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COMING TO GBS

As I knelt at the altar of The Wesleyan Church in Huntington, WV, some gathered to “lay hands on me” before I left to attend my parents’ alma mater. Earlier that year I had been miraculously saved just a month after my discharge from the Air Force. The congregants were proud to be sending this presumed “preacher boy” for training at GBS.

Daddy helped me move into the “boy’s dorm.” It did not have the niceties today’s students enjoy. There was an old army cot (with a mattress that seemed only about as thick as a communion wafer) and an industrial, metal, office chair and small table. After an awkward moment, my father broke the silence: “Well, it isn’t much, is it, son?” I didn’t argue, but I was excited to begin my studies.

Although I carried a full academic load, I only had two teachers my first year: Kenneth Stetler and J. Wesley Adcock. I got to know their instructional style and testing methods very well. I loved playing volleyball on the mid-campus, gravel court. I could also be found in the old gym at the ping pong table or in the adjacent snack bar area beating everybody in Password. Marcia Davis and I ruled that game. Even administrators would challenge us, only to fall to the masters!

Yes, I loved having fun! But I was also a serious 24-year-old student. Most people were shocked to learn the latter since the former was so noticeable. Unfortunately, the perception the administration had of me was the cause for my removal from the College Choir very early in my bass-singing career. That hurt. I remember calling my father to share with him what had happened. “Well, son,” he said, “You can’t do much about it now or it will just look like you are trying to get back in the choir.”

One day, Vice President Barry Walker, one of my Password opponents, sat down beside me on the stone wall and asked how I was doing in school. “Making straight A’s,” I replied. He was stunned! Shortly thereafter, President Sam Deets called on me to lead prayer in chapel. That wasn’t normal practice. A few days later, I got called into the president’s office. The administrators had misjudged me. They were sorry, and I was invited to return to the College Choir.

I finished out that first year. The bass section was at full strength. I had a 4.0 GPA. Year two was just ahead with additional professors Dr. Leslie Wilcox and Dr. R.G. Flexon. Little did I realize the impact they would have on my life! —KF ■

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COVER: Dwight Welch (left), sophomore (BA in Bible and Theology), and Logan Sankey (right), sophomore (BA in Ministerial Education), are excited about the beginning of a new school year. Photo by Rachel Pohl.

the president's page



WHERE ARE ALL THE MINISTERS?

by Rodney Loper, President

Recently I took part in a text-message exchange with a group of ministerial friends in which we lamented the fact that there is a dearth of young people entering pastoral ministry. Several opinions were offered for the cause of this problem. Included were...

- Young people today lack maturity.
- Parents seem preoccupied with financially profitable careers for their children.
- Bible colleges are failing at their task.

While each of these is a possible contributor to the problem, none of these could be the “only,” or even “main,” reason. It is likely that every preceding generation feels that its successors are immature; parents for years have hoped that their children would be “better off”; and Bible colleges can only train and equip those who enroll.

So why are so few people preparing for the ministry today? God hasn’t changed His mind—the Great Commission is still relevant. Therefore, the problem is not “heavenly,” it is “earthly.” That being the case, I believe it is worthwhile to look at what we the Church are either doing or not doing to contribute to this problem.

Perhaps local churches are no longer functioning as spiritual incubators. Churches of prior generations had the “temperature” needed to produce willing hearts to “go.” Has the local church of today lost its spiritual heat?

This isn’t a pastoral problem alone. This is a broader church leadership issue. The reality is that the spiritual temperature of the church rises and falls with its leadership. The church can become simply a business to be managed rather than a ministry that needs the enablement of the Holy Spirit. The church will be what God intends it to be only through the power of the Holy Spirit! “Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord” (Zech. 4:6).

What then does a healthy church look like—one capable of producing ministers and other church leaders? I believe there are at least six components that must be present. Let us take a look at each.

Prayer. “My house shall be called a house of prayer” (Isa. 56:7). Prayer must be a priority—not just a corporate time in the service, but an attitude and activity that permeates every aspect of the service.

Prayer is about relationship—you talk to people you love! Scripture speaks directly to prayer in the context of this article when it commands us to “pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers” (Matt. 9:38). Pastors and church leaders, are you and your congregations praying?

Fervent Worship. Often music is the first thing that comes to mind when worship is mentioned. Yes, music is a part of worship, and therefore we cannot ignore it; but it can detract from our appropriate focus—the emotional high of singing instead of worshiping the splendor of our Savior; the skills of the musicians instead of the grandeur of our Maker; the music itself instead of the message of the song. If we are not careful, we can begin to focus more on the praise we offer to God than the praiseworthiness of God.

Worship includes music, but it is much more. We must actively tune our hearts toward heaven, focusing our minds and engaging our will in the Word—during every aspect of the worship service. Apart from the service, worship is a personal and individual behavior. If we wait till Sundays to worship, we may miss some of our most meaningful worship times! Does your church worship fervently? Do you worship fervently?

Bible Preaching and Teaching. Pastors play a critical part in healthy churches when they allow the Word of God to *get into* them so that it *flows out of* them in their preaching and teaching. If sermons are not biblically based, prayerfully crafted, and relevant to the needs of the congregation, the flock God has entrusted to the pastor will not be adequately fed. They should not have to feed on a spiritual diet of microwaved leftovers.

Parishioners, while you might enjoy sermons that make you “feel good,” anointed, biblical preaching will often challenge you. Embrace that feeling. Let the Holy Spirit use that discomfort to help your spiritual growth. No matter where you are in your walk with God, there is ALWAYS room for growth! Pastor, preach the Word! Parishioners, hunger for the Word!

Discipleship. “Discipleship” means passionate devotion to a Person—our Lord Jesus Christ. We do have a cause—spreading the gospel; but its purpose is to get people into personal contact with and conformity to Christ.

What is your church doing to help believers mature spiritually and become more and more Christlike?

Teaching the next generation to love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength must be intentional. Every church ought to have a class for new converts. We must do a better job of keeping “our own.” Such retention is an indication of the church’s health. Are we discipling the new believers that God brings to us? Are we retaining our children?

Evangelism. A healthy church is actively involved in reaching the world. Some churches send a monthly check to a missions organization or specific missionary. If that goes beyond easing the conscience, it is good indeed; but remember the charge Jesus gave as He left this earth. He said Spirit-filled people would be “witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth” (Acts 1:8). What is your church doing to reach its world?

Fellowship. I listed this last on purpose. Fellowship is a fundamental, indeed essential, part of a healthy church (Acts 2:42). But in many places it has replaced all of the other attributes. On many church lists, it is at the top. A quick look at a church’s monthly calendar, list of weekly activities, or even a schedule of services proves this point. We have allowed the tail to wag the dog!

However, true Christian fellowship is more than a carry-in-dinner on the months that have five Sundays. Christian fellowship means that you walk life’s pathway together as a community. When was the last time you invited other believers into your home? This isn’t just the pastor’s job, it’s your job, also!

When fellow believers are sick, going through a difficult time, or—shock of all shocks—when the Lord brings them to your mind, give them a call! Send an email or text. “Do” life together as a church! The first-century church was marked by this kind of fellowship, and it drew people to Christ!

There are other attributes that could be included on this list. But if we will start here, we will be well positioned to impact our world into the future. Like Ezekiel, if we start “digging ditches,” we will be amazed as God begins to fill them!

Where are all the ministers? Perhaps they are at your church every Sunday. It may be the brat in your Sunday school class, or the whiny baby in the nursery. It may be the boy that kicks everyone’s shins. How do I know? I was the whiny baby and the shin-kicking brat. But my church cared for me through all phases of my development—the bad times and the good times. My church provided the right environment for my proper growth. Thank God that my home church was spiritually hot enough to send me and others out into ministry.

