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FROM THE EDITOR

It was one of those warm summer evenings a few years ago in the mountains of North Carolina when I was preparing the music for a camp meeting choir number. I had announced on the sound system that we would be starting choir practice in a few minutes. The choir members began to ascend the platform towards the choir loft. I noticed one particular giant of a man who was shaking hands with everyone as he headed toward the choir. I did not have to do any recruiting for the men's section for he successfully encouraged every man he met on the way to join him. As he walked across the platform he took my hand, completely engulfing it in his, and greeted me with, "Hi, I'm Mickey."

Immediately I put previous information together and said, "Mickey Marvin." He just smiled and said, "Man, it's good to finally meet you." Those were my sentiments exactly, only the other way around. I had been hearing about this retired professional football player who was a Nazarene. Mickey Marvin

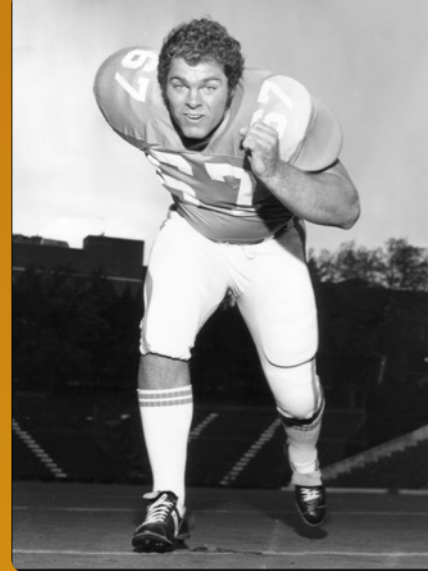
grew up in the beautiful mountain country of North Carolina. His mother said that Mickey was born again when he was just a little boy. He had a place in the woods where he would go and have his daily devotions. One day she overheard him asking the Lord to make him big and strong so he could be a witness for Jesus. Obviously, the Lord answered Mickey's prayers for in due time he grew to a six-foot-four-inch, 265 pound very strong man.

Gifted with this strong physical body, he became a very successful football player while attending high school in Brevard, North Carolina. The University of Tennessee recognized Mickey's talent and placed him on the team where he played offensive guard for four years. While at Tennessee he was voted "All-SEC" three years in a row. In 1977 he was drafted by the Oakland Raiders where he would play his position of offensive guard for 11 consecutive seasons. It was during these years that his team made it to the Super Bowl twice, winning both times: once in 1981 as the Oakland Raiders, and again in 1983 as the Los Angeles Raiders. Mickey has always given God the glory for any of his accomplishments but is especially grateful to have been able to play for 11 seasons considering that the average tenure is only four years. As he eventually came to the end of his professional football career he was approached by Raider quarterback Vince Evans, another Christian athlete, who tearfully thanked Mickey with the statement, "Mickey you left a strong witness for Jesus Christ in the locker room."



Mickey was invited to stay with the Raiders organization as a college scout and continues to this day traveling for the Raid-

ers in that capacity. He is in much demand as a speaker for Christian organizations and has been used of the Lord to challenge people to a close and intimate walk with Christ. As is the case for all of us, Mickey's spiritual journey is a unique story.



Well, I grew up in the First Church of the Nazarene, which certainly preaches salvation and sanctification. It comes under a lot of different names; entire sanctification; second blessing; and holiness. Having grown up in the church, I got saved when I was a little boy and then rededicated my life to Christ in 1980. I had never really understood entire sanctification, but I had heard it preached. I grew up under a preacher that was very much a pastor. He preached heaven and hell and the judgment and the rapture. I used to sit on the front pew of the church when I was six years old and he used to scare me to death. I thank God now that he did. I really do, but I just didn't understand about sanctification, and that's my fault. But again, it was not something I was running from or purposely not trying to walk in the light. Two years ago, I was at Auburn University and I was not having a good day. I was doing my job for the Raiders, but I was struggling spiritually. I was under conviction. I left Auburn that day and drove to Tuscaloosa, Alabama on Tuesday. I wasn't having a good day on Tuesday either. The Holy Spirit was dealing with my heart. I left Tuscaloosa to drive up to Birmingham that evening after I had watched practice. I pulled in to a Comfort Inn parking lot, went in, and checked in at the front desk.

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That summer I had attended Hendersonville Nazarene camp meeting. One of the evangelists, Nelson Perdue, had written a little book called *Holiness, our Heritage*. I had gotten that book that summer at camp meeting. So, I went into my hotel room, got my Bible and opened it up, and I got Nelson's book and began to pore through the pages of both. Every time there was a scripture, I went to the Bible, and then re-read what Nelson wrote, going back and forth and praying, but I still wasn't satisfied. So I got up, I guess it was around 5:30 or so, and sat on the hood of my car in that parking lot at the Comfort Inn. For the next three hours, I went through that little book and I went back and forth to the Bible. I guess I was all over the hood of that car. I don't think I left a dent in it; I sat on it, I leaned on it. I was crying and praying and praising God. I've wondered the last couple of years what people must have thought of me as they were seeing this big guy on his car raising his hands up to heaven. I can't recall the exact minute or second, but I know that at some point when I got finished with that little book, I was praying and I totally surrendered my life to God and He filled me with the Holy Spirit. I felt something in my heart that I know is the evidence that God had given me the Holy Spirit and that I had wholly surrendered my life to Him.

I walked to a little grassy area behind the Comfort Inn. It was dark, and the stars were out, and it was a good night. I had my hands raised up toward heaven, and I was talking to God about a lot of different things. I had to go back and make restitution in some places, and it felt good, and that's a good thing. Praise God for that. The first thought that came into my mind was that I don't want to do anything to offend my Father, my heavenly Father. The Holy Spirit spoke to me as plainly as I am speaking to you and he said, 'Mickey, just take it one day at a time.'

I am a ferocious note taker. I heard long ago than an idea that is not written down is an idea that is lost. Over the eleven years I played for the Raiders, I had

the same play book every year. I'll never forget that toward the end of my career I was looking at that playbook and there were years and years of notes. I knew all the plays but I was still trying to become a better player. I was still in search of the perfect game, the perfect performance on the football field. God is not looking for perfect performance – He is looking to perfect us in our hearts. Hallelujah! I was sitting in church a few months ago, listening to the preacher, and wrote two statements: Salvation showed me who I was without Jesus Christ. Sanctification showed me who I can be in Jesus Christ. That's become my slogan. The journey has never been better; it's never been richer. The Bible has just come alive to me and I'm thankful for that. I'm just learning more and more each day. It's about surrender each day, too.

