building

#### ADAMS, MICHAEL D.

Jan 20-23 Florence, OR (Revival) Jan 27-30 Dinuba, CA (Revival) Feb 3-6 Fayetteville, NC (Revival) Feb 10-13 Dalton, GA (Revival) First Dec 10-Jan 4 Orlando, FL (Evangelism Focus)

Feb 17-20 Jackson, GA (Revival) Feb 24-27 Tifton, GA (Revival) First Mar 1-31 Scotland, United Kingdom (Revival)

Apr 6-9 Bridgeton, MO (Revival) Gateway Central

Apr 13-16 Columbus, IN (Revival) First Apr 20-23 Rockford, IL (Revival) First Apr 27-30 Waynesville, MO (Revival)

#### ARMSTRONG, B. LEON T

Feb 17-19 Colonial Heights, VA (Revival) Feb 20-24 Portsmouth, VA (Revival) Mar 5-9 Joliet, IL (Crusade) Will County Holiness Crusade

Mar 11-16 Olivet, IL (Revival) Mar 25-30 Godfrey, IL (Revival) Apr 12-16 Des Moines, IA (Revival) Highland Park

Apr 27-30 Andover, OH (Revival) Cherry Valley

#### BALLARD, DONALD K.

Jan 1-31 Germantown, TN Feb 1-29 Germantown, TN Mar 1-31 Germantown, TN

#### BOLICH, JEREMIAH C.

Jan 1-4 Fort Wayne, IN (Youth Ministry) Grace Point

Jan 6-9 Prescott Valley, AZ (Revival) Jan 11-13 Phoenix, AZ (Conference) Desert Hills Fellowship

Jan 20-23 Carthage, MO (Revival)
Jan 25-27 Crowley, TX (Conference) First
Feb 1-3 Montgomery City, MO (Revival)
Feb 10-13 Borger, TX (Revival) First
Feb 17-20 Henderson, TX (Revival)
Feb 22-24 Corona, CA (Conference)
West Grand Baptist Church

Conference Mar 2-5 LaGrande, OR (Revival) Mar 7-9 Portland, OR (Revival) First Mar 16-19 Coquille, OR (Revival)

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Mar 23-26 Hood River, OR (Revival)
Mar 30-Apr 2 Eugene, OR (Revival) First
Apr 6-9 Lebanon, OR (Revival) First
Apr 13-16 Medford, OR (Revival) First
Apr 20-23 Sparks, NV (Revival) Faith

Family Fellowship Apr 27-30 Cedar Rapids, IA (Revival) First



#### BOND, GARY C. T

Jan 18-16 Wellsburg, WV (Revival)
Jan 20-23 Lebanon, IN (Revival) First
Jan 27-30 Clearwater, FL (Revival) First
Feb 3-6 Robeline, LA (Revival) Friendship
Feb 10-13 North Fort Myers, FL (Revival)
Feb 17-20 St. Louis, MI (Revival)
Feb 24-27 Lansing, MI (Revival) South
Feb 29-Mar 2 Shipshewana, IN (Revival)
Mar 9-12 Warren, OH (Revival) Champion
Mar 16-19 Franklin, IN (Revival)
Mar 21-23 Columbus, IN (Revival) First
Free Methodist

Mar 30-Apr 2 Redkey, IN (Revival)
Apr 6-9 Louisville, KY (Revival) Farmdale
Apr 13-16 Dunbar, WV (Revival)
Apr 20-23 Battle Creek, MI (Revival) First
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Pointe

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Mar 12-16 Collinsville, OK (Revival) Mar 19-23 Tabor, IA (Revival) Weaver Memorial

Mar 26-30 Iberia, MO (Revival) Apr 9-13 Brookfield, MO (Revival) Apr 16-20 Cory, IN (Revival) Community Apr 28-27 Greensboro, IN (Revival)

#### CANFIELD, DAVID B.

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Jan 1-81 West Memphis, AR Feb 8-29 West Memphis, AR Mar 2-22 West Memphis, AR Mar 28-29 St. Augustine, FL (Conference)

Apr 6-26 West Memphis, AR

#### CHAPMAN, JAMES R.

Jan 3-5 Three Rivers, MI (Youth Ministry) Feb 23-25 Garnett, KS (Youth Ministry) Feb 29-Mar 2 Lima, OH (Revival) Walking Wisely

Mar 9-12 Pittsburg, KS (Revival) Mar 26-27 Kankakee, IL, Olivet Nazarene University

Mar 30-Apr 6 Eureka, IL (Revival) Apr 18-22 Hampton, VA (Revival)

#### COVINGTON, NATHAN A. 🖜

Jan 4-6 Holdenville, OK
(Seminar/Workshop) Prayer Seminar
Jan 13-16 Abernathy, TX (Revival) First
Jan 27-80 Coweta, OK (Revival)
Mar 2-5 Jacksonville, TX
(Seminar/Workshop)
Apr 6-9 South Haven, MI
(Seminar/Workshop)
Apr 11-13 Three Rivers, MI
(Seminar/Workshop)

#### DABYDEEN, ROBERT D. 🔻

Jan 13-16 Montgomery, AL (Revival) Capital City Jan 20-23 Excel, AL (Revival) Enoch Johnson Memorial Jan 27-30 Kahului, HI (Revival) Feb 10 Portsmouth, OH, First

Feb 11-13 Portsmouth, OH (Revival) Independent Feb 23-27 Wrightsville, GA (Revival) Mount Olive

Mar 2-5 Dayton, OH (Revival) Vandalia Mar 9-12 Grand Prairie, TX (Revival) Mar 80-Apr 2 Redkey, IN (Revival) Apr 5-9 Oxford, PA (Revival) Apr 20-23 Ephrata, PA (Revival) Apr 13-16 Pelham, TN (Revival) Chapman's Chapel

#### DEGENKOLB, WILLIAM B.

Jan 5-Feb 28 McAllen, TX (Mission Trip) Apr 8-13 Campton, KY (Revival) Old Time Religion Church Apr 16-20 Springboro, PA (Revival) Conneaut Valley

#### DELL, JIMMY 🔻

Jan 6 Coolidge, AZ (Pulpit Supply) Valley Community Fellowship Jan 19-23 Cochise, AZ (Revival) Wynne

Chapel Mar 2-5 Indianapolis, IN (Revival) Southwest

Apr 6-9 Lawton, OK (Revival) Lawton Heights

Apr 20-23 Harrison, OH (Revival)

