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FROM THE EDITOR

If every professing Christian would fear sin as much as most professing Christians fear holiness, then more professing Christians would seek to be sanctified through and through! As a professing Christian since the age of five, I have witnessed the gradual and persistent disregard for the words of Jesus when he instructed people to "go now" and leave your life of sin" (John 8:11). In some nominally Christian circles, sin has literally become a joke; in other circles, sin is considered inevitable and even an obligation to the believer! The Christian world is much more comfortable with the testimony, "I am just a sinner saved by grace," than the testimony of Scripture declaring that true believers are the "children of God" (1 John 3:1)! Scripture also states that since we are the children of God, we must walk as Jesus walked (2:6). John goes further. He lists the criterion that places people in only one of two possible families (John 3:6). In today's vernacular, it might read, "Who's your daddy?"

I realize there is growing opposition to the accuracy of the Scriptures. I am also certain that there will be those who would argue their opposition to my views on this subject. One day while walking to the dining hall on one of our Nazarene campgrounds after the evening service, I was part of a conversation. One brother stated, "Well, I'm no theologian but" He was kindly corrected by the camp evangelist, who simply said, "We are all theologians, and we all have our ideas about God, salvation, holiness, heaven, hell, sin, and a myriad of issues." I think I agree with the camp evangelist. We are all theologians; however, the



important thing is our theology. When it comes to this particular issue of sin, I think the simplest approach would be to ask this question: "Does my theology defend sin, or does my theology defend holiness of heart and life?"

Sin was a very serious issue with Jesus, and in no way can we find Jesus defending sin. Sin was not

only to be feared, but to be forsaken at any cost. If you truly believe the Scriptures as I do, then you have to deal with the statements and commands of Jesus.

Jesus said, "If your hand or your foot causes you to sin cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell" (Matthew 18:8-9). These words might be labeled today as extremely confrontational, but they are the words of God. In my opinion, it is better to be confronted with sin while repentance is possible than be confronted on judgment day with those same sins.

If you find yourself leaning toward defending sin by using the statement of the apostle Paul where he calls himself "the worst" of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15), be sure to balance it with another declaration by the same person: "You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed" (1 Thessalonians 2:10).

In the past several months, we have witnessed the public humiliation, heartache, and destruction of people who failed to fear sin. These individuals represent a cross section of our society and include famous athletes, elected officials, business leaders, Hollywood celebrities, and even representatives of the body of Jesus Christ. You really do not have to be a great theologian to know that certain behaviors are wrong. Some of you may remember a TV pitchman named Wilford Brimley, who always closed his product presentations with the challenge, "Do the right thing."

In the fall of 2008, I was driving with my daughter in Washington, D.C. A bus pulled up beside us with a huge advertisement that read, "Why believe in a god?

Just be good for goodness' sake." This was a \$40,000 campaign paid for by the American Humanist Association. If marketing corporations, unbelievers, and movie actors can encourage good behavior, why are we so timid these days in confronting bad behavior? The connection is too obvious to be ignored. Holy Scripture explains what happens if you choose not to do the right thing. "Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins" (James 4:17).

What can we do when we find ourselves in the situation where the good we want to do, we do not do? Paul, who was a great theologian, reminds us that even in the heart of a believer, there is another sin issue yet to be dealt with. The carnal nature, the sin nature, the self-centered nature, battles against doing the right thing. Sinful behavior is serious, but the sinful nature is more serious. It is this infection of the soul that made Paul cry out, "What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?" (Romans 7:24).

How did Paul go from "the worst" of sinners and "wretched man I am" to "holy, righteous and blameless"? The answer is, "Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (v. 25). I still believe that when we confess and repent of all our sins, we are forgiven through the blood of Jesus Christ. He separates us from those sins as far as the east is from the west and promises to never bring them up again! I still believe that Jesus shed his blood to sanctify people and make them holy. I still believe that Almighty God can cleanse us from all sin! I still believe with the apostle Peter that "you might participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (2 Peter 1:4). I still believe that we have the privilege of coming to Jesus Christ with the simple prayer, "Thank you, Lord Jesus, for forgiving me of all my sins. I want to love you will all of my heart, soul, and mind. Please cleanse me from anything that prevents me from doing that. I step down and give up all rights to myself, and I want you to sanctify me through and through."

One of my personal heroes and fellow evangelists, Bill Bright, sums up my thoughts today in this quote: "I cringe at the thought of displeasing him; I would rather die than be unfaithful to him."

Now go out and do the HOLY thing. ★

Gary Bond

Executive Editor

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This Jesus

Any movement that presents a different Jesus from the Jesus of Scripture is not only suspect; it is clearly erroneous. We must not give Him wax features so we can shape Him to our own notions of who and what He should be. We've witnessed such distortions that have ranged from the subtle to the radical.

