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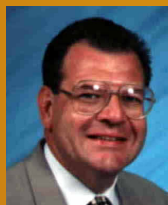
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FROM THE EDITOR

Within the last few weeks, headlines were made by yet another “entertainer” attempting to shed a perceived image of innocence to plunge to a new low of “cutting edge” adult entertainment. It must really be bad behavior when one of the most liberal segments of our society declares that they are “shocked” by a particular behavior. The minority segment of our society that still rejects obscenity in speech and conduct would normally be mocked and ignored for a similar reaction. The only problem was Miley Cyrus’ audience was just not able to make the trip.

Marketing talent these days has been surrendered, for the most part, to professional handlers. These professional men and women are responsible for evaluating the appetites of the public and then providing the talent to satisfy those appetites. The competition among these handlers can be extremely fierce and ruthless. If the appetites seeking to be satisfied are controlled by the carnal mind, there is not much hope for society.

These handlers of talent can be highly trained marketing specialists or selfish parents trying to live their lives through their children’s careers. We are witnesses to the tragedy of “mis-handled”

talent all too often; not only in the secular world, but also in the church. How many can you name whose talent was God-given and perfected in the church, but who were ultimately destroyed trying to satisfy the carnal mind set?

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians he writes, "So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more."(Ephesians 4:17-19)

Who were the rock stars of the Apostle Paul's day? Many biblical scholars and historians believe Paul was born around A.D. 6 and lived to approximately A.D. 64. Perhaps stories about the Roman rock star Tiberius A.D. 14 – 37 caught the attention of his young mind. As a young man, Paul must have heard about the world famous rock star, Caligula A.D. 37 – 41 with all his sexual perversity, substance abuse, and diabolical behavior. As many rock stars today, Caligula only made it to age 29 after his three year run. Uncle Claudius took over the band, and continued to perform until his untimely death, making way for his adopted son Nero. The lifestyles of these rock stars can best be described as Paul stated, "Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more." (Ephesians 4:19)

In contrast to the Roman and current rock stars, there are performers who, early in life, sought advice from the right handlers. I remember when a young, beautiful, blonde, Scandinavian girl with a fantastic vocal talent began her career in A.D. 1972. Sixteen-year-old Evie Tornquist Karlsson was making a great impact on the music world in America and abroad. Christians and non-believers from all over the world were being blessed by her God-given talent. Her delivery of a song was not that of the "American Idol" variety, but of an innocent purity of purpose. When asked by a television talk show host about how it felt to be a Christian recording star, she kindly replied, "God does not have stars, only servants."

I have witnessed the loyalty struggles of many "Christian" artists as their careers begin to take off. One must decide if he or she wants to be known as a Christian singer or a singer that sings Christian songs. There is a difference. The handlers have a tendency to encourage a blend of secular and sacred. They call it "crossover." As I listen to some songs today, I'm not sure if they are lifting up Jesus or talking about a lover. I'm so glad Evie did not listen to some handlers who probably would have said, "Shed this innocent pure image and you will reach more people." As for me, innocent and pure still top my play list.

Jesus helps us make the decision in The Sermon on the Mount: "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." (Matthew 6:24) Sometimes, if you are truly devoted to God, you may have to give up the idea of performing at the Circus Maximus, Madison Square Garden, or AT&T Stadium.

"Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky." (Philippians 2:14-15) The Corinthian church was surrounded by a "warped and crooked" society. Paul reminded them of who their "handler" must be.

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies." (I Corinthians 6:19-20) To be sanctified wholly, through and through, in the context of this article, means you have surrendered complete control of your life to the Perfect Handler. ★

G. Bond

**Who's
Your
Handler?**

Fires of Revival

"...some to be evangelists..."

Ephesians 4:11 reminds us that "it was He who gave some to ... be evangelists ... to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." God-called evangelists are a part of God's design for the preparation of the church for works of service.

There is no expiration date on the call to evangelism. God is still calling evangelists, and they are still important to the renewal of God's people—both clergy and laity. This was so clearly illustrated to my wife and me in the district assemblies of this past spring and summer.

In February I asked superintendents in my jurisdiction to call for pastors to share at district assemblies a personal testimony about their entire sanctification. My wife, Patty, and I had the privilege of listening to well over 300 such testimonies given by pastors in Canada and the United States.

Perhaps the most unusual testimony came from a pastor who said he had been working late delivering frozen pizzas to large grocery stores. He was under conviction, and his heart was heavy as he longed for the fullness of God's Holy Spirit to sanctify him through and through. As he delivered pizzas to a Walmart store, the Holy Spirit fell upon him in sanctifying grace. As he yielded himself fully to God, he was sanctified in the frozen pizza aisle at Walmart! He concluded his testimony by saying, "You really can get everything you need at Walmart!" God is at work in the most unusual places.

As we heard these testimonies, Patty began to track when and where our pastors encountered God in His sanctifying power. Some were sanctified at home, others alongside the road, and for others it was in a regular worship service. The thing that struck us as she made notes was that well over 75 percent of our pastors testified to being sanctified in a revival service with an evangelist preaching. For some it was in a local church revival; for others it was during a camp meeting, youth camp, or college revival.

The point is that most of the pastors who shared their testimonies were sanctified in a revival atmosphere, and most of those services were led by an evangelist. While this is anecdotal at best, it clearly illustrates that evangelists continue to play a vital role in the life of the Church of the Nazarene.

It may have been awhile since you had an evangelist in your local church. This is as good a time as any to correct that. Get your people praying, plan a time of revival, call an evangelist, and see what God might do in your local church.

Remember, "...it was He who gave some to be...evangelists..." ★



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The armistice ending World War I between the Allies and Germany was signed at 11:00 A.M. on November 11, 1919. In his Thanksgiving Day address, President Woodrow Wilson said, "It has long been our custom to turn in the autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a nation."

Armistice Day continued to be honored from 1919 to 1954 when it was changed to Veterans Day so as to honor veterans of all wars.

