



# THE GOOD NEWS



*The Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism Newsletter March 2016*

## Two of the Greatest Revivals

I have just returned from two of the greatest revivals of my ministry - now close to 900 revivals or camp meetings I have preached. Up front, I know it was because of the Spirit of God and the grace of God, much prayer and very spiritual and wise planning by pastors and churches.

The sense of the presence of God in the services and anointing by the Spirit upon me was very strong. Joyful congregational singing was especially uplifting.

Naples, Florida, First Church of the Nazarene,  
led by Mark Koch

- Four-hour Witnessing Without Fear seminar, with 34 attending, two receiving clergy credit
- Sunday AM - 168
- Night crowds - 82 to 124
- My wife Nancy soloed twice
- Spoke six times
- 37 sought God publicly

Princeton, Florida, First Church of the Nazarene,  
led by Jim Spear and

Goulds, Florida, Redland Church of the Nazarene,  
led by Treavor Pound

A total of six churches participated with international flavor - people from Caribbean Islands, Haiti, Cuba, and other Spanish-speaking nations, and Anglos - and worship that included singing, praises, and applause. Services alternated between the Princeton Church and the Redland Church.

- Witnessing Without Fear seminar, 47 attended, 8 clergy credits
- Sunday AM - 90 at Princeton, 183 at Redland
- Night crowds - 100 to 215
- Nancy soloed
- 100 teens plus adults attended Tuesday night when I spoke on "People, Sex, and God"
- Spoke at Christian school to 100 students, grades six to twelve, 15 sought God

- Spoke eight times
- Total seekers this week - 55, including a strong group of young adult men

I am still in awe of the presence of God. Thank you to so many of you who are praying. One young man told me "He (God) totally changed me."

- Chic Shaver

## Naples, FL Report - by Pastor Mark Koch

We experienced an amazing Revival with Dr. Chic Shaver! The witnessing seminar equipped and motivated our people to share the Gospel. Each service was unique and saturated with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Our people filled the altars during the invitations with many testifying to salvation, re-commitment, and sanctification, and numerous people praying for boldness to witness to family and friends. Dr. Shaver's clarity, experience, professionalism and walk with the Lord, humbly connected to the mighty Spirit of God, combined to be just what Naples First needed. Only heaven will see the final result, but we are already seeing the signs of a Revived Church!

## Princeton, FL Report - by Pastor Jim Spear

We certainly enjoyed having you share with Princeton and other churches in the area. Your time spent with us was personally very encouraging, and productive for the churches that participated in Renewal Week. Your ministry helped equip better witnesses for Jesus, brought some people to make first-time decisions for Christ, and helped our people understand what it means to live the Spirit-filled life. I also appreciated your willingness to speak at our Christian high school chapel and then, of course, the Tuesday night message "People, Sex, and God." I'm glad as you get older, you are becoming bolder. All in all, it was a GREAT week in the Lord, and our people are still talking about the services.

I also want to thank you and Nancy for serving as role models that ministry has no age limits. You both connected with the different generations, and you showed me that I need to keep serving the Lord as long as He gives me breath. Your lives are a beautiful example of God's grace and provision.

## Redland Church (Goulds, FL) Report

- by Pastor Treavor Pound

We had an amazing week! I was especially blown away by the crowd we had on Tuesday night with over 200 that night (approximately 100 of which were teens!). You did an outstanding job, and now we are working to continue to build on the foundations that were made in Renew Week.

We have also begun a "Follow-up Ministry Team" to disciple those who made a decision for the Lord. This was created based on some of your principles from the Evangelism Seminar!

Probably one of the most exciting personal stories out of Renew Week from our church was in the lives of Stephen Santiago and Jose Gonzalez. These are two young men in their twenties that work together and attend Redland Church. Jose and Stephen work 70+ hours per week as security guards, and yet they did not miss a single night! They were so impacted by your ministry that they asked me if I thought it would be OK if they took a picture with you. God used you in a mighty way in these young men's lives.

## Indian Hills Church of the Nazarene, Wichita, KS - by Pastor Dennis Welch

What happens when you combine a church who had prayed and fasted for revival with an evangelist who preaches the clear messages of salvation and sanctification? You have a congregation which is blessed, excited, and challenged. Dr. Charles Shaver gave Indian Hills church of the Nazarene exactly what God intended - a revival that will continue even though he has moved to his next assignment. We are so thankful for the prayer seminar and the wonderful Spirit-led services. We can only see great things in the future as God continues what Dr. Shaver began.