I applaud the desire to get more people to gather for worship and hear Jesus. But the only true Jesus is the Jesus of the New Testament. These movements know what Scripture says, but to forward their programs and achieve their dreams they have to deny or defy what Jesus said about Himself, about the gospel, about the church, and about the world. They are really discussing whether the Bible is true or false, and whether it is necessary or expendable. Any agenda to downplay, reinterpret, or simply omit the

truth of Scripture in order to get more folks to hear us and to please those who do must be challenged.

Some voices in Christendom have denied or rejected the absolute claim Jesus made when He said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is reduced to one way among others, and subsequently, the "mission" of the Church is not convert those who are not following Jesus but to encourage them to "be all they can be" within the system of religion they have embraced.

Our only source of information about Jesus of Nazareth is the New Testament. There He commands His disciples to make disciples throughout the earth, and to teach those converts "to obey everything" He has commanded. Instead, many but not all of the so-called postmodernists deflect His authority by tossing out many of His clear teachings and putting a congenial spin on what they are willing to accept. This can only lead to a Bible that doesn't really matter, and a Christ who can't really save.

Why am I concerned about this? I am a pastor and I must answer to God for the people to whom I preach and teach. I am a member of the Church and L must answer to God for what I accept and what I protest from those who lead us. In my opinion, there appears to be some willingness, even eagerness, on the part of some to make common cause with those whose ideas have muted much of the truth about Jesus and from Jesus, which is plainly set forth in the New Testament. Indeed, in some quarters it appears that war has been openly declared war on Christianity. There is an effort to replace the traditional Gospel message with a concoction of Bible, New Age theology and ancient Eastern mysticism. This is a heady mixture, and quickly popular, for it allows sinful men to create their own gods and even to insist upon their own divinity.

I cannot place Jesus on the level of Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed or any philosopher, prophet or priest. He is uniquely the Son of God and solely the Savior of the world. I cannot pick and choose the portions of Scripture I am willing to receive and transmit. I need, and need to proclaim, the whole word and will of God. Furthermore I cannot maintain a craven silence on the subject for fear of being branded a maverick or trouble-maker. When I face the judgment I will not stand before a bishop, a professor, or even another pastor. I will stand before the Jesus who is disclosed to us in the New Testament. I do not want a censored Bible or a compromised Christ on my conscience then – or now.

Most post-moderns do not reject Jesus because they are post-modern. They do not reject Him because some who speak for Him are obnoxious or even hypocritical (and they are!) They reject Him for the same reason people always have – they are unwilling to respond to His demand for repentance in order to embrace His promise of salvation. We do not win them by deceiving them or by deferring to them. Their real quarrel with biblical Christianity is not its intellectual content but its moral demands. Their real guarrel with the church is not its traditions of worship but its gospel message. They don't want Jesus because they don't want to live by His teachings.

Eastern mysticism won't bring me to God by convincing me that I am part of God. I don't want to be lost in God; I want to be saved in Christ, which is God's will for me.

Jesus was not mistaken about Himself nor were the apostles mistaken about Him. He knew who He was and taught them. They learned who He was and preached Him. To them another Christ would mean another gospel and Paul tells us in Galatians what preaching another gospel would lead to – "let him be eternally condemned." I'm non-confrontational and would tell them, "You are wrong." Paul was willing to tell them, "You are going to hell."

To some, the voice of the watchman may be expendable but the biblical Jesus is not. To remake Him as a non-offensive post-modern icon is to strip Him of His saving power. And when that happens He becomes irrelevant and inadequate. There is no reason why people should read about, hear about, think about or decide about a Jesus who has been reduced from His biblical portrayal. I lived to see the Bible reconstructed by German scholarship. That led to Adolph Hitler, not to "the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

I have not written this article as a theologian or for theologians. I am not a theologian. I am not a scholar. I am a student of theologians and scholars, grateful for all the help they have given me that enabled me to know and make known the biblical truth of Jesus. I write for my people, for working men and women whose jobs have not allowed them time and opportunity to handle the nuts and bolts of technical biblical studies, but who need to be assured that their Bibles can be trusted and that Jesus is, now and forever, the only one who shows God to them and saves them from sin. I want them to believe in the Christ of the Bible, the Jesus who would get to His

feet if He were on a game show whose host would say, "Will the real Jesus please stand up?"

The only real Jesus is the Jesus proclaimed by the New Testament. I am content, therefore, to sum up what the New Testament writers said about Him and what He said about Himself. To that I add, as testimony, what Jesus is to me and does for me. My experience is not a paradigm for others. We come to Jesus in various ways, but if we do not come to Jesus we will not reach the Father. That's not true because I say so; I say so because it's true, for that's what Jesus plainly taught. If He was wrong about Himself and the Father, who needs Him? No one. There is a plethora of mistaken, misshapen and misguiding spiritual leaders in the world without adding Him to the collection. If He is right about Himself and the Father, who needs Him? Everyone.

