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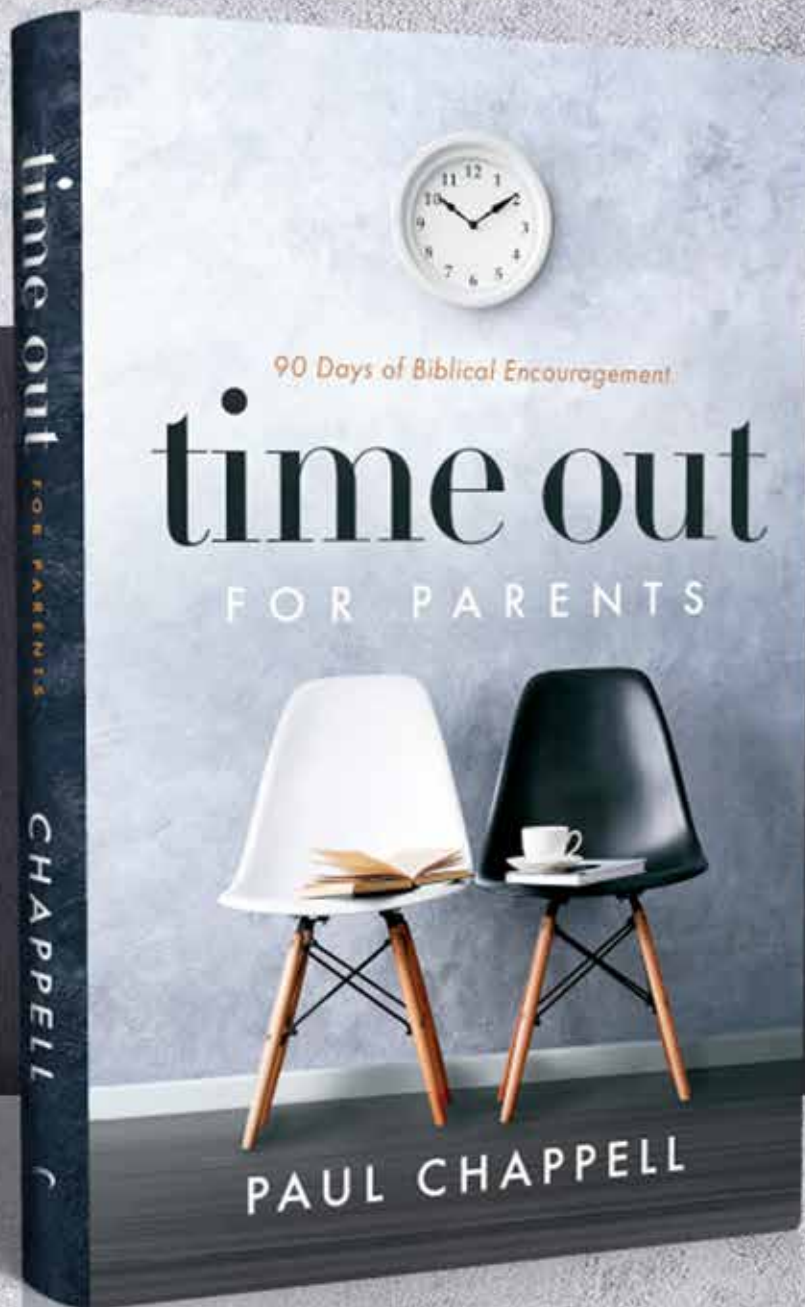
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**—PSALM 119:9**

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## FIRST WORD

a letter from the editor

# Family Relationships

*The destination of a great marriage and a happy family is not determined by where we want to be, but by the steps we take to get there. You have to plan the journey.*

**WE**

know that the strength of our culture is the strength of our homes. But doesn't it seem that we too easily take family relationships for granted? While we work to cultivate

business relationships or outside friendships, sometimes we fail to give the same level of investment to the people who matter most to us.

Thirty-six years ago, my wife Terrie and I had been married about a year and a half when we were offered a free trip to Hawaii. I was still in college, and we were expecting our first baby. We had no money, so a free trip to Hawaii was like a dream come true.

The trip involved a timeshare promotional package, which meant we had to listen to a sales pitch upon arrival. But it also meant that if we would listen to additional promos every morning, we would get "free" daily excursions. You better believe we did it, too! When you are broke, ninety minutes is a small price to pay for a ride in a glass bottom boat or a free rental car.

The hotel was nicer than any place we had stayed. It included a gourmet breakfast, which took care of one meal each day. The peanut butter and bread we brought in our suitcase helped with another meal. The pineapple pickers were on strike, so for

one dollar we could go into the field and pick three pineapples, which gave us our third meal.

You might think that all this strategizing and sales pitch-listening would make our vacation less enjoyable. Actually, we've never had more fun there than during that first vacation when we worked so hard to enjoy it. The effort we had to invest increased our anticipation and experience.

Family relationships are like that, particularly marriage. Many couples want marriage to be like a luxury vacation that costs nothing and requires nothing of them. They assume that good marriages just happen and struggling marriages are the result of incompatibility.

Yet, nobody assumes this in relation to any other area of life. We work hard to develop skills, to advance in a career, to perfect a hobby, even to plan a vacation. Good marriages and great families also take work. They require the purposeful pursuit of one another's hearts, the willingness to give and receive total acceptance and unconditional love, and an unchanging commitment to one another.

*Paul Chappell*

**DR. PAUL CHAPPELL**  
Pastor & Publisher

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# 2017: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

NINE EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN MINISTRY THIS PAST SUMMER/FALL

**G**ratITUDE is a word that best describes our response as we look back over the past seven months of ministry at Lancaster Baptist Church. We praise the Lord for the many victories we were able to experience. Here are just a few examples of how God blessed:



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## 01 WEST COAST BAPTIST COLLEGE — COLLEGE OPENING WEEK

> We were blessed to welcome students from across the country. Every student who attends serves in weekly local church ministry.



02

## THE ALASKA CRUISE WAS HOSTED BY WEST COAST BAPTIST COLLEGE, DR. PAUL CHAPPELL, DR. RON HAMILTON, AND DR. R.B. OUELLETTE

This past summer, Pastor Chappell fellowshipped with Lancaster Baptist Church members and friends of WCBC from across the country. The onboard services were an encouragement and the beauty of Alaska was stunning.

## LANCASTER BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 31 YEARS OF MINISTRY AND HOSTS SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

> ON JUNE 11-14, delegates from forty-nine states and twelve foreign countries attended services and sessions designed to encourage and equip them for the work of Christ. The conference theme was "By Grace." Many churches have stopped growing in grace. With approximately 7,000 churches closing in USA each year, it is clear we need the grace of God to be the driving motivation through the entirety of our Christian lives.



## 04 LANCASTER BAPTIST CHURCH HELD THREE WEEKEND SERVICES OCTOBER 7 & 8

> It was our joy on Game Changers Weekend to invite our entire community to meet A.C. Green (NBA Ironman and former Lakers champion), enjoy a barbecue, and most importantly hear about the ultimate game changer—Jesus Christ. What a privilege it was to preach the gospel message from John 4 and see people put their faith in Christ.

## 05 PASTOR CHAPPELL AND HIS WIFE, TERRIE, CO-AUTHOR THEIR FIRST BOOK, *ARE WE THERE YET?* IT LAUNCHED OCTOBER 17.



**ARE WE THERE YET?** is for every couple on any stage of the marriage journey. It is full of insightful tips and helpful advice. Pastor Chappell and his wife share biblical truths that have been helpful to them, as well as many personal stories (and some pictures too) from their own marriage journey. If you have not already purchased your copy, you can do so at Amazon.com.



## 06 VIRGINIA SISK'S MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD AT LANCASTER BAPTIST CHURCH

> **OCTOBER 27**, LBC members and WCBC students remembered a godly lady. Mrs. Sisk's life was characterized by her faith in Jesus Christ, missionary service, and her devotion to her husband for 65 years of marriage. (You can read more about Virginia's life on page 64.)



## 08 WORLD IMPACT CONFERENCE AT LANCASTER BAPTIST CHURCH OCTOBER 22-25

> On Monday evening of the conference, we had the privilege of ordaining three men into the gospel ministry—Aaron Atherton, Jonathan Fountain, and Abram Thomas, all WCBC alumni.



## 07 LANCASTER BAPTIST CHURCH HOSTED THE WEST COAST BAPTIST LADIES CONFERENCE SEPT. 14-16



> **THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE WAS "WARRIOR,"** focusing on the spiritual battles ladies face on a daily basis. We praise the Lord for the many victories He gave in ladies' lives during the conference and the notes and emails we've received since of how God used this time to strengthen and equip ladies for spiritual victories.

## 09 THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS MUSICAL AND DRAMA

> **ON DECEMBER 9 AND 10**, all three choirs from church, school, and college combined with LBC's 50-piece orchestra, and drama team to present "The Story of Christmas" musical. Pastor Chappell preached and many chose to accept Christ each evening.



## Lancaster Baptist Church Korean Ministry Celebrates Nine Years of Service

**FOR OVER A DECADE,** Pastor Chappell had prayed about beginning a Korean ministry at Lancaster Baptist Church. The opportunity came when God brought Enoch and Grace Kim to LBC. Grace is the daughter of Dr. Daniel Kim, pastor of one of the largest Baptist churches in South Korea and a family friend to the Chappells. Enoch had served with his father-in-law and is a gifted vocalist.

In July 2008, the Kims began holding a Korean Bible study every other Friday in their home.

About a year later, a core group formed an adult Bible class that met on Sunday mornings, and full Korean services followed nine months later.

Even with a relatively small Korean community in the Antelope Valley, the ministry has begun to flourish in just a few years.

As of today, 136 people have been saved and seventy-four have followed the Lord in believer's baptism. Ten people have finished discipleship and fifteen more are in training. They are a close fellowship and have lunch together every Sunday morning after services. What God placed in the heart of Pastor Chappell has grown into a loving group of Christians reaching out to the community.

### TESTIMONY



#### YUNJA KIM AND HER SISTER, YOON MI PARK

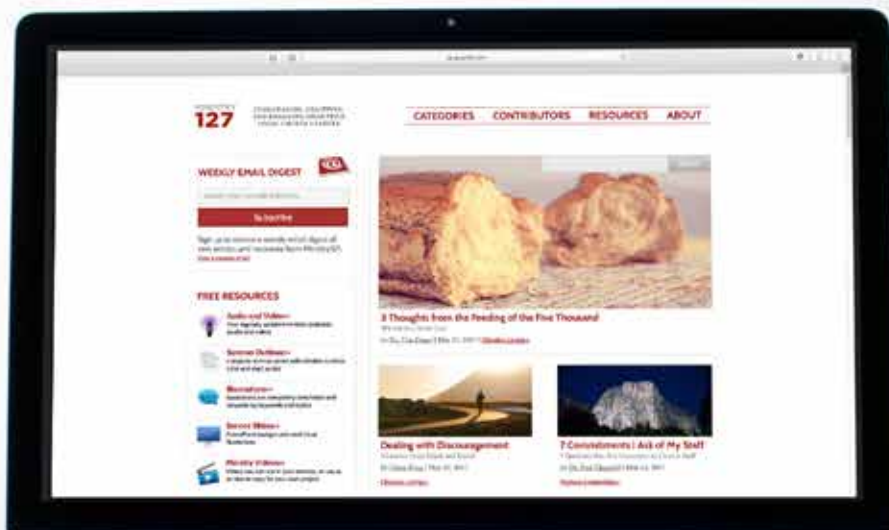
Both of these ladies visited LBC in 2012 for the first time when they lived in Tehachapi. The Kims disciplined them every Tuesday at the hotel they owned in Tehachapi. They became rooted in church and both of their families soon moved closer to the church. Yoon opened up a new Korean chicken business in Palmdale. She invites so many people to church through her business, and her entire family relationship has been restored.

Soonsung, Yoon's husband went to church for more than a decade but was never interested in the things of God. After being in discipleship, he accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour. Their three adult children have also been saved. One of their daughters left UC Berkeley and came to WCBC for the One-Year-Bible Program. Both families are very faithful choir members and soulwinners. Brother Kim officiated the marriage of their three adult daughters and their new families are faithfully serving the Lord.

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## Lancaster Baptist School Eagles Celebrate the CIF-Southern Section 8-Man Division 2 Championship

**AFTER TWO YEARS** of falling short, the Lancaster Baptist Eagles finished the season with a record of 9-3 in the 2017 CIF-Southern Section 8-Man Division 2 Championship game on Saturday, November 25.

Ranked number ten in the state, number seven in Southern California, and number one in their own division, the Lancaster Baptist High School football team celebrated a 42-20 win over Laguna Blanca High School. During the playoffs, the Eagles

outscored opponents by an average score of 45-8.

Halfway through the season they had a three game losing streak against much larger schools. Afterwards, Coach John Alvarez, who is a deacon at Lancaster Baptist Church, told the team going forward, "I don't expect to lose anything other than a coin toss."

The team took those words to heart and went on a five game winning streak. Their testimony for the Lord was clear both on and

off the field gaining the respect of opposing teams.

