



# THE GOOD NEWS



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## Have You Told Your Story?

They had been learning to write short slices of their life to leave a legacy for their children. A number of members of Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene had been under the leadership of Paul Turner who has developed a nation wide network of story tellers.

On Sunday night, January 19th, story tellers were asked to share with others around tables with food. Then I was to share the story of my conversion to Jesus Christ as a twenty year old college student.

Normally our Sunday night crowd would be 110. People did a good job of inviting others and 234 were present. At the end of my story I invited others to accept Christ. Two adult men came forward to pray, along with spiritual counselors.

I sensed unusual anointing of the Holy Spirit as I spoke. One participant in the evening said to me, "Dr. Shaver, you became 30 years younger when you spoke." Then added that we must make opportunity "while elders can still tell their story."

O yes, I understand rich spiritual treasures resident in many elder hearts—but even more, shouldn't we all be telling our stories. I know some young people with powerful God stories.

I urged my local church to develop and tell their spiritual stories with the following words:

**Your Spiritual Story**—Mark 5:19—To the man Jesus had set free—"Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you."

Your spiritual story:  
Is positive—"How much"  
Glorifies the Lord—"The Lord"  
Is personal—"has done for you"  
Is verbal—"tell them"

It includes **Before, How, Since**

What I was **before** I met Christ.

**How** I came to accept Christ

What Jesus Christ has meant in my life **since**

And now I urge you—in one on one conversation and in public services—please tell "how much the Lord has done for you."

*-Chic Shaver*

## A Little Church Matters

Here is a kind letter from a little church where Dr. Shaver ministered recently.

Dear. Dr. Shaver,

First and foremost, I thank you with the utmost praise for how much of an encouragement you were to James and I. It was such an utter joy to have you in our home and in our church. Your God given words served to carry us through our day to day duties and

keep us close to Jesus and one another. James and I have been praying about and talking about how we might accomplish some of the ideas you gave us on growing our church. At this month's board meeting we passed a motion to purchase a license which will allow us to show movies for free for families in our community in our building. We are continuing to move forward with the passion you gave us through Christ. Your ideas of having events in our building a few times a year has spurred us on. We are completing a few more projects that will allow us to better serve and disciple families in the near future.

You will be happy and delighted to know that I am using your Spirit-filled Bible studies on Wednesday nights with our adults and I am encouraged by the conversations that have come to light from them. I've really been pressuring them (and myself) to memorize the Scriptures listed in them. Dennis Coleman, one who responded at the altar while you were here, has learned and repeated John 14:16-17 to me verbatim. What a work God has done in his life! For the first time in 3 years, I see a desiring of closeness to Jesus in him and it is serving to inspire others in the church.

Because you came to a little church like ours to teach and preach about evangelism, our people have been bolder in their conversations with others, increased their vision and burden for the lost and really rallied around the ideas you shared with us to reach our community for Christ. You lit a fire in both James and I and our church that I pray every day will not go out. Revival is good for the soul!

So, thank you, Dear Rev. Shaver for the wisdom, gentleness, kindness, care and concern you imparted upon

<b>MINISTRY UPDATE</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>TOTAL ATT.</b>	<b>SEEKERS</b>
<b>Willowwood Church of the Nazarene</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>33</b>
Denton, TX		
Witnessing Seminar	45	
<b>Lakeview Church of the Nazarene</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>85</b>
Wichita Falls, TX		
Witnessing Seminar	42	
<b>Church of the Nazarene</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>18</b>
Marshall, MO		
Witnessing Seminar	20	
<b>First Church of the Nazarene</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>7</b>
St. Joseph, MO		
Witnessing Seminar	15	
Nancy "Journey"	40	
<b>First Church of the Nazarene</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>2</b>
Kansas City, MO		
Testimony		
<b>Church of the Nazarene</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>36</b>
Fort Worth, TX		
Prayer Seminar	20	
Nazarene Christian Academy	200	80
<b>First Church of the Nazarene</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>45</b>
Big Spring, TX		
Witnessing Seminar	22	
<b>First Church of the Nazarene</b>		
Gainesville, GA—To be reported later		

us. Your burden for us gives us hope and we intend to share the gospel in relationships every opportunity the Lord gives us!