Only the Jesus disclosed to us in the New Testament is relevant to our times and adequate for our salvation. To diminish Him is to destroy ourselves. ★

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FROM NAUVOO TO NEW ZEALAND

G. Stuart McWhirter

by

A METHODIST MATRIX I am the fourth generation of my family to be in the Wesleyan Holiness movement. John Lakin Brasher, the famous Methodist pulpit orator and peerless preacher of holiness, often preached in the little Methodist Episcopal Church that was built on my grandfather's land. He most often stayed in my grandparent's home during those meetings. My great grandmother was known as the "shoutingest" Methodist in North Alabama. My roots are deep and the soil is rich. I had good and loving parents. We were poor. We rarely had extra money. But we never lacked adequate food, clothing and shelter. We never realized we were poor, because most of the people in our small town were also poor.

THE GREAT WALL I am a second generation Nazarene. My mother became a charter member of our local Church of the Nazarene in 1918. A greatly formative providence occurred in my childhood. In the year I was born, George W. Wall arrived as pastor of our local Church of the Nazarene. He remained as pastor until I was age thirteen. He and his wife, Dessie, were the greatest catechism of the Christian faith I ever read.

THE CALL At age 7, during a revival meeting in my home church, when the invitation was given, blinded by tears, I walked down the aisle and knelt at the altar of the church. I arose from the altar with assurance that I was saved. From

those early days of my life, I had a growing impression that I was to preach. But it was not until I had just turned age 16 that I had a

er strong confirmation of my call to preach. It remains to this day the most profoundly moving experience of my life. I never considered another vocational path, except for occasional dreams of also being an architect. I never could have imagined that, through my ministry travels, I would get to see most of the great architecture of the world.

I was a fairly enterprising teenager. At age 17, for about a year, I conducted a weekly radio broadcast on radio station WWWB in Jasper, Alabama. In that same year I also conducted a tent revival and organized a gospel mission.

WINONA LAKE AND THE WIDER

WORLD In my hometown, though a small town, we had a fairly strong weekly Youth for Christ rally. At age 15 I was the director of that rally. I think I might have been the youngest YFC director in America. As the director of our local YFC, I got to go to the International Youth for Christ convention in Winona Lake, Indiana. I sang in the choir each night of the convention. One night we sang the song "The Old Rugged Cross". The author of that song led us in singing it. I also particularly remember meeting Bob Pierce, the founder of World Vision.

On the last Sunday of the convention, Billy Graham was the preacher. It was only about nine months after the Los Angeles campaign in which he was first propelled to fame. His sermon, that day, was broadcast on his radio program, "The Hour of Decision". I sang in the choir for that broadcast. Strangely, during my evangelistic ministry, there has been no demand for my singing.

My trip to Winona Lake was the first

event to open the wider evangelical world to me. This did much to steer me away from sectarianism. Hence, I have remained loyal to The Church of the Nazarene while also continuing to be committed to orthodox ecumenicity.

A TEEN AGE PASTOR At age 18 my first assignment as a Nazarene minister was the pastorate of the Church of the Nazarene in the small village of Nauvoo, Alabama. This is the oldest continuing Church of the Nazarene in the state of Alabama, organized by C.B. Jernigan in 1906. J. A. Manasco was the first pastor of the Nauvoo Church. J.A. Manasco and R.M. Guy were the only delegates from Alabama to the historic assembly at Pilot Point, Texas in 1908.

My key couple in the Nauvoo Church was Chester and Penny Romine. Her name was Penny, but she was golden. Chester had keen intelligence and a wealth of good, common sense. They gave wonderful support and encouragement to me.

When I arrived at Nauvoo there was talk of disorganizing the church. The sanctuary was in such a bad condition that it would have

been condemned if it had been in a city. But the Lord helped us to save a historic Church of the Nazarene. Within two years after my arrival at Nauvoo, we had completed



a new sanctuary. Upon completion, the building was debt free. While I was pastor at Nauvoo, the church allowed me to travel and preach as many as seventeen or eighteen revival campaigns a year in other churches.

A REVIVAL AND ROMANCE After six and a half years as pastor at Nauvoo, I received my first Evangelist's Commission at the Alabama District Assembly in May of 1959. In November 1959 I was the evangelist for a revival meeting in the Church of the Nazarene in Corydon, Indiana. The revival services ran from Wednesday through two Sundays. On the first Saturday morning of that revival campaign, the happiest moment of my life arrived. I met Ellen Smith. I was almost literally staggered by her beauty. Her strength of character and her steadying wisdom have brought splendor to my life. The words of Dante about Beatrice apply for me:

I saw her face and I ascended Out of the common place into the rare.

Twenty-one months after Ellen and I met, General Superintendent G. B. Williamson married us. Dr. Williamson had ordained me in 1958.