On game day of the championship, the team spent the morning passing out Christmas invitations to the community for Lancaster Baptist Church.

Before the game that evening, they knelt on the field to pray. One referee took notice and commented to Pastor Chappell, "I've never seen that before."

Overall, we thank the Lord for the Christian testimony of each player.



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A. C. Green Jr,  
retired NBA player

## LBC TEENS HOST GAME CHANGER WEEKEND WITH GUEST A.C. GREEN

**LBC YOUTH PASTOR LARRY CHAPPELL** interviewed NBA legend A.C. Green on stage before presenting the gospel to a host of visiting high school students and athletic teams. Among many topics, Green shared what it was like playing for the LA Lakers and how he remained pure until marriage. He told about how he was saved. At the conclusion of Larry Chappell's message, dozens of teens prayed to accept Christ.

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Varsity Beginner  
Strings  
Varsity Intermediate  
Strings  
Varsity Beginner Band

Varsity Intermediate  
Band  
Orchestra  
High School Ensemble

### CIF SPORTS

Boys Football  
Girls Volleyball  
Boys Basketball  
Girls Basketball  
Boys Soccer  
Boys Baseball



## Millennials' View of Marriage

*It turns out that millennials are more faithful to their spouses than their parents' generation.*

## All Those Emojis May Be Ruining Your Professional Life

**IF YOU ARE OVER SEVENTY**, chances are you don't even know what emojis are—but you can guarantee your grandchildren do! They have become so popular in texts and emails, that you don't need to know the other person's foreign language—or even how to read! But be careful. A new study in the *Social Psychological and Personality Science* has found that incorporating emojis into your emails communicates the worst possible message: It makes you seem incompetent.



**A** ccording to a Pew Research Center study “Millennials in Adulthood,” 26 percent of millennials are married, while 48 percent of baby boomers were married when they were millennials’ age. This seems to suggest millennials are fearful of commitment by waiting longer to get married. However, they view it as being more measured and intentional than past generations.

A new study from the Institute for Families Studies shows that millennials are less likely to cheat on their spouses than their parents’ generation. One reason? Millennials have a particularly dim view of cheating. The study claims 20 percent of those older than fifty-five years old reported being unfaithful to their spouse compared with only 14 percent of those under fifty-five. But although our culture seems to glamorize infidelity, even secular society would have to admit the long-term benefits of a faithful marriage.

### MISC.



An Indiana high school football coach broke the law when he joined his team **in prayer after a football game**, according to a notorious gang of atheists, agnostics and free-thinkers. Supt. Dave Smith told television station WEVV they are standing alongside the coach and the players. “The government cannot stop the students’ religious expression.”

—Fox News



An orthodox Jewish girls’ elementary school in London has **failed a government inspection** for the third time because it refuses to teach students, who range in age from 3 to 8, about homosexuality and gender reassignment.

—Fox News

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# CURRENT

A LOOK AT HOW GOD IS USING  
FAITH TO REACH CULTURE



## Finding Hope after Hurricane Harvey

*Tropical Storm Harvey set a continental United States rainfall record and gave churches across the region unique opportunities for outreach*

**IT** takes a lot to cancel church in Houston, Texas—home to more megachurches than any city in America. With nine trillion gallons of rain falling in just one weekend, Hurricane Harvey forced churches across the region to shut down Sunday services. Some pastors posted videos of their messages on Facebook.

Several churches located on higher ground served as temporary shelters or meeting points for

evacuees. Members with open road access shuttled friends or dropped off supplies. By the time it was over, at least nineteen trillion gallons of water fell on Texas.

Arise Baptist Church was a church plant less than five months old when Hurricane Harvey hit. Miraculously, their church building was spared from flooding while many were less fortunate. God used this small congregation to reach many people in their community.





**1. ARISE BAPTIST CHURCH**

assembling supplies

**2. VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH**

deacon stands in church hallway

**3. RESCUE BOATS**

helping transport neighbors

**4. PASTOR CRIPPS' HOUSE**

being gutted for repair

**5. PASTOR GRAHAM'S KIDS**

standing in their flooded home

**19 TRILLION GALLONS OF WATER IS ENOUGH TO COVER ALL OF ALASKA, CALIFORNIA, AND TEXAS IN ABOUT AN INCH OF WATER.**

“Because our building wasn’t directly affected, it freed us up to help other churches in need,” said Will Cover, pastor of Arise Baptist Church in Houston.

“We have received around \$90,000 in donations which we have used to assist four churches with rebuilding after their buildings were flooded.”

Their church hosted sixteen work teams and coordinated their involvement in cleaning up debris, distributing supplies, rebuilding churches, and repairing homes. Churches and individuals across the country—including Lancaster Baptist Church—sent finances, materials, and helpers to aid in the recovery effort.

David Cripps is one of those pastors Lancaster Baptist Church was able to help. He pastors the Victory Baptist Church in hard-hit Baytown, Texas. Pastor Cripps’ two sons graduated from West Coast Baptist College and now work for him on staff. His daughter is currently a student at WCBC. His entire home was flooded. Part of their church facilities received water damage. Their Christian school had only been in session four days before the storm hit.

Even though faced with his own set of trials, Pastor Cripps waited for the water to recede and then began reaching out to the people of his community. “We loaded one of our church

vans with supplies and drove into neighborhoods where everyone had piles of rubble outside of their houses and were able to give them the gospel.” They did this twice a day for nearly a month.

Pastor Brandon Graham from Wild Peach Baptist Church in Brazoria, had his home and church flooded, but he was still able to feed and clothe more than 3,000 people. “All of those received the gospel and are receiving follow up visits,” he said. “Thank you for your help.” <sup>BY</sup>

# Heritage Baptist Church Educational Building



Pastor Alan Fong  
Breaks Ground in San  
Leandro, California

**T**HE HERITAGE BAPTIST story is really God's story! God's moving through this church has influenced every life in a different way. Many have been saved through this ministry. Recently, their church

broke ground for a vital facility—an Educational Building. As dozens of students continue to attend their church, the need to make room for the next generation of spiritual leaders has never been greater. God has set before them a great and effectual open door, and by faith, Heritage Baptist is walking through it.

What a joy it will be to see this building filled with young lives training, growing, and preparing to make a difference in our world for Jesus Christ.

Please pray for Pastor Fong and for the members of Heritage Baptist Church as they continue building in one of the most expensive cities in our state.

## Open-Air Preaching at BART in San Francisco

**BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT (BART)** is a rapid transit public transportation system serving the San Francisco Bay Area in CA. With an average of 423,000 weekday passengers and 124.2 million annual passengers since 1981, Justin Fong, a WCBC graduate, got a burden to preach at several of the stations and pass out invitations to Heritage Baptist Church with several men. As a result, they have seen souls saved and visitors attend.



Justin (left) with a couple he reached through the BART Ministry

### MISC.



**Dave Delaney** has been used of God in several different ministries. For several years he served in the youth ministry at Lancaster Baptist Church before taking the pastorate at Shawnee Baptist Church in Kentucky. He now serves as the pastor of First Baptist Church in Long Beach, CA. God is using him in an incredible way to reach this large inner city of nearly half a million people.



In 2001, **Kyle Haynes**, a West Coast Baptist College graduate, began his ministry with a small Sunday school class within Shadow Mountain Baptist Church. Since then, he has become the pastor of this wonderful church family. Their church is reaching families from Morgan Hill, San Martin, Gilroy, San Jose, Hollister, and Monterey, CA.

# Franklin Road Baptist Church Educational Expansion

**FRANKLIN ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH** is an independent Baptist church that has been a part of the city of Murfreesboro, TN for over six decades. Since the church was established in 1954, it has been a place of spiritual growth for many in their community whose reach extends to our nation and beyond.

Dr. Mike Norris and his family came to Franklin Road Baptist Church in 1999. He served as co-pastor for one year and in January of 2000 became the senior pastor. Since then, God has blessed the church with both numerical and spiritual growth. The church's average attendance has nearly doubled and the church has undergone



multiple building expansions and renovation projects to accommodate their growing congregation.

Pastor Norris' love for the Lord as well as the community is evident through his personal, practical preaching and his vision for the future.

This past spring, the church voted to build a \$3.5 million educational expansion building for children. It will include a drop-off area for buses, twelve classrooms, a large cafe, and a state-of-the-art lab. The church family and elementary children will enjoy the added space for future growth. The project is scheduled to be completed this fall. Already the steel is in place and bricks are being laid.



## Liberty Baptist Church

*Pastor Ryan Thompson Continuing Forward in Reaching the People of Orange County, CA and the Regions Beyond*

**LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH'S** beginnings can be traced back to a small meeting of local believers in July of 1976 in a hotel in Costa Mesa. Two years later, the young and growing church purchased twelve acres of land in the city of Irvine, and on its third anniversary, dedicated its first official building.

In August of 1990, Pastor Dwight Tomlinson was called to pastor the church. God provided in miraculous ways, and in 1997, the mortgage was paid off allowing the Liberty Baptist church family to truly embrace the property as their own.

In 2015, Ryan Thompson followed God's leading to assume the pastorate of Liberty Baptist Church. Ryan married his high school sweetheart, Tiffany Trieber. Tiffany grew up in her father's church—a church that her father has pastored for more than forty years to this day. Ryan served for fifteen years as the Administrative Pastor of his home church in northern California. He has been blessed with five wonderful children. Today, Liberty Baptist Church is aggressively continuing to serve their community and to spread the gospel around the world.

# The Lantz Family in Uganda



**LAWRENCE & REBECCA** Lantz are missionaries to Uganda, Africa. In 2002, the Lantz family was sent out of Valley Forge Baptist in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, under the leadership of Pastor Scott Wendal.

They arrived on the field in 2005 and spent their first term in Soroti, Uganda. In 2010, they moved to Ngora. After

one year, they purchased land and constructed a new church building.

With over forty language groups, each with their own culture, Uganda is a country greatly in need of missionaries to share the gospel. The Lantz's, along with fellow missionaries, are actively working to translate Bible study materials so that

nationals may continue to train other nationals.

Perhaps one of the most efficient avenues for reaching the Ugandan people with the gospel is Christian Radio. Statistically, every Ugandan home has a radio. Brother Lantz is weekly involved preaching on air helping to reach up to 40% of the nation's population.

## The Gates Family Serving in Egypt

**DAVID & BETH GATES** arrived in Egypt during the midst of the Arab Spring. Deadly protest and government change was all around them. But the Lord protected them as they focused on learning the Arabic language and the culture. That was six years ago. Now David and his wife are able to fluently minister in the Arabic language. He preaches, teaches, disciples, and witnesses all in Arabic. Egyptians who were once lost have now been saved. Children from the streets now have a home at the church. People who once worshipped Mary are now actively involved in the ministry. Muslims who loved the Koran are now learning from God's Word in discipleship.

American missionary interns are now able to visit and learn missions in a practical way.

Those who have been disciplined are now leading in the church. Men are being trained and training others. Please pray for the Gates family as they minister in Egypt.



A woman with blonde hair tied in a bun is looking over a stack of folded clothes, including a brown sweater and a blue shirt. The background is a bright window with white frames.

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## Interview with A.C. Green

***Pastor Chappell Talks to Former  
NBA Player about His Principles  
of Championship Living***

**W**hen A.C. Green joined the Los Angeles Lakers, they were at their peak of stardom. “Back then, we were bigger than rock stars,” said former Laker and team mate Byron Scott.

A.C. played in an NBA-record 1,192 consecutive games and won three NBA titles. What’s even more impressive is how he managed to navigate the world of the NBA

while holding on to his devout Christian beliefs, staying pure until he married at the age of thirty-eight.

On Sunday, October 8, at Lancaster Baptist Church, Pastor Chappell interviewed A.C. about his life in the NBA and his salvation testimony.

### **YOU GREW UP IN CHURCH. YOU HAD RELIGION. BUT TELL US ABOUT YOUR SALVATION.**

I was seventeen years old and had just graduated from high school. I’m two months outside of winning the high school basketball championship with the state of Oregon. I had just received a scholarship to go to the number one basketball school in the country at that time—Oregon State University.

All those good things were going on in my life. But August 2, 1981, I went to a church event with my ten closest friends. It was Sunday and we were on our way back to Portland.

The sermon title was, “Do You Want to Go to Heaven or Do You Want to Go To Hell?” Now I was raised very religious. I went to church regularly with my parents. But we all know, going in to McDonald’s doesn’t make you a Happy Meal.

As I heard the sermon, the Holy Spirit made sure the pastor saw that I was under conviction. I wasn’t hard to spot. I was the tallest guy in the church and the only one drenched with sweat. Literally.

I realized religion wasn’t the answer. It was having a

relationship with Jesus Christ. On the third altar call I came forward. The pastor asked, "Son, do you know what you are doing?"

I said, "No. But I know what you described I don't have, and I want that no matter what it's going to take."

#### **HOW HAVE YOU TURNED SOME OF THE BLESSINGS IN YOUR LIFE INTO AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE?**

I believe God has a plan for each of our lives. God used the platform of the NBA to allow me to broaden my abilities to go out and share His Word with others.