- Mickey Marvin



Perhaps some of you have seen the recent television commercials from the NFL. The ones I'm speaking of show Super Bowl champions; Howie Long; Terry Bradshaw; Jimmy Johnson; flashing their super bowl rings. The commercial emphasizes the perks that come with wearing "the ring." Certainly "the ring" is a symbol of accomplishment and honor and obviously is prized by the wearer. Mickey testified in one of the camp meeting services that when he was sanctified wholly it was a much greater experience and more memorable than when he received not one but eventually two Super Bowl rings. That's something to think about. By the way, Mickey is a pretty good singer. He is welcome to sing in my choir any time!

- Gary Bond, Executive Editor



The Jesus of Luke's Gospel

Ernest Renan, famous French philosopher and historian, called the Gospel of Luke the most beautiful book ever written. Whether that is true or not, Luke does present to its readers a beautiful message about Jesus.

Luke, a Christian physician, was deeply interested in the birth of Jesus. His infancy narrative includes a busy angel named Gabriel. Gabriel visits the priest who will become the father of John the Baptist, the father of the person chosen to introduce the Messiah to Israel. The heavenly messenger then visits the Virgin Mary who would become the mother of the one chosen to be the Savior and Creator of a new Israel (Luke 1:6-79). Gabriel's birth announcements were the most significant in all history.

Luke's Gospel portrays the Christ of common people. Angels announced the Savior's birth to a group of shepherds and shepherds were part of society's underclass. The underprivileged suddenly became highly privileged. These hard working shepherds raced to Bethlehem, saw the baby Jesus, and "spread the word" of His arrival. They thus became the earliest human witnesses to Jesus as the long promised, eagerly awaited and newly arrived Mes-

siah (Luke 2:8-20).

Luke writes of the curtained boyhood of Jesus just once, revealing him as a precocious twelve year old on pilgrimage with his parents to Jerusalem. There he engages some synagogue teachers in a question and answer session, and they marvel at his depth of understanding (Luke 2:31-52).

Luke's account of Jesus, grown to manhood and embarking on his public career follows. Jesus was baptized by his cousin John, endured temptation in the desert, and experienced rejection by murderously angry neighbors in his hometown synagogue. He then launched a ministry of public teaching and healing (Luke 3:21-4:37). Luke's record of that mission shares, for the most part, the similar emphases of Matthew and Mark.

To the material he has in common with them, Luke adds material found only in his Gospel.

He discloses more of the Lord's prayer life than do the other writers. From Luke alone we learn that Jesus was praying at his baptism in the Jordan river (3:21-22); before choosing his inner circle of twelve disciples (6:12-13); before receiving their conclusions about his

identity (9:18-20); at the time of his transfiguration on a lonely mountain (9:28-29); while on the cross for the forgiveness of his crucifiers (23:34).

Luke also records a parable about prayer that does not appear in other Gospels.

A publisher's caption labels it "The Parable of the Persistent Widow." She clamored for justice from an indifferent judge who finally yielded because she was wearing him out. Jesus taught his disciples to "always pray and not give up" because they sought help, not from a reluctant judge, but from a loving father (18:1-8).

The next parable in Luke's Gospel tells of two men, a Pharisee and a tax collector, who entered the temple to pray. The Pharisee boasted of his own righteousness, but the tax collector bowed his head in shame, smote his breast in anguish, and prayed for mercy as a confessed sinner. He "went home justified" but the Pharisee went home unheard and unchanged (18:9-14). Luke was obviously strongly impressed with the prayer life and prayer teaching of Jesus.

In Luke's Gospel, as in the other Gospels, Jesus is seen as a miracle worker, *(continued on next page)*

displaying a total mastery of demons, diseases, and death. Found only in Luke are the stories of a young man raised from death and restored to his grieving, widowed mother (7:11-17); a crippled woman healed on the Sabbath in "one of the synagogues" (13:10-17);

A group of ten lepers instantly healed, including a grateful Samaritan (17:11-19).

To Luke we are indebted, also, for the treasured stories of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son (15:1-32), a favorite among the stories Jesus told.

Another story often cited concerns a Samaritan traveler who came upon a half-dead victim of bandits on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. At considerable risk and cost to himself, the Samaritan gave first-aid and then financed follow-up treatment. Appearing in bad light are a priest and Levite who saw the beaten man but "passed by on the other side" (10:25-37). Few, if any, stories have had a longer and healthier impact on human society than Jesus' story of "The Good Samaritan." It answered the question asked: "And who is my neighbor?" It also answered an unasked question: What does it mean to love my neighbor?

The teachings of Jesus were radical, searching, challenging, and often infuriating. To those who lusted after wealth he described a rich man who was branded by God as "Fool" (12:13-21). Contrary to popular opinion that great wealth indicated favor with God, he placed a rich man in hell and a beggar in paradise (16:19-31). He commended "two very small copper coins" given to the temple treasury by a poor widow as a greater offering than the gifts of wealthy men who tossed in far larger coins (21:1-4).

In Luke alone we find the story that I like best - the salvation that Jesus brought to the home and heart of a wealthy tax-collector named Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was a short man doing a hated job, but Jesus dined with him, and table talk became gospel which transformed the life and work of the lonely guilty man forever (19:1-10).

With a physician's eye for details, Luke tells us that Je-

sus, as he prayed in Gethsemane, was in such "anguish" that "his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground" (19:44)

In Luke's Gospel the risen Jesus gathers his disciples into a Bible study where "he opened their minds" to understand Old Testament references that had been fulfilled in him. He then commissions them as witnesses and promises to empower their mission by sending them the Holy Spirit (24:36-49).

Brief reference to Jesus' ascension into heaven closes this beautiful Gospel.

Robert Stein, a Baptist scholar, says that Jesus was both quantitatively and qualitatively different from and greater than "all other men" because "he claimed divine prerogatives."* Indeed, Jesus was and is different from all other men. He is, as Robert G. Lee once put it, "forever the great Unlike."

Luke portrays Jesus as a Savior for all nations, all classes, and all genders - "The Christ of Every Road" as E. Stanley Jones phrased it. That any scholar, regarding himself as wise, would reduce that stunning and saving portrait is sheer tragedy. We need, and we have, the Jesus of Luke's Gospel.

A greater Jesus than Luke proclaims has never been imagined or described. All deviations from this Jesus of the Holy Scriptures have lessened and falsified him.

* See Robert H. Stein, *The New American Commentary, Luke*, (Broadman Holman Publishers 1993), page 49 lines 28 - 32.