KANSAS CITY HERE I COME In January of 1962 the Quadrennial Evangelism

Conference was held in Kansas City, Missouri. Several thousand Nazarenes gathered in Kansas City's Music Hall for this event. At this time, Ellen and I had been married only five months. I had been an evangelist only two and half years. I was virtually unknown in the denomination. An incredible thing happened. To this day I do not understand how it happened. On the last night of the conference, just before General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers brought the final sermon of the conference, I was given about fifteen minutes to speak to the conference. When I finished speaking, I was astonished by the shouts of approval that came from the crowd. It was a pivotal moment of affirmation for me. That night I slated an unbelievable number of revival campaigns. The direction of my ministry was set for what has now become fifty-one consecutive years as an evangelist. On that memorable evening, my bride and I could not have imagined the eventful and fulfilling journey ahead for us.

A CATHOLIC NUN AT A NAZARENE AL-

TAR I have a prized memory of preaching in a revival campaign in the Church of the Nazarene in Jerusalem. The Dean of the Anglican Cathedral in Jerusalem attended one of those services. The Anglican Cathedral is arguably the most prestigious Protestant church in the Middle East. After the service, the Dean came to me and said that he had thought Nazarenes were sectarian. He then added that after hearing my sermon, he realized we were not sectarian.

In another service, during those services in Jerusalem, I preached on the subject of being filled with the Holy Spirit. When I gave the altar call, a Catholic nun, in the full garb of a nun, came forward, knelt at the altar and prayed to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Could any Nazarene evangelist have a memory of an altar call more vivid than that?

It has been a joyful adventure to preach in local churches or camp meetings in about fourteen hundred places. These include preaching in almost every Nazarene camp meeting in America. It has been a special pleasure to preach in the following Nazarene institutions: six of our eight Nazarene Universities in America, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Nazarene Bible College, European Nazarene Bible College and the former Nazarene Bible College near Johannesburg, South Africa. In addition, I have preached as a guest in several denominations. Here is a list of some of them:

Methodist, Southern Baptist, Northern Baptist, Baptist Bible Fellowship, Wesleyan, Freewill Baptist, Presbyterian, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Congregational, Church of Christ in Christian Union, and the Episcopal Church.

CIRCLING THE GLOBE Our most extensive trip was a trip around the world. The general route we followed was around the middle belt of the globe. But we did travel the full length of Africa and then continued on to India, Thailand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, Hawaii and home.

Perhaps, the most exciting tourist moment of our travels was viewing the big, wild game of Tanzania and Kenya. A treasured family memory is of watching Ellen and our then six-year old son, Stuart climb to the top of the leaning Tower of Pisa while I kept a cowardly watch below. We have had eight tours of Europe, sixteen trips to the Holy Land, and four trips to Africa. I have also preached in Trinidad, Haiti, Puerto Rico and New Zealand. A HEALING In 2009, I watched, online, the sessions and services of the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene. When General Superintendent Diehl invited people to come forward and be anointed with oil and pray for their healing, I was not thinking about my own need to be healed of the staggering I had experienced from a stroke I had suffered. As I watched throngs of people coming forward for healing, I remained seated. I suddenly knew I was healed. I quickly arose and started walking normally. I continue to walk normally. I am preaching with new vigor.

TO YOUNG EVANGELISTS I encourage young evangelists to remember that the challenges they face today are not as great as the challenges the earliest Nazarene evangelists faced. With often nowhere else to go, they went out under the stars and built a kingdom. Turge young evangelists to be loyal to the church and never forget that ultimately their call is from God.

MY OUTLOOK These are the best days of my life. Our family Charles Stuart, Suzanne and her husband Charles, Stephen and his wife Tara, and our four grandchildren: Andrew, Isabella, Alex and Harrison all live near us. They fill our lives with the deepest joy and satisfaction.

I believe in God. Therefore, I am an optimist. I am thrilled by what the Holy Spirit is doing now throughout the world. Today, reports of what is happening among Nazarenes in Asia, Africa and Latin America are breathtaking. Many of these reports read almost like the Acts of the Apostles. What a rapturous time to be alive and to be Christian. ★

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I returned home yesterday from Argentina and the Holiness Summit there. It was Spirit-anointed! God was all over the place doing tremendous things. I do rejoice!

The Holiness Summit was for the Cono Sur Field (Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay). It was Thursday evening through Sunday morning, April 29--May 2. We started off with around 250 in attendance but the weekend crowds brought the attendance to 1,000 or more. It was held in the Bruno Radi Convention Center and the people both ate and slept there in beautiful facilities. Many large buses brought in the majority of people! Great sight!

I was asked by regional Director, Christian Sarmiento, to be the keynote speaker. Christian Sarmiento was the driving force behind the entire Summit. He now is planning the next one for Peru in August! Dr. Mark Barnes (D. S. North Carolina) also came and preached twice. In all, there were 10 preachers (just 2 from the States) and how God anointed them as they preached holiness!