There are pinnacles in the pursuit of trying to win. I played sixteen years. I didn't win sixteen championships. I remember after we had won the championship, walking by a team mate in the locker room who was experiencing the emptiness of winning an NBA Championship. He asked me, "Is that all that it is? Isn't it more than that?"

And the reality is, as great as an experience is of reaching a goal, the essence of it all is Christ. Because to whom much is given much is required. He puts down one and exalts another.

I look at the blessing of winning, but it is really just the platform that God has allowed me to reach more people. Each time it gives another opportunity for me to share His greatness.

#### **HOW DO YOU CHALLENGE YOUNGER STUDENTS TO PLEASE GOD IN TODAY'S CULTURE?**

I remind them that decisions we make today have a direct affect on our tomorrow. God has given each of us a power within to make the right choices.

It wasn't that I was any different than any other NBA player. But when you couple that with who Jesus is and what He brings to the equation—that makes you different.

God can take an ordinary person in middle school, in high school, in college, and make you extraordinary with His power.

It is never about us. It is only about Him. You will never be able to fulfill the purpose He has for your life if you do not rely on the power of God.

I sometimes say to high school students (laughing), "Com'on, you want to tell me how much peer pressure you are experiencing just to remain pure in high school? If God allows me the strength to remain pure at the NBA level with all that goes on that doesn't even make the news, I'm not going to be able to listen too long to what you are experiencing in high school."

I'm not saying peer pressure isn't real, and that I don't respect that. But what I am saying is that there is nothing different inside of me than what is inside of you as a Christian. Never forget you have such a positive future ahead of you if you choose to please the Lord.


#### **THE FAMILY UNIT WAS SO IMPORTANT IN DEVELOPING WHO YOU ARE. TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.**

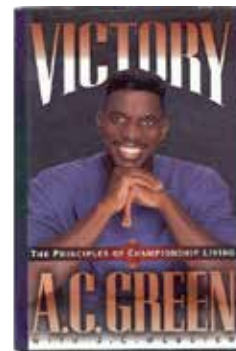
My parents are Southern folk who love people. That is how I describe them. Oklahoma and Texas are the states they were born and raised.

They came out West, sort of like the Beverly Hillbillies, and settled in Oregon. I am the youngest of four kids. I was raised where you said. "Yes, sir. No, ma'am." You respected your elders. You treated women with dignity. I honored and revered my mom. My dad was a loving, stern father. I am A.C. Green, Jr. named after him. We were raised to treat people like we would want to be treated.

Being from the south, church was a big thing for the Green family. And so I learned a lot. I can't say I got a lot out of it. My favorite part was the milk and cookies they gave away. But it was an important time in my life.

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It has been a privilege to visit Lancaster Baptist Church and to see all that God has done. It has been an exciting weekend for me to see people being saved and to visit with your church family. Thank you. 



## **Victory: The Principles of Championship Living**

**IN HIS BOOK** star basketball player A.C. Green relates the highlights of his career from high school to the NBA. He discusses his personal commitment to a spiritual life, his moral purity, and his fifty-two principles for championship living. It can be purchased on Amazon.com and is a great read for anyone trying to live for God in a secular society.

It's generally geared toward an audience of teenagers and young adults, especially those participating in sports. Nevertheless, it is definitely not too youth-oriented to be helpful to adults and non-athletes.

You will learn how he grew up in Oregon and how and where he received Christ as his Saviour. He gives details of his life in college, his life in the NBA, and his continuing walk with God up to the time of writing (1994). There are stories from actual NBA games. Green has more to say about the Lakers, whom he spent his first eight years with, and his relationships with star players.

# Five Expectations That Can Ruin a Marriage

BY  
PAUL CHAPPELL

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**O**ne of Terrie's early, unspoken expectations of marriage was that I would help around the house. Shortly after we were married, we had invited company over for dinner. I noticed she was stressed with the preparations and offered to help. I was pleased with how delighted she was at my offer and silently congratulated myself on my sensitivity and kindness.

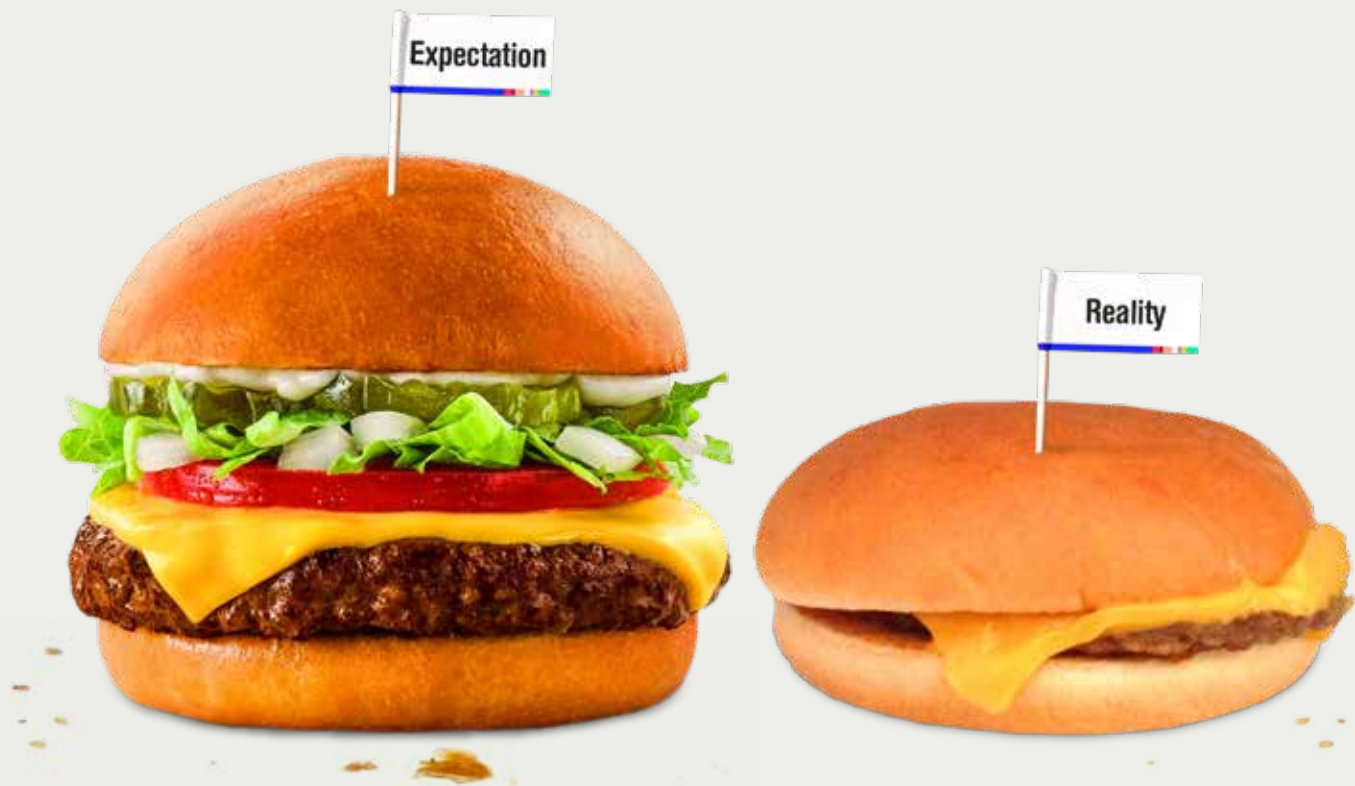
Then I rolled up my sleeves and tackled what looked to me like the most helpful project—alphabetizing the bookshelf.

Although we both laugh at that incident now, it didn't strike Terrie as funny then. But it was one of our early discoveries of how easily expectations collide in marriage. It is expectations and misunderstandings like these that set couples up for an ongoing stream of disappointment. In

marriage counseling, we almost always find that marital disappointment comes from unrealistic, and often unspoken, expectations spouses have one of another.

We come to marriage with more expectations than we realize—cultural, familial, relational.... There are 1,001 influences from the time we are born until this present moment that shape our perspectives and underlying expectations. Expectations, in fact, are





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so deeply embedded into our worldview that we rarely consider them as being a topic of discussion. We simply assume everyone else looks at the world just as we do.

Of course, not all expectations are wrong or unreasonable. Marriage itself is built on the expectation that your spouse will honor his or her vows to you. You want your spouse to expect that you love and care for him or her. Together, you expect your

marriage will grow and that you are both fully committed to it. It's also not wrong to expect that your spouse will follow through on promises or to make promises you want your spouse to believe.

What we're speaking about here are expectations that are built on a spirit of pride or self-thought. They are often unspoken, and they are sometimes unidentified, even when they are our own. If we don't recognize them, we

will become embittered toward our spouse because of them.

We see unmet expectations throughout Scripture. Sometimes they were false expectations of God and sometimes unrealistic expectations of others. The psalmist Asaph expected that ungodly people should not experience wealth while he served God and struggled. When his expectations were not met, he almost lost his faith (Psalm 73:1-17).



**Good marriages take effort. It requires real work to understand your spouse and honor and love him or her.**

Rachel expected she would have children and blamed her husband Jacob when she didn't (Genesis 30:1). The workers in Jesus' parable expected they would be compensated above what they had been promised. When they weren't, they nursed a grudge (Matthew 20:10-11).

One of the classic accounts of misplaced expectations is in 2 Kings 5 where we find the Syrian captain, Naaman, going to the prophet Elisha to be healed of leprosy. Naaman arrived at Elisha's doorstep with a large entourage, but Elisha simply sent his servant to the door with instructions for Naaman to dip seven times into the muddy Jordan River. Naaman was offended, and he left Elisha's house "in a rage" (anger is a classic indicator of unmet expectations).

Notice Naaman's response: "But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, *Behold, I thought*, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage." (2 Kings 5:11-12).

Naaman came to Elisha with a full set of unspoken expectations. He expected Elisha would come to him in person, perform an elaborate ceremony, and bring on-the-spot healing. When this didn't happen, Naaman's disappointment turned into anger. It was only the persuasion of Naaman's servants that brought Naaman around to the place where he was willing to let his expectations go and humbly do as the prophet had

told him. (And just to not leave you hanging, Naaman did experience the miraculous healing of God.)

But think about Naaman's initial response: "*Behold, I thought...*" When you hear yourself say, "But I just thought..." that's your clue that you're dealing with unmet expectations. And when you feel the frustration and anger rising, that is another indication that you are responding to unmet expectations.

I have heard many unrealistic expectations over the years. They usually begin with the phrase, "But I thought..." Here are several of the most common:

#### **1. BUT I THOUGHT MARRIAGE WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY.**

It is easy, especially for people who are not yet married or who are struggling in their marriage, to turn marriage into a personal idol, believing that the "perfect spouse" is the answer to any unhappiness in life. This expectation places an incredible pressure on a spouse. No spouse is perfect, and no person can be your single source of happiness. Only Jesus can give you continuing happiness.

#### **2. BUT I THOUGHT MY SPOUSE WOULD MEET ALL OF MY NEEDS.**

Focusing on your needs can only ruin a marriage. Every husband has unique needs, as does every wife. Ephesians 5 speaks to the individual nature of each spouse's needs as it commands wives to honor their husbands and husbands to love their wives. But don't miss the obvious—the command to each spouse is to meet the other's needs, not to focus on his or her own needs.

### **3. BUT I THOUGHT HE/SHE WOULD CHANGE AFTER WE GOT MARRIED.**

Someone once pointed out that a man marries a woman expecting her to never change, and a woman marries a man expecting to change him—and they are both wrong!

Marrying someone with the expectation they will become a different person after marriage is unreasonable and unfair. Marriage is not a magic change agent that transforms a person. Before you are married, your job is to be sure the person you want to marry is someone you can trust. After marriage, your job is to work to understand and love the person you married.

### **4. BUT I THOUGHT IF I FOUND THE RIGHT ONE, MARRIAGE WOULD BE EASY.**

Good marriages take effort. It requires real work to understand your spouse and honor and love him or her. A spouse who is passionate about a strong marriage thinks about his or her spouse often and constantly invests in the relationship.

### **5. BUT I THOUGHT GOOD MARRIAGES NEVER STRUGGLE.**

Actually, most marriages will hit a “wall.” Sometimes a couple is surprised by a season of difficulty in their marriage. This faulty expectation leads them to assume then that their marriage is already as good as gone. If, when you encounter such a season, you recognize that every difficulty can be worked through with the grace of God, biblical truth (perhaps including wise counsel), and a determination to strengthen your relationship, you’ll get through it—and be stronger for it.


Our flesh tells us that the only way our unfulfilled expectations can be overcome is if our spouse will change and turn those expectations into fulfilled desires. Scripture tells us there is another way.

The journey to happiness in marriage is not one of insisting your spouse change. It is in learning to change your thoughts by letting the mind of Christ become yours.