In 1985 President Ronald Reagan in his address to veterans assembled at Arlington National Cemetery stated, "Each new day carries within it the potential for breakthroughs, for progress. Each new day bursts with possibilities. And so, hope is realistic and despair a pointless little sin. And peace fails when we forget to pray to the source of all peace and life and happiness. I think sometimes of General Matthew Ridgeway, who, the night before D-day, tossed sleepless on his cot and talked to the Lord and listened for the promise that God made to Joshua: "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

We're surrounded today by the dead of our wars. We owe them a debt we can never repay. All we can do is remember them and what they did and why they had to be brave for us. All we can do is try to see that other young men never have to join them. Today, as never before, we must pledge to remember the things that will continue the peace. Today, as never before, we must pray for God's help in broadening and deepening the peace we enjoy. Let us pray for freedom and justice and a more stable world.

And let us make a compact today with the dead, a promise in the words for which General Ridgeway listened, "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."



JIMMY AND JUDY DELL

ROCK & ROLL FOR JESUS

Jimmy Delbridge was born and raised in a Nazarene home in Coolidge, Arizona. As a teenager he drifted away from everything he had been taught, or so he thought.

Like most kids in the early fifties, he was attracted to Rock and Roll music. He picked up a guitar one day and began to experiment with it; he tried to imitate the music he heard on the radio and programs he watched on TV, which all featured guitars. Without any teaching, he learned chords and rhythms, and in only a few months, was playing in local bands. As a young musician he was soon noticed by bands as far away as Phoenix and beyond. He eventually connected with the legendary Rock and Roll / Country writer Lee Hazelwood, a writer of songs as famous as "These Boots Are Made For Walkin'" and many more.

Hazelwood produced Jimmie's first record in 1955—no small feat. Now Jimmy was not only playing, but his booming nasal voice became a big part of his act, sort of a loud Willie Nelson. One day while working with Duane Eddy, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame guitar player, it was suggested that Jimmy try the piano. He didn't

know middle C from the piano bench, but he did know chords and soon figured out the piano keyboard. Not unlike Jerry Lee Lewis, he played a pounding, ultra-rhythmic style ripping up and down the keyboard with the backs of his fingernails in a style he is still known for today.

Now a long way from the Lord, he was entertaining in bars in that part of Arizona. In fact, it was in one of these bars he met Judy, marrying her three years later. Judy became a star in his life and still is today. In 1959, his name had been changed by RCA Records from Jimmy Delbridge to Jimmy Dell, a name he has carried ever since. His records were being played on most of the major radio and TV stations in Phoenix and beyond. One day, while driving his truck across the lonely country from Scottsdale to Care Free, Arizona, he began to sing, of all things, "Amazing Grace," as childhood memories flooded across his mind. He became so overwhelmed he had to pull off the road as he wept his way in repentance to the Lord he had for so long ignored. He well remembers the date was July 19, 1964, a day he will never forget. His life was changed dramatically.

At first Judy was confused about this new Jimmy, but in three years she walked the aisle and found the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior. As Jimmy put it, "I married up," and indeed he did, as the years have proven.

Shortly after Judy's conversion, Jimmy felt a call to preach, which at the time seemed impossible because he was a dramatic stammerer. He could not even say his own name. As is commonly known, the stammering disappears when one sings. He says today he remembers saying, "If I try to preach a short sermon, it will take four hours." Jimmy, not known for fear, walked into that pulpit for his first sermon; and wonder of wonders, his speech was as clear as a bell and has been ever since. Jimmy is a big man in so many ways: his voice, his piano, his size, and most of all, his heart. When Jimmy Dell steps on the platform, every boat rises in the harbor with his great smile and God's anointing. He has now been preaching for 45 years and currently is booking meetings into the year 2015. As I talked to him today, I could tell he has no concept of quitting this great call of Evangelism.

A few years ago, he learned his hit records had grown popular in Europe. He was invited to come and perform in a new phenomenal style called BILLY ROCK. This is a combination of country and rock and roll music. He is in great demand for concerts in many European countries. He will hold only concerts and has never cancelled a revival for one of these events. Of course, there is no alcohol where he performs, with only an hour for the concert and an hour for autographs where he presents the gospel as he signs his name.

At 76, he remembers as if it were yesterday that day on the side of the road almost 50 years ago at 27 where he, like St. Paul, was knocked off his horse; his life changed forever. This remarkable man is still going strong, his big voice singing old and new songs that explode in your heart. He is pounding the piano, his right leg and foot kicking out the beat from beneath the piano, his flaming white hair, the happiest man in the room. I count him as a dear friend, a man I truly love. His testimony to me: "If it wasn't for the anointing, I would be nothing."



Chuck Millhuff



It's a long way from New Lothrop, Michigan to Coolidge, Arizona in more ways than one. For a skinny kid who stuttered and was challenged with low self-esteem, the distance was a long journey through a myriad of expressions of musical talent and ambition.

In the late 1940s, Jimmy Dell's family set out from Michigan to the high deserts of Arizona. That journey would shape the trajectory of a talented young man in ways that would be tested by the tug and pull of fame, popularity, and the deep-seated conviction of God's call upon his life.

That Jimmy Dell loved music is more than a statement of fact. He lived for music and felt alive and energized by his participation in musical expression. And Arizona was just the place for a budding young musician.

No, it wasn't Nashville, but it was Phoenix where Jimmy met superstar-to-be, Duane Eddy. Their friendship was the lynchpin of Jimmy's musical career. Through Duane and their manager, Jimmy Dell became a recording star in his own right, with the highlight of his musical productions being offered by RCA Recordings.

Deep in the canyons of his tender heart was the incessant pull of God's call upon his life. Even when the bright lights and the throbbing rhythms of the dance hall threatened to crowd out the still, small voice of God, that insistent voice persisted, passionately pleading with Jimmy to trade rock and roll for the gospel message.

Jimmy moved to Phoenix in 1958. He joined the "Biggest Show of Stars for '58" tour, which featured the Everly Brothers, Paul Anka, Sam Cooke, The Monotones, Jackie Wilson, The Crescendos, Jimmie Rodgers and George *(continued on next page)*

Hamilton IV, among others. It looked like the die was cast; that Jimmy Dell the rock and roller would leave the call of the gospel for the seduction of this world. But that was not to be the way the story ends.