#### DIEHL, ROB & DEBRA M.

Jan 18-19 Buckingham, VA (Retreat) Kidz First Summit Apr 9-13 Flora, IL (Revival) Apr 25-27 Virginia Beach, VA (Revival) Tidewater Central

#### DONNERBERG, JOHN J.

Jan 13-16 Port Orange, FL (Revival) Jan 20-23 Hutchinson, KS (Revival) New Life

Feb 3-6 Lehigh Acres, FL (Revival)
Feb 10-13 Olathe, KS (Revival) College
Feb 17-20 Yukon, OK (Revival) Canadian
Hills

Feb 21-24 Fort Wayne, IN (Revival)
Grace Point

Mar 2-5 Beavercreek, OH (Revival) Mar 9-12 Fostoria, OH (Revival) First Mar 16-23 Fort Morgan, CO (Revival) Mar 29-Apr 2 Nashville, TN (Revival) Bethel

Apr 6-9 Sandusky, OH (Revival) Community

Apr 13-16 Marysville, OH (Revival) Apr 20-23 Greenwood, AR (Revival) Apr 27-30 Clovis, NM (Revival) First

#### DOWNING, ANN S.

Jan 6 Vancouver, WA (Concert) Fourth Plain

Jan 11 Sun City, AZ (Concert) Evangel Church

Jan 18 Defuniak Springs, FL (Concert) East Baptist Church

Jan 19 Defuniak Springs, FL (Retreat) Jan 27 Oklahoma City, OK (Concert) Trinity

Jan 27 Édmond, OK (Concert) First Feb 1-2 Karnack, TX (Revival) United Methodist Church

Feb 9 West Unity, OH (Concert) Living Hope Free Methodist Church Feb 9 Albion, PA (Concert) Free Methodist Church

Mar 7-9 Lancaster, PA (Retreat) Apr 12 Carnesville, GA (Retreat) Apr 12 Carnesville, GA (Concert) Refuge

Baptist Camp
Apr 18 Morgantown, WV (Concert)
Covenant Evangelical Methodist
Church

Apr 19 Morgantown, WV (Retreat) Covenant Evangelical Methodist Apr 26 Newnan, GA (Retreat) Westside Baptist Ladies Day

#### **DUBBELD, MARK & JANENE**

Jan 14-20 Avon Park, FL (Prayer Awakening) Winter in the Word

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#### FERGUSON, ANTHONY SCOTT

Feb 14-17 Corning, NY Feb 20-24 Carthage, NY Mar 16-19 Clarion, IA

#### FLINT, ROBERT E.

Jan 13-16 Sebring, OH (Revival) First Jan 21-Feb 18 Marysville, OH (Evangelism Focus) Ministry Development Centér Mar 3-7 Findlay, OH (Evangelism Focus) Winebrenner Seminary Mar 9-12 New Hampshire, OH (Revival) Mar 20 - Apr 24 Marys ville, OH (Evangelism Focus) Ministry Development Center

#### FOX. JEREMY

Jan 13 Fort Myers, FL (Concert) First Jan 27 Sturgis, MI (Concert) Feb 24-27 Fortville, IN (Revival) Mar 2-5 Gadsden, AL (Revival) Mar 30 Bluffton, IN (Concert) Apr 6 Middletown, IN (Concert) Apr 13 New Castle, IN (Revival) Mt. Zion Weslevan Apr 23 Bloomington, IN (Campmeeting)

#### Zone Indoor Camp GALLIMORE, DAVID A.

Jan 3 Spring Hill, FL (Revival) Calvary Jan 4 Miami, FL (Revival) Higher Praise Worship Center Jan 6-9 Mustang, OK (Revival) Jan 10 Gadsden, AL (Other Event) Daystar Christian Center Jan 13-16 Fort Oglethorpe, GA (Revival) Battlefield Parkway Jan 17 Fortville, IN (Revival) Fortville Jan 20-23 Alma, GA (Revival) First Jan 27-30 Macon, GA (Revival) Evangelist

Jan 31-Feb 10 Avon Park, FL (Campmeeting)

Feb 11 Spring Hill, FL (Evangelism Focus) Calvary

Feb 12 Gadsden, AL (Evangelism Focus) Daystar Christian Center

Feb 16 Fortville, IN (Evangelism Focus) Fortville Feb 17-20 Chillicothe, OH (Revival)

Brookside CCCU Feb 28 Spring Hill, FL (Evangelism Focus)

Calvary Mar 2-5 Baton Rouge, LA (Revival) First

Mar 9-12 Alapaha, GA (Revival) United Methodist Church Apr 2-4 Circleville, OH (Revival) Ohio

Christian University Apr 6-9 New Albany, ÍN (Revival) Christ's

Community

Apr 13-16 Newell, WV (Revival) Glendale Apr 20-23 Oak Hill, WV (Revival) Apr 27-30 Columbus, OH (Revival) Liahthouse Ministries

#### **GESSNER, DON & SHIRL**

Jan 1-31 Indianapolis, IN (Evangelism Focus) Grace Pointe Feb 1-29 Indianapolis, IN (Evangelism Focus) Grace Pointe Mar 5-9 Mobile, AL (Zone Campmeeting) Mar 12-31 Indianapolis, IN (Evangelism Focus) Grace Pointe

#### GRAY, ROBERT H.

Jan 8-10 Batesburg, SC (Retreat) Feb 1-2 Shepherdsville, KY (Retreat) Kentucky District Mar 7-9 Columbus, OH (Prayer Awakening) Waiting School 6 Apr 4-6 Angola, IN (Revival) Community Apr 13-16 Pelham, TN (Revival) Chapman's Chapel Apr 23-27 Lenoir City, TN (Revival)

#### GREENE, CAROLYN BRASWELL

Apr 20-28 Norwich, NY (Revival) Open Door Fellowship Wesleyan

#### GREENWAY, KENNETH NEAL T

Jan 20-23 Hillsborough, NC (Revival)

Jan 25-30 Garner, NC (Revival) First Feb 3-6 Mayo, SC (Revival) Graham Chapel Wesleyan

Feb 10-13 Supply, NC (Revival) Sharon United Methodist Church

Feb 17-21 High Point, NC (Revival) Covenant Life

Feb 24-29 Concord, NC (Revival) Broadus Baptist Church

Mar 2-6 High Point, NC (Revival) W Fairfield Baptist

Mar 9-13 Churubusco IN (Revival) Mar 16-20 Fostoria, OH (Revival) Trinity United Brethren Church