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” (Philippians 2:4–8)

These words are convicting to me every time I read them. Jesus came to earth with only an expectation to serve and sacrifice for others. Consider His mission statement: “For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

The world conditions us to expect. Glossy advertising, consumer-driven marketing, resorts, amusement parks...they all say, “You deserve more; let us give it to you.” Yet the world consistently underperforms. The higher our expectations the less satisfying reality becomes. Only a servant will be pleasantly surprised.

Do you want to transform your marriage? Leave selfish expectations at the cross, and pick up the only Christlike expectation—the expectation to serve. 



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# DON SISK

## FAITHFULNESS IN MINISTRY

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### BAPTIST VOICE INTERVIEW



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lot of what Dr. Don Sisk is known for can be gleaned from the moment you first meet him—his smile is infectious and his laughter spontaneous.

Don Sisk exudes the joy of the Lord in spite of the trials of life. He laughs often. His joy is an intentional choice, and it's contagious. Don Sisk has learned the skill of taking the ministry very seriously but taking himself very lightly. He allows Jesus Christ to increase and himself to decrease.

Despite losing his wife of more than sixty-five years, Don keeps going. He keeps preaching the same gospel he began preaching over sixty years ago. He never lost interest in seeing people come to Jesus Christ and in personally telling

others about the grace of God. Perhaps no other man in our generation has more embodied biblical mission work like Dr. Don Sisk.

Recently, we sat down with him to ask him what it means to be faithful in ministry for over sixty years. His answers will challenge you to invest your life in ways that make an eternal difference.

#### **WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO BE FAITHFUL?**

I often think of the passage in 2 Corinthians 4:2, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." In that same passage it says that we are ministers and stewards.

Sometimes we get the false idea those verses only apply to preachers or missionaries. In reality, every born again child of God is a minister. We have a ministry because God has something for

every one of us to do.

I have heard people say about this verse, "It doesn't mean you have to be successful, but it does mean you have to be faithful." That's true, but by the same token, if we are faithful with what God has put in our hands we are going to be successful.

The Apostle Paul went on to say in 2 Corinthians 5:14, "For the love of Christ constraineth us..." From the time that Paul saw Jesus on the road to Damascus until he breathed his last breath, he was faithful.

What kept him faithful?

It wasn't appreciation. He didn't receive a lot of accolades from others. It was the realization of Christ's love. He was not saying that it was his love for Christ that kept him going, but Christ's love for him. That is a marvelous thing to think about.

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**I THINK LANCASTER BAPTIST CHURCH  
IS AS CLOSE TO A NEW TESTAMENT  
CHURCH AS ANY CHURCH WITH WHICH  
I HAVE EVER BEEN ASSOCIATED.**

I don't think we can over-exaggerate the fact that if the Lord had known that only one person would have ever been saved, He would have still come, suffered, bled, and died. I think it is the love of Christ that keeps us faithful.

**WHAT HAS KEPT YOU FAITHFUL TO YOUR WIFE AND FAMILY?**

By the grace of God, Virginia and I were married sixty-five years. We were faithful to one another. We made a vow not only to each other, but to God.

Another thought that has kept me faithful is to think of the horrible results of being unfaithful. I have had the sad experience of witnessing when one mate was unfaithful to the other, and it is a terrible experience for their family and for the cause of Christ.

**ARE THERE ANY PRECURSORS TO BECOMING UNFAITHFUL?**

One of the main reasons for unfaithfulness would be too many expectations. For instance, if I expect people to be thankful to me because I do something for them, I am going to be disappointed. The Lord cleansed ten lepers and only one turned back to say, "Thank you." If Jesus only had

one out of ten thank Him, we can't expect to do much better.

Paul's challenge in Romans 12:3 was to not think of ourselves more highly than we ought to. What causes a man or woman to be unfaithful is thinking we deserve something we are not getting. When you stop to think about it, we all get a lot more than we deserve from the Lord.

**WHAT IS IT ABOUT PASTOR CHAPPELL THAT CAUSED YOUR HEARTS TO BE KNIT TOGETHER?**

Meeting Dr. Chappell was the providence of God. It was at a time when he needed somebody older in his life and, certainly, I needed the encouragement.

The first time I preached at Lancaster Baptist Church was in the old building downtown. There was such a wonderful spirit in the church—a spirit of love, a spirit of anticipation. That was because the pastor was excited, and the pastor dreamed of accomplishing great things.

From the beginning, I realized that he had a heart for missions. I watched the way he treated missionaries when they came to the church. He had a great respect and love for them. He was always looking for ways he could support more missionaries.

Then I think of the fact that he has been so eager to give of himself for other ministries. To be sure, Lancaster Baptist Church, West Coast Baptist College, Striving Together Publications, Lancaster Baptist School—it takes a lot of effort—but he continually gives of himself for outside causes, other ministries and other churches.

**WHAT DO YOU ADMIRE MOST ABOUT PASTOR CHAPPELL?**

That's a hard question because there are so many things, but in my opinion, Pastor Chappell's greatest accomplishment is raising a godly family. From the very beginning it has been a blessing to watch his relationship with his wife and children and to see their success.

I think Lancaster Baptist Church is as close to a New Testament church as any church with which I have ever been associated. There is an obvious love for one another and a zeal to get the gospel out around the world.

**HOW IS GOD USING LANCASTER BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE LIVES OF CHURCHES ACROSS AMERICA?**

I think Spiritual Leadership Conference has been a tremendous tool. Once people attend and receive the materials and training, they return home and see the same kinds of results we are having here at Lancaster Baptist Church.

I cannot think of a greater way that I could have used the last fourteen years of my life after retiring as the president and general director of BIMBI, than to be a part of Lancaster Baptist Church and West Coast Baptist College. It is making a worldwide impact.



**IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT WILL KEEP LANCASTER BAPTIST CHURCH FROM BECOMING LIKE SO MANY OTHER GREAT CHURCHES IN THE PAST THAT HAVE EITHER DECLINED OR DIED?**

Number one, we should never get to the point where we think we have arrived. As long as there is someone in the world who has never heard the gospel, we have not arrived.

Number two, keep sharing the gospel. If you go back thirty-one years, the thing that was outstanding about Lancaster Baptist Church was the great zeal that Pastor Chappell had for souls. And now he has been able to pass that zeal on to literally hundreds of people.

I remember a few months ago on Saturday the whole first floor of the auditorium was filled with people who were going out to share their faith. That made such a great impact on me.

Think about it. One man faithfully knocking on doors and now hundreds of people are doing it. That is the reason that Lancaster Baptist Church has not declined, but has continued to grow.

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**YOU HAVE SEEN TRENDS COME AND GO. HOW DOES A CHURCH STAY RELEVANT WITH THE CULTURE, YET REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THEIR CALLING?**

While culture changes, people don't change. They still have the same needs. The millennials have the same needs as the baby boomers regardless of their outward reactions. They need to be saved. Every person on the earth needs to love and be loved. We find people where they are and accept them, but we are too good to them to let them stay where they are.

You may be able to fake a lot of things, but people are going to know whether or not you love them. There is no substitute.

If we have compassion, then regardless of the culture, we can be true to the Word of God and be culturally relevant. We should never expect the culture to be what we are, but we can try to win them to Christ. Once we win them, we try to disciple them. And as you disciple them, they become more like Christ.

**HOW ARE YOU SEEING THE HERITAGE OF LANCASTER BAPTIST CHURCH CARRIED TO THE NEXT GENERATION?**

It's all over the world! In every country I visit I see members who have moved, people who have been called into ministry, or students who have been trained. They are being used all over the world.

I'll give you an example. Tennessee Temple University and Highland Park Baptist Church are no longer in existence. Yet nearly everywhere I go I see someone who was trained at Tennessee Temple University under the ministry of Dr. Lee Roberson. Even though the institution itself may be dead, the result of what those people did in their day will be around for eternity.

I don't think I will live to see the decline of Lancaster Baptist Church or West Coast Baptist College. But if it ever happens, all of those people who have been saved and leaders who have been produced will go on forever and ever. **BV**



# THE SPIRIT-FILLED COUPLE

BY  
TERRIE CHAPPELL

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**WE'VE ALL HAD IDEAS ABOUT ROMANCE.**

When you were younger, it may have been images of a knight in shining armor bravely rescuing the princess. As you grew older, it might have transformed into the classic tall, dark, and handsome stranger who would sweep you off your feet with his charm, wit, and personality. And then, the day came when you met



the one. You knew you were destined to be soulmates, and you couldn't wait for decades of marital bliss.

Finally, you got married. And you quickly learned that, while marriage is wonderful, it's not exactly that picture perfect image Hallmark makes it out to be. In fact, you began to realize that your Prince Charming has quite a few flaws.

While you've told yourself multiple times that no marriage is perfect, you can't help but look at couples around you who have been married 25, 30, even 50 years and wonder, "What's the secret? How do they still have a happy marriage?"

Ephesians 5:18 and 21-22 lets us in on God's formula for a happy marriage—being Spirit-filled.

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit... Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God... Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."

Being spirit-filled isn't easy because our flesh craves to satisfy itself. God, however, commands us to walk in His

Spirit. In fact, until we choose to do so, our marriage cannot be what He intended it to be.

"Be filled with the Spirit" is probably a phrase you've heard frequently. But what does it mean? Let's look at three attitudes always present in a Spirit-filled marriage.

#### **A SURRENDERED ATTITUDE**

Being Spirit-filled requires the right foundation—being surrendered to the Lord. Romans 12:1-2 says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

If you're not surrendered to the Lord, you're never going to have a Spirit-filled attitude toward your husband. Surrender is a life-long process. But it begins with a daily attitude of, "I give up my rights, God, and I trust you."

#### **A SUBMISSIVE ATTITUDE**

I get it—submit isn't a popular word in our society. Our flesh fights against submitting to any authority, particularly to our husbands. How many times have we thought, "He can't tell me what to do! I'm an independent woman."

Our marriage won't be what God wants it to be if we refuse to submit. If, on the other hand, we choose to submit, a wonderful chain reaction occurs. Through our submission, our husband feels respected. And, as he fulfills his role to love us as Christ loved the church, we receive the security we crave.

Is being submissive easy? Of course not. Does it mean you act like a



#### **LOOKING BACK**

The Chappells have been married for thirty-seven years and have four children and ten grandchildren.

doormat and never voice your opinion? Absolutely not. It does mean, however, that you have a supportive attitude to your husband's leading and that you submit to his final decision.

#### **A SENSITIVE ATTITUDE**

Have you ever heard someone say, "It's all in the details"? That's true with marriage. How sensitive are you to little things you know matter to your husband? Make it your mission to know your husband's likes and dislikes. Go out of your way to make him feel special whenever you can.

Many marriages hit rough patches, not because of some major sin like adultery or pornography, but because each spouse forgets about the small acts of service that make marriage a delight.

Marriage should be something that you can look back on two decades from now and say, "It just kept getting better and better." But remember, attitude is everything. Determine to adopt an attitude of constant surrender to the Lord. Choose to be submissive to your husband's leading. Finally, strive to be sensitive to the little things that add up to make marriage special. As you allow the Holy Spirit to fill you, you'll find that marriage can be better than anything you ever pictured. **BV**



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# EQUALLY DIFFERENT

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**Marriage is an ongoing process of learning to understand and love your spouse. We all agree that men and women are different, but how can we learn to understand those differences?**

BY  
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**O**ne of the greatest modern myths is that there are no essential differences between men and women. This is unbiblical, unreasonable, and dangerous to your marriage. God made men and women different, both physically and emotionally, and He commanded husbands to take note: “Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered” (1 Peter 3:7).

We may not understand why our spouses think and feel the way they do, but we should understand that they think and feel certain ways. The material in this article has been gleaned over the years from several different sources and much of it is based on

scientific research. Of course, you are free to disregard science and only obligated to obey Scripture. Nevertheless, I think that these statements will resonate with most couples, and I trust, will be helpful in understanding the person God has given you to be your life’s partner.

## **THINK DIFFERENT**

From the very early stages of development, the brains of men and women develop differently. Women get a heavy dose of estrogen which develops a more nurturing and caring nature. Weeks after conception, men receive a huge dose of testosterone and later a biochemical bath that severs much of the connection between the left and right brain. This promotes competitiveness and focus at the cost of multitasking.

The result is a very different way of thinking for men and women. Men are analytical with a laser-like focus, while women are much more intuitive and are

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## “How have your efforts to ‘improve’ and ‘fix’ each other worked so far? Maybe it’s time to quit trying to change each other and decide to love and accept.”

able to juggle many tasks at the same time. There are obvious advantages and disadvantages to both.

A man can usually tell you exactly why he believes something. If he doesn’t trust someone, he would tell you he caught the person in a lie or saw him keep back money that wasn’t his. In math terms, he can “show his work.” He may still be wrong, but he can give you good reasons for being wrong. Women don’t “show their work” but often come to the right conclusion by intuition—their brain working faster than they can explain.

To see the difference in focus, watch one spouse have a phone conversation while the other is listening. The wife is perfectly capable of talking to one person on the phone and getting feedback from her husband next to her. The husband cannot. If his wife asks him to ask a question, he has to put the person on hold, turn to his wife and ask, “What did you want me to ask him?”

