



THE GOOD NEWS



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LIVING IN THE BLESSING **365 Daily Devotionals to Guide You** **to Live in the Blessing**

This is the projected title of Dr. Shaver's new book.

I never had heard about a deeper Christian life called "sanctification" or being "filled with the Spirit" until I was twenty-one years old. As my growing need and God's truth began to blend together, God graciously sanctified me through and through. Here is my testimony as published in the book:

God Sanctified Me!

(This is one of the devotionals in Dr. Shaver's new book.)

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through." 1 Thessalonians 5:23

No question about it. I knew God had saved me! On that November 20th night, my sins were forgiven, Christ entered the center of my life, God became real, love and joy and peace became my major emotions. I continued a day-by-day living relationship with Jesus. The Bible became an exciting book, I was receiving prayer answers, by grace I resisted old temptations. I was in church every time the door was opened. I was telling others what Jesus had done for me and bringing my friends to church.

Six months later, I was in crisis. Despite the continual relationship with God and blessings from God, ugly tempers began to arise from the basement of my soul. Certain people, even Christian friends, would rub me the wrong way. I knew a Christian should be loving, so I would grit my teeth and clench my jaw and say, "Make yourself love him!" But I couldn't do it. Bitterness, resentment, impatience, jealousy, pride began rising up from deep within me. Along with that, I sensed a lack of spiritual power - though I was sharing my faith with many, few were being changed. I wondered, "Is this the best my Christianity can be?"

Then some glimmers of light began to break through to me. I heard it in a sermon, read it in the Bible, heard it in a song, caught it in a personal testimony. I began to hear words like "entire sanctification," to be "filled with the Spirit," "purity of heart," to be "crucified with Christ," "the rest of faith," "full cleansing." Daily, consistently I prayed for God's answer to my dilemma.

Then on September 2nd, I was in a Sunday night service. God spoke to my heart, and prompted me to go forward to kneel at an altar of prayer. God spoke to me, "What have you been praying for all this time?" I responded, "Lord, sanctify me."

Suddenly what seemed like an electric shock went all through my body and I was face down on the floor. I was so weak (though I was a completely healthy 21-year-old) that I thought I was going to die. Then I realized, "That's exactly what's going to happen. The 'old Chic Shaver' is going to die."

Surrendering all of my forgiven life back to God, asking Him to "crucify" the remaining core of self-centeredness, I attempted to reach out to believe God for the answer. Upon the urging of Christian friends, I gathered all my faith and believed God to sanctify me.

The most amazing peace and joy flooded my heart. My strength suddenly returned. And oh, the love. I stood and testified God had just sanctified me through and through. Immediately, a man in the congregation rushed forward to seek God. There was spiritual power. I went home singing Charles Wesley's "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," and sang it repeatedly over the next 24 hours.

My self-centeredness had gone to the cross. God had sanctified me 100%. The Spirit had filled me. My Christian life lifted to a whole new level. I still had many lessons to learn about the continual "walk in the Spirit," and I'm still learning. But I had entered a land called "victory." I'm still living there and exploring new territory in that land.

The Evangelism Award for Nazarene Bible College

Rev. Thomas Surdenik, lead pastor of New Faith Church of the Nazarene in Charlotte, Michigan, has won the Evangelism Award at the 2021 graduation. Here is Rev. Surdenik's report of his ministry which I would call, **Community and Evangelism**.

I Love My Town is a service project that the members of the congregation engage with the community leaders and homeowners to do different projects throughout the community. This year we worked in the parks, took teddy bears while singing hymns to the ladies at the assisted living home, did neighborhood clean-ups and fed homeless in our community.

I preach regularly at the City Rescue Mission, which houses homeless women and children. In addition to this, the Message in the Market is an outreach event where I took the worship team as well as myself to the market. We intentionally interacted with the people of our community who most likely do not walk through the doors of the church. We started with a buffet-style BBQ cookout while our musicians provided music and fun. Others from the congregation met with people to welcome them in and begin building trust. After we eat, I usually preach a message about how Jesus crossed cultural norms and invites those who are interested to come to the table of grace.

Thomas Sardonic

The Evangelism Award for Nazarene Seminary

Dr. Dale Schaeffer, Superintendent of the Florida District, and recent recipient of the Master of Arts in Transformational Leadership at Seminary has won the Evangelism Award at the 2021 graduation. He reports the recent ministry of his district. I would title the report, **Evangelism is Alive and Well in Florida**.