Take a good look around. Pay attention to your personal spiritual temperature and that of your local church. Let’s all do our part to send workers into the whitened harvest field. ■

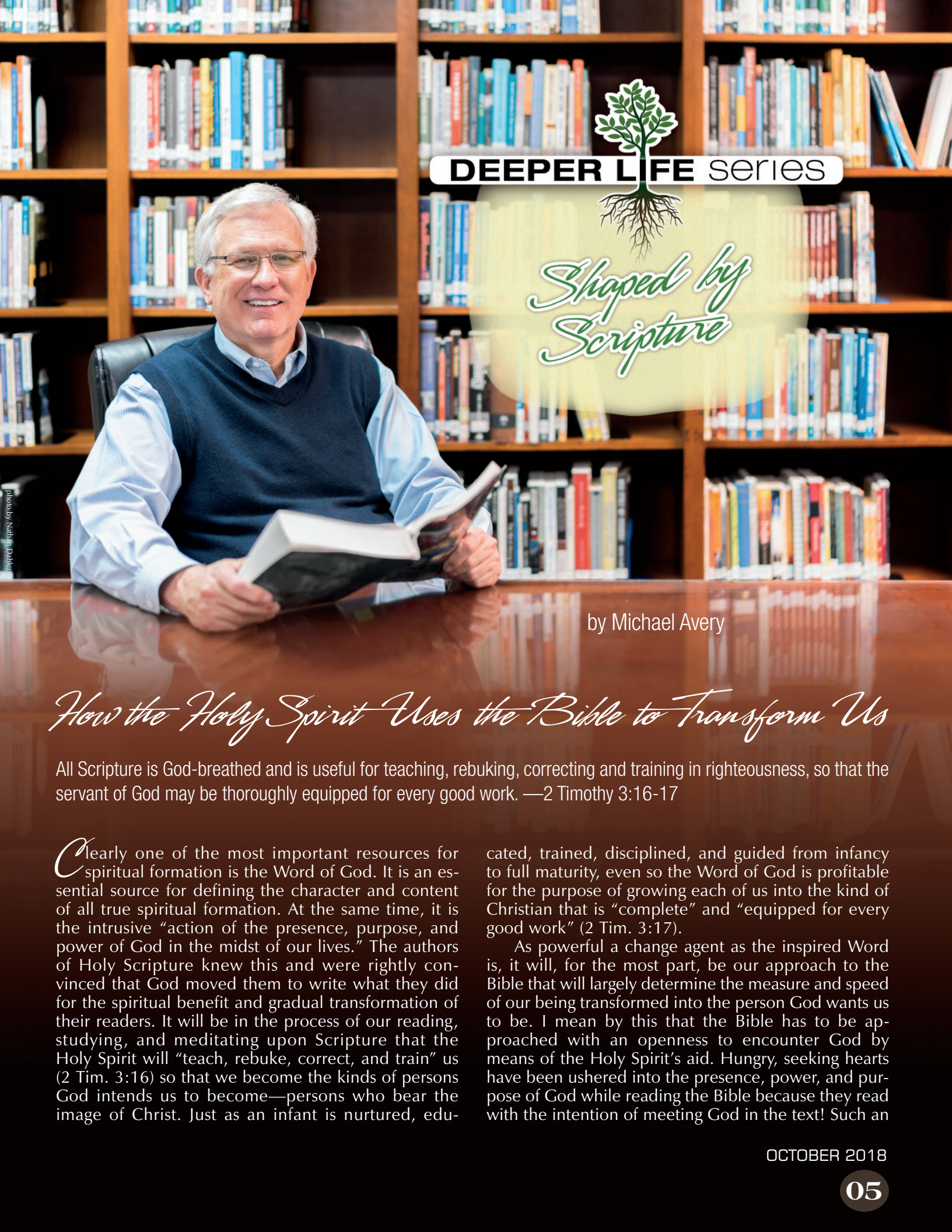


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DEEPER LIFE series

*Shaped by
Scripture*

by Michael Avery

How the Holy Spirit Uses the Bible to Transform Us

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. —2 Timothy 3:16-17

Clearly one of the most important resources for spiritual formation is the Word of God. It is an essential source for defining the character and content of all true spiritual formation. At the same time, it is the intrusive “action of the presence, purpose, and power of God in the midst of our lives.” The authors of Holy Scripture knew this and were rightly convinced that God moved them to write what they did for the spiritual benefit and gradual transformation of their readers. It will be in the process of our reading, studying, and meditating upon Scripture that the Holy Spirit will “teach, rebuke, correct, and train” us (2 Tim. 3:16) so that we become the kinds of persons God intends us to become—persons who bear the image of Christ. Just as an infant is nurtured, edu-

cated, trained, disciplined, and guided from infancy to full maturity, even so the Word of God is profitable for the purpose of growing each of us into the kind of Christian that is “complete” and “equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:17).

As powerful a change agent as the inspired Word is, it will, for the most part, be our approach to the Bible that will largely determine the measure and speed of our being transformed into the person God wants us to be. I mean by this that the Bible has to be approached with an openness to encounter God by means of the Holy Spirit’s aid. Hungry, seeking hearts have been ushered into the presence, power, and purpose of God while reading the Bible because they read with the intention of meeting God in the text! Such an

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experience leaves them not only refreshed, but also equipped with truth and insight for life. Others, however, find Bible reading dead and lifeless because their approach is simply an academic exercise of trying to find some new nugget of truth to add to their store of knowledge about the Bible.

Reading for Formation Versus Information

There is no doubt that the Bible is an amazing book of information—important information! It gives us knowledge about many things that are crucial to sound doctrine and basic Christian living. The pursuit of such knowledge is a noble pursuit and never to be minimized. Nevertheless, the Bible is not simply a textbook that is to be studied solely for what one might learn. It is the divinely inspired, living Word of God. And the ultimate goal of study for Christians must be to encounter the living God as He has revealed Himself in Christ aided by the personal presence of the Holy Spirit. The Bible must speak to our hearts as well as to our heads. It must engage our spirits, emotions, and wills, as well as our minds. Only as the Word of God touches our deepest self, through the power of the Holy Spirit, can it bring powerful, dynamic, spiritual formation in Christ.

Lovingly Intrusive

There is nothing aloof, cold, or distant about Scripture. It is powerfully personal and deeply intrusive. It will always probe us at the points of our unlikeness to Christ. The Hebrew writer tells us that “the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart” (Heb. 4:12). When we read the Bible for **formation** rather than just **information**, we are humbly opening up ourselves to God, through the Word and Spirit, to put a “finger” on those things in our lives that are inconsistent with His will for our wholeness and holiness. The touch of His finger on some area of sin or brokenness, or the touch of His finger on some closed door in our hearts, is not simply to point out our flaws or educate us about what needs to be changed, but rather He touches us with His finger in order to let us know that there is a hand attached that offers us the nurture into wholeness that we need at that point.

This concern for our wellbeing is the essential nature of God’s knock upon the closed doors of our lives. The knocks come at those points where God is shut out of our lives; and we are imprisoned within—imprisoned by some bondage that does not allow us to be free in God’s love and in God’s will for our wholeness and holiness. Reading Scripture for spiritual formation will leave no part of our lives untouched by the good hand of a loving God.

Scripture Seeks to Form Us from the Inside Out, Not the Outside In

True spiritual formation seeks to transform the inside—the heart—the character of the inner man. This is always the focus of Scripture. The Bible teaches us that “we live from the heart” (Prov. 4:23), and it is in our hearts that we are called to be made new when we come to God. Real transformation must start there first. Yet, for a variety of reasons, we find it easier to engage in the outside work of doing rather than allowing the Word and Spirit to sanctify us through and through, bringing about real and lasting change. Matthew 23:25-28 is a great example of confusing the outer appearance of **doing** with the inner reality of **being**. The Pharisees somehow confused the idea that doing guaranteed the quality of being—the quality that God wants.

This flaw of thinking often follows those who only read the Bible from the standpoint of information, or, as in this passage, from a standpoint of “dos and don’ts.” List making is easy. But if the heart has not been transformed and formed by the Word and Spirit, follow-up obedience to structure imposed from without will be difficult. Ultimately all doing, both good and bad, flows from our being. The Word of God seeks to shape our inner being so that doing the things God wants us to do becomes second nature. This is where the Holy Spirit will focus His work of sanctification. This is always the goal of scriptural formation (John 17:17).

Partnering with the Word and Spirit

There are those (particularly the five-point Calvinists) who demean spiritual formation as a false view of the sanctification process and lump all such activity in the rubbish bin of “self-righteousness.” Such a view, no matter how well intentioned, is simply contrary to Scripture. David said in Psalm 63:8, “My soul followeth hard after thee....” The kind of spiritual formation that helps us to know God intimately and transforms us into the image of Christ, does not just occur automatically without any human cooperation. Rather, it is a partnership of human effort and Divine grace. Paul described it like this, “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salva-

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“The means of providing structure and space for spiritual formation to occur.”

tion with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:12-13). "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me" (1 Cor. 15:10). These passages of Scripture clearly show a partnership of human engagement guided and enabled by Divine grace. Spiritual formation is never merely a matter of unaided human willpower taking over the sanctification process—a process that is clearly accomplished through the Word and Spirit (John 17:17; 1 Thess. 4:8 and 5:23). Rather, it is rooted in the deep work of God in our hearts, arousing hunger, creating the desire to know Him, and motivating us to seek change in our lives. The impulse to pursue God originates with Him, but the outworking of that impulse is our following hard after Him. The Word of God is a powerful change agent, but it can only produce change if we read it!