Service after service God anointed the preacher and the altars plus the entire front of the convention center would be filled with people praying for God's victory. Dozens upon dozens (possibly hundreds) were sanctified. The tide continued to rise and it didn't "slow down" until the buses & cars took all the people back to their homes across four countries. For me, the highlight came Saturday night when I observed many, many young people present. I changed the focus of my holiness message to "zero in" on the youth. The invitation time was amazing.....teens started to come from everywhere. They were kneeling all over the front of the convention center with urgent praying rising to the Lord. It was the consensus of several of us that over 100 teens came forward that night and nearly all were praying to be sanctified. To see those pastors, missionaries, and seminary leaders in & among those teens praying for The Spirit's sanctifying

....to make the people holy through his own blood. Hebrews 13:12

power to come was a sight never to be forgotten. When the praying stopped, the singing began! You can imagine the scene of victory and blessing!

Another similar moving of the Spirit came Sunday morning in the "first preaching service" after Mark Barnes preached on holiness. This time it seemed to be for teens, adults, and everyone in-between. What a high spiritual tide!

I had better close and get on with these other e-mails! I leave again Saturday so "on we go". Thanks, Gary, and God's blessings to you! "KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!" ★

Jim Diehl, General Superintendent Emeritus

Editor's note: This e-mail came into our office just as we were finalizing this issue of EP. I hope you sense the excitement and personality of Dr. Diehl's fresh report from the field.

Fires of Revival

Revivals have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. As a five year old boy, I remember the night that my dad went to the altar to be sanctified. My mom placed my baby sister in the lap of a man sitting in front of her and followed my father.

BY BRYAN SOLOMON

For years following, my parents would entertain the evangelist in our home. This is a tradition that my sister continues to this day. I have had the privilege of being influenced by some of the finest ministers/evangelists of the church.

I have been in the ministry for over forty years and revivals have been an important part in each church that I have pastored. When I was a young pastor, several veteran evangelists became some of my dearest friends. Now that I am older, I have developed similar friendships with our younger evangelists. Over the years I have seen quite a change in how we have revivals. When I began my ministry, Tuesday over Sunday was the most used format. I have had Sunday over Sunday, and a few ten day revivals. Now it seems that the Sunday over Wednesday schedule works best.

Recently our church had a youth revival (Friday through Sunday) with a recent Olivet graduate and musicians from Olivet Nazarene University. It was well attended and we had several seekers of all ages at our altars.

A couple of weeks ago our church participated in a traveling zone indoor camp and again we had people of all ages from our church at the altar in every service. One young lady came to know Jesus as her savior for the very first time in her life.

In about one month we will have our spring revival with one of our tenured evangelists, and we are in the process of preparing for it.

As I reflect over the years, I have learned not to evaluate the success of a revival on the visible results during the meeting itself. Many of my congregations have shared spiritual victories with me that took place in revivals when there seemed to be no outward response.

I have many memories of revivals that I have experienced over the years, some because of good results and some because I didn't see the evidence of anything happening. Sometimes the results that were evident appeared to be short lived and others have proved to be life changing.

I remember a revival that took place about thirty years ago. Our church decided to have a ten day

revival. We scheduled an evangelist who had a great relationship with our people and called outstanding singers. We spent much time in preparing for the meeting and doing things necessary for a successful revival. There did not seem to be much, if any, visible results and I found myself asking the Lord why. For several years I was reminded of that revival and I would again question the Lord. Last summer I was having a discussion with my oldest daughter, who is active in her church and directs the District Impact Team, I asked her when in her life she identified as the moment that she came to know Jesus as her savior. She told me that it was in that very revival that I had assumed bore no fruit.

This is one pastor that believes in revivals.

Rev. Bryan Solomon is presently the senior pastor of Columbus First Church of the Nazarene in Columbus, Indiana on the Southwest Indiana District. He and his wife Rosemary have faithfully pastored churches in Michigan, Kentucky, Illinois, and Indiana for over forty years. Rev. Solomon has a pastor's heart and preaches holiness with the passion of an evangelist. ★

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Nazarene District Campmeeting Schedules