W.E. McCumber served the Church of the Nazarene for over 69 years as preacher, college professor, revivalist, conference speaker, radio speaker, writer and magazine editor. On December 18, 2010 he suffered a massive stroke and never recovered. "Brother Bill" has been a friend and encourager of the Evangelists' Perspective magazine. His articles have blessed and challenged all of us. His home going service was a blessed time of reflection and inspiration to all of us in attendance. There was much laughter and rejoicing in knowing where our friend and loved one would be celebrating Christmas and the New Year. The service reached a grand crescendo as song evangelist Brian Arner sang, "And Can It Be". Yes, there was shouting and praising God for a life lived in the beauty of holiness.



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BOB TAYLOR

A Legacy To Remember

March 27, 1930 - November 15, 2010

I have been asked to write about my grandfather, Evangelist Bob Taylor, who recently passed away November 15, 2010. It is a great honor and blessing to be able to share with you my memories of him, as well as the impact he has had on my life and on my ministry.

I had the incredible privilege of traveling with him and my grandmother Wanda, to many revivals, camp meetings, district events and general assemblies when I was growing up. I traveled with them almost every summer when I was not in school. I would beg them to take me along as I enjoyed my travels with them more than

anything. I don't think there is anyone still living who saw him preach as much as I did. My life was greatly impacted by my experiences with my grandparents and I owe it to them for installing in me a Godly foundation.

My grandfather was a big man, and his personality was even larger. He was absolutely in love with Jesus and he talked about Him more than anything else, in the pulpit and out. He would often break into tears as he talked about Jesus. He was a very tender-hearted and sensitive man. But he was also extremely boisterous, loud and out-going. He would ask anyone he met - the waitress at the restaurant, the teller at the

bank, the cashier at the store, the man on the corner: "Have you heard the good news?" He would wait for a response and then answer, "Jesus loves you."

His preaching style was very simple actually. He was not a theologian or a scholar, by any means. He didn't use complicated words or elaborate illustrations. He was simple and basic. He was loud and deliberate. He was extremely funny, without intending to be (which made him even more humorous). He had the ability to hold everyone's attention and almost anyone could relate to him. Even children and teenagers loved his preaching. Maybe it was because they could understand him and they

DEFINITELY wouldn't fall asleep when he preached!

When traveling with him I would go up to him after he finished preaching and stand by his side and hold onto his suit jacket. He was soaked with sweat from his intense sermons. I would witness person after person coming up to talk with him. People would share their testimonies or ask him to pray for them. He would never say, "Sure I will keep you in my prayers..." No. He would say, "Let's pray right now... Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name..." He would listen to each person intently and he memorized almost every person's name. People were amazed later when he addressed them by their first names. It was astonishing to see how many people would tell him that they were saved under his ministry sometime before and wanted to say hello.

He was led by the Holy Spirit in everything he did. I would ask him just before most of his sermons, "Papa, what are you gonna preach tonight?" He would usually answer something like, "Well, I think I'm going to preach the Holy Ghost sermon, but I'm not sure yet." If it turned out to be something different he would say that the Holy Spirit changed his mind. And I believe that this is why that no matter what sermon he

preached, as soon as he would give the invitation to come to the altar, people would almost RUN to the altar to pray. He was obedient to the Holy Spirit. There usually wasn't enough room at the altars and people would kneel in the front pews or stand near the altars. Sometimes he would stand up to preach and when he did, he would announce that the Holy Spirit didn't want him to preach. He decided that he was going to have prayer and testimony and people STILL raced to the altars to pray! The results were no different. He always acknowledged that it was nothing he said; it was God's Holy Spirit present in the services. He always gave the glory to God.

One of the things I treasure about my grandfather is that his personal life was no different than his public life. He "practiced what he preached." Every day he prayed incessantly. He cherished his time spent reading and studying his Bible. He would call this special time his "time alone with God". I would call him on the telephone and get no answer. I would ask him later why he didn't answer and he would say, "I was having my time alone with God". He kept an extensive prayer list, even in the last days of his life. Some of the subjects on his prayer list were labeled "hard case" and

he would spend a bit longer on those. He was a man of prayer and he held a strong belief in the power of prayer.



From Left to Right
Lori, Chad's wife, Chad, Logan, Bob's 1st great grandson, sisters Ashley and Shannon, Mom Pam Bob

My grandfather always depended on God for his every need. He didn't spend any time worrying about how things were going to work out, or stressing about how he was going to make ends meet. I can remember one time as a young boy when he and I were on our way to a church about an hour away from his home in Ohio where he was preaching. He was praying on the way there out loud. His prayers would go in many different directions sometimes, and he would pray about anything that came to mind. This particular time he prayed, "Lord, you know that this van needs new tires and I don't know how I'm going to get them, but I'm trusting that you will provide a way." On the way home that night he showed me a check that a man had given *(continued on next page)*



Rev. Bob Taylor - Chad Frederickson

him when shaking hands with him and it was for the exact amount he needed for the tires. He never told that man about the tires! The Lord always took care of him. I can't remember when He didn't.

I asked Jesus to come into my heart as a young boy. However, I did not give my all to him. I struggled to give God control over my life. I always felt like I was running from God, much like Jonah. I could never get away from him. I wanted to live for my own selfish desires. My parents were divorced when I was fourteen and this marked a point in my life when things began to go downhill for me. Unfortunately, I became an extremely rebellious teenager and this continued on into my young adult years. I got into trouble with the law and eventually landed myself in prison.

I am thankful that my grandmother Wanda was my biggest fan, even through the toughest of times. She and I were absolute best friends. No matter what I did, she still loved me unconditionally and had so much faith in me. When she passed away of cancer in 1998 it was absolutely devastating for me. I was in jail and was unable to even attend her funeral.

After she died, my grandfather picked up right where she left off. We became the best of

friends and we talked every day. He visited me, accepted my phone calls, encouraged me and ministered to me. I know that he prayed for me faithfully every day. No doubt I was probably one of his "hard cases" on his prayer list. Through the years we would go to lunch together and baseball games. He helped me get my first car and helped me with money. He officiated my wedding in 2001 and it was one of the proudest moments of my life. I disappointed him countless times but his love for me never changed, nor did his faith in my future. He would ask me many times, "Are you sure you're not called to preach?" And he would say, "You would make a great evangelist." I thought he was WAY off base on that idea! But he always believed that God would use me one day in a mighty way.

