



THE GOOD NEWS



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West Texas, Dennis Kinlaw, and Paul

I had dramatized and preached the famous allegory, My Heart—Christ's Home at West Texas Camp Meeting. I led people through the rooms of the heart, surrendering each one to Christ. After the cleansing of the hall closet and full surrender, I told the crowd, "You've just understood sanctification!"

Testimonies erupted after the service. Vickie said with much gesture:

I was not raised a Nazarene. I've been taking notes all night and cleaning house. And then he said, "This is sanctification." I've been sanctified! I've been sanctified!

Then Melissa testified:

I've been a Christian ten years. Tonight He got into my hall closet. I gave Him all the junk tonight and I'm sanctified.

Dennis Kinlaw said:

We certainly cannot cleanse our own hearts, for the very will that would choose to be clean is itself unclean.... Sanctification is as much the result of faith as justification is because it is something only God can do.....This is what Paul was telling the Thessalonians when he prayed for their sanctification. He knew they could never sanctify themselves. (This Day with the Master June 7)

Paul prayed, "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it." (I Thes. 5:23-24, NIV)

-Chic Shaver

Joanne Shaver Prager

My beloved sister, Joanne, passed away, age 76, on July 27, 2013. She courageously battled lung cancer since October, 2011.

Twenty-three family members vacationed together on Treasure Island, Florida, June 15-22, and Joanne was at the center of it all. Nancy and I spent a few extra days with Joanne at her home through June 26.

A life celebration was held for her in Lake Mary, Florida on August 12. Our daughter, Miriam, prayed a significant prayer with her by phone shortly before her passing. My last two phone conversations with her ended with her words, "Pray for me" and "I love you, too".

This outstanding woman, known for her animal welfare, was strongly supported in her last days by Kent and Denise, Ronnie and Lynn, Garrett, and Allison and other family and many friends. Hundreds of my friends have surrounded Joanne with prayer. I am deeply grateful to all. Gifts to her memory have been made to the women's shelter, Kansas City Rescue Mission, and the Chic Shaver Center for Evangelism I am confident Joanne is with the Lord.

- Chic Shaver

Over 700,000

In June, Nazarene Publishing House reported to us that the publication of Basic Bible Studies for New/Growing Christians (in its three versions including Youth and English as a second language) had reached 703,600 as of March, 2013.

Three Camp Meetings—Two District Superintendents—Much Spiritual Overflow

Upstate New York, Intermountain, and West Texas were three Camp Meetings held by Dr. Shaver in July. In all three, besides evening preaching he taught daytime seminars on witnessing and evangelism.

Superintendent Dr. Stephen Borger emailed his reaction to the Intermountain Camp:

The Intermountain District Camp Meeting with Dr. Shaver was a time of great blessing and Spiritual help for many of our people. Several of our pastors made similar comments that Dr. Shaver's messages were biblical, understandable, challenging and exactly what our people need. His encouragement to live the Christian life in the power of the Spirit while allowing that life to spill over into the lives of others spoke directly to the place our people want and need to live in these days. There were definite victories at the altar of prayer every night of camp meeting. The Saturday seminar on "Witnessing Without Fear" was attended by 106 and I am already hearing testimonies of the impact that has made on some churches. God continues to use Chic Shaver for the building of His Kingdom and for the Church of the Nazarene. A pastor of one of our largest church told me he thought this was one of the best camp meetings we have had in years. Thank you Dr.

City	MINISTRY UPDATE	
	TOTAL ATT.	SEEKERS
Covenant Church of the Nazarene		
Danville, KY	258	29
Witness Seminar	11	
Nancy's Message	40	
General Assembly		
Indianapolis, IN		
Witness Seminar	170	
Upstate New York Camp Mtg		
Brooktondale, NY	775	22
Witness Seminar	71	
Intermountain Camp Mtg		
Nampa, ID	2852	69
Witness Seminar	106	
Valley Shepherd Nazarene	470	22
Meridian, ID		
Crossroads Church of the Nazarene		
Ft Worth, TX	282	15
West Texas Camp Mtg		
Clerburne, TX	1075	29
Evangelism Training Daily Avg	81	
Witness Seminar Daily Avg	143	
Harvest Community Nazarene	177	6
Peru, IL		
Witnessing Seminar	9	

Shaver for your life, your ministry and your unwavering commitment to evangelism.

Dr. David Downs, District Superintendent:

It was wonderful to have Dr. Shaver at the West Texas District Family Camp recently. His sermons were greatly anointed and very well received, with many victories experienced at our altars. During the testimony times after service, many people, including our teenagers, spoke of wonderful things the Lord is doing in their lives as a result of His grace, presented to them through Dr. Shaver's sermons. Several testified to entering into the experience of entire sanctification.