Jimmy Dell would say that final, ultimate, and career-changing “yes” to God’s call and enter a career in the ministry. He was a dynamic youth pastor in California. He served other churches and congregations, most notably, as a passionate evangelist. Through his ministry, hundreds of people came to know Jesus Christ as their Savior.

So where did the music go when Jimmy Dell chose to leave the bright lights of rock and roll’s stage? Well, if you’ve heard Jimmy in a revival or a camp meeting you know the answer to that question. The music that flowed from the depths of his being way back there in the glory days of rock and roll lives on. And like the Wesley brothers of old, Jimmy repurposed the wailing sax, the walking bass guitar, and the crazy rhythms of a keyboard on steroids, all for the glory of God.

The Scriptures are clear that God has called and gifted some for the work of an evangelist (Ephesians 4:11). Jimmy Dell is a God-called and God-gifted evangelist. Over the years he has been used by God to evangelize the lost, to exhort the converted to surrender to God’s call to be holy, and to prepare His people for the works of ministry. I celebrate his life, his ministry, and give thanks for his contributions to the church. We are a better people because God sent Jimmy Dell our way!



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Right after the Lord called me into full-time Christian service as an Itinerant Nazarene Evangelist, I

first heard about Jimmy Dell. Our ministerial paths crossed for at least five years before we actually met in person, and when we did, there was an instant connection; there’s a bond that has developed between us that will never be broken. Over these many years, he and his precious wife Judy have become so special to my wife Marti and me, and to our family. I don’t know of anyone who has loved God more and is more committed to the church and the call and cause of full-time evangelism than Jimmy and Judy Dell. You would have to be a veteran evangelist to really understand all this call entails, believe me.

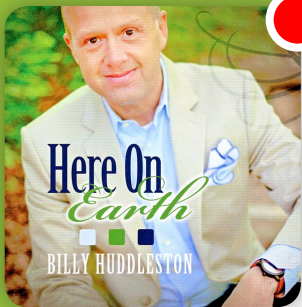
Over the years, I have met and worked with all the top evangelists in revivals, camp meetings, retreats, and conferences; I don’t know of anyone God has used more effectively to touch and win people to Christ than Jimmy Dell! We have done at least three camp meetings together and I just marvel at how God uses him both in music and the preaching of His Word; not to mention the special gift of humor God has given him he uses so well to “connect” with his audience! In all my years of ministry, I have never seen God use anyone more effectively.

In my humble opinion, Jimmy Dell is one of the best communicators I have ever seen, or worked with, who can really connect with an audience. And what really makes him so effective in using all these God-given talents and gifts our Lord has blessed him with—and Jimmy will be the first one to admit it—is the special anointing of the Blessed Holy Spirit upon his life and ministry! Again, when it comes to connecting with people on behalf of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, no one does it any better than Jimmy Dell, believe it!

There are a lot more terrific things I could say about Jimmy (and Judy), but to fit them all here in this space, it’s just not possible. But I will say this—and you’ve heard it said before: “Only heaven will reveal all the results” of their faithful ministry down through these many years! Marti and I are so blessed, honored, and so very *(continued on page 18)*

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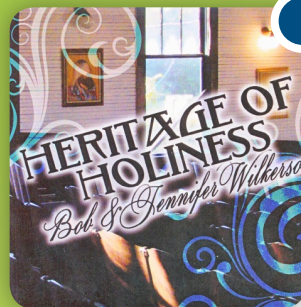
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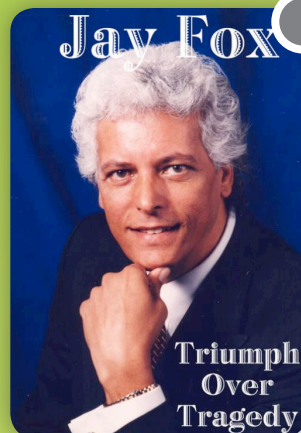
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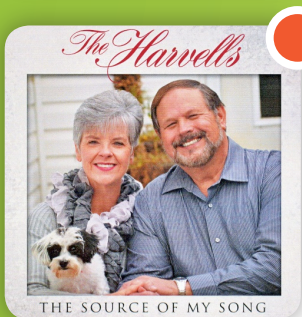
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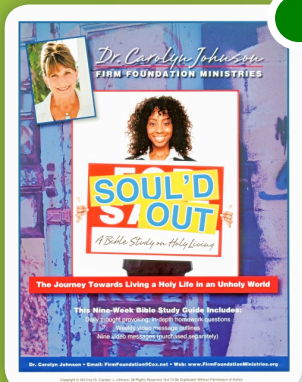
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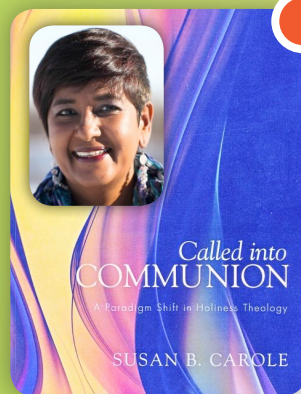
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3rd Annual EVANGELISTS' HOMECOMING CAMP MEETING

Evangelists and song evangelists from many states throughout the nation gathered at Indian Lake Nazarene Camp Grounds in Vicksburg, Michigan over the Labor Day weekend for an old fashioned holiness camp meeting. The residents and summer time campers supported the open services conducted by our full-time evangelists and singers. We had the opportunity to honor three evangelists with a "Life-time Achievement Award" given to those who have given a lifetime to itinerant evangelism and revivalism.



Rev. P. L. Liddel entered the field of full-time evangelism in 1947 and is still traveling and using his God-given talents in revival meetings. For sixty-four years and counting he has faithfully ministered through music and preaching. It was a tear-filled experience to watch as his fellow evangelists and singers embraced him one by one after the presentation of his award. (Before leaving the camp on his way home, P.L. took a fall. He needed to spend some time in surgery and then rehab. His main thought was, "I need to get to my revival in St. Louis" P.L. is recovering well and will probably be re-scheduled in St. Louis.)