This is true to our Wesleyan heritage. Wesley did not "create" a new method of Bible study. He did, however, personally observe the ancient Christian practice of "sacred reading" (lectio divina), and offered some general guidelines in the preface to his *Old Testament Notes* for how one might approach Scripture with the goal of spiritual formation in mind. I have updated the language to make it easier to understand his intent.

Wesley's Guidelines for Reading the Scriptures

1. Set apart a time each day, morning and evening if possible, to read the Scriptures. The inference here is that we make it a habit to dedicate the best possible time of our day to the unhindered reading of the Bible.

2. At each time, read a chapter out of the Old and one out of the New Testament. If this is not possible, then focus on a single chapter or a part of a chapter. I believe Wesley is indicating that we should have an orderly, systematic means of working through the Bible, and that we should do so with relatively small units of Scripture.

3. Read with a focus to know the whole will of God and a firm commitment to do His will as it is revealed to you. The Word of God should both enlighten and change us.

4. As you read, look for any connection, clarification, and explanation you might find between the fundamental doctrines of original sin, justification by faith, the new birth, inward and outward holiness. Wesley is saying that the Bible is not a collection of isolated pieces. We are dealing with one great body of truth that reveals God's redemptive purposes, His active presence in our lives, and His power to change us into the kind of persons He wants us to be.

5. We should pray before, during, and after our time of Bible reading because Scripture can only be understood through the same Spirit who gave it. Prayer



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should accompany our reading of the Scriptures. We should pray to be opened up at the deepest levels of our being and pray for the Holy Spirit to make the Living Word of God a transforming means of grace to us.

6. We should frequently pause as we read and examine ourselves both inwardly in our hearts and outwardly in our lives. Whatever light we receive, we should promptly obey it by its immediate application in our lives. Quiet reflection and self-examination that is prompted by the Word of God, enabled by the Holy Spirit, and carried out in the context of grace can result in great spiritual blessing if we walk in the light of what has been revealed to us.

John Wesley wrote the following words that encapsulate the passion of what I have endeavored to say in this article.

I am a creature of a day, passing through life as an arrow through the air. I am a spirit come from God, and returning to God: just hovering over the great gulf; till, a few moments hence, I am no more seen; I drop into an unchangeable eternity! I want to know one thing: the way to heaven; how to land safe on that happy shore. God Himself has condescended to teach the way; for this very end He came from heaven. He hath written it down in a book. O give me that book! At any price, give me the book of God! I have it: here is knowledge enough for me.*

The only thing more to the point than Wesley's words are the powerful words prayed by Jesus for every future disciple: "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy Word is truth" (John 17:17). ■

Michael Avery is the former president of God's Bible School and College (1995-2017) and its current chancellor. This is the sixth article in a series.

* From the "Preface" to the *Standard Sermons*, 4th Edition, Methodist Episcopal, South, 1787, pp.31-32.



A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS!

Shortly after noon on August 14th, students began arriving on campus for the start of a new chapter in their lives. Ready to welcome and assist



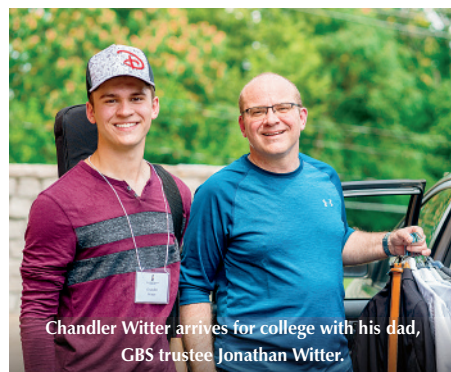
New students move into the dormitories.

them in unpacking their vehicles were current students, staff, faculty, and area pastors. The next several days were full of information and fun activities, culminating in a Saturday morning trip to Smale Park for a picnic and photo scavenger hunt along the riverfront.

In the morning service of Convocation Sunday, August 19, Marc Sankey, Vice President for Constituent Relations, presented scholarships (see p.12). In addition to the recurring endowed scholarships, five new endowed scholarships were unveiled and three one-time scholarships awarded, one in

memory of Doreen Taylor (see p.13).

The total amount of endowed scholarships was \$96,835. Divisional scholarships and Wingrove Taylor Legacy Awards were also distributed, bringing the grand total to \$129,335.



Chandler Witter arrives for college with his dad, GBS trustee Jonathan Witter.

Morning Service. After the presentation of scholarships at the opening service of the 119th school year, President Loper posed the question, "Why do we do it?" referring to the more-than-118 years that GBS has been training Christian workers. He answered the question by a discussion of Mark 16:15: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." There is a **command from above**: "Go, make disciples" (Mark 16). Have you heard it? There is a **cry from beneath**: to send someone to warn people properly (Luke 16). What are you doing about it? And, there is a **call**

REVIVALIST FAMILY

On these pages, we feature items about GBS alumni, significant events scheduled throughout the "Revivalist Family," and brief news notes from across the Holiness Movement.

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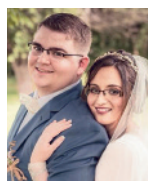


To **Elisabeth (Shafer) (BA '02) and Vincent Tyler (BA '02, BA '09)**, a daughter, **Katerina Alejandra**, born August 5, 2018, at home, Cuba, NM. Elisabeth worked for seven years in GBS Library Services (2003-10) and is now librarian and music teacher at Cuba High School. Vincent continues his work with the U.S. Navy. Katerina is greeted by two older brothers, Cedric (7) and Sean (4).

WEDDINGS



Judy (King) Johnson to Rev. James Southerland, July 7, 2018, at Burlington Bible Church, Burlington, KY, Rev. Darrell Stetler officiating. Rev. Southerland is a well-known evangelist and pulpit supply preacher.



Heidi Dewhurst (2015-17) to Jordan Sankey (AA '18), August 18, 2018, at Victory Chapel, Frankfort, IN, with Marc Sankey, father of the groom, officiating. Jordan works in the Finance Department at Mercy Health, Cincinnati, OH. Heidi has plans to go into nursing. The couple live in Cincinnati, OH.

from without: “Come and help us” (Acts 16). Will you embrace it?

The same command, cry, and call are what prompted Martin Wells Knapp to leave Michigan and begin his various ministries in Cincinnati. GBS continues to take the gospel everywhere. About 40% of the 7.4 billion people on earth today are categorized as “unreached,” meaning there are approximately 3 billion who have never heard the gospel. On the other hand, we are part of the 20% who are “significantly reached.” The uncomfortable fact is that 98% of this group’s funds are spent on themselves. There are approximately 140,000 evangelical missionaries at work today. It is estimated that only 3% are trying to reach into the unreached areas of our world.

These sobering statistics are what compel us to do what we do. There is a lost world out there that needs the blessed gospel of Jesus Christ, and the call to the Christian is to go and make a difference.

Evening Service. In the evening service, Aaron Profitt, Vice President for Academic Affairs, spoke on

“What God has taught me over 25 years of ministry.” He declared that this could be encapsulated in the message of Psalm 33: “God is big. You are small. The big God cares for the small you.”



He reminded his listeners that God is **good** (vv.1-5) and He doesn’t have to be. He chose to be good. God is **big** (vv.6-9)—big in energy and power. It’s comforting to know that God is watching over us to deliver us and take care of us. All of His goodness and power are available to us. Living an overcoming, abundant life starts with seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

We thank God for a good start. Pray with us that this will be a great school year as we train the students entrusted to us. We need the help of the Holy Spirit to accomplish great things this academic year!

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Each year we give special recognition to new GBS scholarships being awarded for the first time. Following are five new endowed scholarships and three one-time scholarships.