### **FEEL DIFFERENT**

Because of the way God made them, men base their significance upon their achievements, while women are more centered on relationships. Ask a couple about a road trip. The wife will talk about the wonderful coffee shop they discovered. The husband will glow with pride that he shaved thirty minutes off the road time compared with last year.

Men need to solve problems alone; women like to help others solve problems. It is a supportive, encouraging, uplifting, helpful thing for one woman to give another woman advice. A man, on the other hand,

affirms the ability and significance of his male companion by saying, “You’ll be able to get that done.” Men tend only to ask for advice under two circumstances: when they are looking for a solution and when they want to blame someone.

### **AFFIRMATION & SOLUTIONS**

After reading the differences between how men and women think and feel, you can almost see the conflict coming. The different thinking patterns and behaviors are ripe for misunderstandings and unmet expectations.

Primarily, men want to fix problems, women want to affirm people. When the wife shares a problem, the husband assumes she is telling him because she wants him to fix the problem—that’s why he would share a problem. Really, she just wants sympathy and encouragement, and she will prolong the conversation until she gets it. It’s not even a conscious decision, but she may reject her husband’s solutions because she isn’t done talking about it yet. If this continues—the wife subconsciously rejecting solutions to continue the conversation—the husband ends feeling rejected, and the wife does not find the reassurance for which she was looking.

Women have their own expectation to “improve” their husbands. Their tendency to want to redecorate the house and add certain touches to meals carries over to relationship with their husband. She may give small advice on how to drive, how to dress, and generally “mother” him. But stable men don’t feel romantically inclined toward their mothers.

How have your efforts to “improve” and “fix” each other worked so far? Maybe it’s time to quit trying to change each other and decide to love and accept.

### **SAYINGS & MEANINGS**

Figuring out what to say is a challenge for men and women. Knowing how to say it is the next obstacle.

“You never talk to me,” she says.

“I’m talking to you right now,” he replies.

“But you never spend time with me,” she tries to further elaborate.

“I’m with you now.”

“But I feel like you’re some place else.” There, she said it!

To which the man’s response comes, “What do you mean I’m someplace else? I’m standing right here!” He still doesn’t understand.

Now, what the wife is saying is, “I wish we could talk more. I need you in my life. I appreciate you. I wish you would give me some more attention.” Men speak in facts, women in feelings.

Whether or not you accept all of the scientific and sociological concepts of this article, we must agree that the Scripture requires men particularly to dwell with their wives according to knowledge. One of the greatest secrets to success in marriage is to stop trying to get your partner to understand you and start trying to understand your partner. **BV**



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# Marriage Advice for Men and Women

BY R.B. OUELLETTE

**THE GAP BETWEEN** men and women is wide, but not impassible. Here are a few tips for men and women to better live, communicate, and express their appreciation for each other.

## **MARRIAGE ADVICE: FOR MEN**

**Listen to your wife with empathy.** Try to understand what she is feeling and put yourself in her place and on her side.

**Do many small things for your wife, not just a few big things.** A man may feel like a grand gesture will be most effective, but women appreciate small but frequent reminders of your love and affection. A phone call. A book she might enjoy. A bouquet of flowers.

**Ask her counsel.** Your wife may not always be able to give you a reason for what she believes, but her advice is highly valuable. The husband, under God, bears the responsibility to make the final decision, but he would be wise to hear what she has to say.

**Appreciate her motive when you can't appreciate her message.** When your wife complains about your heavy workload, she's really saying that she would like you to be home more. This is good! She wants you around! Would you rather she suggested you get a second job, work 100 hours a week, and never see her?

**Offer support before solutions.** It's more important to her that you listen first before trying to fix the problem.

**Accept her as she is.** Do not try to adjust her to what you wish she was.

## **MARRIAGE ADVICE: FOR WOMEN**

**Do not give unsolicited advice.** Trust me. If you followed this single piece of advice, your husband would be giddy. Part of it is because of our ego, but we don't take helpful advice as a sign of love and care.



**Do not try to make your husband talk when he withdraws from you.** He's letting the problem stew. He doesn't know what to do about it yet so he's waiting. If you try to make him talk now, the results will be unpleasant. I read of an old proverb, "Don't follow your husband when he goes into the cave. Otherwise, the dragon that lives in the cave may breathe fire on you."

**Make it clear you do not blame your husband for the problem you are describing.** My dear wife will often say to me, "I know this is not your fault. I know you cannot do anything about this, but...." She then proceeds to share with me her concern. I recognize that she is looking for sympathy, understanding, and support, and not blaming me for the difficulty.

**Make requests short, direct, and non-manipulative.** For example, you will find better results if you say to your husband, "Sweetheart, would you be willing to take out the garbage tonight?" as opposed to saying, "Honey, it has been four weeks since our garbage has been taken out! The garage is full of it. I can't believe you live like this. I don't know why in the world you haven't taken it out to the curb before now!"

**Put things in perspective for your spouse.** When you are telling him of some difficulties, be sure to let him know that you are, by and large, happy, satisfied and encouraged in your marriage. **BV**



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BY  
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# LET'S START WITH THE BASICS

In less than one year's time, the Welsh Revival of 1904–1905 saw 100,000 people saved. This great moving of God's Spirit came through the preaching of a twenty-six-year-old preacher named , who had prayed for revival for eleven years. So many were converted and evidenced truly-changed lives in such a short time span that the nation of Wales even became known for a time as "The Land of Revival."

In 1932, revival came to North China through the prayers of a single woman missionary, Marie Monsen. It is reported that as God's Word freely spread, more people were saved (one missionary estimated 3,000 in his town) in that year in North China than in any previous year.

In 1936, revival broke out on the campus of Wheaton College in Illinois. Faculty and students confessed sins of pride, criticism, and cheating, and made things right with one another. Meals slipped by unnoticed as God's reviving work continued in hearts. Gospel-preaching missions work around the world was the result.

But today is not 1904, 1932, 1936, or any other date of yesteryear's revivals. This is 2018, and I long for the reviving work of God among His people once again.

I know of no greater need for our nation, our church, or my own life than revival.

Indeed, I know of no greater need for God's work anywhere in the world than revival.

But as Leonard Ravenhill said, "As long as we are content to live without revival, we will."

We can go on day after day, year after year, stating our desire for revival but being content to live without it. Or we can ask God for a holy discontent for anything less than His reviving work in our hearts and through our lives.

This is why our 2018 theme for Lancaster Baptist Church is the single word *Revive*. It's taken from Isaiah 57:15, "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

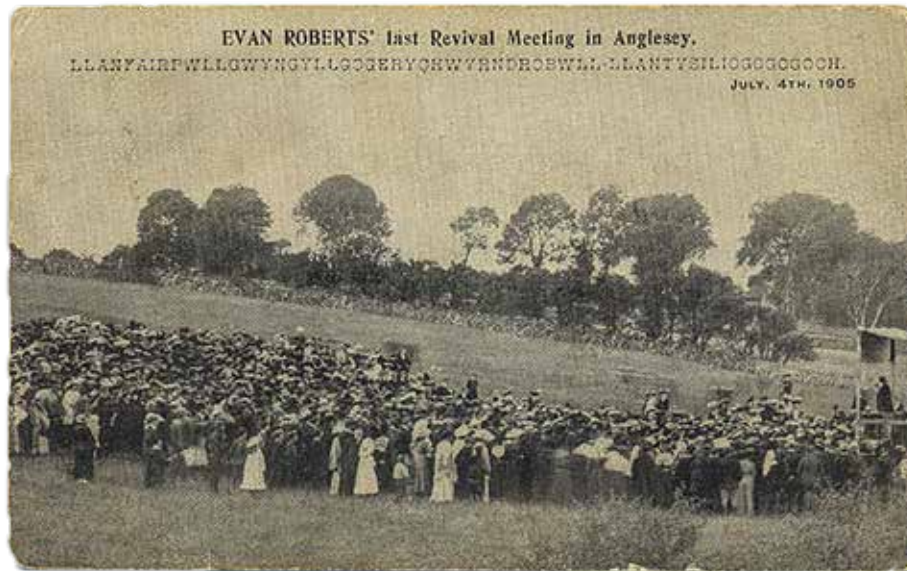
I can't give you a specific prescription for revival, although we do know that God has promised to revive the individual who is contrite before Him.

But rather than "how-to steps," I'd like to propose six characteristics present in every revival I've studied in both Scripture and history. These six points are an acrostic of the word REVIVE.

## **R - REPENT**

Revival is the result of a humbled heart. I'm not talking about an acknowledgement that "Yes, I could do better," but an acknowledgement of and brokenness over sin. This is when we call the self-life, self-focus, and ongoing pride in our hearts sin—and when we see these as the root of our distance from God.

Repentance is the vomiting of self. It is a disgust of sin that involves godly sorrow



Evan Roberts (1878–1951) was a young coal miner. Some have called him the “silent evangelist.” God used him to help spark a revival in the nation of Wales from 1904–1905.

and turns us to Christ for cleansing and change. “For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death” (2 Corinthians 7:10).

We usually like to skip over anything that has to do with repentance. “Yeah, I know I need to be right with God, but I think I’m doing pretty good in my spiritual walk.” Yet, when Christ called the church at Ephesus back to their first love, He didn’t skip over repentance. We shouldn’t either. “Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent” (Revelation 2:5).

#### **E - EXALT CHRIST**

A revived heart has an overwhelming desire to exalt Jesus more than anything else—including more than the idol of self. But a revived heart sees Christ high and lifted up.

“In the year that king Uzziah died

I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory” (Isaiah 6:1–3).

When revival comes, we won’t be talking about revival, but about Jesus.

Exalting Christ revolves around loving Him with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength (Mark 12:30) and walking with Him moment by moment so that our life revolves around Him. Colossians 3:4 tells us that Christ is our life.

Corporately, too, we are to exalt Christ as we worship with our church family and give the preaching of His Word full entrance in our hearts.

Henry Blackaby said, “Powerful preaching is a hallmark of true revival. Revival preachers demonstrate their commitment to the authority and

sufficiency of the Scriptures, with bold, urgent, and uncompromising preaching, as they set before God’s people the way of life and death. Powerful, Spirit-filled sermons concerning sin, Christ, and the cross penetrate the hearts of the saved and lost alike with the realities of eternity.”

There is no revival without making Christ preeminent and His Word primary.

#### **V - VALUE CHRIST**

We show what we value by what we seek first—our priorities. Christ calls us to seek Him and His kingdom first. “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

Thirty-seven years ago, my grandmother gave me a little book entitled *Disciplined by Grace* written by John Strombeck. In it, he wrote, “The Holy Spirit never leads anyone to look at himself and his own accomplishments, but only and always

at Christ and His Work.” This is a good picture of a revived heart.

When we value Christ, we’ll not only seek Him, but we’ll make His passion our passion and His mission our mission. We’ll seek after souls for His kingdom personally and regularly. “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). We cannot say we value Christ if we do not value the work that He came to earth to do.

#### **I - INTERCEDE**

I have never heard of a revival that was not preceded by intercessory prayer and did not result in a renewal of prayer among God’s people.

So could I ask you a personal question: how’s your prayer list? Is it indicative of ongoing intercessory prayer for your church, your community and leaders, those you lead and serve? “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men...” (1 Timothy 2:1).

Even more important, how’s your prayer time? Is it consistent? Growing?

It is not possible that a revived Christian will be a non-praying Christian.

#### **V - VOLUNTEER**

When Isaiah saw the Lord “high and lifted up” in Isaiah 6, three things happened: First, he responded in repentance (verse 4). (Incidentally, this was also the response of Job and Peter when they came face-to-face with the greatness of God.) Second, he was purified with a coal from off the altar. And finally, he volunteered to serve (verse 8). “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me” (Isaiah 6:8).

Revival always results in a voluntary spirit of service for Christ. When we see Christ as He is, we realize the privilege it is to serve Him, and we have no greater desire than to remain faithful to Him. We return to a servant’s heart as we remember our eternal reward of hearing, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant...” (Luke 19:17).

#### **E - EVANGELIZE**

It is no true revival that does not result in lost people coming to Christ. This is true for two reasons:

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First, true revival gives a renewed emphasis on the spread of God’s Word.

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11).

And second, revived hearts make much of Christ and His mission.

“He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him” (Psalm 126:6).

When revival comes, ministry flows from our hearts to our hands. We not only love the gospel, but, with believing, sincere hearts, we share it. And when that sharing is accompanied by the filling of the Holy Spirit, souls will be saved. It may not happen immediately, but eventually, there will be fruit to the glory of God. “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples” (John 15:8).

Do you desire a revived heart? Do you long for the reviving work of God in your life and ministry?

We cannot organize revival, but we can prepare for it. We can humble ourselves before the Lord and ask for His reviving work of grace.

“For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones” (Isaiah 57:15). <sup>BV</sup>



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# BIBLICAL TRAINING

MENTORING YOUR CHILD IS NOT A PART TIME JOB



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wife and I had been married about two years when her pastor who had married us asked me to come and preach an eight-day revival meeting. After the last service he pulled me aside and said some nice things about my preaching. His countenance became very serious however and I will never forget his challenge to me. He said, "John, I appreciated every message, but I would have thought that in a series of twelve messages, you would have preached at least once on the family."