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Myers began their evangelistic ministry in 1969. Faithfully serving as commissioned evangelist and song evangelists, they traveled the country preaching and singing in revivals, camp meetings, and tent crusades. Sandra is a gifted instrumentalist, playing a classic ministry instrument called the "Cordovox." Rev. Myers currently serves as the Evangelism Director for the Michigan District. He is working with the Church Health Board and Reserve Army Board to encourage churches and pastors to use full-time Nazarene evangelists in their evangelism efforts.



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Perdue's Pen

"Preaching the Word"

John 1: 1-14



Nelson Perdue

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

This comprehensive statement declares the eternity, the trinity, and the deity of the Word. The Greek term for Word is *logos*, which has various meanings such as speech, discourse, reason, doctrine, etc. Ian Macpherson, in his book entitled "The Burden of the Lord," tells us that the noun used in the Latin version of the New Testament to translate the Greek *logos* in the opening verses of John's Gospel is *sermo*—a term from which the English word 'sermon' is derived. He further states that in order to get a sense of its impact one could put the term 'sermon' in place of 'Word' wherever it occurs. Notice: "In the beginning was the Sermon, and the Sermon was with God, and the Sermon was God." He also gives the definition of preaching as the conveyance of a Person through a person to a company of persons, the Person so conveyed being the Lord Jesus Christ.

G. Campbell Morgan reminds us in his book, "Preaching," there is really no distinction between the terms "Word" when spelled with a capital "W" and when spelled with a small "w." There is no contradiction between the Living Word and the written word. Preaching the word is, in essence, preaching Christ; and this is God's prescribed means of reaching the lost as the Apostle Paul tells us that "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Following Pentecost, we are told the Apostles, "daily in the temple, and in every house, ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Phillip went down to the city of Samaria and "preached Christ to them." This is the message we are called to faithfully proclaim.

When we preach Christ, our sermons will have great implication on morality, ethics, social behavior, and holy and righteous living, simply because He is the heart of our message. While He was in the world, we witnessed holiness lifted out of the abstract and saw it as a living *(continued on next page)*

reality. "He dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." He was God manifest in the flesh, dying for our sins, rising again for our redemption. Having purged our sins, he sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high, he sent the promised



gift of the Holy Spirit, and he is now the Mediator of a new covenant. Preaching Christ is like throwing a stone into a lake and watching the water send circular ripples wider and further than the eye can see. Let us, as preachers

of the Gospel, be so faithful in its proclamation that men and women to whom we preach will see Christ. May none go away without seeing Christ, because once you see Him you cannot, to coin a word, 'un-see' Him.

The Word was the Creator; therefore, let us examine the person and power of the Word, Christ Jesus. John acknowledged and proclaimed Him as the Creator. "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." The Hebrew writer said, "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds." This is the Word of God speaking in creation. We are told that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." In other words, what comes out of the mouth is a revelation of the heart, and apparently God's heart must have been fairly bursting with anticipation for what He was about to do; and He spoke, "Let there be" and immediately the world came into existence, because His words are His deeds. "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the water of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in store-houses. . . . For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast." Psalms 33: 6, 7, and 9.

John speaks of the incarnation of the Word when he said, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." Following the Fall in the Garden of Eden, God promised one would come who would bruise the serpent's (Satan) head. Four thousand years later, "when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that

were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." Here we are introduced to the Savior of the world. Thus the Word was made flesh; Jesus, the sinless, assumed the likeness of the sinful in order to restore man to the image of the Creator which had been lost in the fall. "To as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

Paul Rees said: "Here the communication was not a vocal word sounding across the spaces but the visible Word spelled out in living, human form. Here the eternal accommodates itself to the temporal. This was not the language of creation, but re-creation; it's the language of redemption." The incarnation reveals that man is not a forsaken creature left to his own destructive devices, but rather the object of God's love. Jesus wrapped Himself up in human form in order to bring God's saving presence near to man. This is the stoop of the infinite in order to provide the finite with a Savior. In Bethlehem, the Most High became the most nigh for John writes, "We have heard Him, we have seen Him with our eyes, we have looked upon Him, and our hands have handled the Word of life."



John, in his Epistle, speaks of the Propitiation of the Word. He has come to extend mercy to all who would receive Him through the blood of the cross. The incarnation anticipated the crucifixion. Jesus did not die the death of a disappointed reformer, nor was He a martyr to a lost cause. The cross was not an accident; He came on purpose for it. When He came near the time of His crucifixion, He said, "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. . . . if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This He said, signifying what death He should die." God was doing something for man he could never do for himself. God in Christ, at Calvary, has judged his sin, condemned it, made atonement for it, and now offers eternal life to any and all who through true repentance will receive Him. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

The resurrection of the Word was the central theme of the preaching of the Apostles. In the Acts of the Apostles, they did not preach the crucifixion and death of Christ, but rather the resurrection of



Christ. Of the thirteen messages recorded by the Apostles, they all center on the living Christ. They were not preaching an antiquated doctrine about Christ, but were proclaiming what they had seen with their own eyes. They had witnessed eleven post-resurrection appearances of our Lord and they repeatedly proclaimed "This same Jesus God raised up, whereof we are all witnesses." They knew if Jesus had not risen from the dead the crucifixion would have been the world's greatest tragedy. Paul said, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." The resurrection is indispensable in the plan of redemption. Had Christ not risen, His death would have no redemptive efficacy. The resurrection changed their outlook on death. Before the resurrection of Christ, death was frightening and alarming, but now death had lost its sting and the grave its victory. John records Christ's words in Revelation when He admonished him to, "fear not; I am the first and the last: I am He that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death." Because He tasted death for every man and triumphed over it, we now have the hope of eternal life.