Mar 30-Apr 3 Stuart, VA (Revival) Minnie's Chanel

Apr 6-13 Houston, MS (Revival) Pearson Chapel Apr 20-25 Macon, GA (Revival)

Shurlington Apr 27-30 Gastonia, NC (Revival)

#### HAINES, GARY W. T

Jan 6 Englewood, CO (Revival) First Jan 20-23 Naples, FL (Revival) First Jan 25-27 Bradenton, FL (Revival) First Feb 10-13 Euless, TX (Revival) First Feb 24 Prescott, AZ (Revival) First Mar 2-5 Marietta, OH (Revival) First Mar 15-19 Springfield, IL (Revival) First Apr 6-9 Homer City, PA (Revival) Apr 20-23 Plymouth, MI (Revival)

#### HAMPTON, DEBORAH ANN

Jan 21 Hobart, IN (Evangelism Focus) Miller's Manor

Jan 25 Merrillville, IN (Evangelism Focus) Northlake Rehab

Jan 4 Valparaiso, IN (Evangelism Focus) Canterbury Place

Jan 1 Merrillville, IN (Evangelism Focus)

Jan 2 Portage, IN (Evangelism Focus) Fountainview Place

Feb 6 Portage, IN (Evangelism Focus) Fountainview Place

Feb 18 Hobart, IN (Evangelism Focus) Millers

Mar 5 Portage, IN (Evangelism Focus) Fountainview Place

Mar 17 Hobart, IN (Evangelism Focus) Millers

Apr 2 Portage, IN (Evangelism Focus) Fountainview Place

Apr 21 Hobart, IN (Evangelism Focus) Millers

#### HANCOCK, TIMOTHY B. (T)

Jan 25-30 Garner, NC (Revival) First Jan 20-24 Orlando, FL (Revival) Colonial Feb 10-13 Yuma AZ (Revival) First Feb 16-20 Sandusky, MI (Revival) Feb 24-27 West Milton, OH (Revival) Mar 2-5 Fredericktown MO

(Campmeeting) Lead Belt Zone Indoor Camp

Mar 9-12 Charleston, WV (Revival) Southeast

Mar 16-23 North Huntingdon, PA (Revival) Irwin Norwin

Mar 30-Apr 2 Brazil, IN (Campmeeting) Zone Indoor Camp Apr 6-9 Fayette, OH (Revival)

Apr 27-30 Pittsfield, IL (Revival)

#### HICKS, JOHN DAVID

Feb 10-13 Spencer, WV (Revival) Mar 2-8 Waynesburg, PA (Revival) Mar 9-12 Fort Morgan, CÒ (Revival) Apr 6-9 Creswell, OR (Revival) Apr 13-16 Bishopville, SC (Revival)

#### HUCKER, LARRY K.

Jan 6 Flora, IL, United Methodist Church Jan 13 Flora, IL, United Methodist Church Mar 12-16 West Union, IL (Revival) Apr 9-13 Decatur, IL (Revival) Trinity Apr 27-30 Shelbyville, IL (Revival)

#### HUDDLESTON, BILLY A.

Jan 11-13 Phoenix AZ (Conference) Desert Hills Fellowship Jan 27 Portsmouth, OH (Revival) Rubyville Community Church Feb 17-20 Roseville, OH (Revival) Feb 24-27 Mitchell IN (Revival) Mar 2-5 Sullivan, IN (Revival) Mar 9-14 Middleburg, PA (Revival) Wayside Bible Church Mar 16-19 Dunkirk, IN (Revival) Mar 23-26 McConnelsville, OH (Revival) Mar 30-Apr 2 Canton OH (Revival) Dueber United Methodist Church Apr 6-11 Evendale, PA (Revival) Church of the Open Door Apr 13-16 Cincinnati, OH (Revival)

#### **JACKSON, PAUL & TRISH**

Fellowship Tabernacle

Apr 20-23 Logan, OH (Revival)

Apr 27-30 Anadarko, OK (Revival)

Jan 1-Apr 30 Mead, KS

LACOMBE, CHARLES AUGUST Jan 16-19 Mechanic Falls, ME (Revival)

#### LECKRONE, LARRY D. T

Jan 26-30 Waxahachie, TX (Revival) Living Hope

Feb 2-6 San Benito, TX (Revival) First Feb 9-13 Weslaco, TX (Revival) Mid Valley Feb 16-20 Harlingen, TX (Revival) First Mar 22-26 Pampa, TX (Revival) Apr 5-9 Wright City, MO (Revival) Apr 12-16 Paris, KY (Revival) Apr 19-23 Parkersburg, WV (Revival) Blennerhassett Apr 26-30 Morenci, MI (Revival)

#### LEIDY, ARNOLD G.

Feb 9-13 Ainsworth, NE (Revival) Feb 21-24 Conroe, TX (Revival) New Horizon

Apr 16-20 Page, AZ (Revival) Lake Powell

#### LIDDELL, P. L.

Jan 20 Hrhana II. Crusader's Church Jan 27 Maryland Heights, MO, Crusader's Church

#### LIVERSAGE, JERRY

Jan 11-13 Phoenix, AZ

#### LORD, J. RICHARD

Jan 1-31 Madison, TN Feb 1-29 Madison TN Mar 1-31 Madison, TN Apr 1-30 Madison, TN

#### LOTHENORE, BOB

Mar 2-5 Bowling Green, MO Mar 19-23 Beardstown, IL Apr 4-6 Coalgate, OK

#### MANLEY, STEPHEN L.

Jan 6-9 Wildomar, CA (Revival) Gracepoint

Jan 11-13 Phoenix, AZ (Revival) Desert Hills Fellowship

Jan 16-20 Temple, TX (Revival) First Jan 25-27 Crowley, TX (Revival) FORT Worth First

Jan 30-Feb 3 McAllen, TX (Revival) First

#### MILLER, C. WESLEY

Jan 1-31 Taloga, OK Feb 1-29 Taloga, OK Mar 1-31 Taloga, OK Apr 1-30 Taloga, OK

#### MILLHUFF, CHARLES R.

Feb 19-25 Kansas City, MO (General Board)