While the year 2020 is one that came with many challenges, it is one that presented us with incredible opportunities for evangelism here in Florida. In the past year we've seen 3 of our mission churches become fully organized churches, witnessed 5 new churches planted, and several more beginning to develop.

In Largo, Pastor Josh Heer and his family relocated from Olathe, KS, in May 2020 to plant Largo Living Hope Church of the Nazarene. This church started with a handful of people is now running nearly 100 people in worship each week and recently baptized 7 people on their Easter worship service.

In St. Petersburg, Pastor Remington Anksorus relocated from Goshen, IN, in August of 2020 to plant St. Petersburg Crossroads Church of the Nazarene. On

Mother's Day, this new church opened with 130 people in worship. In Brandon, Pastor Joseph Wilkens-Louis planted a new Haitian church called Beraca Family Church of the Nazarene. Starting with only his family, today the church is averaging 32 in morning worship.

In Mulberry, Pastor Martha Martinez led a co-worker to Christ and two weeks later the co-worker had set up two large tents outside of their family's trailer and invited Pastor Martha to join them for a Saturday night service under the tents. This new mission is now averaging 50-70 people each week.

If there's common theme to all of these stories, it's pastors and lay leaders who are dedicated to sharing the hope of Christ with everyone they meet. But these leaders are not satisfied to only see people come to salvation, they are working hard to disciple them in their faith.

Recently, during a meeting with the Mission Area Coordinators from our district, we were discussing the tools being used by our pastors to disciple new believers across our district. I want you to know that the most mentioned tool being used by our pastors was "Basic Bible Studies for New Believers" (both the paper and the digital versions were mentioned). I'm convinced that "Basic Bible Studies for New Believers" continues to be the most effective personal discipleship tool available to our pastors and lay people.

Dr. Shaver, thanks for all you've done, and all you continue to do, to fuel the fire of evangelism and discipleship in our movement.

Dale Schaeffer

The First 100!

On June 6, I was privileged to preach at First United Methodist Church, Dunnellon, Florida. I had preached a revival there 15 years earlier. I asked Pastor Eddie Fulford what I should preach on in their service Sunday, and he said "sanctification". These people are spiritually sensitive and hungry. I preached a clear sanctification message to 240 adults and called people to seek God's sanctifying fullness at the altar. Thirty knelt to pray.

The people were hungry for holiness literature. I told them I had written a daily devotional book, Living in The Blessing. One of the features of the book is it explains sanctification and living the Spirit-filled life in language understandable to the ordinary person.

I spoke with Pastor Eddie by phone on July 2. He told me they would buy the book in quantity. Members of the congregation would be reading each day's devotional, individually, and he would preach from a theme raised by one of the seven devotionals that week. He ordered the first 100 copies! Now I am wondering how many other congregations beyond this one Methodist church might do the same thing? And what might the spiritual impact be?

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Discounts

When you order a book from the Foundry in a quantity of 100 or more you may receive a 48% discount.

More 100's

Based upon the pattern of the Dunnellon, Florida Methodist Church the following churches, Institutions or persons have committed to order 100 or more of Living in the Blessing.

First Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, MO
Shawn Siegfried
Harris Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Selma, IN
Jim Ballenger
Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, CO
Scott Sherwood
Kansas Christian College, Church of God (Holiness), Overland Park, KS
Chad Pollard
Southport Church of the Nazarene, Indianapolis, IN
Bill Swesey
Individuals in Kansas, Missouri, and Texas
Francis Asbury Society, Wilmore, KY
Ron Smith

With publication projected December or January, pre order is encouraged. To order Living in the Blessing, Item number 978-0-8341-4084-4 go to orders@thefoundrypublishing.com or call 1-800-877-0700.