I eventually got myself straightened out for the most part and stopped getting into trouble. I desperately wanted to live my life for God but I still struggled. I even fasted once for 40 days on only water and juice and had an incredible time with God, where he showed me amazing things. I saw many prayers answered and He moved mightily in my life. But I would describe my Christian walk as "lukewarm" for the most part. I knew God had a purpose for my life but I didn't know what it was, nor did

I feel like I was living in the center of His will. I would continually find myself falling flat on my face and most everything I touched, I destroyed. I messed up relationships, businesses and finances. One step forward and two steps back. But my grandfather still believed in me. And he continued praying for me.

Four years before he passed away, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and he was taken from us piece by piece. At the end, he was certainly not himself. I don't think a lot of people across the country knew what happened to him or where he went. He eventually had a devastating stroke, and two days later, on November 15, 2010, he died. On that day I lost my best friend in the whole world.

I traveled to Ohio from my home in Dallas to attend his viewing and funeral. The funeral service was absolutely beautiful. Much like many of his sermons, you could sense the presence of the Holy Spirit. It was more of a celebration than a sad time, although I cried uncontrollably most of the way through it, mostly because of how much I am going to miss him. Most people there knew that he was finally home. He had lived most of his life running a race, striving to get to Heaven. He talked about

it often. And we knew that's where he made it to. And also we knew that because of him, there are hundreds – probably thousands – who will also call Heaven their home because of his faithfulness to God. I can't tell you how many people told me that they were saved because of him.

At his funeral a clip of one his sermons entitled "Eternity" was played. I remember the sermon very well and I can picture him running across the platform as he preached. In the sermon, he talked about being in his motel room one day listening to the sound of the tick-tock of his alarm clock. It occurred to him as he listened to the sound what it would be like to one day wake up in eternity and to hear: "Bob, you're in Heaven! You made it!" And he said to himself, "Goodbye devil, goodbye sin, the battles are over, the victory is won! I made it! I'm in Heaven!"

The funeral and his passing definitely affected me greatly, to be sure. But not in a life-changing sense. I had no intentions or thoughts of changing the way I was living my life at the time, or my relationship with the Lord. As I got on the plane to go back home to Dallas there was nothing different in my heart. I was heading back to my wife and my daughter, eager to get back to work on my business I have been trying

to build for the last couple of years. I had all kinds of plans of building a big company. But that all changed on that two-and-a-half hour flight home.

As I stared out the window in my seat looking at the beautiful sky below, something amazing happened. I was absolutely OVERCOME with the presence of the Holy Spirit and all of the sudden, in a moment of crystal clarity, I knew what His purpose was for me. I was to carry on my grandfather's legacy and become an evangelist for Jesus Christ. I knew it with absolute certainty. I would never have even dreamed of such a thought before. I would have thought it was CRAZY! But it all of the sudden was the ONLY thing to do. So I said, "Okay, Lord. I'll do it. Whatever you want me to do, I'll do it. Show me what to do and how to do it, because I have no idea what my next step should be." My life was changed in an instant.

Since that day, after much prayer, guidance, and counseling I was led to Dr Stephen Manley, who has invited me to come to his church in Tennessee and go through a training program he has established for evangelists. My family and I are moving there permanently next month where I will begin the next chapter of my life.

My grandfather's several decade-long ministry "Learn

to Live International" became inactive during the last few years of his life. I consulted with my uncle, who was one of the original founders of this ministry, who gave me his blessing to reinstate it as my own. I am extremely honored to be able to carry on the ministry that my grandfather has devoted the majority of his life to.

I am so thrilled to know that I am dedicating my future to God's work. I can honestly say that I am now in the center of His will. I finally know what God's PURPOSE is for my life, and with that comes a great sense of peace and contentment. It has greatly strengthened my walk with Jesus. Doors have opened and doors have closed. It is like walking with "tunnel vision". Things just seem to be coming together now in my life. Is everything perfect? No! There are many obstacles yet to overcome and challenges to face. But I am learning that the Christian walk and the life of faith will always be filled with those. The difference is that when I obey Jesus, His Holy Spirit is activated in my life, and my paths have a way of straightening themselves out.

It's amazing how many of things that my grandfather preached and the things he talked to me about over the years are all of the sudden coming back *(continued on page 23)*

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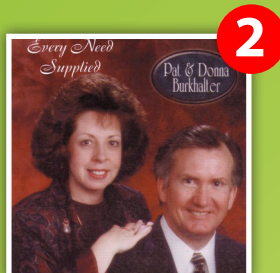
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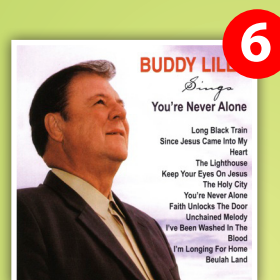
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Fires of Revival

PRINCE OF PREACHERS

I first heard Dr. Fisher as a college freshman at Olivet Nazarene College in the Fall Revival of 1956. I was stunned with the flow of his delivery, but more so with the vast amount of information he poured out and the articulate way he preached it. This was the revival that settled the question forever for me, so you can see how personal all of this is. I know now he had more

EVANGELIST DR. C WILLIAM FISHER



than a grasp of the language; he was anointed. This was more than talent. His words flew like daggers over and over right into my mind and heart. That order – the order of mind then heart - is

important to understand this man. He aimed at the mind and let it flood into the heart. No wonder the altars were lined service after service both evening and morning in chapel.

He started his young life in management training with the J. C. Penny Company in Blackwell, Oklahoma. April 11, 1937, was a date he would never forget. He was buying houses. He had four at this time and had every intention of getting rich in the things of this world when his call to preach interrupted everything. Now, his remembering that date was not unlike Bill, as he preferred to be called. On one occasion in the Kansas City, Kansas Central Church I remember him reciting every hotel room number he had stayed in for the entire previous three years and where they were. This was the mind of Bill Fisher, who was making the point in his sermon that your mind is imprinted with everything you see or read. Bill was an accomplished trombone player and had traveled for Bethany Nazarene College, now Southern Nazarene University. That was the fall of 1937. He played his smooth horn nearly all the years of his evangelistic ministry. He pastored during his junior year of college in Purcell, Oklahoma after directing the

music at Oklahoma City West Side Church during his sophomore year. During his senior year, he had many revivals. He devoted his time to this work as well as getting married to Marjorie Crooks.

They settled in San Luis Obispo, California, where his brother taught at California Polytechnic State University. He stated that he never asked for a meeting and no wonder, given the success he had then and the demand for him all over the church. He drove Buicks all of his years on the road in a day when absence from home meant months away from his two boys and Marge, who taught school. He preached in all 50 states and 28 foreign countries during his 50 years of evangelism. He wrote 50 books, and numerous articles, and he was the voice of the Nazarene Church on its radio voice "Showers of Blessings" for eight years.