Feb 27-Mar 2 Yukon, OK (Revival) First Apr 2-6 Mount Erie, IL (Revival) Apr 11-13 Schuylkill Haven, PA (Revival) Apr 22-27 New Boston, OH (Revival) First

#### MILLS, CARLTON (T)

Jan 1-Apr 30 North Fort Meyers, FL

#### MILLS, HENRY L.

Jan 27-30 St. Petersburg, FL (Revival) Victory

Feb 2-3 Newport Richey, FL (Revival)

Mar 1-5 Sapulpa, OK (Revival) Mar 26-30 Tichnor, AR (Revival) Nady Apr 2-6 Greenbrier, AR (Revival) Apr 12-13 Conroe, TX (Revival) New Horizon

Apr 16-20 Jacksonville, TX (Revival) Lookout Valley

#### MITCHELL, ROYCE G.

Jan 6 Nampa, ID (Concert) First Jan 11 Ripon, CA (Concert) Immanuel Christian Reformed

Jan 12 Lodi, CA (Concert) First Baptist Jan 18 Menio Park, CA (Concert) Presbyterian

Jan 20 Hemet, CA (Concert) Jan 20 Rancho Mirage, CA (Concert) Victory Christian Center

Jan 25 Sky Valley, CA (Concert) RV Resort

Jan 31 Lake Havasu City, AZ (Concert) Feb 2 Fountain Hills, AZ (Concert) First Baptist Church

Feb 3 Mesa, AZ (Concert) Val Vista RV Resort

Feb 5 Tempe, AZ (Concert) Community Church

Feb 7 Mesa, AZ (Concert) Carriage Manor BV

Feb 8 Tucson, AZ (Concert) Pantano Christian Church

Feb 9 Sierra Vista AZ (Concert) Feb 10 Green Valley, AZ (Concert) Community Church

Feb 10 Oro Valley, AZ (Concert) Feb 16 Sun Lakes, AZ (Concert) First Baptist Church

Feb 17 Mesa, AZ (Concert) Good Life RV Resort

Feb 29 Yuma, AZ (Concert) Grace Bible Fellowship

Mar 2 Surprise, AZ (Concert) Palm Vista Baptist

Mar 7 Mesa, AZ (Concert) Tower Point RV Resort

Mar 8 Mesa, AZ (Concert) Celebration Christian Center

Mar 9 Flagstaff, AZ (Concert)

Apr 18 Beaverton, OR (Concert) Village Baptist Church

Apr 19 Modesto, CA (Concert) Richland Faith Assembly

Apr 20 Chico, CA (Concert) Butte Bible Fellowship

MOORE, NORMAN L. T

Jan 13-16 Gainesville, FL (Revival) First Jan 20-28 Mesa, AZ (Revival) First Jan 25-27 Dayton, OH (Evangelism Focus) Target Dayton Mission Feb 24-27 Hernando, FL (Revival) Feb 28-Mar 2 Leesburg, FL (Revival) Mar 9-12 Denton, MD (Revival) River Valley Community Apr 13-16 Vienna, WV (Revival) River Valley Community

#### MURPHY, MARK N.

Dec 30-Jan 2 Casey, IL (Revival) Casey

#### NICHOLAS, CLAUDE G.

Jan 20-23 New Smyrna Beach, FL (Revival)
Feb 24-29 Van Cleve, KY (Conference)
Holiness Conference
Mar 2-5 Inez, KY (Revival) Turkey Creek
Mar 9-12 Clendenin, WV (Revival)
Mar 16-19 Blanchester, OH (Revival)
Mar 30-Apr 2 Celina, OH (Revival)
Apr 6-9 Hot Springs, AR (Revival) First
Apr 13-16 Piqua, OH (Revival)
Apr 20-23 Mt. Sterling, OH (Revival)

#### PERDUE, NELSON S. (T)

Jan 23-27 New Castle, IN (Campmeeting) Feb 14-24 Lakeland, FL (Campmeeting) Feb 27-Mar 2 Richmond, IN (Campmeeting)

Mar 6-9 Marion, IN (Revival) Wesleyan First Church

Mar 12-16 Graffon, WV (Revival) Blueville Mar 26-80 Johnstown, OH (Revival) Church of Christ in Christian Union Apr 2-6 Ashland, KV (Revival) Grace Apr 9-13 Charleston, WV (Revival) Calvary Apr 20-23 Weirton, WV (Revival) First Apr 29-May 1 Circleville, OH (Conference)

#### PERRY, DAVID

Jan 1-Feb 29 Speedway, IN Mar 6-9 Clermont, IN Mar 12-16 Brownsburg, IN

#### PETTIT, BENJAMIN & AMANDA

Jan 7-25 Jackson, MS (Other Event)
Wesley Biblical Seminary
Apr 6-9 Millinocket, ME (Revival)
Apr 25-27 Vicksburg, MI (Revival)
Chapman Memorial
Mar 16-23 Fairbanks, AK (Revival) Two
Rivers

#### PETTIT, ELAINE C. ${f {\bar \tau}}$

Jan 19 Wichita Falls, TX (Prayer Awakening) Jan 20-23 Wichita Falls, TX (Revival) Lakeview Jan 25-26 Gilmer, TX (Prayer Awakening) Jan 27-30 Gilmer, TX (Revival) Feb 1-2 Cleo Springs, OK (Prayer Awakening) Feb 3-6 Cleo Springs, OK (Revival) Feb 16 Orlando, FL (Prayer Awakening) Feb 17-20 Orlando, FL (Revival) Metro

West Feb 24-27 Fort Walton Beach, FL

Feb 24-27 Fort Walton Beach, Fl (Revival)

Mar 7-9 Columbus, OH (Prayer Awakening) Waiting School 6 Mar 16-23 Fairbanks, AK (Revival) Two Rivers

Mar 29 Gardiner, ME (Prayer Awakening) Mar 30-Apr 2 Gardiner, ME (Revival) Gardiner

Apr 6-13 Millinocket, ME (Revival) Apr 16-20 Skowhegan, ME (Revival) Apr 25-27 Vicksburg, MI (Revival) Chapman Memorial

#### PETTIT, JEREMY MATTHEW

Jan 19 Wichita Falls, TX (Prayer Awakening)

Jan 20-23 Wichita Falls, TX (Revival) Lakeview Jan 25-26 Gilmer, TX (Prayer Awakening)

Jan 27-30 Gilmer, TX (Revival)
Feb 1-2 Cleo Springs, OK (Prayer
Awakening)

