



THE GOOD NEWS



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Christmas—Christ Came—Christ Will Come

There would never be a Christmas had Christ not come to our world. Do you know He is coming back again?

Recently a lady in my Sunday school class asked me to teach some lessons on the end time. I confessed to her there were many details about those events unclear to me despite my studies of the issue. But then, I thought, there are some things very clear. Why not proclaim those.

In my lifetime, I cannot remember a more broad deterioration of United States society or world society than we see today. Against this decline, three great facts of 2 Peter 3:9-11 speak powerfully.

Fact Number One: v. 9- “the Lord is not slow in keeping His promise as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance” OR His seeming delay in returning is to give time for more people to repent.

Fact Number Two: v.10—”But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare” OR The Lord will return suddenly and the earth will be laid bare.

Fact Number Three: v.11—”Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives...” OR The only people ready for this are those who live holy and godly lives.

Thus having responded to the first coming of Christ, receiving Him as my Savior and Lord, I remember this Christmas by doing all I can to prepare others and myself for His second coming. Will you join me and make a Christ centered difference?

-Chic Shaver

Investment Pays People Dividends

Alerted recently to a growing reality staring me in the face, I remembered how people had invested in other people. These investing people included Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene, and Disciples Sunday School class, plus the influence of homes and home churches. Over the years, I’ve invited a number of Seminary students to be my faculty assistants, managing directors of the Evangelism Center, or my outreach assistants during my ministry at First Church. After my recent revival at Owosso, Michigan First Church of the Nazarene, I was reminded that Brad Stockton had been both faculty assistant and outreach assistant. I began counting ones I’d heavily invested my life in—discipling—and counted men now powerful spiritual leaders:

Brad Stockton, pastor, First Church of the Nazarene, Owosso, Michigan

Brent Hulett, pastor, Church of the Nazarene, Grandview, Washington

Grant Zweigle, pastor, Church of the Nazarene, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Mike Voudouris, chaplain, U.S. Army, and veteran of the Iraq and Afghanistan.

Scott Rainey, recent pastor of Living Word Church of the Nazarene, Houston, Texas, and now missionary, Ukraine, with responsibilities for seven countries.

Gordon Wetmore used to say that our mission “was to make disciples who will make disciples who will make disciples....” Yes, rich people dividends.

-Chic Shaver

Since Sanctification

Dr. David Miller, Ph.D., Psychologist, and leader of Discipleship Ministry at Crossroads Church, Circleville, Ohio communicates:

You will be happy to hear that the young lady that was sanctified the night of your presentation of sanctification at our church—Crossroads in Circleville, OH. Has blossomed and continuing to grow in her relationship with God. As a result of her testimony and witness, both her sister and mother found Christ at our altars. On Sunday, October 20, she and her two sons were baptized.

She is now working part-time at Ohio Christian University

MINISTRY UPDATE		
City	TOTAL ATT.	SEEKERS
Evangelist’s Camp Mtg		
Indian Lake Camp		
Vicksburg, MI		
Witnessing Seminar	80	30
Church of the Nazarene		
Reading, MI	141	9
Witness Seminar	12	
First Church of the Nazarene		
Lansing, MI	216	21
Witness Seminar	21	
Church of the Nazarene		
Owosso, MI	876	27
Prayer Seminar	32	
Holiness Church of the Nazarene		
Stillwell, KS	149	6
Prayer Seminar	15	
Willowwood Church of the Nazarene		
Denton, TX—to be reported later		
Lakeview Church of the Nazarene		
Wichita Falls, TX—to be reported later		
Church of the Nazarene		
Marshall, MO—to be reported later		

and continues to volunteer for many functions at our church. She is such an example of what Christ can do in one's life.

We continue to use both Basic Bible Studies in our Discipleship/Mentoring Ministry at Crossroads.

The disciples have worked with fifteen new converts in Basic Bible Studies and nine have completed the studies in the last year.

Because You Gave, We Gave

- A check and Basic Bible Studies to a church plant on the Kansas City District.
- Basic Bible Studies to a seminary grad taking his first pastorate in Idaho.
- Discipleship materials made available to all evangelists at the Evangelists' Homecoming, Vicksburg, MI.
- A check to Revivalism Ministries, to help their outreach.
- A check to assist a seminarian on his ministry and study in Kenya.
- Provided discipleship materials to pastors in Michigan, Kansas, Texas, Missouri.

Mission Fulfillment Through Spiritual Renewal Services

We are grateful to Dr. Shaver for proclaiming God's Word with excellence and sensitivity during our spiritual renewal services at Owosso First Church of the Nazarene. Many lives were affected by God's living, active and powerful Word, including Brett, a young man and fairly new attendee. After just a few minutes of praying, asking God to forgive him of his sins and to come into his heart, he leaned back, smiled and breathed a sigh of relief. I arrived at the altar just in time to welcome him into the Kingdom. He agreed to do a Basic Bible Study and an older, mature Christian man in our church has agreed to disciple him. Sounds like mission fulfillment to me!

-Brad Stockton, Lead Pastor, Owosso First Church of the Nazarene

A Gift to CSCE

...has been received in memory of **Joanne Prager**.

A District Superintendent Speaks

It was a pleasure to observe and personally experience the work of the Holy Spirit in our family camp services on the Upstate NY District under the anointed preaching of Dr. Chic Shaver. On Saturday afternoon we were also privileged to have this long time evangelism professor train over 70 pastors and lay leaders in how to share their faith more effectively with others.

Dr. Shaver's love for God, passion for the lost, and desire to see believer's entirely sanctified exuded from his heart and words. Those who were in attendance at the encampment found needed help for their souls and tools to share the way of salvation with others.

-David Sharpes, Upstate New York

John Wesley to Hester Rogers

December 9, 1781

"There is no necessity of ever losing what we receive in the moment of justification or sanctification. But it is His will that all the light and love which we then receive, should increase more and more unto the perfect day."

Spiritual Resurgence

This is the new phrase that Pastor Keith Jackson has developed to describe their revival services at Marshall, MO. I like it!

Dr. Shaver's Musical Year in Review

Away from his home ,
Dr. Shaver has been,
Leading ten church revivals,
Many souls did he win-

To the heart of our Savior
Nineteen cities, all told
Three camp Meetings
Nine teachings
on Ministry, so bold.

As this new year approaches,
We pray God opens hearts,
Be they tender, receiving -
For the Gift He imparts!

Chic Shaver's Upcoming Ministry Schedule

Jan 11-15, '14	First Church of the Nazarene St. Joseph, MO	Revival
Jan 25-29, '14	Fort Worth First Church of The Nazarene Crowley, TX	Revival
Feb 1-5, '14	Church of the Nazarene Big Spring, TX	Revival
Feb 15-17 '14	Church of the Nazarene Gainesville, GA	Revival
Mar 15-19, '14	Grace Community Church of the Nazarene New Lexington, OH	Revival
Mar 22-26, '14	Church of the Nazarene Monticello, IL	Revival
Mar 29-Apr 2	Fountain of Life Church of the Nazarene Fairfield, IL	Revival

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