Heart attacks (his second at age 74) brought his travels to an end, at which time they moved to Coronado, California. I heard him at our first church in Kansas City after the first episode with his heart. It was as if he had never suffered a thing. It was the same Bill Fisher: drilling eyes, perfect speech, *(continued on next page)*

and the same case built point by point - and of course, the anointing. The altars filled. He extended such kindness around the altar one - by - one as he could get to each person. Dr. Fisher died at 94 on October 11, 2010, sharp as a needle and my hero to the end.

One more thing. After the Friday night revival in 1956 at Olivet, he said he would like to meet anyone who felt a call to full-time evangelism the next morning in the cafeteria. I was there and heard all about this amazing work that God calls some to do. As I listened leaning into a cafeteria table the call for this in my own life began to pound away in my heart as it had for many years. That pounding has never stopped since then - more than 50 years . I was not so much called as I began to discover what I was, an evangelist. He had a deep concern about the state of revivalism in the church to the very end. Bill and I were friends. He was a booster to say the least. I loved this man and I knew he loved me. He was a prince of a preacher and a giant of a man. He was a hero and still is!

Evangelist Chuck Millhuff ★

(Source for biographical information: 2008 Fall edition of THE EVANGELISTS' PERSPECTIVE)

In my judgment, Dr. C. William Fisher was one of the most effective evangelists in the history of our denomination. He powerfully personified the title "Evangelist." Everywhere he went sinners were saved, believers sanctified wholly, and the church was revived. His proclamation of the Word reflected broad reading, fresh insight, prudent exegesis, and preparation on his knees. He was a masterful worship leader, trombonist, soloist, and preacher. None who were present at the Evangelism Conference in the 1960's will ever forget his timely, passion-

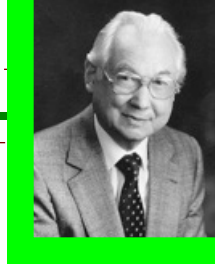


ate, Spirit - anointed message to the church. He set a high standard for evangelists then - and today!

Jim L. Bond
General Superintendent Emeritus

Dr. C. William Fisher was, for me, a strong example as a Christian, and as an itinerant evangelist, as well as a cherished friend. It is pleasant to recall our meaningful conversations over lunch or by phone. He was consistently affirming and encouraging. Our talks were seasoned with unabridged candor and lighter humor. Although we have been invested in our mutual cause during separate decades, I learned from him. It was an honor to know him and be his "student." Only Heaven will show the full impact and spiritual fruit resulting from Dr. Bill's sacrifice and the sacrifice of his family. We will miss him.

Rev. Norman Moore
Tenured Evangelist



By Dr. Richard S. Taylor

Sin and Calvinism

Part 1

● **Controversy, though not desirable in itself, yet, properly managed, has a hundred times rescued truth, groaning under the lash of triumphant error. – John Fletcher**

It is my intention to examine carefully a well known system of doctrine which has a very vital bearing on this most important question of sin. This system is generally spoken of by the term Calvinism. In its examination there is no desire to be unduly contentious or to cast any personal reflections on any who may sincerely embrace its doctrines. I earnestly believe, however, that a conscientious analysis of Calvinism in the light of the Scripture teaching on sin will mean some startling revelations both to the sincere Calvinist and uninformed Wesleyan-Arminian.

We will start with the Calvinistic theory of predestination, and from there trace briefly four successive and essential steps of the system. The doctrine of predestination, stated simply, holds that the exact number who will be saved and lost is irrevocably fixed and predetermined by God, solely on the basis of his own desire and decree. There are no higher authorities as to what Calvinists themselves teach than such statements of belief as the Westminster Confession. "By the decree of God, for the manifestation of his glory, some men and angels are predestinated unto everlasting life and others are predestinated unto everlasting death. These angels and men thus predestinated and foreordained, are particularly and unchangeably designed, and their number is so certain and definite, that it cannot be either increased or diminished" (Ch. III, Sections III and IV). To sustain the theory the theologian argues chiefly from the sovereignty and pre-science of God. But where will this view take us? We shall follow it and see. We cannot explore all the effects of this doctrine, for it

reaches out in every direction and touches every phase of truth (especially does it affect the doctrine of the Atonement); but we will follow it by the shortest route to the center, and see what it does with the sin question.

To begin with, in order to make a place for this tenet, the theologian must reconstruct ideas of moral agency or the freedom of the human will. The outcome of this reconstruction is that the individual is freed from all personal responsibility for ultimate salvation, and has placed the whole responsibility on God. To quote again from Westminster Confession, God arbitrarily saves the individual

"...without any foresight of faith or good works, or perseverance in either of them or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving him thereunto: and all to the praise of his glorious grace." This plan of unconditional salvation the theologian labels "grace," and proclaims that we are saved by grace alone, without any effort or conditions on our part whatsoever. We have no ability to counteract it by a personal, independent choice of our own. Mackintosh, in "Christianity and Sin," says that the doctrine of predestination "implies absolute grace, against which nothing stands."*

This naturally, inevitably, forces the next step to say that when once *(continued on next page)*

a person is regenerated salvation can never be forfeited and that person cannot be lost. For, if we are saved by grace alone, and what we do is not a determining factor at all, then of course nothing we do after we have been saved can possibly change our status. And again, if we are predestined by a divine, unchangeable, unconditional decree, to be saved, it would be unthinkable that God should change his mind in the midst of our career and allow us to slip from the ranks of the redeemed into the ranks of the lost.

Now the theologian is in serious difficulty. How can the “once in grace, always in grace” theory be reconciled with the biblical standards of holiness and righteousness? The theologian knows that many people who are converted afterward fall into gross sin. How is it logical to keep them in the kingdom in spite of their sin? How can it be arranged so that sin will not separate the Christian from God and at the same time avoid the stigma attached to raw Antinomianism (lawlessness)? The problem is solved by deriving from the “satisfaction theory” of the atonement, the doctrine of “imputed righteousness.” This means that Christ so represented us that his righteousness is accounted as ours, as though we ourselves had been perfectly obedient and righteous. By inference, this means that such accounting, or “transfer of credit,” foregoes the necessity of our being actually and personally righteous. Christ’s righteousness was sufficient for both himself and us. Our sin or righteousness personally has nothing to do with the matter, as long as we accept Christ’s work on the cross and through faith hide behind his righteousness. In our actual heart condition we may be unclean, but God doesn’t look at us; he looks at Christ and imputes unto us his righteousness. If a believer sins he is not liable to eternal punishment, for his guilt is transferred to Christ, and Christ’s righteousness is transferred to him. As one lady very sincerely expressed it, “We

are to reckon ourselves dead indeed unto sin. Of course the sin is still there, we can never get rid of that, but we are to ‘reckon’ ourselves dead to it because of Christ’s completed work for us.”