I chuckled slightly and said, "Pastor, that's your job! You've been in ministry for two decades and have raised some great kids."

His next words pierced my heart as he held his Bible in front of me. "Our authority to preach on the home comes from God's Word. You have just as much responsibility to preach on it as I do."

No one is an expert on raising children because most of us are still raising children regardless of their ages or ours. It is a life-long process and a full-time responsibility. None of us can know if we have been successful until both our lives and theirs are

over. While we can learn from the example of others, it is wise to focus on the instruction that God gave us in His Word.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 is a template on mentoring children. This passage was called the "Shema" by the Jewish people from which we get our word "schematic." It is a pattern for parents who seek to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou

liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates."

While the key component of this process is "these words," the emphasis is on the constant and consistent declaration and display of God's Word. As parents, we fall into the trap of compartmentalizing the Bible to a few hours at church each week or perhaps a few minutes of "family altar" in our homes each day. The rest of the time our children are being spoiled "through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Colossians 2:8).


Now God is certainly in favor of the formal preaching and teaching of the Bible. Scripture would support that practice to the fullest. The Lord knows however, that it is through the informal settings that Truth has

its greatest impact on our children. When we can take an incident or circumstance in our child's life and apply biblical teaching to provide comfort, challenge, conviction or change, a lasting impression is made. Jesus Himself gives us this example over and over as in the middle of a temptation or crisis, His response was, "Have ye not known?" or "It is written," or "Moses and the prophets..." He was always directing His follower's hearts

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back to the Word of God.


Growing up on a dairy farm, things did not always go exactly as planned. Yet in the midst of machinery breaking down or cows getting out of the fence or the weather not cooperating with our plans, I never heard my dad curse or complain. Instead, he would quote a verse from the Bible or sing a verse of a hymn or take the situation to the Lord in prayer. When decisions needed to be made or discipline administered to one of us kids, it was always in the context of God's Word.

We will never be able to pass the Word of God on to our children in those critical moments if we as dads are not saturated ourselves with Truth. We cannot teach what we ourselves have not learned. 



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# Fellowship Separation and the Local Baptist Church

WHAT GENERATIONS CAN  
LEARN FROM EACH OTHER



It is possible to have collaboration  
without compromise. And it is possible  
to practice separation without pride.

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**W**hen I was growing up in the 70s, the watchword among independent Baptists was *separation*. And with good reason. Many of my mentors were men who had come out of denominations that denied the inerrancy of the Scripture, miracles of the Bible, and even the virgin birth of Christ. I was privileged to personally know men who had taken a costly stand for truth (Dr. Don Sisk, Dr. James Rushing, Dr. Lee Roberson to name a few)—in many cases losing their churches, friendships, and being misunderstood for their convictions.

These were men who then watched the rise of what Fuller Seminary and Harold Ockenga termed “Neo-Evangelicalism”—an effort to bring together liberals and fundamentalists. Bible-believing pastors who had already taken a strong stand for truth recognized the danger of such collaboration and called for separation. Their concerns were further confirmed when Billy Graham began collaborating with leaders of all faiths, including inviting Catholics and Modernists (who denied the basic doctrines of the faith) to share the platform in his crusades. (A member of our church walked out of a planning meeting for the Los Angeles crusade when the Catholic priests were introduced.)

In Amos 3:3, God poses the question to Israel, “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” And in 2 Corinthians 6, Paul asks a series of questions with the same obvious answer: “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with

unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God...Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord...” (2 Corinthians 6:14–17).

So we know that separation from false religion and pagan practices are an essential call to the Christian who desires to walk with God.

To those of us who received first-hand accounts of what it meant to stand for the faith against ecumenicalism and doctrinally-drifting denominationalism, we appreciate the courage of those who separated and taught us the importance of this Bible truth. We recognized that the birth of the autonomous Baptist, or independent Baptist, movement was made through courageous decisions, based on deeply-held convictions concerning the doctrine of separation.

I have in my files a letter from Dr. Curtis Hutson which he wrote me just a few months before he went to be with the Lord. One paragraph reads, “I challenge you to take your place in the long line of independent, fundamental Baptists who have stood for separation and soulwinning (and I speak now especially of ecclesiastical separation) and to hold that banner high until Jesus comes or God calls you Home.” I treasure this letter, its admonition, and the relationship I had with Dr. Hutson, as well as with other leaders of his era.

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Now, however, we've come a generation or two from those who took those kinds of stands when it was so costly, and we have many pastors who have always been independent Baptists. These men have not had to pay the same price over decisions to separate. These younger leaders still hold to the fundamentals of our faith. They are our collaborators—and there is much that my generation can learn from them. If, however, the watchword of my generation was *separation*, the buzzword of younger leaders is *collaboration*.

Their heart for collaboration isn't unbiblical. In fact, it is very much like the Apostle Paul who was more concerned that Christ be preached than that others recognize his leadership.

"Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel. What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretense, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice" (Philippians 1:15–18).

Paul, who was willing to separate when need be, was also desirous to work with others who would "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27).

Younger men have less of the World War II, single-leader-forge-the-way picture of leadership and a greater desire to work together with other leaders.

The bright side of this is that these men are usually less concerned with who gets the credit than they are with the desire to be a part of something larger than themselves.

The downside is that those of us who are more familiar with the top-down leadership style too easily feel uncomfortable with collaboration and can be suspicious of compromise, fearing a lack of separation.

So who's right? Both.

Who's wrong? Both can be.

There's a ditch on both sides of the road.

It is entirely possible to be so hyper-separated that you alienate fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who share your doctrinal convictions and biblical practices. The separatist who has no heart to collaborate is wrong, because the Bible commands us in 1 Corinthians 3:9 to be "labourers together with God." The leader who sets himself as superior to others and instructs people to follow him is fostering the carnality Paul warned against in this passage.

But just as it is possible to hyper-separate, it is entirely possible to so over-collaborate that you reach across lines of doctrine or holiness where there should be separation. The fact is that Bible-believing men can and should collaborate, but I fear there are some men today whose collaboration will lead them into alignments that belittle the preservation of Scripture, the "whosoever will" call of the gospel, and biblical worship in the church.

So what is the answer?

Both. And both in balance.

Collaboration is biblical and vital. But unchecked collaboration leads back to the compromise my mentors taught me to stay away from. Separation is vital, but separation just for the purpose of separating becomes isolation and pharisaicalism.

This is why we must manage the tension between separation and collaboration. And I would say that a big part of that is to learn from one another.

## **“Don’t dismiss biblical separation. It is still a vital part of the Christian life, and we need to practice it as much now as we ever did.”**

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Those of us who have the spirit of a separatist and have taken a stand and avoided preaching in certain places or endorsing certain personalities, need to learn from others and be reminded that there is a need for greater fellowship, prayer, and striving together with others. We need to model collaboration among independent Baptist leaders in this needy hour.

The younger leader who desires greater collaboration needs to remember that there is also great importance in the biblical commands regarding separation.

If you are a leader who enjoys greater collaboration, could I encourage you to guard against dismissing the importance of separation?

I am not exaggerating to say that the collaborative man whose emphasis is on simply getting rid of the old, tired, burdensome machinery of legalism and basking in the freedom of grace and innovation may unintentionally (or intentionally) begin to espouse, endorse, and platform ideologies that ten years ago he would have said were wrong—including differing Bible versions, Calvinism, charismatic doctrine, and more.

Yes, you have liberty to invite personalities to your church, but a leader must be wise lest his actions become a stumbling block.

The principle regarding the conscience of a weaker brother, from 1 Corinthians 8, applies here. “But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak....But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend” (1 Corinthians 8:9, 12–13).

Spiritual leaders are careful to recognize the stewardship of their influence, and they work to protect those who may be weaker in the faith from mixed signals. This is one reason I don’t believe it is wise to have someone in to speak who promotes doctrine that is contrary to our church’s doctrinal statement.

To avoid being a stumbling block, I pray that my love will abound in discernment, as Philippians 1:9–10 admonishes. “And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ...” (Philippians 1:9–10).

As a pastor then, I do not want to offend the conscience of a younger or weaker Christian, and I don’t want to build a bridge over which others may walk to unbiblical doctrine. The actions of some independent Baptist pastors, with good intentions, are sometimes building bridges I prefer not to build.

I have no desire to control other flocks, and I respect the soul liberty of other pastors, but I desire to protect the church of which I am an undershepherd. Acts 20:28 instructs, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” This is where I must pray for wisdom and exercise discernment in who I fellowship with and invite to preach in our pulpit.

I encourage pastors to weigh the influence of a guest speaker, blogger, or author upon their personal life and upon the life of the flock where they serve. As we think of the strengths and

Strengths	Weaknesses
Skilled apologist	Believes in Theistic Evolution, doesn't preach against same-sex marriage
Strong stand against Charismatic doctrine	Hyper-Calvinist, critical of the King James Version
Evangelism	Rock music to draw crowds, worldly lifestyle
Passionate for soulwinning	Prideful, critical spirit
Promotes missions	Sows discord among people who don't do it his way
Encouraging writings	Emphasis on unbiblical meditation and the Spiritual Formation Movement

weaknesses of potential guests, we could consider what we may unintentionally endorse by inviting the guest.

In every case represented by this chart above, I'm thankful for the strengths listed in the left column, and I rejoice in souls that are saved through any person or ministry that proclaims Christ. But that doesn't mean I have to shut my eyes to the weaknesses in the right column or invite someone with doctrinal differences or an unholy lifestyle to preach to our church. Our goal is to become increasingly like Christ, "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

I recently was speaking with a young leader from our own state of California about this subject, and he expressed his concern over it as well. His words were that he fears that the current spirit of collaboration among some of the younger leaders could become the seeds for the next generation of new evangelicalism. Some are even now, in fact, refusing to consider the reality that fellowship with those of doctrinal differences is even a concern. I am not advocating the type of subjective rabble rousing that alienates good men over petty issues. I am talking about biblical holiness, the doctrine of salvation, the Word of God, creation, eternal security, and yes, holiness in worship.

My challenge to you is to hold to the truth and fellowship with those who do. Truth is never worth compromise. Hold it fast. Study, preach, and live sound doctrine. "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers" (Titus 1:9).

I am comfortable fellowshiping with Baptists of like doctrine and practice. Yes, I wish there was


greater collaboration in our ranks, but my main concern is the local flock. The conviction of early fundamentalists and independent Baptists was that doctrine determined fellowship. Further, we must not only hold to truth, but we must contend for it: "Beloved...it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). To promote on our church or social platforms men who deny or twist biblical truth is the opposite of our calling. Be careful then that in your desire for fellowship, you don't over collaborate and end up of a different doctrinal persuasion or dismiss the biblical ministry philosophy you've been taught.

Don't dismiss biblical separation. It is still a vital part of the Christian life, and we need to practice it as much now as we ever did.

If you are a leader who defaults toward separation, could I encourage you to guard against dismissing those who need your encouragement?

Don't write others off. God often uses both Pauls and Apolloses to give the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6). Be willing to work to understand those younger than you and to rejoice in the ways they evidence another side of spiritual leadership that sometimes we are less drawn toward. My desire is to hold to a right position with a right spirit. Not every young man who is doing some things differently is a rebel.

It is possible to have collaboration without compromise. And it is possible to practice separation without pride.

May we be people who guard against the extremes of both—who collaborate with one another to contend for the faith and to lift up Jesus! 

# Teaching Couples How to Invest in Their Marriage

BY GABRIEL RUHL

**AS THE LEADER** of a couple's class, new Christians will often ask me: "What are the main ingredients to having a happy marriage?"

It is a legitimate question, but the truth is—there is no *secret* that can transform an average marriage into a state of marital bliss. However, if we learn to put forth energy to meet the needs of our spouse, we will reap the benefits of a fulfilling marriage.

When couples marry, they often have high expectations for their partner. But not all needs can be met by a spouse. Some are only intended to be met by God. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

When we try to meet our spouse's deepest needs, we usually begin by meeting the needs that *we* value most. But the needs of each individual are often vastly different. Even with the best of intentions, efforts can be a complete waste of time and ultimately fail to satisfy our spouse's unspoken expectations. We must intentionally invest in our relationship. Here are a few basic truths to keep in mind as you seek to please the Lord by meeting the needs of your spouse:

**DISCOVER AND REDISCOVER YOUR SPOUSE'S NEEDS.** Your spouse is unique. We may joke about the extent, but it is by God's design. "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well" (Psalm 139:14). Only your spouse can communicate to you what makes them feel loved, valuable, and closely connected. Determine to grow by asking your spouse thought provoking questions—the kind of questions you asked when you were dating.



**LEARN HOW TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR SPOUSE.** "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel..." (1 Peter 3:7). Pay attention to what pleases your spouse and consistently do those things. When you sense your spouse is tense or frustrated with home life, refuse to elevate the tension by taking it personally. Instead, take the challenge of learning how you could have prevented the situation. Ask the Lord to help you change—this is key.