In the mornings, Dr. Shaver taught an abbreviated course on personal and pastoral evangelism as well as his "Witnessing Without Fear" seminar. Many of our pastors were present, and a good number of our ministerial students participated, applying the seminars towards CMP credit.

In all, Chic preached and taught in thirteen sessions during the six-day camp meeting. His messages and teaching were as dynamic as they were thirty years ago when he was my professor at Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is amazing.

I was delighted to learn that several of our churches, including some of our strongest, are responding by inviting Professor Shaver for revivals and personal evangelism training. This was one of my specific purposes in inviting him to our Family Camp.

Clergy Training Into Practice

I was asked to give training in witnessing and evangelism in each of the three July Camp Meetings. Based on past experiences I was told day crowds would be small. In one camp, the district office said, "We'll prepare 75 notebooks for the seminar—no, 80 just to be safe." Wednesday attendance for that seminar reached 165. In the three camps besides many laity, 63 clergy were trained, most for academic credit. And when they returned to their churches, they put the training into practice.

Pastor Matthew Carte emailed:

A young man who came to the altar, this past Sunday morning. When I made my way to him, I began using specific questions and discovered that he had come to seek Jesus for forgiveness. I prayed with him and encouraged him to pray too. Afterwards, he told me that all the bitterness was gone and that a load had been lifted. I established a follow up meeting for Wednesday morning, in my office. I have been checking on him daily by text message.

Wednesday morning I will present him his first Bible study for his first week in Christ. I just thought that I would let you know that your ministry has already been an immense blessing to my life and my efforts for Christ.

Julie Moore, Marriage Pastor at Crossroads Tabernacle in Ft. Worth, reported:

For me personally, I am making a list of all the people in my life that I know are not saved or sanctified. I feel led to organize this into lists of who I can pray for, who I can visit and who I can make a bridge of friendship to. I know that if I pray and seek God and faithfully pray that God will open up the door and soften hearts. Dr. Shaver is very organized and methodical in his teaching and it has encouraged me to be more purposeful in reaching people. Thank you for the opportunity to attend these sessions and to earn credit at the same time.

Today in church, there was a 13 year old girl who rode the bus with her two younger brothers. Since she was too old to go into our kid's church, I asked her to sit by me in the sanctuary. After service I prayed with her on the sidewalk outside of the church. The Holy Spirit prompted me to ask her if she has Jesus in her heart before she left. She said "no" and I began to explain to

her Jesus and that she can receive him in her heart. I guided her in a prayer of salvation and then took her back into the church and gave her a Bible and introduced her to our Pastor. She is coming back next Sunday and we invited her to our Youth Group. I also gave her my name and phone number and told her to call me this week if she had any questions. I don't think I would have been bold enough to ask her about salvation if I hadn't attended Dr. Shaver's class this week. I believe the Lord is already working showing me how to be bold! Amen!
-Chic Shaver

Youth Response

Young people shared with me personally and at the altar, their struggles and victories, and renewals of personal purity in their lives. Pastor Mark Ramsey wrote:

Thank you for your great ministry to our Family Camp. I received help and renewal myself and so did our youth. I overheard one of our young men who had attended our youth camp telling his mother that you are his favorite speaker he's ever heard....

Thank you, Lord!

-Chic Shaver

Because You Gave, We Gave

- 70 Basic Bible Studies to the participants of the Witnessing Without Fear seminar at the Upstate N.Y. Camp Meeting.
- A check to Ryan Ardrey, student body president, Nazarene Theological Seminary, to assist with expenses due to brain surgery at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.
- A check to the Southwest Oklahoma District, Church of the Nazarene, to repair tornado damage.
- Provided discipleship materials to 7 different states.

Gifts to CSCE Received in Memory Of:

Dr & Mrs. Ralph Earle, Rev. Orville L. Maish, Jr, Joanne Prager

Chic Shaver's Upcoming Ministry Schedule

Aug 30-Sept 2	Evangelists' Homecoming Camp Mtg Indian Lake Camp, Vicksburg, MI	Seminar
Sept 21-25	Church of the Nazarene Reading, MI	Revival
Sept 28-Oct 2	First Church of the Nazarene Lansing, MI	Revival
Oct 5-6	Kansas City, MO	Retreat Participant
Oct 12-16	Church of the Nazarene Owosso, MI	Revival
Oct 22-24	Ft. Worth, TX	Retreat Participant
Oct 26-30	Holiness Church of the Nazarene Stillwell, KS	Revival
Nov 2-6	Willowwood Church of the Nazarene Denton, TX	Revival
Nov 9-13	Lakeview Church of the Nazarene Wichita Falls, TX	Revival

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