Thus we have the Calvinistic rectangle. And can we not see how one corner of this system requires another? First, (1) we have the doctrine of predestination; (2) then comes this interpretation of sovereign grace, denying man a free will in order to sustain predestination; (3) then as the natural outgrowth of the first two tenets, results the theory that a person once saved can never be lost; (4) and now to make these three consistent, it is necessary to add the fourth, imputed righteousness. For without it how could we take the “saved sinner” to heaven? That some people once saved afterward fall into awful open sin and never repent cannot be successfully denied. But we must take them to heaven in order to sustain the doctrine of “once in grace always in grace.” And – to review a bit- this latter doctrine of unconditional, predetermined perseverance is necessary if we are to justify the Calvinist’s interpretation of grace and his doctrine of predestination. Thus we see that one of these four doctrines requires all the rest. Not one can stand alone. Destroy one and the other three will collapse.

* See Robert Mackintosh, *Christianity and Sin*, (New York Charles Scribner’s Sons 1914) page 104 line 30.

Source: Dr. Richard S. Taylor, A Right Conception of Sin (Beacon Hill Press Kansas City Missouri 1945) Dr. Taylor attended Northwest Nazarene College (now University) before receiving undergraduate degrees from Cascade College and George Fox, both in Oregon, in 1942 and 1944, respectively. He received a Master’s Degree from PLNU (then Pasadena College) in 1945. He received his Doctor of Theology Degree in 1953 from Boston University School of Theology. Dr. Taylor was a committed minister, serving in the roles of evangelist, pastor and teacher in a long career of service in and to the Church. NTS Professor Emeritus of Theology and Missions (1961-1977)

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 Mar 13-16 Fortville, IN
 Mar 20-23 Marysville, OH
 Mar 27-30 Winchester, TN
 Apr 3-6 Mount Sterling, OH
 Apr 10-13 Newell, WV
 Apr 17-20 Waynesville, MO
 Apr 24-27 Springfield, MO (First)
 May 1-4 Monett, MO
 May 15-18 Commerce Township, MI (Union Lake)
 May 22-25 Coal Center, PA

ARMSTRONG, B. (T)

Mar 16-20 Henderson, TX
 Mar 30-Apr 2 North Manchester, IN
 Apr 6-10 Montpelier, IN (Union Chapel)
 Apr 13-17 Fostoria, OH (Trinity United Brethern in Christ)
 Apr 20-24 Reading, MI
 Apr 27-May 1 Orland, IN
 May 4-8 Arcola, IL (First)
 May 11-15 Muncie, IN (Northside)
 May 18-22 Grafton, WV

BELZER, DAVID

Apr 19-24 Rushville, IL
 Apr 26-May 1 Lees Summit, MO (First)

BOND, GARY (T)

Mar 6-9 Helena, AL (Trinity)
 Mar 22-27 Lizemores, WV
 Apr 3-6 Woodsfield, OH
 Apr 24-27 Bethesda, OH

BURKHALTER, G. (T)

Mar 2-6 South Lebanon, OH (Crossroads)
 Apr 6-10 Enid, OK
 Apr 13-17 Stinesville, IN

CANFIELD, DAVID

Mar 5-10 Allensville, OH (CCCU)
 Mar 20-23 Chester, OH (Mt. Hermon Methodist)
 Mar 27-30 Greenup, KY (Lloyd)
 Apr 3-6 Flemingsburg, KY
 Apr 10-13 Ironton, OH (Pleasant St. Christian Baptist)
 Apr 17-20 Versailles, KY
 Apr 24-27 Coal Grove, OH

COVINGTON, NATHAN (T)

Feb 27-Mar 2 Stuart, OK (Friendship)
 Mar 6-9 Sand Springs, OK
 Mar 20-23 Florien, LA

Apr 1-3 Sparta, WI
 Apr 10-13 Sikeston, MO (Eastside)
 May 1-4 Hominy, OK

DEGENKOLB, WILLIAM

Mar 5 Butler, PA
 Apr 14 Columbiana, OH
 Apr 15-16 Butler, PA
 May 21 Denton, TX

DELL, JIMMY (T)

Mar 13-16 Peoria, AZ
 Mar 20 Tempe, AZ
 Mar 26-30 Indianapolis, IN (Southwest)
 Apr 13-17 Conneaut, OH

DUBBELD, MARK AND JANENE

Mar 6-9 Tuscaloosa, AL (First)
 Apr 1-2 Pigeon Forge, TN (Jubilee Music Homecoming)
 May 2-7 Gatlinburg, TN (Gospel Music Fanfare)

FERGUSON, ANTHONY

Feb 27-Mar 2 Rockledge, GA
 Mar 13-16 Kings Mountain, NC
 Mar 20-23 Greensboro, NC (Southeast)
 Apr 3-6 Thomasville, GA (First)
 Apr 10-13 Donalsonville, GA (First)
 Apr 17-24 Augusta, GA (First)
 May 4-8 Blairsville, GA
 May 15-18 Franklin, PA
 May 22-25 New Galilee, PA

FREED, DALE

Mar 20-23 Cedar Falls, IA (Faith Wesleyan)
 Mar 27-30 Charles City, IA (First Wesleyan)
 Apr 3-6 Clifton, IA (Clifton Wesleyan)
 Apr 17-20 Indiana, PA (Christ Bible Fellowship)
 Apr 24-27 Homer City, PA
 Apr 29-30 Indiana, IN
 (Wesleyan Indiana Central Couples Retreat)
 May 15-18 Wellsville, NY (Brookside Wesleyan)
 May 19-22 East Lyon, NY (Wesleyan)

GALLIMORE, DAVID

Mar 6-9 Charleston, WV (Calvary)
 Mar 13-16 St. Petersburg, FL
 (Cornerstone Community Church)
 Mar 20-23 Clymer, PA (Kenwood Penns Manor)
 Mar 27-30 Warner Robins, GA (First)
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 Apr 17-20 Jasper, TN
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Mar 20 West Blocton, AL (Ada Chapel)
Mar 27 Elizabethton, TN
Mar 30 Knoxville, TN (Westview Wesleyan)
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Mar 16-20 Decatur, IL (Trinity)
Mar 24-27 Lake Charles, LA (Eastside Bible Fellowship)
Apr 3-6 Auburn, IN
Apr 10-13 Brownsburg, IN