Feb 3-6 Cleo Springs, OK (Revival) Feb 16 Orlando, FL (Prayer Awakening) Feb 17-20 Orlando, FL (Revival) Metro

Feb 24-27 Fort Walton Beach, FL (Revival)

Mar 7-9 Columbus, OH (Prayer Awakening) Waiting School 6 Mar 16-23 Fairbanks, AK (Revival) Two Rivers

Mar 29 Gardiner, ME (Prayer Awakening) Mar 30-Apr 2 Gardiner, ME (Revival) Gardiner

Apr 6-13 Millinocket, ME (Revival) Apr 16-20 Skowhegan, ME (Revival) Apr 25-27 Vicksburg, MI (Revival) Chapman Memorial

#### PHELPS, PHILLIP R.

Mar 2-5 Mesquite, TX (Revival)

#### RAEBURN, STEPHEN & JANET

Apr 14-15 Flint, MI (District Assembly) Central

#### REED, SHERMAN R.

Jan 29 Lebanon, TN (Evangelism Focus)

Feb 7-9 Georgia City, GA (Prayer Awakening) Lydia Prayer Ministry Feb 10-13 Washington DC, (Conference) Reserve Officers' Association Feb 26 Lebanon, TN (Evangelism Focus) First

Apr 1-6 Payne, OH (Revival)
Apr 11-12 Nashville, TN (Conference)
Reserve Officers' Association
Apr 22-24 Washington DC, (Conference)
Ambassadors Conference US Army

#### RICHARDS, LARRY & PHYLLIS

Apr 22-24 Shipshawana, IN (Retreat)

#### RITTGERS, DELBERT L.

Feb 1-3 Knoxville, IA (Youth Ministry)
Mar 11-16 Crestwood, IL (Revival)
Chicago Calvary
Mar 19-23 Des Moines, IA
(Revival)Southside
Apr 1-6 Ottumwa, IA (Revival) Trinity
Apr 13-16 Mason City, IA (Revival)
Apr 19 Cedar Rapids, IA (Conference)
Iowa District Men's Conference
Apr 26-30 Kimball, NE (Revival)

#### ROBINSON, TED L.

Mar 3-9 Meigs County, OH (Campmeeting) Meigs County Camp

#### ROTH, RONALD W.

Mar 5-9 Marksville, LA (Revival)
Mar 25-30 Sikeston, MO (Revival) First
Apr 1-6 Decherd, TN (Revival)
Apr 9-13 Elizabethton, TN (Revival)
Apr 15-20 Newell, WV (Revival) First
Apr 22-27 Logan, WV (Revival)
Apr 29-May 4 Olive Hill, KY (Revival)

#### SCUTT, M. V.

Apr 27-30 Masontown, WV (Revival)

#### SHARP, JOSEPH L.

Jan 6-27 Fort Wright, KY, Covington Central

Feb 3-24 Fort Wright, KY, Covington Central

Mar 2-30 Fort Wright, KY, Covington Central

Apr 6-27 Fort Wright, KY, Covington

#### SHARPE, VANCE & JEANNIE

Jan 19 Columbia, SC (Conference)
District Sunday School Convention
Feb 16 Henryetta, OK (Conference)
District Sunday School Convention
Feb 17 Henryetta, OK (Concert) Henryetta

#### SHAVER, CHARLES F.

Jan 12-16 Sharpsburg, GA (Revival) First Jan 26-30 Overland Park, KS (Revival) Antioch

Mar 1-5 Gadsden, AL (Revival) Apr 6-9 Jackson, OH (Revival) Apr 10-13 Columbus, OH (Revival) Whitehall

Apr 19-23 Fremont, OH (Revival)

#### SHELLENBERGER, SUSIE

Jan 11-13 Huntsville, AL (Revival) First Jan 25-26 Bethany, OK (Retreat) NW OK District Women's Retreat Feb 8-10 Lubbock, TX (Conference) Feb 14-15 Cruise City, FL (Evangelism Focus) BRIO Mother/Daughter Cruise Feb 23 Houston, TX (Evangelism Focus) Girls of Grace

Mar 8 Kansas City, MO (Conference)
CLOSER: Moms' & Daughters
Mar 25-28 Quincy, MA (Evangelism
Focus) Eastern Nazarene College
Mar 28 Jamestown, KY (Conference)
CLOSER: Moms' & Daughters
Apr 5 Oceanside, CA (Conference) CLOS-ER: Moms' & Daughters

Apr 11-18 Conway, AR (Revival) First Apr 10 Nashville, TN (Conference) Come To The Water

#### SMITH, DUANE T

Jan 6-9 Live Oak, FL (Revival)
Jan 13-16 Wrightsville, GA (Revival) First
Mar 12-16 Griffin, GA (Revival) First
Mar 19-23 Warner Robins, GA (Revival)
First

Apr 6-9 Rockledge, GA (Revival) Wilkes Apr 11-13 Berry, AL (Revival) Boley Apr 16-20 Lexington, KY (Revival) Lafayette

Apr 23-27 Plainfield, IN (Revival) United Community

#### STIRES, BILL

Jan 6-9 Juaraz, Mexico, First Jan 18-16 Juaraz, Mexico, Second Jan 20-28 Juaraz, Mexico, Mt. Calvary

TIMKO, KIMBERLEY K.
Jan 13 Spartanburg, SC (Concert) Solid
Rock Church

Jan 19 Marion, OH (Evangelism Focus) Wing & Prayer Cafe

Jan 26 West Columbia, SC (Concert) Springdale Baptist Apr 6 Lamar, SC (Concert) Christian

Pathway Church

ULMET, WILLIAM A. (T)

Jan 6-9 Tallahassee, FL (Revival) First Jan 13-16 Melbourne, FL (Revival) Harbor

Jan 20-23 Orangeburg, SC (Revival) Memorial

Jan 27-30 Chester, SC (Revival) Feb 3-6 Wallace, SC (Revival)

Feb 10-13 Rainbow City, AL (Revival)
Church at Mercy Hill

Feb 17-20 Haywood, OK (Revival) Arpelar Feb 24-27 Stuart, OK (Revival) Friendship Mar 2-5 Anna, IL (Revival) First Mar 9-12 Mt. Pleasant, TX (Revival)

Mar 15-16 Gatesville, TX (Revival) Mar 19-23 Albany, KY (Revival) United Mar 26-30 Mattoon, IL (Revival) East Side