George and Barbara Bass Scholarship. Established through the generosity of George and Barbara Bass and their friends, this ➡



DEATHS



Orace Wayne (“O.W.”) Willis, 88, formerly of Noblesville, IN, but most recently of Corydon, IN, left the land of the dying for the Land Of The Living on May 30, 2018. He was born August 27, 1929, to Floyd and Inez Willis of Petersburg, IN. His ministry career spanned more than 52 years in The Wesleyan Church. He pastored five different churches and served as a district superintendent for over 100 churches in the Indiana South District for 21 years, but his passion was evangelism. He preached in many revivals and camp meetings at GBS throughout his life. A vast number of individuals trace their spiritual beginnings or recovery to his

preaching, and many entered Christian ministry because of his influence. He is the author of *Come Southwind*, which chronicles some of his ministry experiences.

Survivors include five children: Millicent, Aron, Carol, Stephen, and Deborah; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 9 great-great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held at Southwind Wesleyan Church, Washington, IN, with his son, Dr. Aron P. Willis, officiating. Interment followed at the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Petersburg, IN.



Rachel Marie (Pulliam) Harding, 75, of Byesville, OH, was promoted to heaven on July 6, 2018. She was born in 1943 to Deemus and Gladys (DeHart) Pulliam of Eden, NC. Rachel’s father was an early graduate of the GBS Ten-Weeks ➡

➡ scholarship is presented to conservative holiness junior and senior college ministerial or missions students. George and Barbara helped their own children and grandchildren with their educational expenses in the past and now feel they should also help others. George writes, "God's Bible School and College has for many decades been a great holiness environment.... I feel good about supporting and trusting our children to its great historical influence."

On behalf of the Bass family, President Loper presented the George and Barbara Bass Scholarship to its first recipient, Elizabeth Albertson.

Greatland Scholarship. This scholarship was established through the generosity of Greatland Bible Ministries and is presented to college students pursuing a degree in



Kirsten Stroup receives Greatland Scholarship.

Christian elementary or secondary education.

Greatland Bible Ministries, previously based in Chugiak and Eagle River, Alaska, began as a holiness church. The families within the ministry were passionate about young people and missions, as evidenced by their work among Alaska native tribes and partnership in missionary outreach. Sev-

eral of Greatland's youth attended GBS and continue to serve the Lord to this day.

On behalf of Greatland Bible Ministries, President Loper presented the Greatland Scholarship to its first recipient, Kirsten Stroup.

Rosemary Arnett Green Scholarship. This scholarship was established through the generosity of Rosemary's sister, Sharon Utt, and is



Daniel Brandon receives Green Scholarship.

REVIVALIST FAMILY continued

➡ Course. This connection led her to GBS where she was saved in a revival service and graduated from high school in 1961. Also at GBS she met fellow student Gerald (Jerry) Harding. Rachel worked in the kitchen and Jerry worked on the maintenance crew. They were married on August 3, 1962. When Jerry completed his ThB degree in 1964, he went into the ministry with Rachel serving faithfully alongside him. She was a life-long homemaker, wonderful wife, and mother.

Rachel is survived by her husband of 56 years, Jerry; three sons, Mark, Thomas, and Peter; two daughters, Robin and Janet; seven brothers, Robert, Melvin, Richard, Charles, Johnny, Deemus, and Mac; two sisters, Kristen and Naomi; 17 grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. It is worth noting that all her children are Christian believers and married to believers, and they are active in Wesleyan, Nazarene, Christian and Missionary Alliance, and United Methodist churches.

A private burial was followed by a celebration of Rachel's life at Christ United Methodist Church in Cambridge, OH, Pastor Sturman Moore officiating.



Rev. Leroy Schurman Adams, Jr., 84, missionary and educator, quietly passed from this life into eternal life on August 8, 2018. Leroy was born in 1933 in Kingswood, KY. He moved with his family to Colorado Springs, CO, when he was eleven months old. He received a BA in Theology from People's Bible College, Colorado Springs, CO, in 1955. He took his first teaching job at Salem Bible Institute, Salem, OH, in 1957. He later earned two Masters degrees and received an honorary doctorate. He was an ordained minister with the Wesleyan Holiness Association.

His first missionary trip was to Ireland in January 1958 with his uncle, Rev. Paul Finch, Sr., and Rev. Glenn Griffith. On June 14, 1958, he married Myrtle Arlene Wildhagen, daughter of missionaries to South Africa. In 1959, they began their ministry as missionary educators, serving in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Ghana, Ukraine, Egypt, and the U.S.

In retirement years, he settled in Penns Creek, PA, where he attended Mountain Road God's Missionary

presented to worthy college students pursuing music ministry.

From an early age, Rosemary displayed unusual musical skill and used this talent for the Lord throughout her life. At age 11, she became her church's pianist, and while a teenager, she began accompanying a traveling evangelistic team. She and her husband Jim served together for over 60 consecutive years in music ministry, traveling as full-time song evangelists, ministering in their church, and reaching out to their community.

On behalf of Rosemary's family, President Loper presented the Rosemary Arnett Green Scholarship to its first recipient, Daniel Brandon.

Pamela D. Gruver Memorial Music Scholarship. This scholarship was established through the generosity of Milo and Ramona Ferrari (Pamela's sister and brother-in-law) and their



Lydia Yoder receives Gruver Scholarship.

friends to provide an annual scholarship to juniors and seniors in the ministerial or music division.

Pamela's friends described her as private, compassionate, generous, selfless, and one who did not seek praise from others despite her many accomplishments. Pamela herself remarks, "My life is not about my accomplishments. It has always been about God, His work, and serving others."

On behalf of the Ferraris, President Loper presented the Pamela D. Gruver Memorial Music Scholarship to its first recipient, Lydia Yoder.

Far North Missionary Fellowship Scholarship. This scholarship was established through the generosity of anonymous donors to provide an annual scholarship to college students in the ministerial division.

This scholarship was awarded to its first recipient, Mark Stieby, in absentia.

ONE TIME SCHOLARSHIPS

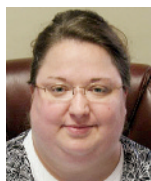
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Zachary Barkman was the first recipient in absentia. ➡



Church. He is survived by his wife; five children, Marie, Melvin, Arlene, Edith, and Lowell; 18 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brother, Dale; and three nieces and two nephews. A service to celebrate his life was held at the Beavertown God's Missionary Church, Middleburg, PA.



Betty Jo (Cochran) Howe, 42, Upper Sandusky, OH, passed away peacefully at her home on August 8, 2018. Born in 1975 in Fostoria, OH, she was the daughter of Orlyn Cochran, Jr., and Betty (Clagg) Cochran, both of whom preceded her in death.

Betty Jo was a graduate of GBS (AA '06) where she worked as Distance Education Coordinator for eight years (2005-13). She left GBS to help her mother care for her terminally ill father. She was married to Christopher Allen Howe on April 30, 2016. She was a homemaker and an avid reader.

Betty Jo is survived by her husband, Christopher; brothers, Butch and Robert; three nephews; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Memorial

services were held at the Morgan Center Holiness Church, Vinton, OH, Pastor Ted Russell officiating.



Jerry Allen Cheatham, 77, of Indianapolis, IN, passed away August 10, 2018. He was born in 1941 in Herrin, IL, to Delbert and Callie (Wyatt) Cheatham. He was a commercial artist by trade and, for 53 years, a member of Southport Church of the Nazarene, where he sang in the choir.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Treva Jane; daughter, Tanya; sons Tim and Jeremy; grandchildren, Olivia, Jacob, Katrin, Zachary, Caroline, and Peyton; and great-grandchild, Harper. Three of his grandchildren are GBS alumni. His daughter, Tanya, a GBS alumna, has also worked on the GBS staff providing childcare services. She is married to Tim Crater, GBS music faculty member and current director of the College Choir.

Funeral services were held at Southport Church of the Nazarene, Indianapolis, IN, Rev. Bill Swesey officiating. Burial followed at Washington Park East Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN. ▀



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Hope International Missions Internship Scholarship. This scholarship was provided by Hope International Missions to assist missions students preparing for missionary work by practically applying and practicing skills during a student internship.

President Loper presented this scholarship to Elizabeth Albertson.



Elizabeth Albertson receives HIM Scholarship.

Doreen Taylor Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was provided by God's Bible School and College as a memorial to Doreen's life and as a statement of our love and appreciation for the Taylor family.

Doreen, wife of the late GBS alumnus and longterm trustee, Dr. A. Wingrove Taylor, was the glue that held his public ministry together, making it possible for him to do the work God called him to do. Doreen was a saint. She had a love for the Lord that was radiant and a walk that was careful, marked by commitment to God's Word.