The Word is now enthroned in regal splendor, seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Now having been glorified, He has sent the Holy Spirit into the world so His children will not be orphaned, but will rather be filled, taught, and led by the Person of the Holy Spirit. While in this world, He is the executive of the Godhead and Administrator of the provisions of Calvary. He comes to "convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. . . . and to guide His children into all truth." One day Christ will return and for those who "believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we be ever with the Lord."

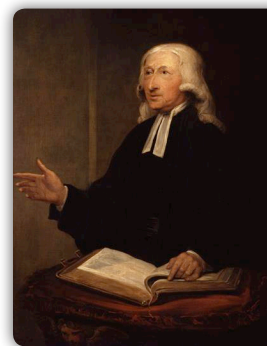
In preaching Christ as the living Word, it is our first undertaking to appeal to one's heart. The written word will instruct the mind and invite one to engage the will. It has been said of Paul's preaching that

he would descend from the "heavenlies" to deliver practical messages in the realm of the "earthlies." He never tried to enforce the ethical side of the gospel prior to the enlistment of the heart and mind on the meek and gentle Christ. He wrote to those in Rome and told them that, when he came to them, he would come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. To the Corinthians he said, "I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." It is said of John Wesley that he was "a man of one Book," meaning the Bible. It could be said of the Apostle Paul that he was a man of one person, meaning the Lord Jesus Christ. He declared, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." I fear it would be injurious to present the ethics of Christianity before presenting Christ. It would be equally damaging to proclaim Christ in such an abstract way that it would disparage Christian ethics. A real and true encounter with the living Christ is the supreme motivation to holy and righteous living. We must not only get into the word, but the Word must also get into us.

John Wesley once declared, "But of all preaching, what is usually called Gospel preaching is the most useless if not the most mischievous, a dull, yea, a lively harangue on the sufferings of Christ or salvation by faith without sharply inculcating holiness. I see more and more that this naturally tends to drive holiness out of the world." We must preach all Christ is, but also all He says; we are called to preach the Word, both living and written. Let us remember that Bible preaching is not an end in itself. Christ is the Source, Substance, Subject, and Sum of all Scripture, and if we are not preaching Christ, we are not preaching the word.

The end of preaching is not merely to inform the mind, nor arouse the imaginations, nor have an emotional experience, though all of that will occur in the course and exercise of our ministry. The primary purpose will be to get men and women, boys and girls, to willfully open their hearts to the living Christ, so He who knows us intricately will be invited into our hearts and lives to know us intimately. It is then our ministry will not only be a blessing, but Biblical. ★

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- Nov 10-13 Toledo, OH (Trinity)
- Nov 15-17 Ortonville, MI (Lake Louise)
- Dec 1-4 Douglasville, GA (First)
- Jan 10-12 Adrian, GA (Georgia District Men's Retreat)
- Jan 14-19 Wrightsville, GA
- Feb 23-26 Melbourne, FL (Harbor City)
- Mar 2-5 Kingsport, TN (Southview Community)
- Mar 9-12 Warner Robins, GA (First)
- Mar 16-19 Newell, WV (First)
- Mar 23-26 Selma, IN (Harris Chapel)
- Mar 30-Apr 2 Anderson, IN (Central Wesleyan)

BENSON, MICHAEL

- Nov 10-13 Seymour, IN (Peter's Switch)
- Nov 17-20 Sullivan, IN
- Jan 5-8 Lake Placid, FL
- Jan 18-19 Chicago, IL (Salvation Army College for Officer Training)
- Jan 26-28 Columbus, OH (Lifepoint)
- Mar 5-9 Joliet, IL (Joliet Zone Revival)
- Mar 22 Seymour, IN (Southwest Indiana District Men's Retreat)

BOLICH, JEREMIAH

- Nov 10-13 Mackey, IN
- Nov 15-17 Minot, ND (First)
- Nov 22-24 Odon, IN
- Dec 6-8 Lambertville, MI (Bedford)
- Dec 13-15 Mandan, ND

BURKHALTER, PAT (T)

- Nov 17-20 Poplar Bluff, MO (Northpoint)
- Dec 4-8 Haltom City, TX
- Jan 15-19 Cleburne, TX
- Jan 29-Feb 2 Post, TX

CERVANTES, RUDY

- Nov 10 Boise, ID (New Hope)
- Nov 17 Ontario, OR
- Nov 24 Yreka, CA
- Nov 29 San Diego, CA (Fashion Valley Mall Food Court)
- Dec 1 Florence, AZ (Mosaic)
- Dec 6 San Diego, CA (Fashion Valley Mall Food Court)
- Dec 8 Lebanon, OH (Countryside Community)
- Dec 9 West Chester, OH
- Dec 10 Cincinnati, OH (Springdale)
- Dec 13 San Diego, CA (Fashion Valley Mall Food Court)
- Dec 15 Galion, OH
- Dec 22 Wellsburg, WV
- Dec 29 Mount Vernon, OH (First)

COVINGTON, NATHAN (T)

- Nov 15-17 Tulsa, OK

DONNERBERG, JOHN

- Nov 10-13 Orient, OH (Darby Creek Southwest Campus)

- Nov 17-20 Blanchester, OH
- Nov 22-24 Redkey, IN
- Dec 1-31 Ropesville, TX
- Jan 1-31 Ropesville, TX
- Feb 16-19 Tishomingo, OK
- Feb 28-Mar 2 Garden City, KS (Western Kansas Zone Holiness Crusade)

FERGUSON, SCOTT

- Nov 10-13 Sandersville, GA
- Nov 21-24 Laurinburg, NC

FLINT, ROBERT

- Nov 10-24 Shelby, OH
- Dec 1-29 Shelby, OH
- Feb 16-23 Shelby, OH

GALLIMORE, DAVID

- Nov 17-20 Jumping Branch, WV (Gospel Tabernacle)
- Nov 24 Covington, GA (LifePointe)
- Jan 21-23 Circleville, OH (Ohio Christian University)
- Jan 26-29 Mechanicsville, VA (Hanover)
- Jan 30-Feb 9 Avon Park, FL (Avon Park Camp Meeting)
- Feb 16-19 Orangeburg, SC (Memorial)
- Feb 23-26 Excel, AL (Enoch Johnson Memorial)
- Mar 2-5 Bridgeton, NJ
- Mar 8-12 Charleston, WV (Calvary)
- Mar 16-19 Jesup, GA (Bethlehem Wesleyan Church)
- Mar 22-26 Fremont, NE
- Mar 30-Apr 2 Paden City, WV