Apr 23-26 Eliton KV (Revival)

Apr 20-23 Elkton, KY (Revival) Apr 27-30 Rock Hill, SC (Revival) Trinity

#### WESLEY, RONALD E.

Jan 1-31 Louisville, KY, Southern Hills Feb 1-29 Louisville, KY, Southern Hills Mar 1-31 Louisville, KY, Southern Hills

#### WETNIGHT, RICHARD M.

Feb 16-26 Sturgis, MI (Mission Trip) Apr 13-15 New Harmony, IN (Revival) Harmony Chapel

#### WHITWORTH, MARCUS A.

Jan 18-16 Gainesville, FL (Revival) First Jan 26-Feb 3 Grenada, MS (Revival) First Feb 10-13 Sallisaw, OK (Crusade) Green Country Holiness Crusade Apr 14-18 Jackson, MS (District Assembly) Mississippi District Apr 19 West Des Moines, IA (Retreat) Iowa District Men's Retreat

#### WILLITS, ERIK ELLSWORTH

Dec 30-Jan 3 Casey, IL (Revival) Mar 9 Frankfort, IN (Revival) First Mar 12-16 Smithfield, IL (Revival) Apr 25-27 Lenexa, KS (Youth Ministry)

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### Celebrating 60 Years of Music Ministry

# JAMES & ROSEMARY GREEN

#### by Phil Riley

"Pentecostal fire is falling, Praise the Lord it fell on me. Pentecostal fire is falling (falling), brother, sister, it will fall on thee."

The choir director, Jim Green, becomes more animated as the huge camp meeting choir begins the next verse and chorus. By now, hands are raised in praise all over the tabernacle, "amens" are in abundant supply and there are even shouts of praise by many in the crowd as this song reaches its crescendo. Rosemary Green, Jim's wife, pulls out all the stops on the organ and Jim has become so blessed that he throws his coat into the air and shouts, "One more time!" to the choir as they start the verse and chorus all over again.

This familiar scene was repeated year after year at district camp meetings across the United States, Canada and many international settings. Jim and Rosemary Green continually were booked to be the Song Evangelists every summer, year after year. In fact, in 2007 they celebrated 60 years in active music ministry!

For Rosemary, her music ministry journey began at age 11 in Canton, Illinois. Her aunt and uncle had formed the "Raker Twins" Evangelistic team upon graduating from high school and began scheduling revivals. Being familiar with Rosemary's exceptional skills on the piano at this early age, they invited her to play for a revival they were holding in Fiatt, Illinois.

Two summers later, at age 13, she was invited to play the piano for a team of five Evangelists at a Friends Church in Dayton, Ohio. While there, a local newspaper reporter came to the church, did an interview with her and took her picture. It appeared in the paper the next day.

When she was a junior in high school, serious illness struck Rosemary and she was unable to return for classes. That summer, her Aunt Wilma Raker was slating revivals on her own and invited Rosemary to join her to play the piano. For the next two-and-a-half years, Rosemary traveled with Wilma, playing the piano in revival meetings. However, at the end of that time, Rosemary felt she should finish her high school education. She enrolled at Olivet Nazarene College as a "special student," finished the classwork and received her high school diploma.

For Jim, his music ministry also began early. His father was a pastor in Newcastle, Indiana, and Jim was involved in the music of the local church from an early age. After high school graduation, he enrolled in Olivet to pursue full-time ministry. While a member of the school's Orpheus Choir, Jim was one of 12 musicians chosen by Dr. T.W. Willingham, of Kansas City, Missouri, to tape eight programs for the new denominational radio broadcast, "Showers of Blessing."

When Jim graduated from Olivet in 1945, he sent his application to Nazarene Theological Seminary but decided he should stay at Olivet another year to take additional classes in music and theology.

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When I pursued him on his advice to current Evangelists, he replied, "Be anchored to your call and follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit!"

Midway through our visit, the waitress cleared our salad plates and I pushed my chair back from the table, sipped my iced tea, adjusted my writing tablet and asked, "Tell me about your current perspective on revivals and evangelism."

Like a Corvette revving its V-8, 90-year-old Bill Fisher, with conviction in his voice, seriousness in his face, fire in his heart and a tear in his eyes, accelerated in the direction of his current concerns. With a keen mind and a tender heart, Dr. Fisher spoke from the longevity of his experience and his substantial interior spiritual life.

"Personally, I find the decline of revivals both surprising and demoralizing," he said. "I have received numerous, unsolicited evaluations from Nazarenes who express confusion, bewilderment and intense disappointment about the decline of revivals and the absence of any effective correctives," he continued.

"It may be deeper and more widespread than some are willing to admit; and some are hesitant to share their shock at such an 'inconvenient truth' for fear of being considered negative."

"But what is being done to negate or neutralize it? The non-revival tide that engulfed the Methodist Church is now swirling around an increasing number of Nazarene pastors and church boards and congregations—all of which increase the erosion of our God-given mission."

When I asked him what ideas he could suggest for improvement, he responded, "Pray that we will be more open and sensitive to the Holy Spirit and that the Spirit will bring conviction on the hearts, not only of sinners, but on saved and sanctified Nazarenes who have drifted into neglect."

Dr. Fisher concluded his remarks with a kind but serious warning: "There is a point of no return, when crossed will never be retraced. Do we have those who will pay the price? We are dangerously close to that point."

After two hours and 20 minutes we said our goodbyes. As I drove away, my eyes moistened and my heart beat with a fresh appreciation for those Nazarene Evangelists like C. William Fisher and their families, who paid the price. I got a tight grip on my steering wheel and a tighter grip on this great cause of revival and evangelism.



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being an Evangelist and affirm them. Manifesting this awareness is a vital mark of scriptural Christianity. Perhaps those among us who are most gifted to be Evangelists have not entered the field because the environment has discouraged them from answering the call of God. Since the office of the Evangelist is a biblical office, a biblical church should, at least, provide an environment conducive to the function of the Evangelist. In this regard, the general environment of our denomination is in considerable need of improvement.

But let us put aside problems and look at possibilities. I have dreams. I dream of a church so permeated with Holy passion that a thousand Evangelists would not be enough to meet the requirements of resurgent revivalism. I dream of an atmosphere where, in addition to a thousand Evangelists, hundreds of pastors will be needed to go away from their pastorates at least twice a year to preach revival campaigns.