On behalf of the entire GBS family, President Loper presented the Doreen Taylor Memorial Scholarship to Clarissa Manley.



Clarissa Manley receives Taylor Scholarship.



GBS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM COMING DECEMBER 7, 8, 9

Written and directed by the GBS Music Faculty, *Worthy Is the Savior That Was Born* is set in the outskirts of London in 1860. The city has recently come through two cholera epidemics which have left a large population of orphans. The Victorian age has begun to implement improvements for the poor in the city, but there are still many. At this time in history, the "Christmas Season" is becoming a celebrated holiday.

Rev. Will Townsend and his wife Jenny are youthful, full of new ideas, and eager to serve God by serving their congregation and members of the community surrounding their small Methodist church. Through a clash of classes, the Savior whose story forever changed the world, today and for all time, can also be seen working in the life of a young preacher and his wife, a Sunday-school teacher, homeless patrons, orphans, a letter carrier, and even an aloof church member. The story of Christmas brings hope and healing, redemption and renewal. And from the ashes of poverty, after the chains of sin have been lifted, the natural response is to worship the Savior that was born.

Worthy Is the Savior That Was Born will be staged in the Adcock Chapel on December 7 (7:30 p.m.), 8 (3:30 p.m.), and 9 (6:00 p.m.). Festive prelude music will begin sixty minutes prior to each performance. A combined college and high

school choir, orchestra, and cast of actors come together in the production. Special features this year, weather permitting, will include pre-program outdoor scenes, music, and complimentary coffee bar. You may want to consider this in planning your arrival time.

TICKET INFORMATION: Each family may request up to five free tickets, available beginning October 15, for one performance only. After the fifth ticket, the cost is \$5 per ticket. For large groups (six or more), please send payment by mail along with name of purchaser. Phone/email orders will not be accepted. Orders may be sent to the school with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Include the date you prefer and the number of tickets needed. Please contact the ticket coordinator at (513) 721-7944 if you do not plan to use your tickets. Orders for five or less may also be placed and tickets printed online by going to www.gbs.edu. Please bring tickets for entry.

Mail orders and large group payments should be addressed as follows: Christmas Program Ticket Request, God's Bible School and College, 1810 Young St., Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Seats may not be saved for members outside of your immediate family. Late entries and re-entries will be assisted by an usher. Child care and a designated nursing mothers' room will be available. A freewill offering will be received at the close of each performance.

NEW EMPLOYEES: COLLEGE



**Jeff Moore—
Director of Facilities**

While attending GBS, Jeff Moore met some Bible Methodist men who influenced his life. As a result, he joined the conference in 1998 and began pastoring. During 20 years of pastoring, he has been bi-vocational. He is a real estate broker with the Regional Association of Realtors for Central Indiana and has been a general contractor as well as president of a small corporation with many investments in real estate. Jeff says that “God has allowed me all of these experiences in the ‘journey of life’ to prepare me for what he has now called me to do.”

While a student at GBS, Jeff met and married Vanette Pile. They both graduated in 2000. They have three children: Elizabeth (15), Rebekah (13), and Sarah (5) that represent the fourth generation of Vanette’s family to attend GBS!



**Cheri Weed—
Phone Receptionist**

Cheri (Brownwood) Weed will be working a part-time position at the reception desk. Cheri began her music education at GBS in 1997 and transferred in 2000 to Miami University, Oxford, OH, where she received a Bachelor of Music (2002). She then went to the University of Alaska and graduated with an MA in Music Performance (2007). Cheri earned several Suzuki certifications for violin and taught Suzuki violin in both private lessons and group classes with Fairbanks School of Talent Education, Fairbanks, AK.

In 2015, Cheri returned to GBS where her husband Jason had accepted the position of Director of Digital Strategies and User Experience. They have three children: Tovin (8), Teigan (6), and Tori (4).



**Josh Wilson—
Security**

Josh came to GBS from a dairy farm in Lacona, NY. For the last three years of his undergraduate studies, he served as a resident assistant on the student affairs staff. He has now been hired as an afternoon security guard, assisting Stephen Nelson who works the overnight shift. Josh intends to continue his education at GBS to complete an MA in Ministry.

NEW EMPLOYEES: ACADEMY



**Mary Klotz—
High School Secretary**

Mary (Hamlin) Klotz graduated from the GBS high school in 1986 and enrolled in the college department, where she met fellow student Stephen Klotz (BA ’09). They married in 1988 and served in pastoral ministry, as missionaries in Ghana, and on staff at a Christian school in Florida. They returned to their alma mater in 2005 where Stephen teaches science in the high school and has been an adjunct in the college. Mary has worked for GBS in the past, including as cashier and mail courier. Most recently she has been an assistant manager at a nearby Chick-fil-A.

Mary enjoys being “a mama to the students” and sending cards and gifts to GBS staff members at holidays and special occasions. She completed three degrees in 2010: BA in Church and Family Ministry, AA in Business, and AA in Intercultural Studies.

Mary and Stephen have seven children (all GBS alumni or current students) and one grandchild.



**Brad Howell—
High School Math**

Brad Howell is a GBS alumnus (BA ’17). He and his wife Brenda (Elder) (BA

’97), have three children, Emma (13), Anna (9), and Ella (6). They live in Anderson, IN.



**Allison Turner—
3rd Grade**

Allison (Johnson) Turner is a GBS alumnus (HS ’10; BA ’13). Most recently she taught in an urban public school in Indianapolis, IN, and is pursuing an MEd from Liberty University. Allison and her husband Trenton have a son, and they live in Elsmere, KY.



**Nick Black—
High School Social Studies**

Nick has two degrees from Hobe Sound Bible College, a BA in education in social studies (2014) and a BA in health and physical education (2015). He has also earned an MEd in history from Liberty University (2017). He has spent the last three years teaching junior high at the Wesleyan Christian Academy in the Cayman Islands. Nick loves reading and playing basketball. He says he is excited about being in the “cold North” again.



**Michelle Hopkins—
Academy Assistant**

Michelle (Elsey) Hopkins came to GBS from Titusville, PA, in 2001. After graduating (BA ’05), she was an elementary teacher at Miami Valley Christian Academy (2005-11), Cincinnati, OH, during which time she also earned an MA in Teaching (2009) from Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA. In 2011, she married Jason Hopkins (BA ’06). Michelle currently serves as the children’s pastor at Bible Methodist Church, Kenwood, OH. She and Jason live in Cincinnati, OH, with their daughters, Jaedyn (7) and Madison (3).



**Mary DeBolt—
Academy Assistant**

In 2001, Mary (Hollenbach) DeBolt left Pennsylvania for Cincinnati and GBS.

She worked her way through college, receiving a BA in Christian Teacher Education in 2005. While at GBS she met fellow student Jon DeBolt (HS '03; 2003-07). They were married in June, 2007.

Previously, Mary taught first grade at Miami Valley Christian Academy (2005-07) and served as a tutor in the YMCA after school program (2007-09). Mary and Jon have three children: Liam (9), Eli (6), and Emma (5). The DeBolts live in Cincinnati, OH.



**Joe Reimann—
Junior High Social
Studies and Physical
Education**

Joe Reimann (BA '05) is teaching social science and physical education for the middle school grades in Aldersgate Christian Academy. Joe met Joanna Wheatley (2001-02) at GBS. She went on to earn a degree in occupational therapy from Indiana University and has worked for 16 years as an occupational therapist.

After graduation, Joe and Joanna planted a church in the Price Hill area of Cincinnati. His ministry transitioned from a church-based approach to missionary outreach and discipling, which involved leading a house church, Bible studies, recovery group, young adult and kids sports ministry, one-on-one mentoring/discipleship, and supporting other pastors and churches in Price Hill. About three years ago, the Price Hill church became part of the Urban Ministry Division of Evangelistic Faith Missions.

While teaching, Joe will continue ministering and living in East Price Hill. Joe and Joanna have four children: Avery (11), Nia (8), Kyra (6), and Lincoln (19 months).



**Michael DeStefano—
Academy Bands**

Michael DeStefano is joining the music faculty as academy bands director and will

also be holding various college responsibilities. He earned both a BMus (2007) and an MMus (2009) in Piano Performance from Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC. For the past eight years, Michael has served in various capacities on the music faculty at Penn View Bible Institute. He enjoys composing and arranging and finds great fulfillment in helping his students discover and achieve their musical potential.