GESSNER, DON & SHIRL

- Nov 10-17 Newark, OH (Evangelism Outreach)
- Nov 24 Reynoldsburg, OH
- Dec 1-31 Newark, OH (Evangelism Outreach)
- Jan 1-31 Newark, OH (Evangelism Outreach)
- Feb 3-4 Tampa, FL (Dayspring)
- Feb 6-8 Orlando, FL
- Feb 9-28 Newark, OH (Evangelism Outreach)
- Mar 1-30 Newark, OH (Evangelism Outreach)

GREENWAY, KENNETH (T)

- Nov 10-13 McAdenville, NC (Wesleyan)
- Nov 16-20 Concord, NC (Broadus Baptist)
- Nov 21-24 Carthage, NC (Community Friends)
- Nov 24-27 Cherryville, NC
- Jan 5-12 Seagrove, NC (Mt Zion Wesleyan)
- Jan 19-22 Cascilla, MS (Rosebloom)
- Jan 26-29 Decatur, IL (First)
- Feb 2-5 Lexington, NC (Higher Ground Baptist)
- Feb 9-12 Wrightsville, GA (Mount Olive)
- Feb 16-19 Shelby, NC (First)
- Feb 23-26 Mayo, SC (Graham Chapel Wesleyan)

JUNEMAN, JOHN

- Nov 10-13 Milo, ME (United Baptist Church)



- Nov 14-17 Lower Sackville, NS (New Life Community)
- Nov 21-24 Waldron, AR (First)
- Feb 23-25 Issaquah, WA (Mountain Creek Christian Fellowship)

LECKRONE, LARRY (T)

- Nov 9-13 Mount Vernon, IN (First)
- Nov 23-27 Newton, KS (First)
- Dec 7-11 Macon, MO
- Dec 14-18 Butler, IN
- Dec 19-Jan 3 Norman, IN (Reserved Dates)
- Jan 11-15 Irving, TX (First)
- Jan 18-22 Waxahachie, TX (Living Hope)
- Jan 25-29 Gainesville, TX (Eastside)
- Feb 1-5 Henderson, TX
- Feb 22-26 Abernathy, TX (First)
- Mar 8-12 Elkhart, KS
- Mar 22-26 Macon, MO

LEIDY, ARNOLD

- Nov 1-30 Edgewood, NM (Breakpoint)
- Dec 1-31 Edgewood, NM (Breakpoint)
- Jan 1-31 Edgewood, NM (Breakpoint)
- Feb 1-28 Edgewood, NM (Breakpoint)

LIVERSAGE, JERRY

- Nov 10 Torrance, CA (Community)
- Nov 14 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Nov 17 Torrance, CA (Community)
- Nov 24 Torrance, CA (Community)
- Nov 24 Westminster, CA (HW Senior Living)
- Nov 28 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Nov 28 Costa Mesa, CA (Responding Recovery Television)
- Dec 1 Torrance, CA (Community)
- Dec 5 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Dec 8 Torrance, CA (Community)
- Dec 8 Westminster, CA (HW Senior Living)
- Dec 12 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Dec 12 Costa Mesa, CA (Responding Recovery Television)
- Dec 15 Torrance, CA (Community)
- Dec 19 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Dec 19 Fullerton, CA (Roberta Apartment Outreach)
- Dec 20 Anaheim, CA (Evergreen Royale Motel Outreach)
- Jan 2 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Jan 9 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Jan 12 Westminster, CA (HW Senior Living)
- Jan 16 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Jan 23 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Jan 23 Costa Mesa, CA (Responding Recovery Television)
- Jan 23 Fullerton, CA (Roberta Apartment Outreach)
- Jan 30 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Feb 6 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Feb 7 Anaheim, CA (Evergreen Royale Motel Outreach)
- Feb 9 Westminster, CA (HW Senior Living)
- Feb 13 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)
- Feb 20 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)

- Feb 20 Costa Mesa, CA (Responding Recovery Television)
- Feb 27 Garden Grove, CA (Friends Church)

LOMAN, H. LANE

- Nov 10-13 Chester, WV
- Nov 14-17 Kingsport, TN (Southview Community)
- Nov 20-24 Mitchell, IN
- Dec 1-4 Avon Park, FL (First)
- Jan 5-8 Savannah, GA (Harvest)
- Jan 12-15 Phenix City, AL (Landmark)
- Jan 19 Kissimmee, FL (Grace Fellowship)
- Jan 21-23 Orlando, FL (Synergize4)
- Jan 26 Plant City, FL (Community)
- Feb 1-2 Columbus, IN (Community Fellowship)
- Feb 9-12 Columbus, IN (Wesleyan Indoor Camp)
- Feb 16-19 West Columbia, SC (First)
- Feb 23-26 Terre Haute, IN (Faith Wesleyan)
- Mar 9-12 Florien, LA (Cenchrea)
- Mar 16-19 California, KY (Carthage)
- Mar 23-26 Columbus, IN (The Rock Free Methodist)
- Mar 30-Apr 2 Reidsville, NC (Salem United Methodist)

MANLEY, STEPHEN

- Jan 10-12 Lebanon, TN (Cross Style)
- Jan 19-22 Chattanooga, TN (East Tennessee Chattanooga Zone)
- Feb 2-6 Rogers, AR (First)

MCDUFF, RONALD

- Nov 9 Canon City, CO (Four Mile Correctional Center)
- Nov 10 Canon City, CO (Four Mile Correctional Center)
- Nov 23 Longmont, CO (Regent Retirement)
- Jan 12 Wheatland, WY
- Mar 2-5 Cheraw, CO (Baptist Chapel)