Rolling Hills Camp	Alabama, Calera	www.alasouthnaz.org	July 5 - 11	Evangelists: Dale Freed, Dr. Tim Green TNU, Musicians: Bob and Becky Gray
Camp Pinerock	Arizona, Prescott	www.camppinerock.org	July 20 - 25	Evangelist: Jon Middendorf, Musicians: District Musicians
Emmanuel Heights Camp	California, Creston	www.emmanuelheights.com	September 3 - 6	Evangelist: Norman Moore, Musicians: District Musicians
Diamond Arrow Camp	California, Nevada City	www.sacrementocamps.org	August 2 -8	Evangelist: Dr. Michael Benson, Musicians: District Musicians
Camp Sugar Pine	California, Oakhurst	www.ccdistrict.com	July 6 - 12	Evangelists: Ron and Sonny Salisbury, Musicians: District Musicians
Intermountain Dist. Indoor Camp	Idaho, Nampa First Nazarene	www.nfcnaz.org	July 21 -25	Evangelist: Dan Bohi, Musicians: District Musicians
Manville Camp	Illinois, Manville	www.nwilnazdistrict.org	June 29 - July 4	Evangelist: Tim Hancock, Musicians: The Sharpes
Nazarene Acres	Illinois, Mechanicsburg	www.ilnazarenedist.org	July 11 - 16	Evangelist: Dan Bohi, Musician: Gregg Sowards
Camp Camby	Indiana, Camby	www.campcamby.com	June 21 - 27	Evangelists: Stan Toler, J.K. Warrick, Musicians: District Musicians
Shiloh Park Camp	Indiana, Marion	www.shilohpark.info	June 13-20	Evangelist: Dr. James Diehl, Musicians: District Musicians
Higher Ground / SWO District	Indiana, West Harrison	www.swonaz.org	June 14 - 20	Evangelists: Norman Moore, Troy Martin, Amie Weethlee, June 20 4:30 Collingsworths
Iowa District Camp	Iowa, Des Moines	www.iowanazarene.org	July 6 - 11	Evangelists: Tim Hancock and Mark Murphy
Mt Hope Camp E. KY District	Kentucky, Flemingsburg	www.ekynazarene.org	July 19 - 25	Evangelists: Harold Graves Sr., Joe Noonan, Musician: Philip Phelps
Rocky Creek Camp / LA District	Louisiana, Pineville	www.ladistrict.org	June 8 - 13	Evangelists: Norman Moore, Gary Bond, Musicians: Gene Wells Family
China Lake Camp / Maine District	Maine, China Village	www.mainenaz.com	June 23 - 27	Evangelist: Steve Manley, Musicians: Kate Jordan and Soul Venture
Waters Edge Camp	Michigan, Howell	www.watersedgecamp.org	July 16 - 25	Evangelists: James Diehl, James Mellish, Musicians: District Musicians
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Indian Lake Camp	Michigan, Vicksburg	www.nazcamp.org	July 10 - 18	Evangelists: Philip McAlister, David Gallimore, Chic Shaver, Musicians: District Music
Lake Geneva / MN/Dakota Dist	Minnesota, Alexandria	www.mndakotanaz.com	August 16 - 22	Evangelists: Larry Dennis, Stan Toler, Musician: Brian Arner
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Camp Taconic / Metro NY Dist.	New York, Milan	www.taconicrcc.net	August 1 - 8	Speaker: Bill Paige Musicians: District Musicians
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ADAMS, DAVID AND CHARLENE Jun 7-13 Louisville, TN (Foothills Camp) Jun 20-27 Circleville, OH (Ohio Christian University)

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BELZER, DAVID Jun 13-20 Murphys, CA

BOLICH, JEREMIAH May 30-Jun 2 Ava, MO Jun 3-6 Kilgore, TX Jun 6-11 Fort Worth, TX Jun 14-20 Lebanon, TN (Cross Style) Jun 21-25 Fairmont, WV Jun 27-Jul 2 Grand Ledge, MI

BOND, GARY (T) Jun 8-13 Clinton, MS Jul 15-25 Youngstown, OH (Peniel Holiness Camp) Aug 5-15 Portage, OH (Portage Holiness Camp Meeting) Aug 29 Charlotte, NC (Pineville)

BURKHALTER, G. (T)

Jun 2-6 Hugoton, KS (Lone Star Friends Church) Jun 9-13 Vici, OK Jul 22-Aug 1 Fort Madison, MT (Interdenominational Holiness Camp)

CHAPMAN, JAMES

Jun 7-18 Carthage, MO Jun 21-25 Grand Ledge, MI Jun 28-Jul 2 Bedford, IN

DEGENKOLB, WILLIAM

Jun 6 Titusville, PA Jun 11-13 Nu Mine, PA (NuMine Bible Fellowship) Jun 20 Indiana, PA (First) Jun 24-27 Marion, IN (Indiana Wesleyan University) Jun 27 Sturgis, MI (Evangelical Church) Jun 30 Kokomo, IN (First) Jul 17-18 Corry, PA Jul 23-Aug 1 Butler, PA

FERGUSON, ANTHONY

Jul 21-25 Liberty, MO Aug 1-4 Cherryville, NC Aug 8-11 Blairsville, GA Aug 15-18 Wrightsville, GA (Mount Olive) Aug 22-26 Sandersville, GA Aug 29-Sep 1 Warner Robins, GA (First)

FLINT, ROBERT

Jun 14-25 Findlay, OH (Winebrenner Seminary)