### What Happens After Revival

Here is the appeal Pastor Mark Koch made to his congregation after the Naples revival...

*God has poured out His grace on Naples First. We cannot receive all of this in vain. We must take the truth and work alongside God to reach our community and world for Him. He uses us to work with Him in redeeming the world. To save Israel, he called Moses. To save the Gentiles, He called Paul. To save your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others, He calls you.*

*This Revival is not complete until we let God work His saving power through us; otherwise we are simply moved but not changed, and*

*the Revival is in vain. What step of faith and action is God leading you to take after Revival so the Grace of God is not in vain?*

*I was challenged recently to never go to bed at night without first telling at least one person about Jesus Christ. I am currently discipling three people and just started the Basic Bible Studies with a fourth man. I want to be BOLD for Christ! Our Revival theme was BOLD! The early church prayed for boldness (Acts 4:29-31). For some of us in our churches, BOLD would be an acronym for Barren Obscure Lifeless Dying! (Ouch!) BOLD should mean Believers Obeying Loving & Determined! (Awesome!)*

*We are His co-workers. Let's complete the Revival, lest His grace be in vain. And all the people said.....AMEN!*

## Bible Studies for Africa

Mike and Julie Shalley lead the "Christian Literature for Africa Association." In their Jan./Feb. newsletter, they made the following appeal for Basic Bible Studies for Africa. Would you help?

*We would like to send Basic Bible Studies by Chic Shaver with every box of Bibles shipped to Africa. The lessons have been an effective tool in Jesus film evangelism follow-up since 1991 in Namibia, not to mention other countries. The studies were used in developing a correspondence school of discipleship. This led to the development of further courses of study in higher education. The studies were very effective in prison reform throughout Namibia among the inmates. We wish to purchase 2500 Basic Bible Studies at a cost of US \$5000.*

*If you would like to contribute any amount towards this specific need, feel free to go to <http://www.christianlitforafrica.org/donate.html>.*

## Because You Gave, We Gave

- Evangelism Scholarship funds to Nazarene Theological Seminary
- Discipleship materials to Africa Inland Mission
- Discipleship materials to pastors and leaders in Florida, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, Kansas, and Idaho

## In Memory and In Honor

- Scott Lytle
- Chic and Nancy Shaver
- Jeffrey Gammill

## Thank You for Sanctification

Maridel Madison wrote the following...

*Dear Chic,*

*God bless you for your faithfulness in preaching sanctification. It really works and has done so for years in my dad's life and in my life, too. Nothing else allows the Christian to maintain a steadfast relationship with Jesus throughout a lifetime.*

*You will be prayed for, my friend. See you on the other side, if not before!*

*In Christ's love,  
Roy Mink and  
daughter Maridel Madison*

Later she phoned me with this testimony:

*My mother died of pancreatic cancer in 2003. She asked me to promise her I would meet her in heaven. I did, and I meant it. I had been backslidden for thirteen or fifteen years.*

*I was an agnostic, but I began to search. I went to Christian bookstores and bought and read Lee Strobel books. I asked people if they knew anyone who had a "gone to heaven experience" and returned. As heaven became more real to me, I knew there had to be a God to run it.*

*I knew I would have to feel the presence of God. As searching continued, I found myself in a Nazarene church in Phoenix. Communion was being served, and I knew I was not worthy to take it. The presence of God came over me, and I wept profusely. I accepted the Lord.*

*I knew I must go deeper. I sought entire sanctification. On a November day in 2003, I died to myself and God filled me with His Spirit. I can honestly say I have never had a lack of joy or peace since. And not one moment of doubt. What a move from agnosticism to positive sanctifying faith.*

## Holy Spirit Fruit 23 Years Later

My hiatus from God and the church ended in February of 1993. I grew up in the Church of the Nazarene. However, I abandoned my faith during high school until "My Great Awakening" in 1993. From the depths, God raised me up and brought me to a spacious place (Psalm 18) at a little country church in Virginia. I was hungry to learn and eager to serve. So, when they began promoting Living in the Power of the Spirit, a twelve-week course created by Chic Shaver, I was first to sign up.