MITCHELL, ROYCE

- Nov 15 Redding, CA (Christian Fellowship)
- Nov 16 Yreka, CA
- Nov 24 El Cajon, CA (Wesleyan Church)
- Dec 5 Rancho Mirage, CA (Victory Christian Center)
- Dec 6 Yucaipa, CA (Bryant Street Baptist)
- Dec 8 Santa Ana, CA (First)
- Dec 13 Twin Falls, ID
- Dec 14 Meridian, ID (United Methodist)
- Dec 15 Meridian, ID (Meridian Valley Shepherd)
- Jan 17 Menlo Park, CA (Presbyterian)
- Jan 19 Indian Wells, CA (Southwest Community)
- Jan 19 Quartzsite, AZ (Alliance)
- Jan 20 Indian Wells, CA (Southwest Community)
- Jan 24 Los Altos, CA (Bridges Community)
- Jan 25 Merced, CA (Christian Life Center)
- Jan 26 Modesto, CA (Richland Faith Assembly)
- Jan 26 Escalon, CA (First Baptist)
- Feb 7 Lake Havasu City, AZ
- Feb 8 Sierra Vista, AZ
- Feb 9 Green Valley, AZ (Community)

- Feb 9 Oro Valley, AZ
- Feb 21 Apache Junction, AZ (First Baptist)
- Feb 22 Oro Valley, AZ
- Feb 23 Surprise, AZ (Grand Community Baptist)
- Feb 23 Mesa, AZ (Val Vista Village RV Resort)
- Mar 6 Tempe, AZ (Grace Community)
- Mar 6 Prescott Valley, AZ (Junction Christian Church)
- Mar 7 Mesa, AZ (Towerpoint RV Resort)
- Mar 9 Sun City, AZ (American Lutheran)
- Mar 14 Mesa, AZ (Red Mountain Christian Center)
- Mar 15 Yuma, AZ (Gila Mountain RV Park)
- Mar 16 Yuma, AZ (Country Roads Community)
- Mar 16 Yuma, AZ (First Christian)
- Mar 21 Sun City, AZ
- Mar 22 Surprise, AZ (Palm Vista Baptist)
- Mar 23 Casa Grande, AZ (New Beginnings)
- Mar 23 Apache Junction, AZ (Community Christian)
- Mar 28 Longview, TX (Missionary Baptist)
- Mar 29 Houston, TX (First)
- Mar 30 Huffman, TX (First Baptist)

PERKINS, HAL

- Nov 10-13 Valley City, ND
- Nov 21-24 Blaine, MN (Minneapolis SonLight)

PETTIT, BENJAMIN & AMANDA

- Nov 15 Vicksburg, MI (Waiting School Faith Corp)
- Dec 6-8 Shipshewana, IN (EPM Christmas Gathering)
- Dec 13 Vicksburg, MI (EPM Faith Corp)
- Jan 3 Vicksburg, MI (EPM Faith Corp)
- Jan 10 Kalamazoo, MI (EPM Faith Corp)
- Jan 31 Vicksburg, MI (EPM Faith Corp)
- Feb 7 Kalamazoo, MI (EPM Faith Corp)

PETTIT, ELAINE (T)

- Nov 15 Vicksburg, MI (Waiting School Faith Corp)
- Dec 6-8 Shipshewana, IN (EPM Christmas Gathering)
- Dec 13 Vicksburg, MI (EPM Faith Corp)
- Jan 3 Vicksburg, MI (EPM Faith Corp)
- Jan 10 Kalamazoo, MI (EPM Faith Corp)
- Jan 31 Vicksburg, MI (EPM Faith Corp)
- Feb 7 Kalamazoo, MI (EPM Faith Corp)

PETTIT, JEREMY

- Dec 6-8 Shipshewana, IN (EPM Christmas Gathering)

RAEBURN, STEPHEN & JANET

- Nov 22-24 Highland, IN (Highland)
- Dec 31 Mt. Pleasant, MI (Soaring Eagle Waterpark)

SEABRIGHT, CHAD

- Nov 15-17 Spartanburg, SC (Duncan Lifespring Community)
- Nov 18-24 Lebanon, TN (Cross Style)
- Jan 12-16 Aiken, SC (Enkindle Cruise)
- Jan 17-19 Kokomo, IN (Youth Retreat)

- Feb 16-19 Phoenix, AZ (NorthGate)
- Feb 28-Mar 2 Pelion, SC

SHAVER, CHIC

- Nov 16-20 Marshall, MO
- Jan 11-15 Saint Joseph, MO (First)
- Jan 25-29 Crowley, TX (Fort Worth First)
- Feb 1-5 Big Spring, TX (First)
- Feb 15-17 Gainesville, GA

SHELLENBERGER, SUSIE (T)

- Nov 22-24 Cumberland, MD (First)
- Dec 6-8 Apple Valley, CA
- Jan 10-12 Mesa, AZ (First)
- Jan 17-19 Bethany, OK (Calvary)
- Jan 26-29 Las Vegas, NV (All Nazarene Churches in Las Vegas)
- Jan 31-Feb 2 Yukon, OK (First)
- Feb 14-16 Poteau, OK
- Feb 21-23 Naples, FL (First)
- Feb 28-Mar 1 Yukon, OK

TRAN, DAVID & MARILYN

- Nov 10-17 Kalamazoo, MI (South Side)
- Nov 24 Reading, MI
- Dec 1 Albion, MI
- Feb 9 Covina, CA
- Feb 22-23 Rowland Heights, CA (Hillside Community)
- Mar 21-23 Karval, CO

ULMET, BILL (T)

- Nov 15-17 Great Falls, SC
- Mar 30-Apr 2 Kansas City, KS (Victory Hills)

WHITWORTH, MARCUS

- Nov 17-20 Branson, MO
- Dec 6 Wister, OK
- Dec 9 Bethany, OK (First)

WILKERSON, DR. BOB & JENNIFER

- Dec 1 Scottsburg, IN (First Southern Baptist)
- Dec 1 Scottsburg, IN
- Dec 8-11 Mount Erie, IL
- Dec 15 Lewisburg, TN (First)
- Dec 21 Brentwood, TN (Concord Community)
- Dec 22 Woodlawn, TN (Community)
- Dec 29 Jerseyville, IL
- Dec 29 Saint Louis, MO (South County)
- Jan 12 Columbiana, AL
- Jan 17-19 Mayfield, KY
- Jan 19 Paducah, KY
- Jan 26 Selmer, TN (Rose Creek Sanctified Church)
- Feb 2-5 Georgetown, IL
- Feb 16-19 Nashville, TN (Whites Creek)

grateful to our Lord for our special and longtime friendship with Jimmy & Judy Dell. They are the absolute best!