GALLIMORE, DAVID

Jun 2-6 Alton, KS (Mt. Ayre Camp) Jun 10-20 Lizella, GA (Southeastern Holiness Camp) Jun 26-29 Corning, NY (Chambers Wesleyan Camp) Jul 10-18 Vicksburg, MI (Indian Lake Camp) Jul 18-25 Toronto, OH (Hollow Rock Camp) Jul 26-Aug 1 Eldorado, IL (Beulah Camp) Aug 2-8 Tijeras, NM Aug 13-15 Alapaha, GA (United Methodist Church) Aug 22-25 Jackson, GA

GESSNER, DON AND SHIRL

Jun 1-30 Newark, OH Jul 1-25 Newark, OH Jul 26-Aug 1 Orleans, IN (Wesleyan District Camp) Aug 2-31 Newark, OH

GRAY, ROBERT Jun 18-20 Collinsville, OK Jun 28-Jul 4 Glen Burnie, MD

HAINES, GARY (T) Jun 6-9 Cheyenne, WY (SonRise) Jul 6-11 McDonough, GA

HANCOCK, TIMOTHY (T) Jun 1-6 Nashville, TN Jun 29-Jul 4 Mackinaw, IL Jul 6-11 West Des Moines, IA Aug 8-15 Summersville, WV Aug 29-Sep 1 Brazil, IN

HUDDLESTON, BILLY

May 30-Jun 2 Follansbee, WV (First) Jun 4 Grove City, OH Jun 7-13 Tullahoma, TN Jun 14-20 Lebanon, TN (Cross Style) Jun 27-Jul 4 Wadsworth, OH (Sharon Holiness Camp Meeting)

LECKRONE, LARRY (T)

May 29-Jun 2 Union City, PA Jun 24-Jul 4 Wadesworth, OH (Sharon Holiness Camp Meeting)

LIVERSAGE, JERRY

Jun 3 Orange, CA (Time Warner Cable) Jun 10 Costa Mesa, CA (Time Warner Cable) Jun 13 Redlands, CA Jun 20 Redlands, CA Jun 27 Redlands, CA Jul 11 Yucaipa, CA Jul 14 Costa Mesa, CA (Time Warner Cable) Jul 18 Temecula, CA (Rancho Community Church) Jul 21 Orange, CA (Time Warner Cable) Jul 25 Temecula, CA (Rancho Community Church) Aug 12 Orange, CA (Time Warner Cable) Aug 26 Costa Mesa, CA (Time Warner Cable)

MCDUFF, RONALD

Jun 13 Eastlake, CO (Eastgate Congregational) Jun 20 Rawlins, WY Jun 27 Denver, CO (Central Christian Church)

NICHOLAS, CLAUDE Jun 13-16 Warren, MI (Warren Woods) Jun 25-Jul 4 Cumberland Grove, TN (Wesleyan Camp) Jul 16-25 Douglas, MA (Douglas Camp) Aug 5-15 Portage, OH (Portage Camp)

PETTIT, BENJAMIN AND AMANDA Jun 18-20 Collinsville, OK Jul 10-18 Pleasant Ridge, PA

PETTIT, ELAINE (T) Jun 18-20 Collinsville, OK **PETTIT, JEREMY** Jun 18-20 Collinsville, OK

PHELPS, PHILLIP Jun 2-6 Shawnee, OK Jun 13-20 Noonday, TX

PHILLIPS, GENE Jul 18-25 Vancouver, WA (Holiness Denominational Campmeeting)

RAEBURN, STEPHEN AND JANET

Jun 4-6 Dexter, MI (Lighthouse Church) Jun 9-13 Fortville, IN Jun 14-18 Adrian, GA (GA District Middler Camp) Jun 21-25 Adrian, GA (GA District Junior Camp) Jun 27-Jul 2 Hamilton, OH (Tuley Road) Jul 7-9 Fenton, MI Jul 11-15 Montello, MI (N. Central Free Methodist Family Camp) Jul 19-25 North Platte, NE (Parkview Community) Jul 26-30 Council Bluffs, IA (Emanuel) Aug 2-10 Manhattan, KS Aug 10-15 Joliet, IL (First) Aug 16-22 Carrington, ND Aug 24-29 Bay City, MI (First)

SHANK, MARLA

Jul 23-Aug 1 Imperial, NE (Imperial Valley Holiness Camp)

SHAVER, CHARLES

Jun 2-6 Shawnee, OK Jul 10-18 Grand Ledge, MI Jul 20-25 Foresters Falls, ON (Zion Hill Camp) Aug 21-25 Wheeler, WI (New Life) Aug 28-Sep 1 Overland Park, KS (Church of God Holiness)

SMITH, DUANE (T)

Jun 14-20 Lake City, FL (Suwannee Holiness Camp) Aug 2-8 Kampsville, IL (Hillcrest Holiness Camp)