Contributions Were Made in Memory Of:

Merladene Cawood	Dan Copp
James Daniel	Christy Donnell
Rosemary Hendrick	Joel Hermsen
Charles Lail	Elizabeth "Beth" Merki
Mary Rutherford	Larry Schultz
George Stone	Jeanette Wienecke

Because You Gave We Gave

- Discipleship materials to leaders at the Francis Asbury Society, Wilmore, KY
- Discipleship materials to parents and a grandparent to help lead their children to Christ
- Spanish Basic Bible Studies to the Florida district, Church of the Nazarene
- Discipleship materials to a Florida United Methodist Church
- 12 Spanish Basic Bible Studies and evangelism literature to Nazarene Bible College
- Bible Studies given to a young adult considering being an evangelist, a Kansas City businessman, a Florida doctor, a friend at dinner, a high school grad in Idaho
- Discipleship and evangelism materials to an Indiana pastor, who is a leader in a holiness movement

A Message to the 757,216

Despite the pandemic, from April 2020 to March 2021, 3057 Basic Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians (in English) were sold by the Foundry. This brings the total sold since first published in 1972 to 757,216. This count includes the study in print, electronic format, the teen version, and the studies in everyday English.

For all 757,216 of you, please know that my upcoming devotional book Living in the Blessing was written to be compatible with what you studied in your eight lessons. The first eight weeks of the devotional book will support you afresh in the truths of the eight lessons. The later part of the book will lead you into the deeper life of sanctification and the pattern of ongoing Spirit-filled living. I urge all 757,216 of you to obtain this book which will soon be available from the Foundry, 1-800-877-0700, or orders@thefoundrypublishing.com.

Through the Flames

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Our church welcomed over 1000 people into our Fire Relief Center, following devastating fires that destroyed 293 homes. We heard gut-wrenching stories of souls escaping the midnight flames with 70 mph winds, including neighbors waking up neighbors, one man swimming down the river, and like our Nazarene Missions International President, driving with fire on both sides of her car, only a month later after the shock, to realize the car had been burned on both sides. It is a miracle in a town with no emergency alert system that no one was killed in the flames.

I was praying for wisdom for whom to give some additional Fire Relief funds, and the Holy Spirit clearly prompted me to go and speak to a young man who was in our Fire Relief Center. Welcoming him into my office, I explained that I was the pastor and shared that an out-of-town non-profit organization would like to meet him on his property and give him a check. He started to sob. He explained, "I'm the son of a Nazarene female pastor and I've been away from the Lord for a long time."

A couple of days later on his property, as we handed him one check and a matching donation, he began to cry again. He said, "I don't deserve this. I've done some terrible things in my life. I've been in prison for 20 years and there is not a day that goes by that I don't feel the shame and regret for my crime."

Standing on the ash of what once was his home, two Nazarene female pastors shared the gospel with Jason, and he prayed to receive the Lord again in his life. We watched years of pain, shame and regret dissipate off his shoulders. Jason is a new man alive in Jesus Christ today, because of his mother's prayers, the Holy Spirit's guidance, and the non-profit's timing. All glory to God!

Rev. Kelli Westmark
Pastor, Lincoln City, Oregon

Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism Online Giving

We are excited to announce that we have added an online giving option for CSCE givers. You can follow the steps below to start your online giving.

Steps:

1. Go to kcfc.org/give/give, and click on the green button that reads "Make Donations."
2. Select "One-time" or "Recurring."
3. Using the dropdown window, choose "Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism."
4. Enter desired amount and account/card information.
5. You will receive a confirmation email once you have submitted your information.
 - a. Recurring payments will get notifications every time funds are withdrawn.

Thank you for your love and support of the Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism! Your continued gifts enable us to champion Witness, Evangelism, Holiness, and Revival around the globe!

It has been costing about \$2000 a month to operate the Evangelism Center. Our costs include salary for managing director (seven hours a week), envelopes, newsletter, quarterly hardcopy mailing to over 1600 families of leaders and clergy, office supplies and equipment. No salary is paid to the executive directors. Thank you to many givers. We sure could use [financial help this month](#).

Dennis Kinlaw on Evangelistic Crusades

Dr. Kinlaw wrote his testimony in the last five years of his life. In the book, Malchus' Ear, page 13 – 14, he says:

We were Methodists. More important for us, though was the fact that evangelists were a part of our culture...It was through these evangelistic crusades that my father and mother come to an immediate and genuine personal knowledge of the living Christ that was more intense and fulfilling than that which they had found just through the regular life of the church.

Camp Meetings Still Make a Difference

I've been traveling now as an evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene for 24 years. I felt called when I was in high school and surrendered to that call as a freshman at Olivet Nazarene University. When I think about my walk with the Lord, it seems that most formative moments happened during those times that are being done away with today: Sunday nights, Wednesday nights, revivals and camp meetings. Those were those out of the ordinary times that God really revealed Himself and did deep things in my heart. That's why I know—these things still make a difference!