*Dr. Gary W. Haines
National Alumni Public Relations
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Tenured Evangelist Emeritus*



"Jimmy Dell has had a dynamic impact for Christ. For over forty years, he has preached the gospel. Thousands of us have been moved by his piano playing, singing, and preaching ministry. His ability to entertain, and yet point the listener to Christ, is a God-given gift. I believe Jimmy will be speechless when he enters heaven and discovers the revelation that there are scores of folks there as a result of his life's work. He will revel in that new understanding just after he spends blessed time at the feet of the One who inspired and motivated his ministry. The Church of the Nazarene and the broader Kingdom of Christ are grateful for Jimmy Dell and his inspiring ministry. Thanks Jimmy for being a grace-filled giver!"



*Dr. Bob Broadbooks
USA/Canada Regional Director*



"Can you imagine 'the joy' we had at a recent camp meeting when the two evangelists were Jimmy Dell and Jim Diehl?! Of course, by the time it was over, it was "Jimmy Dell and Jimmy Diehl." And we had more wholesome "spiritual fun" than should be allowed.

Evangelist Jimmy Dell was a professional entertainer in his former life, but-----somewhere along

the line-----Jesus saved him, transformed him! He has used his natural ability to communicate with people through piano playing and singing, plus the God given gift of preaching the Word, which has resulted in a very gifted and effective evangelist. People of all ages love to hear Jimmy Dell play, sing, and preach! Added to that is this gift of calling people to an altar of prayer, which usually results in many seekers finding spiritual victory through Jesus Christ the Lord. Jimmy is far more than an entertainer; he is an anointed evangelist!

I always love being around Jimmy because he is an encourager, a morale booster, and a spiritual visionary. Thank you, Jimmy Dell, for presenting the gospel to thousands upon thousands of people across the years in the power of the Holy Spirit. You are an example that holiness brings joy. Keep singing, playing, and preaching until God calls you home!"



*James H. Diehl
General Superintendent Emeritus*



"Revival is the crying need of the church today. Nazarene evangelists have blessed the churches I have served over my many years as a pastor. God has used them to bring unity, encouragement, and a renewed passion for evangelism in every church I have served. Any church would do well to hit the "pause" button and spend a few days seeking God through renewal and revival. Jimmy Dell is a God-called and anointed tenured evangelist."



*Dr. Stan Toler
General Supt. Emeritus*

THERE IS A SOLUTION

by DR. NORMAN MOORE



There is a solution for the severe needs that exist in many churches.

Significant insight can be gained from the newly published book: *Phineas Bresee, Pastor to the People*, by Carl O. Bangs and abridged by Stan Ingersol. There is a very striking statement on page 96 from Rev. R. W. C. Farnsworth, Los Angeles Methodist Presiding Elder in 1883 and Editor of the *Southern California Methodist Quarterly*: *"The old prophets, Christ, Paul, Wesley, Edwards, Moody, and most great preachers who have left their impress upon the Church, believed in special revivals and special efforts for such. Can we ordinary men improve on their methods?"* Carl Bangs states, *"The Quarterly reflected the ethical concern of the Methodist holiness people."* There is a lesson to be learned here. There is a reminder for us in these days. The Church needs revival!

During the past 34 years as I've traveled from Fairbanks, Alaska in the Northwest, to Homestead, Florida in the Southeast; and from Kona, Hawaii in the Southwest to Lowell, Massachusetts in the Northeast, I have personally witnessed severe needs in the Church throughout our country! These include:

- Minimal new conversions
- Few testimonies of sanctification
- Rare baptisms
- Declining attendance
- Reduced finances
- Infrequent profession of faith memberships
- Congregational disunity
- Discouraged pastors

So, what's the solution? The genuine reviving work of the Holy Spirit is the solution to these severe needs. It is possible for this essential renewing to be accomplished in the context of purposefully scheduled revival services, soaked in persistent prayer!

I know. "Times change." It will never be 1959 again, when I rode a Sunday School bus to church as an 11-year-old boy. We don't sing "Do Lord" and "Deep and Wide" anymore. And Sunday School kids no longer place their

Birthday Offering in a little plastic church during "Opening Exercises."

I'm not pushing for a "blast to the past." But in these days there are still some priorities that must not be neglected. That's why we Registered, Commissioned and Tenured Evangelists and Song Evangelists continue to pursue God's CALL to this vital work of itinerant evangelism.

But here's some good news: I've seen some new fire, watched signs of fresh commitment and rejoiced over the evidence of obvious progress! Where, for example?

The church in Rocky Ford, Colorado had been closed for three years: no pastor, no money, the few people had left. But something wonderful has happened. A 75-year-old retired lay-couple, David and Jan Maiden, has dedicated themselves to a NEW START and David is serving as the new pastor! Churches on the district provided finance and labor for facility improvement. April 29, 2013 was their first Sunday.

I have preached there on three separate visits and delivered New Testaments and Gospels of John for them to distribute in their intentional outreach. No, the results are not huge; but there is an undeniable turn-around! New people have been saved and baptized! Attendance is up! The bills are being paid on time! I actually think that enthusiasm has an unmistakable sweet aroma!

Pastor Maiden reports: "We are building a church where God is totally in charge. We're going back to the basics."

Severe needs continue to exist in many churches. It's time to rethink the statement of Methodist Presiding Elder Farnsworth and the priorities emphasized by Dr. Phineas Bresee. Intentionally scheduled and purposefully focused revival services can be a significant part of the genuine renewing work of the Holy Spirit in our churches. ★

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