ULMET, WILLIAM (T) Jun 2-6 Clarion, IA Jun 23-29 Sherman, IL

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North America Campmeeting Schedules

Beulah Holiness Camp	Alabama, Repton	June 10 - 20	www.beulahcampmeeting.org	Evangelists: George Holly, Dr. John Neihof, Musician: Ken Osbourne
Suwannee Holiness Camp	Florida, White Springs	June 14 - 20	www.suwanneecamp.org	Evangelists: Jack Christner, Duane Smith, Musician: Mark Murphy
Taylor County Holiness Camp	Georgia, Butler	July 1 - 9	www.taylorcountycamp.org	Evangelists: Stephen Manley, Eldred Kelley, Musicians: The Sharpes
Gaskin Springs Holiness Camp	Georgia, Douglas	June 12 - 20	www.gaskinsprings.org	Evangelist: Roy Lauter, Muscians: Bob and Norma Cooley
Indian Springs	Georgia, Flovilla	July 8 - 18	www.indianspringscampmeeting.org	Evangelists: Steve Dodson, Wes Griffin, Nelson Perdue, Musician: Dr. David Grout
Oakland City Holiness Camp	Indiana, Oakland City	August 15 - 22	www.oaklandcitycampmeeting.org	Evangelist: Dr. Marlin Hotle
Mount Carmel Holiness Camp Meeting	Kentucky, Vancleve	July 16 - 25	www.kmbc.edu	Evangelists: TBA
Wilmore Holiness Camp	Kentucky, Wilmore	June 20 - 25	www.wilmorecampmeeting.org	Evangelist: Bill Ury, Bible Teacher: Dr. Victor Hamilton
Brown City Holiness Camp	Michigan, Brown City	July 29 - August 8	www.browncitycamp.org	Evangelists: TBA Youth: Todd Perkins, Music: The Foresters
Eaton Rapids Holiness Camp	Michigan, Eaton Rapids	July 15 - 25	www.eatonrapidscampmeeting.org	Evangelists: Alan Coppage, Bill Ury, Gary Cockerill, and Jack French
Delanco Camp	New Jersey, Tabernacle	June 27 - July 3	www.delanco.org	Evangelist: Ron Smith, Musicians: Camp Musicians
Hendersonville Holiness Camp	North Carolina, Hendersonville	June 27 - July 4	www.hendersonvillefcn.org	Evangelists: Moody and Nina Gunter, Musician: The Harvells
Camp Wesley	North Carolina, Kannapolis	June 10 - 20	www.campwesley.com	Evangelists: Mark Barnes, Eldon Neihof Sr., Musician: Leslie Loman
Mount of Praise Campmeeting	Ohio, Circleville	June 20 - 27	www.cccuhq.org	Evangelists: Earl Wilson, Marlin Hotle, Musicians: Camp Musicians
Camp Sychar	Ohio, Mt. Vernon	July 22 - Aug. 1	www.campsychar.org	Evangelists: Roy Lauter, David Lattimer, Ted Esselstyn, Musician: Scott Mcpherson
Portage Holiness Camp	Ohio, Portage	August 5 - 15	www.portageholinesscamp.org	Evangelists: Lane Loman, Claude Nicholas, Musician: Gary Bond
Sebring Holiness Camp	Ohio, Sebring	July 8 - 18	www.sebringcamp.org	Evangelists: Roy Lauter, John Neihof Jr., Billy Huddleston, Musicians: The Dubbelds
Hollow Rock Holiness Camp	Ohio, Toronto	July 15 - 25	www.hollowrock.org	Evangelists: William Coker, Stephen Manley, David Gallimore, Musician: Gary Ingo
Seyfert Camp Meeting	Pennsylvania, Birdsboro	July 31 - August 8	www.seyfertcamp.com	Evangelist: Darius Salter, Musician: Kristian Walker
Peniel Holiness Camp	Pennsylvania, Conneautville	July 15 -25	www.penielholinesscamp.com	Evangelists: George Small, Steve Blakemore, Musician: Gary Bond
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"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness"(1John 1:9).

"Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God" (Mark 10:27).

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love" (I Corinthians 16:13).



"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

"The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemy before you, saying, 'Destroy him!"" (Deuteronomy 33:27).

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

"Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight" (I Timothy 1:18).

"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 91:4-5).

"I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken" (Psalm 16:8). "For God did not give us a

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"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies" (Psalm 18:2-3).

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power" (Ephesians 6:10).

"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel," (Ephesians 6:19).

"I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain"(Philippians 1:20-21).

Sgt. W. Moore

Perhaps you might pray these scriptures as you remember our service men and women and their families. The support and encouragement that the church provides will have a lasting effect on all concerned. Thank you and may God richly bless you today.



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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 <mark>God di</mark>d

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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