I have a dream of a church that sees all of the body of Christ as being important and precious—a dream where no biblical ministry is disdained in an unconscious attempt to exalt another area of ministry.

Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, distinguished scholar and a United Methodist minister, has inspired me with his breathtaking vision for Nazarene Evangelists. He has said the Church of the Nazarene is exceptional and blessed to have such a large number of Evangelists. He sees us as having great potential for modeling the role of the Evangelist for the Christian community beyond our denomination. He believes we could set a great example that would bring blessing and renewal to us and other Protestant denominations. What a thrilling and challenging concept! By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can do this. We have a historic opportunity to seize the day and see this vision come to pass. God could be giving this generation of Nazarenes an opportunity of a magnitude unequaled in our denominational history. If so, God grant that we will not fail to meet this challenge.

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### Cardiac Intensive Care RN's Testimony of Death to Life

This is my professional perspective of the event that occurred Sunday evening, June 24, 2007, at Collinsville Church of the Nazarene.

This was the first evening of our revival services with the Revs. Ben and Elaine Pettit. The song service had just concluded and Ben Pettit was beginning his sermon. Someone sitting across the sanctuary discretely drew my attention to a problem. Another nurse and I moved quickly to assist one of our elderly church members who was slumped in the pew. We laid her down to assess her; she was completely apneic (not breathing) and appeared to have been that way for a while. Her pulse was faint, thready, irregular and could barely be palpated. The appearance of her face was totally without color—as one who had passed from this life. Her eyes were open and her pupils were fixed and dilated.

I am a cardiac intensive care nurse and have many years experience. I deal with death on a daily basis and am quite familiar with the assessment of cardiopulmonary events. The other nurse in attendance is also a critical care certified nurse. We determined that CPR was needed and called for someone to dial 911. The other nurse called for her pocket mask so we could start mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. As a qualified nurse, I knew that our dear lady probably would not survive this event.

Our congregation immediately started praying. Elaine Pettit appeared at our side, anointed the woman, spoke her name and told her to breathe. She said, "OK," and took a breath.

After a while when the woman did not breathe again, Elaine told her to take another breath, and she did. Eventually, she looked Elaine in the eyes and told her that she was OK and just needed a drink of water.

By the time the paramedics arrived, the woman was sitting up as if nothing had ever happened. The paramedics took her to the ambulance, assessed her and determined that there was not a thing wrong with her. According to them, everything was "within normal limits." Praise God!

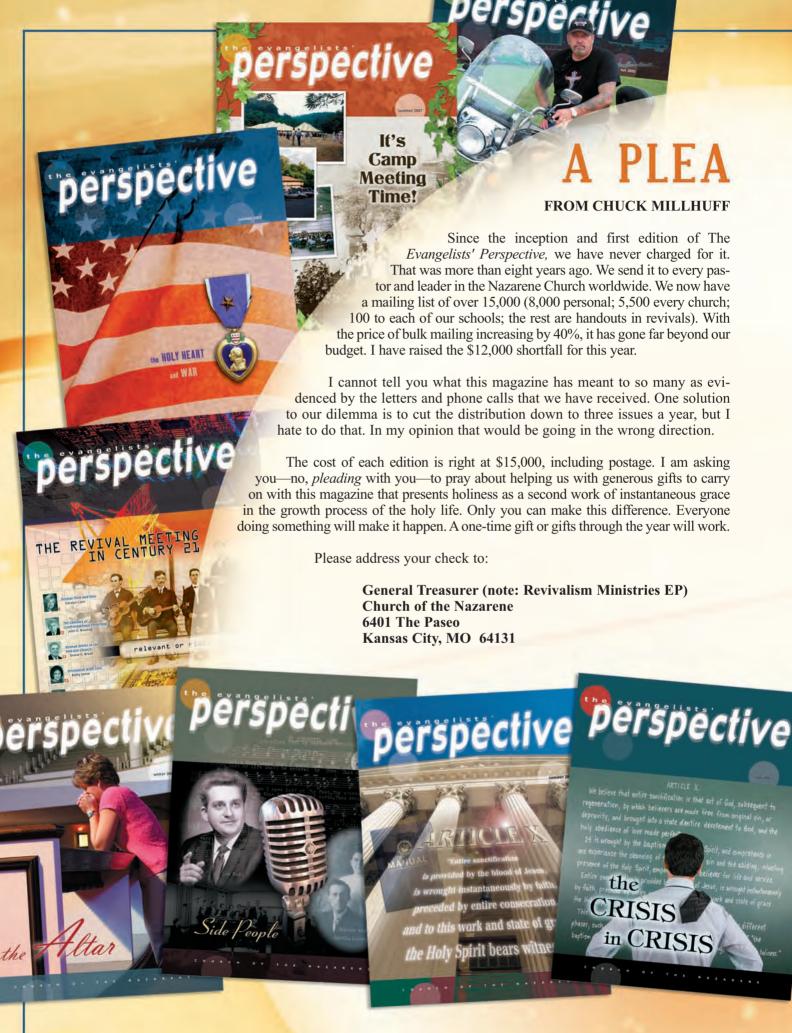
I have seen many things as a nurse, but until then, I had never seen someone raised from the dead before my very eyes. Many people witnessed this event. There was also a paramedic and an EMT in the congregation who witnessed what had happened. This was an eye opener for many people. It has affected not only those in the church that evening but also our community.

Again I say, "Praise God!"

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is on the line for the candidates as well. If we allow the only style of preaching to become conversational and so kind it never brings conviction and repentance, then we have forsaken the past that brought us to where we are, in my convicted opinion. I am not asking for a cookie cutter preacher, but I am asking for our great heritage to be preserved in our preaching.

Freddie Thomas had a speech impediment that made him very difficult to understand, yet this little man could mesmerize a camp meeting crowd of thousands. Bob Benson, a marvelous lay preacher, talked in a tiny, near whisper, but when he spoke it was riveting. Lawrence Hicks could weave words of spellbinding oratory with his highpitched voice. Clayton Bailey, a returned World War II veteran and the first Evangelist to graduate from our seminary, was a huge man and always the Sergeant in the pulpit. It was so dramatic to hear him. Nettie Miller was very attractive but very tough on sin. There is no end of the descriptions I could give.