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Mar 20 Otisville, MI (Richfield)
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Apr 3 Bowling Green, KY (First)
Apr 10 Bowling Green, KY (First)
Apr 17 Bowling Green, KY (First)
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May 1-4 Cortez, CO (First Baptist Church)
May 8-11 Cortez, CO
May 15-18 Cortez, CO

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Apr 16 Escalon, CA (First Baptist Church)
Apr 17 North Highlands, CA (Capitol Free Will Baptist)
Apr 17 Chico, CA (Butte Bible Fellowship)
Apr 28-30 Visalia, CA (Visalia Convention Center)
May 1 Reno, NV (South Reno Baptist Church)
May 10 Meridian, ID (Meridian Valley Shepherd)
May 16 Glorieta, NM (Lifeway Glorieta Conference Center)

NORRIS, WILLIAM

Mar 6-27 Punta Gorda, FL (Alligator Park Chapel)
Apr 3-24 Punta Gorda, FL (Alligator Park Chapel)

PERDUE, NELSON (T)

Mar 9-13 Lexington, OH
Mar 20-23 Hagerstown, IN
Mar 27-30 Indianapolis, IN (South Side)

Apr 6-10 Tullahoma, TN (First)
Apr 21-24 Lakeview, OH (Indian Lake Northside)
May 1-4 Eaton Rapids, MI
May 11-15 Jamestown, TN (First)

PETTIT, BENJAMIN AND AMANDA

Mar 6-9 Falls City, NE
Mar 19 Steubenville, OH (School of Holiness)
Mar 20-23 Steubenville, OH (First)
May 25-26 Shipshewana, IN (Holiness Training & Revival)
May 27-29 Shipshewana, IN (Waiting School 16)

PETTIT, ELAINE (T)

Mar 4-6 Danville, IL (Holiness Summit)
Mar 19-23 Gagetown, MI
Mar 26-30 Fayetteville, NC

PETTIT, JEREMY

Mar 4-6 Danville, IL (Holiness Summit)
Mar 19-23 Gagetown, MI
Mar 26-30 Fayetteville, NC

PHELPS, PHILLIP

Mar 6-9 Lawton, OK (Lawton Heights)
Mar 10-13 Altus, OK
Mar 27-30 North Little Rock, AR (Grace)
Apr 24-27 Mineola, TX

PHILLIPS, GENE

Mar 20-23 Knoxville, IA
Mar 27-Apr 3 West Monroe, LA (Faith Community)
Apr 4-10 Jena, LA (McVay Memorial)
Apr 12-17 Marksville, LA
Apr 19-24 Buena Vista, CO (High Country)

PORTER, REVA

Apr 16-17 East Point, GA

RAEBURN, STEPHEN AND JANET

Mar 4-6 Danville, IL (Holiness Summit 2011)
Mar 13 Urbana, IL (Lighthouse)
Apr 17 Shelby Township, MI (Orchard Ridge)

SHAVER, CHARLES

Feb 26-Mar 2 Santa Ana, CA (First)
Mar 26-30 Durand, MI
Apr 2-6 Lansing, MI (First)
Apr 9-13 Louisville, OH (Shepherd's Hill)
Apr 16-20 Columbus, OH (Whitehall)
Apr 23-27 Masontown, WV
Apr 30-May 4 Henryetta, OK

SHELLENBERGER, SUSIE

Mar 5 Rowlett, TX
Mar 6 DeSoto, TX (First)
Mar 11-13 Sparta, MI

Mar 20-23 Anaheim, CA (First)
Mar 25-27 Claremore, OK
Apr 1-3 Salem, OR (South)
Apr 8-9 Salem, OR
Apr 10 Portland, OR (First)
Apr 17 Camarillo, CA
May 1-4 Pasadena, TX (First)
May 13-15 Salisbury, MD (Cross Pointe)
May 20-22 Jaffrey, NH (Monadnock Bible Conference)

SMITH, DUANE

Mar 6-9 Robeline, LA (Friendship)
Mar 13-16 Sarcoxie, MO (New Beginnings)
Mar 20-23 Arenzville, IL (Bethel Community)
Mar 27-30 Fort Walton Beach, FL

STIVERSON, CYNTHIA

Mar 11-13 Madison, WI
Mar 29 Poteau, OK
(Immanuel Church & Kiamichi Tech Center)
Apr 8-10 Madison, WI
May 13-14 Newark, OH (First)

TRAN, DAVID

May 15-18 Kalamazoo, MI (South Side)

ULMET, WILLIAM (T)

Feb 27-Mar 2 Des Moines, IA (Eastside)
Mar 9-13 Anna, IL (First)
Mar 20-23 Warren, IN (Hillcrest)
Mar 27-30 New Castle, IN (South Side)
Apr 3-6 Macon, GA
Apr 7-10 Belle, WV
Apr 13-17 Kentucky, KY (KY Blue Grass Zone)
Apr 19-24 Somerset, KY (First)
Apr 27-May 1 Elizabethton, TN
May 4-8 Chattanooga, TN (Lookout Valley)
May 10-15 Cleveland, TN (First)
May 21-25 Ottumwa, IA (Trinity)

WHITWORTH, MARCUS

Mar 6-10 Council Bluffs, IA (First)
Mar 20-23 Woodward, OK
Mar 27-30 El Reno, OK (First)
Apr 3-6 Montrose, IA
Apr 29-May 1 Greenbrier, AR

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The 2010 Annual Evangelists' Gathering was held on December 13-15, 2010 at the Essenhau Inn & Convention Center in Middlebury, Indiana.

Wintertime in this area of the country can be very unpredictable. Several of our pre-registered evangelists and song evangelists just could not make it through the ice and snow or make it through airports that were filled with travelers whose flights had been canceled. We did have a good number of hearty souls who made the trip and enjoyed a great time together. Monday evening we enjoyed a wonderful Amish, family-style banquet.

This year we were privileged to have Dr. Robert Broadbooks, regional director for the USA/Canada Region of the Church of the Nazarene to bring greetings from the Global Ministries Center in Lenexa, Kansas. Dr. Broadbooks and his wife, Carol, endeared themselves to us as they shared with us in our programming and fellowship.

General Superintendent Dr. J. K Warrick had originally planned to be with us for our meeting but last-minute changes prevented him from joining us in person. Through the wonder of modern technology Dr. Warrick brought us greetings via the internet. His message was encouraging and inspiring as he reminded us of our unique calling to itinerant evangelism and revivalism.