Several DeStefanos attended GBS in the 1970s, including Michael's father, David DeStefano (BA '75; BRE '76).

NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

Eli Albring, who worked last year as personal assistant to the Vice President for Constituent Relations, has joined the student recruitment team.

Janet Burton, who had previously been the coordinator of the Aldersgate Distance Education Program (ADEP) from 2014 to 2017, has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant for the Vice President for Constituent Relations. As such, she will manage the day-to-day activities of the office, assist and represent Mr. Sankey in communicating with constituents, handle multiple incoming issues and concerns, and manage a variety of special projects. Last year, after training her replacement in the ADEP office, she worked from home on special projects for GBS.

Mark Bird has been director of the Aldersgate Distance Education Program (ADEP) since 2007 while also teaching in the college. He has stepped down from ADEP while continuing to teach full-time in the Ministerial Education Division.

Marcia Davis has been a member of the college faculty for 27 years, teaching English, education, and occasional history classes. She also chaired the Division of Teacher Education until it was subsumed into the new Division of Professional Studies. This year, Dr. Davis has accepted the position of Director of ADEP. She will continue limited teaching in the college department.

David Hartkopf, a member of the music faculty since 2009, has accepted the newly created position of Dean of Undergraduate Studies. While he carries a lesser load of teaching in the Music Division, he will continue as director of the Symphonic Wind and String Ensemble.

Kendra (Smith) Muir, who taught the combined third and fourth grades last year and served as an adjunct professor for the college, will now split her time between being a K-4 specialty teacher and a college instructor.

Betsy Poe, a current student from Indianapolis, IN, has worked in the cafeteria for the last two years. This year she will assume the position of assistant cook as she completes her degree.

Lisa (Witt) Proffitt, who has previously worked in various areas at GBS, accepted the position of Donor Records Coordinator.

Bryanna Shirk, a current student from Pell City, AL, has worked for the last three years on the work study program in various areas, including housekeeping. This year she is the Housekeeping Supervisor.

Jessica Smith, who has been a member of the music faculty since 2010, will add "Christian Service Director" to her portfolio of responsibilities.

Aimee (Stetler) Snider, who taught high school social studies in Aldersgate Christian Academy last year, is now teaching fourth grade. ■

HOLINESS

Let's Be Clear

"Thank God for His faithfulness in leading believers into that blessed experience which Christ purchased for his children who obey him!"

by Paul Kaufman

Traveling around the Conservative Holiness Movement as an evangelist, I enjoy a unique opportunity to observe people as they interact with each other at camps, conventions, meetings, and even during informal discussions. Of particular interest to me, as a college/seminary professor, and as a former pastor for more than twenty years, are the ideas people have about entire sanctification. At times the conversations I hear lack clarity and even contain misconceptions.

This article is an attempt to clear up some areas of confusion by addressing some of these misconceptions—to examine what the Scriptures say, and what they do not say, about this vital Christian doctrine. Also we will explore some evidences for this great work of God and what the child of God might expect after receiving it. Keep in mind, reader, that the greatest gift that God can give us is to share His divine nature with us, and that the greatest expression of our gratitude for this unspeakably great gift is to accept it! So let us look more closely into the matter.

Misconception #1

The Holy Spirit Is Not in the Life of the Regenerated

Frequently, I have said to a congregation: "I am not going to heaven because I have been entirely sanctified, I am going to heaven because I have been justified and have walked in all the light I have received since then." Some folk have argued with me that the Holy Spirit is not given at all in the new birth, but such claims run counter to some rather plain passages of Scripture, e.g., "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 8:9). Also the Apostle Paul states, "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:5). Jesus promised His disciples, "Those who love me

will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them" (John 14:23). His disciples' security and fulfillment were to be in the abiding presence of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit within them. The wonderful thing is that when Christ comes into a life, He brings the Holy Spirit with Him. That Holy Spirit is the Spirit of holiness, and He comes into us with His holy power to transform us and to enable us to walk in Christ's ways. Thus Paul can say, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; and behold, everything has become new!" (2 Cor. 5:17).

Once one has been granted the new birth, he enjoys a wonderful new relationship with the Lord; he is no longer the unwilling servant of sin, but revels in his new status as a child of God. If such a person were to die at this point, would he make it through to the city of God? Most assuredly, because he can testify to a justified state. Since his record of sin is gone, he can rejoice with the other children of God.

In time however, and for some sooner rather than later, he comes to learn of a deeper need, a lingering problem, a besetting sin, a problem for which he is not responsible. As he continues to walk in the light, the Holy Spirit will lead him to full deliverance from all the contaminants of his inherited depravity. Amazingly, the Spirit is more willing to do this than most can imagine! Remember, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification" (1 Thess. 4:3).

Misconception #2

Dividing the Holy Spirit into Two Parts

Some have raised this question: "How can one receive the Holy Spirit at the new birth and then, in some manner, receive Him again when he is sanctified?" Per-

haps this analogy will be helpful. Let us imagine that you have a large-mouth jar with a number of fair-sized rocks and stones in it. Now let us fill the jar with water until it overflows. Is the jar truly full of water? It is tempting to answer, "It must be, since it's running over." But is it *really full*? No, it cannot be, because rocks are taking up space—space that could contain *more water*. Let us, however, remove the rocks and stones and fill the jar until it overflows. Now you can rightly say, "The jar is full of water."

Such an analogy reflects in rough form what happens when God saves a sinner and puts His Spirit within him. The new believer is "filled" with as much as he can contain of the Spirit. However, the Spirit cannot completely fill the new believer due to the rocks and stones of carnal traits. Not until the moment of entire sanctification when the residue of inherited depravity is cleansed will he really be filled. Thus, we can understand that while the Spirit is indeed given to the new believer, that same believer will receive a fuller, more complete filling when the Spirit enters him in His fullness when his heart is made perfect in love.

Misconception #3

Saved People Can Live on a Lower Level until Sanctified

Some folk whom I have been privileged to pastor seem to operate under the assumption that, after they have been saved, there are certain things that they can do that are permissible in their walk with God since they are "merely saved." In their erroneous thinking, once they are wholly sanctified they will deal with those matters. Such reasoning will surely lead to cooling off and backsliding. The true child of God will want to walk in every bit of light that he has, and will make no allowances for doing anything that does not have the complete approval of God. I have parishioners who say to me, "Well, I still do thus-and-so because I am not sanctified." No, my friend, you must walk in all your light (which I refer to as "God's opinion on any matter") or you cannot maintain a saved relationship. God's Word is quite clear that, "if we walk in the light, as he is in the light," we enjoy God's fellowship and blessing (1 John 1:7). To do any less is to invite spiritual disaster. Is there anything in your life that you know does not measure up to God's word?

Misconception #4

Believers May Postpone Seeking Holiness

Another area of misunderstanding concerns the lack of pressing on to entire sanctification. The simple fact is that holiness of heart stands not only as a glorious privilege of the believer, but also as the duty of every believer to pursue. While a person might never say, "Well, now God has saved me and I will just enjoy this new salvation, and eventually, when the time seems right, I will seek for holiness," their actions may reveal that is their thinking. They can end up "kicking the can down the road" rather than getting down to business and seeking a pure heart.

Such reasoning is fatal for the child of God. Those who have truly been converted and desire a healthy walk with God will be shown by the Spirit that a pure heart is God's will for them. Furthermore, since Jesus has "suffered without the gate that he might sanctify" them (Heb. 13:12), stopping short of all that has been purchased for them at Calvary will grieve the Spirit out of their lives and they will forfeit their saved experience.

For that reason, we urge believers to begin seeking for a pure heart just as soon as they realize that it is not only their privilege, but it is also their duty. To neglect to earnestly seek for it is gross negligence and will soon negatively impact their walk with God. Dear reader, if your thinking is that sanctification can be put off until an optimum time, let me counsel you—as soon as you understand that you have a carnal heart, for you—"now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). Begin pressing forward in prayer and do not stop until God assures you that He has finished His new creation in holiness.

Misconception #5

Sanctification Will Radically Change Your Lifestyle

Another area of misunderstanding that I have observed is that great change will accompany the experience of entire sanctification. While it certainly is true that aspects of your life will witness change—most of that change will be internal. I have counseled students who seem to have the idea that many great changes will accompany holiness—change in the areas of dress, deportment, life-style issues, etc. Such thinking reflects a measure of misunderstanding about the new birth. Permit me to explain.