Overwhelmed - Our first meeting we received

the workbook and began discussing the weekly expectations. Not only did I feel overwhelmed, I also had feelings of inadequacy and doubt. This is the beauty of the group meeting, because they encouraged me to continue and helped me overcome my hesitations.

Overjoyed - I learned so much as a result of completing the course. In hindsight, I am so glad I began my journey of faith learning about the Spirit. So much of my spiritual formation comes from lessons learned in "Living in the Power of the Spirit." As a result, 23 years later, I still recognize the Spirit at work in, through, and around me. I truly live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Todd Holman

Todd Holman is now pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Casey, IL. He has invited Dr. Shaver to preach a week of messages on holiness, sanctification, and the filling of the Holy Spirit on October 22-26, 2016.

## Charles Wesley on Heart Purity

*What is our calling's glorious hope,  
But inward holiness?*

*For this to Jesus I look up:  
I calmly wait for this.*

*I wait till he shall touch me clean,  
Shall life and pow'r impart,  
Give me the faith that casts out sin,  
And purifies the heart.*

*When Jesus makes my heart his home,  
My sin shall all depart;  
And, lo! He saith, "I quickly come,  
To fill and rule thy heart."*

- Marston, Hogue, and Wesley,  
Living Hymns of Charles Wesley  
(Winona Lake, IN: Light and Life Press, 1957), p. 52

## Chic Shaver's Upcoming Ministry Schedule

<b>Apr 3-6</b>	<b>Fountain of Life Church of the Nazarene</b> Fairfield, IL	<b>Revival</b>
<b>Apr 9-13</b>	<b>Church of the Nazarene</b> Chrisman, IL	<b>Revival</b>
<b>Apr 16-17</b>	<b>Central Church of the Nazarene</b> Tulsa, OK	<b>Witness and Prayer Seminars</b>
<b>Oct 8-9</b>	<b>First Church of the Nazarene</b> Joplin, MO	<b>Prayer Seminar and Preaching</b>
<b>Oct 22-26</b>	<b>Church of the Nazarene</b> Casey, IL	<b>Holiness Revival</b>

\* A revival scheduled for Feb 6-10 at Hamlin, TX has been postponed.

## Thank You for Encouraging Us

Your notes and emails are helping us. Harriet Taylor from Wichita wrote:

*I have been to many revivals in the 35 years since I've been a Nazarene, but I really got the most from the days you spent with us at Indian Hills.*

Vern and Marge Knierim emailed:

*Dr. Chic and Nancy,*

*Just a note to let you know that we are praying for your revival services and asking our Heavenly Father to richly bless both of you, protect you, and give you strength. Both of you are an inspiration to both of us. We are so grateful that we were privileged to sit under your teaching for nine years, Chic, and to hear your exciting testimony, Nancy.*

*Our love to both of you,  
Vern & Marge K.*

## A Year's Ministry

In 2015, Dr. Shaver had the privilege of preaching and teaching in twelve cities and eight different states from Michigan to Idaho to Texas. He held ten Witnessing Without Fear seminars, two prayer seminars, preached in ten revivals and one camp meeting, and conducted three funerals. At these meetings, there were 4,278 people in attendance, and 263 people came forward to seek the Lord in prayer. Dr. Shaver also continued writing a devotional book, wrote two articles for the Standard magazine, and regularly taught Disciples Sunday School class at KC First Church of the Nazarene when he was in town. The class averaged better than fifty per Sunday in attendance. Several people prayed to receive Christ during Dr. Shaver's personal evangelism calls.

*- Joy Parke*

## MINISTRY UPDATE

	Total Attendance	Seekers
<b>Indian Hills Church of the Nazarene</b>		
Wichita, KS	192	13
Prayer Seminar	19	
<b>Church of the Nazarene</b>		
<b>New Braunfels, TX</b>	321	41
Witness Seminar	27	
<b>Church of the Nazarene</b>		
<b>Pasadena, TX</b>	344	37
Witness Seminar	19	
<b>Church of the Nazarene</b>		
<b>Council, ID</b>	161	21
Witness Seminar	17	
<b>First Church of the Nazarene</b>		
<b>Naples, FL</b>	595	37
Witness Seminar	34	
<b>First Church of the Nazarene</b>		
<b>Princeton, FL and Redland Church of the Nazarene, Goulds, FL</b>	935	55
Witness Seminar	47	

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