-Rev. Emily J. Compton, Reading, Michigan Church of the Nazarene

### A Time for Evangelism

Thank God, the Church of the Nazarene increased in 2013 to 2,263,249 members worldwide, a net increase of 14,761 (5.22%) from 2012. Yet the 5000 churches in the USA/Canada region showed a net loss of 106 members to drop its total to 652,755.

When General Superintendent J.B. Chapman noticed a slowing of the churches' evangelistic effectiveness during a past time, he preached his famous sermon "All Out for Souls". It's time for a new emphasis on evangelism (winning lost people to Christ) in the USA & Canada!

-Chic Shaver

### Gifts to CSCE

In memory of: Rev Orville Maish  
In honor of: Chic Shaver

### \$1000 Became \$3000

Recently the Evangelism Center promised a \$1000 check for Evangelism Scholarships at Nazarene Theological Seminary if someone would match it with \$2000. A couple stepped forward with the matching gift. Now \$3000 is ready to be given to students to further evangelism training. Thank you.

### Because You Gave, We Gave

- Funds to relieve the suffering of the Philippines typhoon.
- A gift to a pastor planting a new church in Kansas.
- A check to a minister to pay off education debt before he goes to his missionary assignment in the Philippines.
- A gift to a missionary serving in South America.
- Funds to True Light Resource Center reaching homeless women in Kansas City.
- Basic Bible Studies to a resident at John Knox Village to share with other seniors.
- Provided discipleship materials to pastors and leaders in Texas, Georgia, Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri.
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707,977

The Nazarene Publishing House reported in September that the sale of Basic Bible Studies in English (in three versions) has now reached 707,977.

### In Ethiopia

Al & Kitty Jones report:

Basic Bible Studies helped us in Ethiopia. Several Sudanese young men came to our fellowship. Al would teach them the 8 Basic Bible Studies and they would disappear, and more would come. What we found out later was they were going back to their refugee camps, building little shelters and putting up signs, "Church of the Nazarene". From that we have work in Sudan, Ethiopia, Portland, Maine & Australia. Wow! How about that?  
-Al & Kitty

### Dennis Kinlaw on Purity

...It can be uncomfortable for me to enter into God's presence, for I begin to see who I really am; for all of us that is unpleasant. But I also begin to see what he can do with a

life surrendered to Him. It is possible for some of His beauty to rub off on me, for His purity to become my purity. He is even able to take away my selfishness and move me out of the insignificance that comes from a self-centered heart and into the center of all that is really important.

-This Day with the Master, September 19

### What Revival Did for My Church

This week I was reminded why Dr. Shaver was one of my favorite professors at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Beginning with his four hour Prayer Seminar, Lord, Teach Us To Pray, on Saturday our people were taught and inspired by the Biblical truths and practical experience of Dr. Shaver. He is so passionate and focused as service after service Sunday through Wednesday he laid Biblical foundations on salvation, sanctification and the work of the Holy Spirit.

We have a Christian Academy and many of our junior high and senior high school students attended the services. One of the services was on *People, Sex and God*. It was relevant, tactful and Biblical, masterfully laced with humor and striking at the heart of the issues. Powerfully delivered it brought a wonderful balance of mercy, grace, correction and conviction.

Wednesday morning, he spoke in our high school chapel to nearly 200 students where He through the Holy Spirit captivated our students with a dramatic service entitled, *My Heart—Christ's Home*. At the conclusion of the service the altars were lined on both sides with students seeking salvation and the Lord's ownership of their hearts and lives.

We are grateful for our time with Dr. Shaver at Fort Worth First and people of all ages have already inquired about how soon we could schedule him again.

C.B. Glidden, Pastor, Fort Worth, TX First Church of the Nazarene

### Our Mailing List

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### Chic Shaver's Upcoming Ministry Schedule

Mar 15-19, '14	Grace Community Church of the Nazarene New Lexington, OH	Revival
Mar 22-26	Church of the Nazarene Monticello, IL	Revival
Mar 29-Apr 2	Fountain of Life Church of the Nazarene Fairfield, IL	Revival
April 5-9	Church of the Nazarene Murphysboro, IL	Revival

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