When the Lord takes up residence in the heart of the new believer, He gives direction by shedding light upon the areas of the believer's life that need to be addressed—both externals that I mentioned above as well as internal concerns. The believer takes the necessary action as rapidly as God's light reveals changes that He desires to see. Therefore, when the believer's heart is purified by faith, most of those matters—external and internal—have already been adjusted in ways that are pleasing to God.

So, you ask, what *does* change at the moment of entire sanctification? Actually, when the believer's heart is cleansed, those who are closest to him will notice changes in attitude, moods, and responses that reflect more of the Savior's meek and gentle nature. Usually, very little will change in external lifestyle issues. Those have already been dealt with in the new birth. Fellow students, fellow workers, employers, spouses, children, family pets, etc., will notice a new demeanor, but not radical changes as far as externals are concerned.

Misconception #6

I Am Not Ready for Heaven until I Am Sanctified

Many of my students seem to struggle to understand that holiness actually begins with the new birth. In their minds, salvation is one thing and entire sanctification is

something totally different. Actually, when God saves a sinner, at the moment he believes, four things happen to him: justification, regeneration, adoption, and initial sanctification. Permit me to comment on these.

Justification. Justification is a forensic or legal term whereby one's record of sin in heaven is wiped clean—in God's eyes, it's just as if the person had never sinned. Interestingly, this process is even better than a pardon. Let us say that a governor or a president pardons a criminal and that person is released from prison. By that process the criminal gets out of prison early, but the crime is still on his record. When God justifies an individual; it's as though the crime had never been committed! But there is more that happens.

Regeneration. At the moment of salvation, the seeker is regenerated, changed into a new person in Christ. Whereas justification doesn't actually change the seeker—only his record—in regeneration, all things have passed away and all things become new. He now seeks only to live for the Lord and to please Him in everything that he does. In this process, all of his relatives, friends, classmates, fellow employees—the whole world, will know that he is a different person. But there is more that happens.

Adoption. In that same moment of salvation, the new convert becomes a member of the heavenly family of saints—he's been adopted into the "family of God," whereby God becomes his father, Jesus Christ his elder brother, and every other Christian becomes his spiritual relative.

Initial Sanctification. As wonderful as these three happenings are, we want to notice especially the fourth event that transpires at the new birth—the newly saved person receives the Holy Spirit in initial or beginning sanctification. Just like the thief on the cross apparently made it to heaven without a second work of grace, such a person now qualifies for Hebrews 12:14: "Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Holiness has begun in his heart, and he can walk right on into the blessed experience just as rapidly as he seeks and believes God to do it for him.

Thank God for His faithfulness in leading believers into that blessed experience which Christ purchased for His children who obey Him! ■

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LOST IN ONE GENERATION

by Lonnie Witt

Scripture: Judges 2:7,10. *"And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua.... There arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel."*

INTRODUCTION

A quiet forest-dweller once lived high above an Austrian village along the eastern slope of the Alps. The town council had hired this old gentleman as "Keeper of the Spring"—to maintain the purity of the pools of water in the mountain crevices. The overflow from these pools ran down the mountainside and fed the lovely stream which flowed through the town. With faithful, silent regularity, the Keeper of the Spring patrolled the hills, removed the leaves and branches from the pools, and wiped away the silt that would otherwise choke and contaminate the fresh flow of water.

By and by, the village became a popular attraction for vacationers. Graceful swans floated along the crystal-clear stream, the mill wheels of various businesses located near the water turned day and night, and farmlands were naturally irrigated. The view was sparkling. Years passed.

As the town council met for its semiannual meeting one evening, while reviewing the budget, one man's eye caught the salary paid the obscure Keeper of the Springs. "Who is this old man?" he asked indignantly. "Why do we keep paying him year after year? No one ever sees him." By a unanimous vote, the council dispensed with the old man's services.

For several weeks, nothing changed; but by early autumn, the trees began to shed their leaves. Small branches snapped off and fell into the pools, hindering the rushing flow of sparkling water. One after-

noon, someone noticed a slight yellowish-brown tint to the stream. A few days later, it had darkened. Within a week, a slimy film covered sections of the water along the banks, and a foul odor emanated from the stream. The mill wheels moved slowly; some finally ground to a halt. Businesses located near the water closed. The swans migrated to fresher waters far away, and tourists no longer visited the town. Eventually, the clammy fingers of disease and sickness reached deeply into the village.

The shortsighted town council enjoyed the beauty of the spring but underestimated the importance of guarding its source.

So it is with the faith. One generation has enjoyed the blessed relationship with the Lord, but the next generation fails to see the importance of that relationship. Thus, the source of blessing is gone from their lives.*

How does it happen that faith is lost in one generation? Let me suggest a few ways.

SOMETIMES THE FAILURE WAS IN THE FORMER GENERATION

1. The parents did not transmit the faith.

They assumed their children would "just know" and therefore they did not articulate the faith. Sincere questions were avoided and left unanswered. The message wasn't modeled.

2. The parents did not make faith a priority.

For some, the Lord's day has become like any other day, and church attendance has been relegated only to when there is nothing else to do. Personal and family devotions are pushed aside. As a result, the power of spiritual life ebbs. Children who see the faith as only an occasional practice of their parents often do not practice it at all themselves.

3. The parents encouraged their children to chase dreams of "a better life."

This can be bad if materialism becomes more important than spirituality and education more important than faith.

4. The parents destroyed all the heroes of faith.

It takes little talent to notice flaws. Few of us fail at that enterprise. There has only been one flawless Leader, and He was crucified. I build no case for justifying wrong. In fact, I feel that parents should honestly address issues raised when children offer legitimate criticisms of another. But I believe that things should be framed in the best possible light. As a leader, it has not been hard for me to know when parents aren't supportive—just by observing their children.

5. The parents made rules they never enforced.

Rules are appropriate for the operation of a home, church, or school; however they must be crafted with care and accompanied with reason. Moreover, there must be consequences for breaking rules. Parenting without those consequences is encouraging the breakdown of authority. When authority is broken down, spiritual problems result.

6. The parents were more concerned with image than character.

Concern for children's behavior should relate to how well their behavior meets God's requirements, not to whether or not it has offended others and thus embarrassed the parent. We should pray that our children will love God, and that their motivation for good will come from their heart of love.

7. The parents were more concerned with being right than having and maintaining a good relationship.

Parents can be so "right" that they effectively shut down all communication with their children. "Because I said so" is acceptable in some instances, but entertaining respectful questions builds relationships.

It is never too late to apologize for mistakes of poor parenting. Seek forgiveness. Strive to keep doors of communication open. Love your children and tell them often that you do.

SOMETIMES THE FAILURE IS FOUND IN THE PRESENT GENERATION

1. They simply choose to do things their way.

The best of parents may have wayward children because every soul has free choice. While a good environment is excellent and necessary for raising "good children," even with the best care in the world, some children choose to go down the path of evil.

2. They want freedom rather than faith.

Perhaps they just want out from restraint and restrictions. They want to be "free." However, they often end up exchanging real liberty in Christ for enslavement by the devil.

3. They have chosen to forget consequences and are choosing sin.

Some choose sin for some immediate end they are pursuing. They do not see the horror at the end of that road. They need to realize that "decisions and consequences come wrapped in the same package." They forget the biblical example of sowing and reaping.

4. They want to wait for awhile.

Procrastination can be spiritually devastating. It is one of the devil's most potent weapons for keeping people from fully realizing their potential in Christ. If adults struggle with this, think of how vulnerable youth are. Remember, the young think they have a long future ahead and that some important things can wait until later. However, even the young die. More importantly, the behaviors young people engage in "now" shape the trajectory of their character development. Making right decisions and acting on them in "the now" always requires moral energy, but brings substantial spiritual growth.

5. They do not think they can live the faith as their parents did.

The truth is that they are not required to live as others live. They are only required to live in a manner that pleases God. God is the source of their truth, genuine joy, and spiritual victory.

6. They blame their parents for their failure.

Blaming others is a waste of time because blaming another cannot bring change to your life, and, further, each individual will give an account to God for his or her actions.

7. They are seeking peer acceptance rather than a place in God's family.

Peer acceptance pales in significance to having and keeping God's approval. Moreover, at the day of reckoning, you will be judged by the measure of light you have received and how you conformed to God's design for your life. Proper personal accountability is more important to God than prior peer acceptance.

