



# THE GOOD NEWS



*The Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism Newsletter June 2014*

## Very Personal

I am now 79 years old—that’s on the outside. Inside, I’m only 59 or younger. I am young at heart. I’m personally amazed at my high level of energy and clarity of mind and speech.

On June 1, Nancy and I celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary. We continue deeply in love, enjoying some of the best days of our marriage. We have been a team for the Lord. Keeping in step with the Spirit (Gal 5:24, NIV) - Still in step with the Lord and each other after 55 years has been our theme.

My passions for my growing relationship with the Lord, for the salvation of lost people, the sanctification of believers, and renewal of Christians burn bright. I pray regularly for the manifest presence of God in my life and in my ministry.

A number of years ago, God laid the burdens of five projects for me to work on for this stage of my life.

- Revival Ministry
- Write a Devotional Book with a Holiness theme in understandable language.
- Disciples Sunday School Class at Kansas City First Church.
- Increased Investment in the Spiritual lives of my Children and Grandchildren.
- Make sure End of Life Affairs are in order.

In addition God gave me four key words that are to be the focus of my ministry—Revival, Holiness, Evangelism, Witness.

In 2012, I preached or taught in 27 cities. In 2013, I spoke in 19 cities. While driving to a revival in west Texas in 2012, the Lord spoke to me very clearly, “I will use you a little while longer in revivals.” He never got more specific about “little while”.

I’ve now just returned from ten of the most exciting and uplifting revivals I’ve been in during my ministry. But the rest of the year has only a few assignments. My heart tells me to work on the other projects in the extra time allowance—and take the revival invitations where the doors open. Nancy and I have just worked on our next five year plan and our intention is to remain at our beloved Leawood address. With all this, I am at peace.

In 1992, God led me to establish the Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism. Its purpose was to highlight the issues of Revival, Holiness, Evangelism, Witness. It has been a vehicle to keep my ministry before the public. We have been able to financially support evangelism scholarships, church plants, missionary work, compassionate needs, and supply evangelism and discipleship materials to pastors, leaders, graduates. I’ve felt it important to highlight personal transformation stories which, it seemed to me, were being less often published in other

City	MINISTRY UPDATE	
	TOTAL ATT.	SEEKERS
<b>First Church of the Nazarene</b> Gainesville, GA	207	25
<b>Witness Seminar</b>	20	
<b>First Church of the Nazarene</b> Kansas City, MO	143	10
<b>Grace Community Church</b> <b>Of the Nazarene</b> New Lexington, OH	347	28
<b>Witness Seminar</b>	31	
<b>Church of the Nazarene</b> Monticello, IL	153	15
<b>Witness Seminar</b>	10	
<b>Fountain of Life Church</b> <b>Of the Nazarene</b> Fairfield, IL	165	14
<b>Witness Seminar</b>	14	
<b>First Church of the Nazarene</b> Murphysboro, IL	163	13
<b>Witness Seminar</b>	14	
<b>Church of the Nazarene</b> Hamlin, TX	289	39
<b>Witness Seminar</b>	16	

Christian periodicals. So as I end this personal note—I will follow with recent stories of recent people who have found a new relationship with Jesus.

*-Chic Shaver*

### **There's Peace**

In a Sunday morning revival service in Illinois, Jack took his wife's hand, and weeping came to an altar of prayer. He came back to Christ.

Later in the week he shared his story of new life with the congregation. In personal conversation, he gave me more details. Here's Jack's Story:

I had made excuses every week why I couldn't go to church. Then, two weeks ago Saturday, I set down my last beer. I needed to be a good example for my thirteen grandchildren.

Sunday, a strong headed man walked into church. I had become spiritually stagnant. I had not picked up a Bible in a year. This proud foolish man came to the altar and had weak knees. He [Christ] took all the burdens I had. He took me out of the rough and put me on the Rock.

That night I had the first peaceful sleep I'd had in a long time. There were no problems on my mind.

I never argued with my wife the next day over pay day, how to spend the money. We had been arguing all the time.

Jack summed up what happened that Sunday morning with Jesus: "I never had such a load lifted". And his wife's summary: "There's peace around our house."