**DON'T JUST MEET YOUR SPOUSE'S NEEDS—EXCEED THEM.** God has used this basic idea to transform Susanah and me. It's not just high maintenance people who have needs. Your spouse has needs! They are either consistently met or consistently neglected. Scripture commands us to love our spouse by meeting their needs "Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself..." (Ephesians 5:33).

Here is where applying this principle can really get fun! If you know your spouse has reoccurring needs, why wait for the depletion to surface before investing in your marriage? Anticipate their needs and look for opportunities to pursue the heart of your spouse. **BV**



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# BEING A SPIRITUAL GUIDE

BY  
KEVIN FOLGER

**N**EXT TO MY SALVATION AND MY RELATIONSHIP with God, nothing is more important to me than my relationship with my family. I am very blessed to have grown up in a healthy, spiritual family. My parents were saved before my birth, and early in my infancy they started attending a Bible preaching church. That Bible preaching and teaching helped them in their marriage and certainly helped them raise their children.



## “Live in such a way that your children are never ashamed to say that you are their parent.”

enabled me. I wish I could tell you that I was a perfect parent, but the truth is, I made a lot of mistakes as a young father. However, God is good and blessed us with three fine sons. Our sons all married good, godly women, and they have given us ten grandchildren. It is a wonderful time when our entire family is together, and we get to laugh and tease and just thank God together for His blessings.

As a pastor, I do a lot of counseling, and I realize that many families are what we would call dysfunctional. Many times people who are saved later in life have already made significant mistakes that carry over to family relationships. In spite of their salvation, long-term damage has been done, and some things are not easily repaired overnight. But God is always gracious and delights in intervening and bringing restoration to these types of circumstances.

No matter what your family situation is, I would like to share five thoughts that will help you guide your family in the ways of the Lord.

### **LIVE WITH THE FUTURE IN MIND**

Every decision we make as believers ought to be made with the thought of how that choice will impact the future of our family. The reason many families are in a mess is because they make decisions based on the moment and not on the long term.

### **FORGIVE REGULARLY**

Live with a short memory toward mistakes of the past. Forgiveness for past transgressions and mistakes is essential in every family. While we

might be hurt and bear marks from the past, God forgives us, and we must forgive one another.

### **LOVE YOUR CHILDREN UNCONDITIONALLY**


It doesn't matter how old they are; your children are still your children and are to be loved. You might not like their choices, and you might not be able to approve of their lifestyle; however, they still need to know they are loved.

### **CONTINUALLY PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY**

The devil is very smart, and he is constantly looking for ways to divide. It is important that we pray a hedge of protection around our marriage and our children. I pray every day, and at times throughout the day, for my wife, children, and grandchildren.

### **PRACTICE INTEGRITY**

Live in such a way that your children are never ashamed to say that you are their parent. My dad died a few years ago, and before he died I told him that I had never been ashamed to call him my dad. He lived a credible and very authentic Christian life. I want to leave my children and grandchildren the same legacy!

We need to get back to working on our homes and families. This is where the battle for the future is won or lost. Remember that God and children are worth fighting and living for! 

I was a young Bible college student when I met and married my wife. We had only been married about six months when we found out that Denise was going to have our first son. Kevin was born as I was entering my final year of Bible college. It was a challenge to work, go to school, be a husband and father, and be involved in ministry. Yet God



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# Enjoying the Journey: A Word to Younger Preachers

BY SCOTT PAULEY

## RECENTLY, A PRECIOUS FRIEND

introduced me as “a young preacher.” I love those words. In fact, I am now at the age where I want to hang onto them as long as possible!

As a younger preacher I am increasingly aware of the investment that older men have made in my life. All of us are building on foundations that have been laid by the generation before us. Sadly, many in my generation have decided that they do not need the instruction and influence of older men.

You know the reason: “It’s a generation gap.” Perhaps technology and the rise of new mediums of communication have contributed to this gap. Or perhaps the enemy has planted the seed and we are watering it.

Scripture says nothing about generation gaps. “His truth endureth to all generations” (Psalm 100:5). Only truth lasts. God designed faith to be handed from generation to generation. Many things change from one generation to another, but truth does not. God does not.

The continuance of truth from generation to generation is only possible if two things happen: 1) The older generation is obedient to pass it on. 2) The younger generation is open to receive it.

I fear that some in my own generation have developed an attitude toward older preachers. They are outdated, out of touch, and unnecessary. Enamored with novelty, we have become the Athenian generation, who “spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing” (Acts 17:21).

Truth is not new. Ask Solomon (Ecclesiastes 1:9). Every child thinks at some point that his father is totally unaware of the real issues of life...until he




grows up and becomes a father himself. There is a wisdom that comes with age and experience. Yes, Paul needed Timothy. But, more than that, Timothy needed Paul. And so do we.

Increasingly, I believe that there is a Satanic strategy at work. Where there is division and disconnected relationships the devil is at work. He wants to hinder the truth. One of the best ways to do so is to create a broken link between the generation that has it and the generation that needs it.

If there is a generation gap, it is of our own making. Older men must stay willing to patiently teach, and younger men must stay willing to humbly learn.

It is ironic that many who are “open” to so many ideas are often “closed” to input from the former generation. God speaks much of the fathers in Scripture. This does not mean that they are always right, but it is always right to honor those who have been faithful to the truth. At forty-one years of age I sometimes find myself caught between generations. The young men think I am old and the older men think I am young. “Old” is relative. Truth is not.

Regardless of what generation you belong to, remember that you belong to God. We all need His wisdom (James 3:13-18). 



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# How to Recruit New Choir Members

BY JON GUY

**RECRUITING NEW CHOIR MEMBERS** is an important part of the music ministry. God is seeking those who will worship Him (John 4:23). While music is not the only form of worship, it is a powerful one! We should be passionate about leading and encouraging God's people to praise and worship Him for all He is and all that He has done.

We have tried several ways to enlist new singers for choir. We have mentioned it from the pulpit, put announcements in the bulletin, and promoted it at the end of our discipleship program. But a few years ago, we decided to have a choir open house, and it was a huge success. One of the main differences was that we put the responsibility of getting people there on the choir members. Here's how it worked.

**HOST A CHOIR OPEN HOUSE.** Determine a rehearsal (early fall is usually best) when you will advertise and promote a choir open house. This is a rehearsal where anyone interested is welcome to simply sit in, observe, and even sing along with no pressure to join.


**PUT THE RESPONSIBILITY ON YOUR CHOIR MEMBERS.** The best recruiters for your choir are your choir members. Everyone expects you as the leader to be excited about the choir, but it's even more compelling when your choir members are the ones saying, "You don't want to miss this!" We have a point system that helps motivate our choir members to invite guests. They can earn points for posting the event on Facebook, answering trivia questions, giving us names to whom we can send an invite, and by bringing someone the day of the event. All of this activity helps build momentum and expectation. The week after, I announce the winner and present them with a gift card.



**PLAN A GREAT CHOIR PRACTICE.** As with every week, plan for a dynamic and engaging choir rehearsal. You may even have some light refreshments. Don't work on your most difficult pieces. Choose songs that may even be familiar to your guests. Let this be a fun musical experience for all who attend.

**FOLLOW UP WITH AN ORIENTATION.** The week of the Open House, pass out a form for your guests to fill out. Find out their music history, who invited them (for the point system), and if they are interested in more information. The week after the open house, follow up on all your guests and host a choir orientation when you go through the leadership requirements and what is involved in being a part of the music ministry.

**MEET WITH PROSPECTS ONE-ON-ONE.** Following the orientation, meet with choir prospects individually. This allows you to get to know them and allows them to get to know you. Having the orientation and an individual meeting also gives you the chance to steer someone away from the choir ministry if they're not ready for the commitment.

Revelation 4:11 tells us God has created us for His pleasure. Music is a way we communicate our gratitude, adoration, and love for Him! May we commit ourselves to this purpose and to training those who will worship Him! 



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9:30 AM in the Worship Center

### Senior Dinner

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### Evening Service

7:00 PM for Undergrads and Guests

## TUESDAY, MAY 8

### Graduation Practice

7:30 AM in the Worship Center

### College Chapel

9:30 AM in the Worship Center

### Pastors and Friends Fellowship Dinner

5:00 PM in the Walther Center

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7:00 PM in the Worship Center

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9:00 AM in the Worship Center

# Creatively Communicating Truth to Children

BY NATHAN BIRT

## IN OUR HIGH-TECH WORLD,

communicating to children can be a challenge. So delivering God's Word to the next generation must be intentional. To illustrate, let's imagine God's Truth as a hot, chewy chocolate chip cookie. There are four methods of transferring "cookies" (God's Word) to children, but only one that is most effective.

### THE SPOON METHOD

Oftentimes we convince ourselves that we need to spoon-feed the Truth to children. But who wants to be spoon-fed a cookie that has already been chewed up by someone else? Kids need to experience God on their own. Don't just have a game time as a time-filler. Have a game that incorporates the lesson that you are teaching that day to help the children experience the Truth of God's Word.

### THE BROWN PAPER BAG METHOD

Just because a method of teaching worked in the past, does not mean that it will be effective this Sunday. Use seasonal promotions and contests to get kids excited about church. Give a gift card from a family fun center in town for completing a devotional or have a live animal show for all those who brought a friend to church. Don't dress up God's truth in a dated "brown paper bag."

### THE "CHIPS AHOY" METHOD

Have you ever seen a bag of "Chips Ahoy" cookies with a massive picture of a cookie on the front of the bag? But the cookies on the inside are about the size of your fingernail. There is a danger when we try to avoid the "brown paper bag" too much, and we get sucked into the "Chips Ahoy" method instead. If we are not careful, all



of the activities we use to try to keep kids excited will crowd out the very thing that gives us God's power. Kids need essential truth. Jesus was clear that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4). Don't allow all the promotions, décor, prizes, games, themes, and screens to distract from the very reason you are there—to communicate the Truth of God's Word. The materials should not outshine the message. Don't be afraid to teach doctrine to the kids in a fun and simple way. The power of God's Word gives us the edge over all of the secular voices that are targeting the children in your classroom.

### THE "ZIPLOC" METHOD

It's clear. It's transparent. And it keeps things fresh. Kids need exposed truth. Psalm 119:140 tells us, "Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it." The problem is that we often get in the way when we use over-simplified, outdated, or overbearing tools to communicate it. Have the kids in your class write down anonymous questions that they have about God and answer them clearly and simply. Our goal should be to clearly communicate the perfect Truth that will change their lives. **BY**



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# The Importance of a Strong Family on the Mission Field

BY DON SISK

**I HAVE TOLD THE STORY** of my call to preach and Virginia's response many times. I believe that was the secret of our ministry in Japan and for sixty-two years of ministry together.

On Thanksgiving night of 1954, I made my calling to the ministry known to my church. A few weeks later, Virginia went forward and made a public commitment to be the best wife she could possibly be so I could be all that God wanted me to be. Until the morning of July 8, 2017 when she breathed her last breath on this earth, she was faithful to that commitment.

On two different occasions we left everything we had to follow the leadership of God. After my call to preach, we realized I needed to go to Bible college.

I had a good job. We had paid off a small house trailer and had planned to buy a new house. However, we gave the trailer to my parents, quit my job, packed what few things we had into a 1951 Pontiac, and moved to Nortonville, Kentucky. In January of 1956, I enrolled at Bethel Baptist College in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. In that year, I also became a pastor of two part time churches. In addition to that I worked at a service station on Saturday. Virginia was a faithful and praying wife and mother. She was a great asset to my ministry.

After graduation from Bible school while pastoring in Providence, Kentucky, God led us to make a very difficult decision to leave the Southern Baptist Convention. We immediately lost all of our friends.

We knew God was leading us to the mission field. After serving two years in an independent Baptist church as the associate pastor, we sold all of our household furniture and moved to Japan in 1965 along with our daughter, Renee, and our son, Tim. Virginia was totally



behind the move. It took time, but both Renee and Tim adjusted well to life in Japan. I believe it was because Virginia made Japan our home. She studied Japanese with me and after one year we were able to start a church. Renee and Tim both helped in passing out invitations and gospel literature. Renee became our pianist. God blessed, and we enjoyed many wonderful experiences as a family. Without the help of a godly wife and happy children, I do not believe we would have seen the great results that we saw in that church.

That was what a strong family meant on the mission field. To our surprise our time in Japan was limited. In 1974, we returned to America. I became the Far East Director and then General Director of BIMi in 1984.