We are all born with some intrinsic abilities or talents, but it is Jesus that leads us all the way. It is God who makes us who and what we are, although He uses many others to help shape our final abilities and delivery. There are so many, and in the end I reflect them all and call them the reflection of whom I am. Yes, there have been so many. May I touch a young life as I preach prayerfully with passion and God-given unction.

#### RETRACTION

In my editorial ("My Crisis") in the last issue ("The Crisis in Crisis," Fall 2007), I was mistaken in intimating that Mildred Bangs Wynkoop stated in her book A Theology of Love that she did not believe in an instantaneous work or crisis of grace in the life of the believer. This was an error on my part. Any insult to the memory of Dr. Wynkoop was not my intention. I also read this book some ten years after my graduation from Nazarene Theological Seminary, not as a student while there. —CRM

#### SIXTY YEARS OF MUSIC MINISTRY

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Jim first saw Rosemary in the rotunda of the administration building in the fall of 1945. He immediately asked a student about her. Within a few days, Jim was asked to sing during a student prayer meeting and was surprised to find that Rosemary was one of the regular pianists. She accompanied him for his solo that evening.

Jim said that his life really began to change course after that experience.

When Orpheus Choir began practicing for its presentation of the "Messiah" in December, Jim was asked to sing one of the solos, so he immediately contacted Rosemary and asked her to assist him in practicing and to accompany him. She agreed.

The night the "Messiah" was presented, Jim asked Rosemary for a date and also asked Chuck and Marge Higgins to join them. Rosemary went to her home for Christmas break, but said, "I couldn't wait to see if I would hear from him." She did! They were engaged by the spring of 1946 and married on August 30, 1946.

In March of 1947, Orville Maish, the pastor of Louisville, Kentucky, First Church of the Nazarene, called the Greens to be the ministers of music. This was their entry into full-time music ministry.

In 1949, they felt they should enter full-time Song Evangelism and resigned their position in Louisville. The rest is history! For the next 45 years, they crisscrossed the nation, holding revivals, camp meetings and conventions and directing the music in several of the General Assemblies. It would be safe to say that during this time every summer was filled with camp meetings on probably every district in the United States.

"The church has been good to us," Jim said.

By the mid-1990s, the Greens returned to Canton, Illinois, to retire. But retirement was not to be—especially in music ministry. Canton First Church of the Nazarene immediately offered Jim the position of Minister of Music and, of course, asked Rosemary to be the regular pianist.

Today, that assignment continues!

Last year, Jim and Rosemary Green were honored in the Canton Friendship Festival parade as grand marshals and given recognition in the local newspaper for their long and distinguished career. Their church planned a "Jim and Rosemary Green" weekend in September to celebrate this outstanding achievement of 60 years in music ministry. When Dr. Stan Ingersoll, Archives Director at Nazarene International Headquarters, was recently asked if he had any record of any Nazarene Song Evangelist surpassing this 60-year mark he replied, "I do not; this is probably the record!"

Jim and Rosemary's current address is Box 385, Canton, Illinois 60521, for any who would like to send them greetings on this special occasion.

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#### A MAN SENT FROM GOD

by Stephen Manley

Christian history reveals the leadership of certain individuals who have led the way in spiritual renewal or revival. A few of these persons are named but many are simply present, exerting powerful influence. Among them is a group called "Evangelists." I am not sure a job description was given for this position. No one established a search committee to select candidates. The Apostle Paul does distinguish this position (Ephesians 4:11), but he gives no details of its function. It appears the Evangelist himself shaped the role.

One individual who uniquely created this role in the Scriptures is John the Baptist. He may have been the first one in the New Testament. While some have called John the Baptist the last of the Old Testament prophets, Jesus corrected this misunderstanding. He said, "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet," (Matthew 11:9). The role of the prophet was one who had special communication with God at certain intervals. He would then deliver the message to the people. John the Baptist was far beyond this! He was filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15). He is called by Isaiah, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness:" (Matthew 3:3). The Greek word translated voice is the source of our English word "telephone." John the Baptist did not receive the message from God and deliver it to the people; he was the very voice of God to his world. He was an instrument for the very speaking of God. Such is the role of the Evangelist!

John the Baptist was totally focused on Jesus. He was the most focused of all the New Testament characters. While others along with Paul were certainly Christcentered, this happened to them later in their life. John was this way from before his actual birth (Luke 1:41).



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This obsession with Christ elevated him beyond the politics of his day. He was not concerned nor hampered with the position or power of the temple structure. He was not concerned for even the approval of the King (Luke 3:19). This gave him an ability to be an instrument of the declaration of the message of truth. Such is the role of the Evangelist!

As important as all of this is, there is even a deeper issue. John the Baptist participated in the blood process which was to redeem the world. Jesus instructed the three disciples to tell no one about the vision they had just seen. They had so little understanding of the Mount of Transfiguration that they must not try to explain it. They admitted there was a point of confusion. They had been taught that Elijah must come first before the Messiah could establish the Kingdom. They thought the reason Jesus had not established the earthly Kingdom of God was because He was waiting of Elijah to come. When is he going to appear?

Jesus tells them they are right in some of their thinking. However, He gives them some correction by saying, "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). Even they did recognize John the Baptist as Elijah. His contemporaries in ministry did not embrace his value. His world simply discarded him without consideration. He neither fought back nor defended himself. His role was not one of rebellion, zealot or reformer. He was an instrument of Divine deliverance far beyond a message spoken. He was forerunning the actual redemptive blood process of Christ. Somehow what he was doing was absolutely essential for the blood sacrifice of Christ. He paved a blood trail over which Jesus walked to plant a cross and redeem a world. No one applauded. There was no recognition at the Sanhedrin's annual meeting. No retirement plan was necessary. This was a linkage with the crucifixion of Christ. Such is the role of the Evangelist!

The Apostle Paul was constantly alluding to this in his New Testament writings. To the Colossians he wrote, I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church (Colossians 1:24). While we must be very careful not to overstate the value of our sufferings in redeeming a world in comparison to Christ, is there not some interaction taking place between us and the redemption of the world? Is there not the invitation to death? Jesus said, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me," (Matthew 17:24). The pattern as He describes it is not one of prestige, honor and glamour. It involves becoming an extension of the cross style in our day. Such is the role of the Evangelist!

Do we dare ignore the intimate linkage we are to have with Christ? Again the Apostle Paul states it clearly: But

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what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness.... that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death (Philippians 3:7-10). Such is the role of the Evangelist! ep

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