*-Chic Shaver*

### **I Haven't Lost My Temper**

I met Lou in Ohio. He came to me at a Saturday seminar with tears. "I've been seeking to be sanctified for ten years—can you help me?" he said. I counseled him. Sunday he was at the altar and gave clear testimony that God had sanctified him. On Monday I asked him if he'd seen any difference in his life since his sanctification. He said, "I haven't lost my temper and I helped my wife and I keep telling her I love her." On Wednesday night as the revival services were ending, Lou told me, "I haven't lost my temper since Saturday. I'm 100% certain. I know where I'm going—to Heaven!"

*Chic Shaver*

### **For the Long Run**

Concerned that individuals would not only receive Christ into their lives, but would also follow Him and grow in Him for a lifetime, I interviewed John, a carpenter, during a recent revival.

Though raised in church, John was a teen rebel. He started drugs at 12 and alcohol at 15. He established a 20 year record of smoking "pot". At age 18, he married his 15 year old girlfriend. He made tries at being a husband but enjoyed hunting, fishing, and late night partying even more. One day at work he saw a truck driver fail his drug test and lose his job. John had given him the drugs! That woke him up. John realized he could fail a drug test and lose his job. He got in his truck, prayed, and was saved. That week his wife's church was having revival. John attended, and went to the altar for reaffirmation, and again for sanctification. He said sanctification took away the "want to." During the revival the Lord challenged him to give his last \$50. John hesitated—that was his needed gas money.

The Lord spoke "I'll take care of you." John did. The next day he received an unexpected utility reimbursement of \$120.

John was 35. He immediately saw changes. He was freed from his drugs. Earlier he had already quit tobacco. He began spending more time with his family including his two children. He began attending church regularly, reading his Bible and praying.

His wife said, "He was a different person right away." There was no alcohol or drugs. He was a better person, a happier person. "And his old friends stopped coming over. Good!"

John and his wife were at all his church's recent revival services. His final comment, "It's been twenty good years." John has been following Christ and is in it for the long run.

*-Chic Shaver*

### **Deliverance**

Carla will tell her story in her own words:

On Saturday the 5th of April, 2014, God delivered me from something that I had struggled with and been tormented by for years. We were going to be having a revival with Dr. Chic Shaver the following Sunday through Wednesday. It was to begin with a seminar, "Witnessing Without Fear", that Saturday morning. I had been praying for weeks in advance for this particular revival

and the closer the date came the more desperate my prayers became.

I prayed while I was driving that morning, before I picked my dad up to go with me. I told God I HAD to have deliverance right then. By that time I was crying and I'm afraid I screamed at Him to help me. I'd felt desperate before, but I guess at that time God knew I had reached the end and He reached down and lifted me out and up. I have been different in my heart ever since.

On Sunday evening Dr. Shaver's message was on Sanctification. That was another turning point in my life. I have been raised in the church but have struggled with this my whole life. I don't know why, it's so simple. Dr. Shaver's message made sanctification so abundantly clear, I knew that was what I didn't have. I do now.

On that Sunday morning, the second day of my new life, God told me to write some things down that He was going to say to me. In my Bible I have written the following:

"Saturday 4/5/14 DELIVERANCE That was the day—it's over—no more. God uses physicians, medications, man's intelligence and guidance.... BUT He also performs miracles. Don't doubt—don't wonder if it happened—don't hope it's real. Claim it and Believe!"

And I have, pure and simple.

- Carla

### **The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic**

In Matthew Kelly's book by the above title he says,

- "Roughly 7% of Catholic parishioners are doing almost everything in their faith community and paying almost entirely for the maintenance and mission of the parish", p.12 (these are the Dynamic Catholics).
- "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic are
  - \* Prayer
  - \* Study
  - \* Generosity
  - \* Evangelization", p.18.
- "Transforming people one at a time is at the heart of God's plan for the world", p.36.
- "If a parish engaged just another 1 percent of its parishioners over the next year, transforming them into Dynamic Catholics, it would be a game changer", p.36.

- Kelly encountered one idea that turned his life upside down. Here it is—"God calls you to holiness, and everything that happens in your life, every triumph, trial, and tragedy is an opportunity to grow in holiness.", p.77.
- Kelly uses another phrase to explain the quest for holiness—"the quest to become the-best-version-of-yourself", p.78.

This message is for all Christian churches. Is this ringing any bells for you?

### **What Every Pastor Should Know**

This is a book by Gary McIntosh and Charles Arn, 2013. Its subtitle is "101 Indispensable Rules of Thumb for Leading Your Church." Here are four.