CONCLUSION

Will the faith be lost in one generation? Everyone has the responsibility of being keepers of the faith and transmitting it to others in a winsome manner.

Perhaps this message has stirred something within you and you realize that you failed—as a parent, or as a son or daughter. Prayer, honest confession, and forgiveness are the right steps in the right direction! ■

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* Story from a famous sermon by Peter Marshall.



student focus

CHRISTIANS = LESS COUNSELING

A recent study by the Barna Group found that 33% of surveyed non-Christians said they have sought counseling, versus 15% of respondents who identified as practicing Christians. While some of the faithful may indeed be confident in their mental health, it “may also reflect the strength of stigma within Christian circles” as some churches may be slower to accept mental illness as a legitimate struggle requiring professional help. The report also found that 47% of evangelicals feel it is important to have a therapist with a similar religious background.

TEENS QUITTING CHURCH

It is said that 70% of teens quit church after high school. Some suggest that Christian youth are not prepared for skeptical and atheistic views they encounter once they leave the nest. This is especially critical as they often begin attending secular colleges where most professors identify as atheists. Not all youths in the church are Christians, however. Many attend church because of their parents. Once they leave home, they may no longer attend.

BILLY GRAHAM'S GRANDSON WILL CONTINUE MINISTRY

William Graham, grandson of the late Billy Graham, says he will continue his grandfather's ministry

and preach “as if Christ is coming back in our lifetime.” He is the oldest son of Franklin Graham, Billy Graham's son, and currently serves as vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

CHRISTIANITY SWEEPING CHINA

The Council of Foreign Relations has a background report titled “Christianity in China” which indicates that the number of Chinese Protestants has grown by an average of 10% annually since 1979, putting China on track to have the world's largest population of Christians by 2030. The current estimate of the number of Protestants is anywhere from 58 million to 115 million and higher—though fewer than 30 million attend officially registered churches. Underground house churches exist parallel to these state-sanctioned Christian churches, operating outside of the guidelines of the government and their regulation by party authorities. Estimates of Chinese Catholics range between 10 to 12 million.

EVANGELIZING NOW OPTIONAL?

A new study from the Barna Group has found that Christians are not evangelizing as often as in previous years. A 1993 study found that 89% of Christians who had shared their faith agreed this is a responsibility of every Christian. Today, just 64% say so—a 25-point drop. ■

PRISCILLA VERNON has said, “Next to following Jesus, attending GBS was the best decision I’ve ever made.” Growing up in a pastor's home, she watched her parents—Steve (BRE '78) and Kay (Kennedy) (1982-83)—live out wonderful examples of the Christian life. She is thankful that God used GBS to help shape and mold her.

Priscilla traveled last summer doing vacation Bible schools for churches and camps. She enjoys writing and developing her own curricula and looks forward to similar travel next summer.

Meanwhile, after she graduates with a degree in Children's Ministry and Missions this coming spring, she will be returning home to do children's ministry at her home church as well as starting nursing school in pursuit of a BSN.

Priscilla says she will miss the “community” she enjoys at GBS. “Being surrounded by godly mentors and professors that TRULY care about you is an amazing feeling.” She highly values the friendships she has made at GBS. ■

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MINISTRY OF MR. TAYLOR

How A Simple Farmer Impacted the World

by Stan Ellingson (HS '76; 1978-80)

John Emery Taylor was a simple farmer. He lived out in the country near High Point, North Carolina, with his wife and four daughters. He only lived in two houses his entire life—the one he was born in, and the other that he built with his own hands.

He was a farmer—various crops, but not tobacco. He didn't believe in it. Not growing tobacco set him apart from most of the other farmers. During a difficult drought, Mr. Taylor gathered the family and prayed for rain. Rain came. A neighbor from one direction came to his farm wondering why it was raining on the Taylor property but stopped at the property line. This same scenario was repeated by two other neighbors from different directions. The Bible says it rains on the just and the unjust, but not that day.

One year, when crops were failing and Mr. Taylor's taxes on house and property were coming due, the money needed was not there. He took his daughter Virginia to the woods. There she heard him pray a simple prayer for provision. When

they returned to the house, a man was standing on the front porch. He said, "Mr. Taylor, you may not remember me. About a year ago, you let me cut wood on your property. Funny thing is, I just remembered last night that I had never paid you." He handed Mr. Taylor some money. It was the exact amount owed for taxes—down to the dollar and penny!

Mr. Taylor and his family attended the Pilgrim Holiness Church in High Point. He was serious about his faith. You might have called him a "farmer layman" because he visited neighbors, building relationships and sharing Jesus. One neighbor was William Lamb, whom Mr. Taylor visited different times. When the conversation began to turn spiritual, however, Mr. Lamb would change the subject. Mr. Taylor did not give up. He tried an-

other approach. He wrote Mr. Lamb a letter that told how, through Jesus Christ, one can go to heaven. Mr. Lamb read that letter...and got saved!



Above far left: John Emery Taylor as he usually looked only on Sundays.

Above center: John Taylor, the farmer, as he normally dressed.

Immediately above: Mr. and Mrs. William Lamb (photo courtesy of Frances Stetler).

Top right: Kenneth and Jewel Lamb Stetler.

Left: The Taylor Family. The four daughters are (L-R): Elizabeth Taylor, Virginia Taylor Ferguson, Ruth Taylor Beck, Catherine Taylor Ellingson.

Pictured in the heading at the top left of this page directly above the "n" in the word "Alumni" is Kenneth Stetler as a GBS student.

Mr. Taylor knew about GBS through The Voice of God's Bible School radio program. All four of Taylor's girls attended GBS: Elizabeth Taylor, who remained single; Ruth Taylor, who met Wilton Beck at GBS and married him; Virginia Taylor, who met Bob Ferguson at GBS and married him; Catherine Taylor, who met Robert Ellingson at GBS and married him. Both Ruth and Virginia also taught at GBS.

The children of Mr. Lamb also attended GBS: Jewel, Bonnie, Evelyn, Frank, and Woody. While at GBS, Jewel met Kenneth Stetler. They married and had children and grandchildren, producing pastors, Bible college administrators, missionaries, and Christian educators. But the influence of Ken and Jewel extended much farther than just through their family, as they touched the lives of many students preparing at GBS for various avenues of Christian service.

I was one of those students. How well I remember the first class I ever had with Ken Stetler. He was taking attendance on the first day. As he read down the roll and got to my name, he paused and asked me to identify myself. I remember wondering if I was in some kind of trouble. He smiled and told the class an abbreviated version of the Taylor/Lamb story recounted here. Somehow, he knew who I was.

Yes, God never called Mr. Taylor to be a pastor, Bible college president, missionary, or teacher. God called him to be a follower of Jesus...and to write that letter to his neighbor. I was a student in Mr. Stetler's class many years ago, but I am also the son of Catherine Taylor Ellingson and the grandson of John Emery Taylor. ■

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This article is adapted from a Facebook post by Stan Ellingson and his responses to questions from the editor.

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The Bottom Line? STAY IN TOUCH!



by Sonja Vernon

COSTLY DISOBEDIENCE

"Thus says the Lord: 'As the shepherd rescues from the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear, so shall the people of Israel who dwell in Samaria be rescued, with the corner of a couch and part of a bed.'" —Amos 3:12 ESV

Amos, the shepherd prophet, was the voice of God to a rebellious Israel. God's people had disobeyed Him again and again, and judgment was at hand. Like the tattered remnants after a predator attacks a flock, Israel would be scattered, wounded, and decimated. A few would be rescued, but even those would forever bear the marks. As I study this passage today, I remember that we too are compared to sheep, we too have a tendency to go astray, and we too have an adversary Scripture likens to a lion. The good news is that we also have a Shepherd, One who gives His life for the sheep, and One who seeks after the lost. But He is also One who will never force us into the fold. If we choose to refuse Him, He will let us go; but we make this choice at our own peril. Sin is a skillful predator. It will bait us, toy with us, damage us, enslave us, and eventually destroy us. Our Shepherd is ready and waiting to respond to our cry. He will save us if we call out to Him! But, sadly, even if rescued, we will still bear wounds from the jaws of sin. No one escapes unscathed. Time and grace will heal, but the scars will remain. Oh, friend, do not toy with sin! You cannot control its consequences. Its cost will far exceed what you ever dream. Run to the Shepherd! Today. Now. ■

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