It's August and this year's camp meeting schedule is winding down. It's been wonderful to be back at it after a missed year because of the pandemic. One of the camps at which I was privileged to speak was the Mount of Praise Camp Meeting in Circleville, Ohio. It was a wonderful time!

While at Mount of Praise I met Rev. Darlene Kinney who now pastors the Church of Christ in Christian Union in Derwent, Ohio. After some pleasantries, Darlene told me her story that went something like this:

You probably don't remember me, but we actually met years ago. You were speaking at the Central Ohio (now South Central) District camp meeting. I was dealing with a number of different things in my life. I knew I was called to preach. I had been doing what I could to respond to that call, but there was so much uncertainty and fear. . . . I really sensed God moving me toward seminary, but I was hesitant. I'm a woman. I wasn't your typical seminary student. What if I were to step out and fail? How would I be received during and after? There was just so much anxiety surrounding it all that I fought it. I had been fighting it.

I had attended those evening services in Logan, Ohio under the tent. And each service seemed directed toward me. One evening you preached about surrender and the blessings that followed full-surrender and complete-obedience. You even shared about your own personal surrender and testified to the faithfulness of God in answering the call to abandon all to Him.

Those words—full-surrender, complete-obedience—spoke so clearly to me in my situation. I had to settle it, I had to give in. So, I did. I surrendered. I was obedient—I

went to seminary. And now, here I am. I'm pastoring a church not too far from here and am living in the blessings that follow obedience to His will.

That's why you're my favorite evangelist!

I had to include that last part. It was so special!

Darlene's story is repeated over and over again. When I think of those that I've met on the road, most testify to transformative moments that happened in a revival or camp meeting setting. There's something about God directed days like this that just facilitates an atmosphere where God works in extraordinary ways.

Sadly, it seems that these organized meetings—time set aside specifically to focus on Him in an extended way are become fewer and less valued. May it be that we never stop seeing the need for revivals and camp meetings. My prayer is that He would stir up an urgency within us that longs for more times like this that are centered on Him and His saving and sanctifying work.

Camp meetings still make a difference!

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One-on-One Mentorship for New and Growing Christians

Basic Bible Studies Online Discipleship is a mobile-friendly edition of the bestselling program Basic Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians, by Chic Shaver. This program includes 8 short Bible studies for a new Christian to begin studying the Bible, making it possible for discipleship leaders to purchase the studies, deliver materials to participants, review completed sessions and worksheets on a mobile or desktop device.

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My take always from a meeting with their leaders on June 3:

- Their major goal – "To spread scriptural holiness across the land"
- They seek every means to spread the Gospel
- They wish to stand beside others and support them
- Their preachers and teachers go out to spread the message and they publish books and resources to teach the message. They host events that bring together speakers, resources, and the public
- They work with 220 Camp meetings with Wesleyan influence and endorse 25 Evangelists

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November 9-11, 2021, in Ridgecrest, North Carolina

John Wesley on Purity

"God only requires of his adult children, that their hearts be truly purified, and that they offer him continually the wishes and vows that naturally spring from perfect love."

The Works of John Wesley (Kansas City, Mo. Nazarene Publishing House, n.d.), Volume XI, 438.

MINISTRY UPDATE- Dr. Shaver

	Total Attendance	Seekers
United Methodist Church Dunnellon, FL (June 6)	240	30
Nazarene Church Harrisonville, MO (Aug 8)	68	

MINISTRY UPDATE- Dr. Rainey

New Mexico District SDMI (June 18)		
Kansas City Multi-Cultural Festival (July 17)		
Joplin District LEAD Day (July 24)		
Church of the Nazarene Carhage, MO (July 25)		25
Kansas District EQUIP Day (July 31)		
Prairie Lake District Assembly (August 11)		

SCOTT RAINEY UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 21 – SW Ohio District Teacher Appreciation Banquet
August 22 – First Church of Nazarene (Hillsboro, OH)
August 28 – SW Indiana District SDMI Convention
September 12-15 – Church of Nazarene Revival Services (Waverly, TN)
October 9 – NW District "The Mix" Convention
October 10 – Bethel Church of the Nazarene (Spokane, WA)

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