- At least three of every five elected church officers should have a "Great Commission Conscience."
- For the most effective outreach, focus on receptive people.
- Offer at least nine entry events per year for effective community outreach.
- Churches that are effective in reaching their community train at least 10 percent of their people in friendship evangelism each year.

### **Because You Gave, We Gave**

- A set of Basic Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians and Basic Bible Studies for the Spirit Filled and Sanctified Life to every graduate of:
  - \* Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO.
  - \* Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, CO.
  - \* Kansas City College and Bible School, Overland Park, KS.
- Discipleship materials to a pastor taking his first church.
- Discipleship materials to pastors and leaders in Texas, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Georgia, and Indiana.
- Lord Teach Us To Pray, a 5 hour seminar on CD, as a gift to the library of Kansas City First Church.
- Basic Bible Studies given to prison and veterans ministries in Texas.
- Discipleship materials to Chaplain Voudouris for soldiers at Ft. Stewart, GA.
- Spanish Basic Bible Studies to a Hispanic pastor in Texas.

## The Evangelism Award

This award is given by the Evangelism Center each year to a student or graduating senior “who shows the greatest concern for and effectiveness in reaching lost people for Christ” in the opinion of the faculty and/or administration. The Nazarene Seminary award of a cash gift and the Witnessing Without Fear album was given to Patrick Shay. The award recipient at the Nazarene Bible College was Consuelo Mockerman.

CONGRATULATIONS to you both!

### Gifts to CSCE

In Memory of: Leland Sanford

### A Methodist

Sharon Hartsfield, godly Methodist laywoman, visited the Monticello, Illinois revival. She later wrote:

I was inspired, encouraged, challenged, instructed, corrected, all in the Spirit of Love And was reminded by Dr. Shaver’s energetic witness that I can still be a vessel God may find some use for at age 75, in my small place in the world, a residence for Seniors.

### Scott Rainey

Scott Rainey was an outstanding evangelism student at Seminary, coworker with me as Outreach Assistant at Kansas City First Church; Evangelism Pastor at GracePoint Church of the Nazarene, Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Lead Pastor for over 8 years at Living Word Church of the Nazarene, Houston, Texas. Now he has been appointed as Field Strategy Coordinator for the Commonwealth of independent States, and with his family is living in Kiev, Ukraine. He is responsible for ministry in twelve nations. Cited for his “vision, and evangelist’s heart, and great administrative skills” we congratulate and pray for Scott, his family, and ministry.

*-Chic Shaver*

### Big Spring

What a privilege it was to have Dr. Shaver at our church. We were blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit during each revival service and grateful to Dr. Shaver for being obedient to the move of the Spirit. Lives were changed, people were sanctified, and many came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We were also privileged to be a part of Dr. Shaver’s seminar, “Witnessing Without Fear.” Many in our church were trained by this seasoned professor of evangelism in sharing their faith. We will continue to

see the fruit from Dr. Shaver’s visit for a long time to come.

## **Calvary Callender—Nazarene Family Church, Big Spring, TX**

### Wesley on Sanctification and Its Limits

Certainly sanctification (in the proper sense) is “an instantaneous deliverance from all sin;” and includes “an instantaneous power then given, always to cleave to God.” Yet this sanctification (at least, in the lower degrees) does not include a power never to think an useless thought, nor ever speak an useless word.....

I want you to be all love. This is the perfection I believe and teach.

**The Works of John Wesley, (Kansas City, MO, Nazarene Publishing House n.d.), Vol 12, p 207**

### Those Two Questions

Lenny Wisehart phoned me April 15 as he was driving from a restaurant to his office. A man, recently attending his church, had fallen into conversation with him at the restaurant and was now following him to the office. Spiritual interest was evident. Lenny said, “I’m going to ask him those two questions you taught us in seminary as a lead in to the Gospel. I just thought of how thankful I am for what you taught us. How many thousands of people have come to Christ as a result.”

The man received Christ and started Basic Bible Studies.

### Chic Shaver’s Upcoming Ministry Schedule

<b>May 25, ‘14</b>	<b>Harris Chapel Church of the Nazarene</b> Selma, IN	<b>Sermon</b>
<b>June 2, ‘14</b>	<b>Leavenworth Detention Center</b> Leavenworth, KS	<b>Prison Revival</b>
<b>Aug. 3, ‘14 pm</b>	<b>St. Paul’s Church of the Nazarene</b> Kansas City, MO	<b>Living in the Power of the Spirit</b>

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