Larry and Phyllis Richards led and organized the music for each service. Their mini-concert was a tremendous blessing for the opening banquet. Even though there were many weary travelers in the congregation the singing was blessed and uplifting.

Dr. Marc Royer, pastor of Elkhart Crossroads Community Church of the Nazarene, led us in a devotional time. Dr. Royer is the pastoral member of the Committee on the God Called Evangelist. His message was a challenge to all who minister to examine themselves and to be transparent before God, who knows us better than we know ourselves. Should we find anything that would hinder our ministry we need to deal with it honestly in preparation for the Lord's Supper. Holy

Communion is always a special time and especially so when the family of Nazarene evangelists is able to celebrate it together.

Tuesday morning Larry and Phyllis Richards led us in a spirited song service. Esther Crabtree favored us with some very beautiful solos. Our speaker for the morning and evening services was Evangelist Michael Adams. Mike is a veteran evangelist who has traveled throughout the United States and in several other countries. He is a gifted communicator able to reach people through solid biblical preaching, personal experiences, and therapeutic humor. If laughter is medicine for the soul, then we left each service highly medicated. In the closing service on Tuesday evening, we enjoyed the music of Leon and Linda Armstrong, Mikki Goss

and JoAnn Vineyard, Dale Freed, and Mark Murphy. We were all blessed as we had an old-fashioned, on your knees, everybody pray out loud season of prayer for the church and its mission to live and proclaim Christian holiness. After another food and fellowship time, we turned in for a good night's rest and to prepare for the journey home.

Dr. Orville Jenkins Jr. is a great friend of all evangelists and Revivalism Ministries. Each year he very graciously sends out an invitation to all our USA district superintendents to consider sending an offering to help defray the expenses of the Evangelists' Gathering. This year was no exception. We are extremely grateful to all the Nazarene Districts that were able to help us meet our expenses. We also want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Rev. Carol Rittenhouse, our Revivalism Facilitator and administrative assistant. Carol does an excellent job at the GMC, making arrangements for the Gathering and organizing our office work.



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Life Time Achievement Award Recipients for 2010

Due to the severe weather we had for the 2010 Evangelists' Gathering it was necessary to take a little road trip to visit with our friends and to present them with these tokens of our love and appreciation for a life time of service as Nazarene evangelists.

Life-Time Achievement Award

Jesus said to them, "No one who has left home or wife or brothers or Sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail To receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life. Luke 18:29-30 (NIV)

It is with sincere gratitude and recognition of a life-time of faithful ministry as song-evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene that your church, colleagues, and friends, lovingly bestow this award to
Song Evangelists Jim and Rosemary Green
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KEEP OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN YOUR PRAYERS



“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,” **(Psalm 91: 1 – 5 NIV)**

to me. I'm reminded of his words constantly. They just seem to come ALIVE again. I can remember so many things so clearly. I have no idea how much time I will have to prepare and how long I will need to train before preaching my first sermon. But I'm not concerned about that. I'm going to do what my grandfather taught me and trust God. I have learned that faith in Him is all I need.

My grandfather, the Evangelist Robert W. Taylor, did not die a wealthy man. But he was very rich indeed. He was a giant of a man, a great man of God. He was full of faith. And because of him, a great number of people came to know the Lord. He was a good and faithful servant of Jesus Christ.

A TRIBUTE TO EVANGELIST BOB TAYLOR

In April 2000, my home church in North Vernon, Indiana, was preparing and praying for our upcoming revival services with Evangelist Bob Taylor. Our senior pastor, Rev. Phil Edwards, had asked our congregation to simply become clay in God's hands and to allow Him to do the unexpected. Little did I know that God would indeed do the unexpected in my own life. As I met Bob Taylor for the first time, I immediately realized that he genuinely loved people and desperately wanted them to know the Savior that he knew. Several of us met in the church sanctuary for prayer each day at noon during the revival. They were precious times as we knelt at the altars and sought to join our hearts with the heart of God. Bob was adamant that true revival would never happen without prayer.

Prior to our church revival, I was fully aware that God was breaking new ground in my life. I had felt God prompting me to give my resignation at my current ministry job and to begin taking ministry classes. I had visited a few colleges nearby but had not sensed God's "yes" to any of them. I recall during one of the noon prayer times, Bob came and knelt down at the altar with me and said, "Cindy, how can I pray for you?" I explained that I felt my life was getting ready to undergo radical change and that I needed God to bring peace and to point me to the right place for ministry classes. He asked if I had considered Nazarene

And I am POSITIVE that great is now his reward. I can't wait to see him again.

Chad Frederickson

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You can become a prayer partner with me and stay updated on my ministry. I also have been adding audio of my grandfather's sermons on my website where you can listen for free, if you're interested.

Bible College in Colorado. Knowing very little about NBC, I explained it had not even been on my list of potential colleges. Bob shared NBC's mission with me, and prayed that God would guide my path every step of the way with His peace. Throughout the remainder of the revival, God gave several confirmations that I should pursue classes at NBC. I made a trip to Colorado Springs the following month and God gave ultimate clarity that this was indeed His will and plan for me. I returned to Indiana and listed my house for sale. It sold in 6 days! In July 2000, Colorado Springs became my home address and NBC a place that taught me about ministry.

In the following months and years, Bob and I talked by phone from time to time. He was one of the greatest encouragers I have ever known. He made a valuable contribution and impact upon my life. He taught me more about walking close to God than words can ever say. Bob not only preached with passion but truly was a walking sermon! Although I was sad to learn of his passing, I know that I will see my dear friend in heaven one day. I am certain I am only one of many people who have been deeply touched by his life and ministry. Did Evangelist Bob Taylor leave a legacy? Yes, without a doubt! Now, he has won the prize for which God has called him heavenward in Christ Jesus!

Rev. Cindy Lamb is currently the Congregational Care Pastor at First Church of the Nazarene in Colorado Springs, CO, located adjacent to Nazarene Bible College.

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A University with an Altar

I'll never forget

this place because it was here, kneeling beside an old wooden chair, that I said 'yes' to God's will for my life. A lot has changed around here — but a few things haven't.

What God did

in my life is as real today as it was nearly 40 years ago. And you know what else hasn't changed? This place called Olivet is still all about transforming lives. If I were the president around here, I'd call this place 'Olivet Nazarene University: the University with an altar!'

-Excerpts from comments made by evangelist Chuck Milhuff '60 on a recent visit to Olivet



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