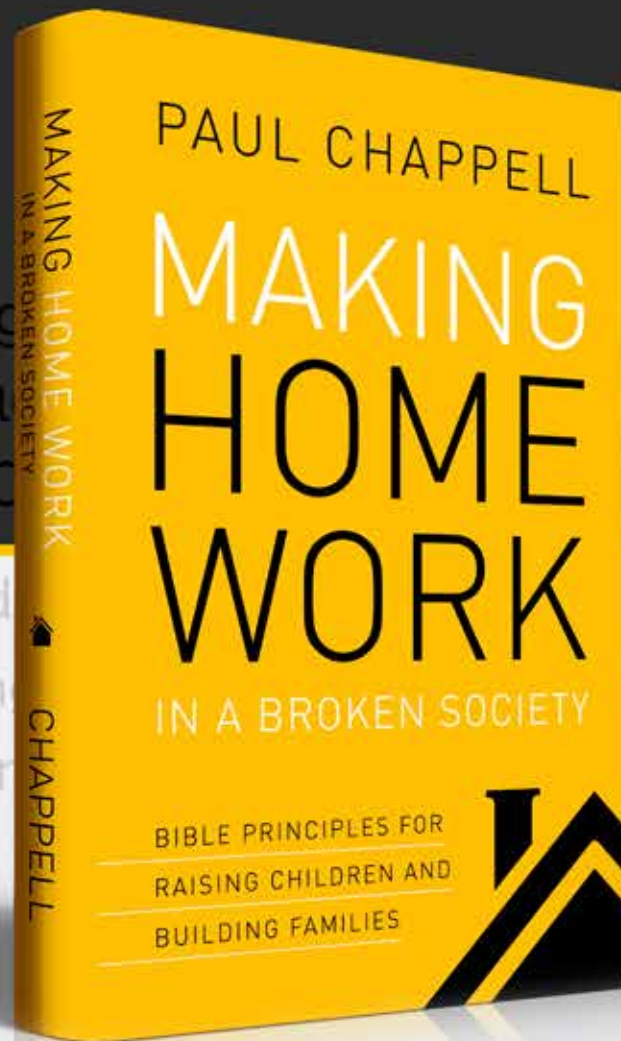
Eventually, both of our children with their mates would serve as missionaries. Even to this day both families are totally involved in world evangelization. I have often said raising children is not an exact science. However, I am thrilled that our children have done well. For that I give God all the glory and Virginia all the credit.

After our children were raised, Virginia was able to travel with me nearly everywhere I went. She was a great blessing to churches all over the world. Her ministry to pastor's wives was amazing. It is impossible to over estimate the importance of a strong family life for missionaries. **BV**



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# A Tribute to Virginia Sisk

*A life characterized by her faith in Jesus, her missionary service, and her devotion to her husband and family*

**VIRGINIA RUTH SISK** was born on a farm near Nortonville, Kentucky, in 1935 and went to be with her Lord on July 8, 2017. She was raised by godly parents, and was saved as a young girl.

She married Don Sisk June 6, 1952. They moved to Gary, Indiana, and joined the Black Oak Baptist Church where they became very active. After Don surrendered his life to the preaching ministry she totally dedicated herself to being a good wife and faithful servant of the Lord.

She and Don moved back to Kentucky to attend Bethel Baptist College. In 1956, Don became the pastor of two rural Baptist churches, and she was a great example as a pastor's wife.

Virginia became a substitute teacher in the public schools of Kentucky and helped provide for the necessities of the household. When Don surrendered to go to Japan, she supported his decision and gladly sold all of their possessions and went to Japan. She and Don studied Japanese together, and she became a very effective missionary wife.

Virginia had two children, Renee (Border) and Tim Sisk. They are both married, have families, and are being greatly used of God in His service. Both have served as missionaries along with their mates, and their children are greatly involved in worldwide evangelism.

With Don being away often he gives much of the credit of the well being of the children to Virginia's godly life and great example. She was a proud grandmother of six grandchildren.

She was a great asset to Don as he served as the President of BIMl. She was a wonderful model for other directors' wives and for the missionaries. She served admirably in every position. For nineteen years she was in charge of the



ladies meeting for BIMl, taught in the candidate school, supervised the cafeteria, and did a host of other things. Perhaps one of her greatest joys and accomplishments was decorating the 40,000-square-foot office building of the World Mission Center. It was absolutely marvelous. Even though it was not her favorite thing to do, she spoke in many ladies meetings in the churches across the country.

She was admired all over the country as a godly, faithful Christian wife, mother, grandmother, and devoted follower of the Lord. She has traveled with Don to many countries and was always a great blessing to the missionary wives and to the national churches. Her life verse was Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

After Don resigned his position as President of BIMl they joined Lancaster Baptist Church and began teaching at West Coast Baptist College. She was asked to teach a course on the missionary wife. Her love for the girls and their love for her was obvious.

Virginia was a great servant of the Lord. Before her death, she suffered much but continued to do all that she could for the Lord and for her family. She was so proud to be a member of Lancaster Baptist Church. She dearly loved Pastor and Mrs. Chappell and prayed for them faithfully. Several of the members of Lancaster Baptist Church became her faithful friends helping her make the transition from Tennessee to Lancaster. Her memory will never be forgotten, and the lives she touched will forever be her legacy. **BV**



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# Thomas Shepherd



**WEST COAST BAPTIST COLLEGE** is thrilled to welcome Thomas Shepherd to our administrative team. Brother Shepherd, his wife Kari, and their five children are coming to us from Beckley, West Virginia where he has served as pastor of the Bible Baptist Church since 2010. The church experienced significant growth under his leadership and faithful preaching of God's Word.

Brother Shepherd has a passion for young people to answer God's call to full time ministry. In a message preached at West Coast in 2017 he said, "Recruit! Are you kidding me? We have to recruit young people to

come to Bible College? We have to entice you to serve the One who left Heaven and died for you? Every young person ought to run down these aisles and surrender to the harvest fields and watch God use them to accomplish something bigger than you could ever imagine!"

As Assistant to the President, Brother Shepherd will be involved daily with helping to carry out the mission of West Coast—training laborers for His harvest! Pastors, parents, and students alike will quickly come to appreciate the Shepherds. Their spirit, humility, and passion for the ministry

will make them a perfect fit. Brother Shepherd's love for the ministry is contagious, his preaching is Bible-centered and powerful, and his walk with God will serve as a wonderful model for students, fellow staff, and members of Lancaster Baptist Church. With dedicated young men like Brother Shepherd on board, West Coast Baptist College remains committed to the mission on which we were founded for decades to come.

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# Reaching Hermosillo, Mexico

*Luis and Magdalena Montaña both grew up at Lancaster Baptist Church and graduated from West Coast Baptist College*

**W**hen Luis surrendered his life to the Lord, he had no clue what that meant. All he knew was he wanted God to use him.

Luis Montaña was saved at Lancaster Baptist Church and attended West Coast Baptist College. It was there God called him to preach, specifically to the Spanish-speaking world. Toward the end of his fourth semester, God placed Mexico on his heart.

It has been said that a faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted, and being

a missionary will certainly test your faith.

When Luis and Magdalena moved to Hermosillo they began a massive door knocking endeavor for the launch of Iglesia Bautista de Hermosillo (Hermosillo Baptist Church). The goal was 10,000 flyers. Their family was up for the task. Seeing they had passed out about 7,000 invitations two weeks before launch day, Luis decided to hand out close to a 1,000 tracts—in one day! Not aware that he was already showing signs of dehydration from the previous days of door knocking,

he began walking the streets in 100+ degree weather. Five hours later, he collapsed from heat exhaustion. After four days of recovery, he and his family had handed out just a little over 9,000 invitations to their first service.

“God brought me to a state of weakness so that I could depend on Him more,” Luis said.

The Lord blessed their launch with fifty-nine adults and twelve saved. It was clear God was at work. “The lesson God is always reminding me is to be faithful



no matter what the outcome,” he says. “By nature I push, I organize, and by nature I want God to give me results like I imagine them. It has been a journey for me to learn that when things don’t come out like I wanted them, I can rest knowing that I did my best. God deserves my best whether or not He decides to bless me with visual outcomes. I determined no matter how many come, I need to stay faithful.”

God has blessed the ministry of Iglesia Bautista

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de Hermosillo. Hundreds of souls have been saved. The church is a thriving group of members dedicated to reaching their city for Christ.

“Many souls have been saved and discipled at Lancaster Baptist Church—I am one of them! West Coast Baptist College influenced me because it is an extension of a pastor’s heart and vision. It is my privilege to pass what I have been taught on to the next generation.” <sup>BY</sup>

## Pastor Paul Conner at City Baptist Church in Vancouver, BC



**IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE** that it has been nearly four years since Paul and Jenette Conner and a small team of people stepped out by faith and launched City Baptist Church in the inner city of Vancouver, BC Canada. It truly has been amazing to see God build a solid, gospel-focused church in one of the most culturally diverse, socially liberal, and cost prohibitive cities in North America.

Yet from the beginning, their focus has been on community engagement and outreach. Since they are in a very densely populated neighborhood, getting connected into the heart of the neighborhood has been extremely important to the impact of their church. From the launch of the church they have been intentional about developing relationships, and hosting community events and outreach projects. It may be as simple as handing out free water on the street, or as complicated as hosting a Christmas family portrait event, or community wide summer BBQ.

But no matter the event, Paul’s focus has always been on building relationships that lead to an opportunity to share the gospel with their neighbors. Paul says, “We are thankful for the lives changed, the growth experienced, and the impact God has allowed City Baptist to have in our community. We look forward to seeing Him build on this foundation.”





## Alumni Pastors Serving the Lord

*West Coast Baptist College Alumni Are Being Used around the World to Spread the Gospel*

**ANTHONY KING** served in the United States Navy for six years before starting a computer training and consulting company in downtown Honolulu. In 2003, God called the Kings to serve in ministry and to attend West Coast Baptist College. They moved to Lancaster, California, where they spent the next nine years serving on staff at the Lancaster Baptist Church. The Kings returned to the islands in July 2013, this time to establish the Huikala Baptist Church for the city of Honolulu. The King family loves reaching the people of their community. Last October, they rejoiced to have 301 people in attendance.



**ADAM LANGSTON** started Junction City Baptist Church in Kansas over six years ago. They are seeing people saved, baptized, and disciplined every month. There is now a great core of new believers.



**PAUL CHOI** and his wife Sarah started Hillcrest Baptist Church in Eastvale, CA three years ago. They thank the Lord for the many who have trusted Christ as Saviour and followed the Lord in baptism.



**JIM CHRISTENSEN** planted the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Fallbrook, CA in 2009. God has greatly blessed their work. They recently hired Ryan Flemming (a WCBC graduate) as their first staff member.



**BRUCE BURKETT** accepted the pastorate of Lighthouse Baptist Church in Cortez, Colorado in 2014. Prior to this, he served as a youth pastor in Smyrna, Tennessee. We are thankful for his call to the southwest.



**BRANDON CAMPBELL** served at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Santa Maria under Pastor Scheidbach for 14 years before taking the pastorate at Faith Baptist Church in Wheatland, CA.



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## NATHAN CARPENTER

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**T**he need for an assistant pastor of youth and music took Pastor Blount to West Coast Baptist College where he met Nathan Carpenter. Following God's leading, Nathan and Melanie became part of Lighthouse Baptist Church in May of 2010. Nathan is passionate about reaching this generation of teenagers, making a difference in their lives, and imparting excitement about following Christ with all their hearts. He and Melanie have one son, Nathan.

### WHAT ARE SOME BLESSINGS YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED IN MINISTRY?

It's been great to see God work in many ways at Lighthouse Baptist Church, but especially with the youth group. We have had the opportunity to see several teens saved. We began a teen soulwinning time. We've disciplined teens who are now leading younger teens through the same discipleship program. We've organized public school and community outreaches for our teens, and we see the core teens in our church becoming more passionate in their relationships with God.

### EXPLAIN TO US SOME OF THE MINISTRIES YOU ARE INVOLVED IN AT YOUR CHURCH.

We have the opportunity to be involved in a very active and vibrant ministry here in Ludington. We both are heavily involved in the youth department, from teen camps and conferences, to soulwinning and discipleship, to counseling and investing in the teens on an individual basis. God has blessed us with a great group of young people.



**In October of 2015,** Nathan and Melanie went from planning their son Nathan's one-year birthday party to planning the funeral for their twin babies Myles and Quinn. Nathan said, "While we pray nobody else would endure such a heartache, we would love for everyone to experience the compassion and grace that was heaped on us during those days."

I lead the worship ministry, ranging from directing the choir and planning Easter and Christmas musicals, to occasionally jumping in to play piano for a special music group. Melanie is a huge blessing to the music ministry by using her talents in a variety of ways. She sings in the choir, performs special music, and does it all while still keeping an eye on our energetic three-year-old.

### HOW HAS WEST COAST BAPTIST COLLEGE, LBC, AND PASTOR INFLUENCED YOUR LIFE AND MINISTRY?

We still love any opportunity we have to visit West Coast Baptist College and see every day in ministry various aspects that were influenced and shaped by WCBC and the Lancaster Baptist Church family. My wife and I would both agree that the greatest influence on our lives while in college was the church family. We have lifelong friends in Lancaster who loved on us and encouraged us through our college years, and served as our family while we were both away from home. We will forever be grateful for them, and for Pastor Chappell encouraging the church family to treat us as one of their own. The example of servant leadership that is modeled from the church staff and college staff was a great example for us to follow and practice in our own church. **BV**

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