

# Hear The Shepherds Voice

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## Miracles

### That Cannot be Denied!

A testimony of God's miracles;  
By Leroy Surface

#### Part III

##### Free Bleeding

The first incident I recall was a simple nose bleed. It was in 1968 in the Sunday morning service that Charlotte Kirtley came forward for prayer. Her nose had been bleeding continuously for three days and three nights. We were seeing a wonderful move of God's Spirit at that time, and I became very bold that morning. I said, "I will not take my hand off this sister's head until the bleeding stops." I agree that was a very foolish thing to say, but this is what happened. I prayed and asked God to stop the bleeding. I rebuked the bleeding "in the name of Jesus," yet the blood continued flowing from her nose. I realized by that time that I had made a "foolish" boast, so I became a "little more foolish;" I said, "Devil, if I have to go home with my hand on this sister's head, I will." I admit, all this seems very foolish to me today, but instantly, the blood stopped flowing. God was merciful, not only to Sister Kirtley, but upon me as well.

In 1975 I set my revival tent up on the southwest corner of Interstate 45 and Tamina Rd. in the small town of Shenandoah. One night, my son Keith, who was about thirteen years old at that time, stayed with the tent to watch over the equipment along with one of his friends. The next day, while walking barefoot through the area surrounding the tent, he stepped on a sharp broken bottle and cut the major artery in his foot. With every beat of his heart, the blood spurting from his foot. The only business in the area at that time was a small service station across the freeway, and Keith left a blood trail as he went for help. The station attendant got me on the phone and told me that my son had cut an artery, and that he was "bleeding to death." I told him it would take forty five minutes for me to get there, and the attendant told me, "He won't live that long if you don't get him to the hospital." Again, I explained that I couldn't possibly get there; would he please take my son to the emergency room for me. He refused; "I can't leave this station. I would lose my job, but if you don't get him to the hospital, he's going to bleed to death." I was ready to break all speed limits to try getting to my son, when I heard the Spirit of the Lord say, "You can't get there, but I can." I asked the attendant to put Keith on the phone. I told him, "Son, we're going to pray and ask God to stop the bleeding." I asked God in the name of Jesus to stop the bleeding and spare my son's life, and while we were praying, the blood suddenly stopped, and the major artery sealed. When I got to the tent forty five minutes later, Keith was fine, but I could see the puddles of blood that had marked his trail everywhere he went. Certainly, this was another miracle of God that could not be denied.

I have a grandson, Joseph Smith, who works as an Emergency Medical

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### Will you become a trophy for Satan hanging on the walls of eternity?

Many souls have become a prey for Satan by not obeying God's word; thinking it is ok to go to the baited snares of Satan. As a hunter that puts out feeders for deer to try to lure in that trophy buck, Satan is luring in souls to snare. The snare of alcohol, drugs, pornography and one night affairs, it looks good it tastes good no one will know, they say. Satan will brag about that big one that thought could never be taken that big preacher, Sunday school teacher, that deacon or that religious one that goes to church.



Many people will become a trophy of Satan because of the love for this world and the love of the pleasure of sin for a season.

**1Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**

**2Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, (25) In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;**

**2Timothy 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.**



**1John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him**

When men become lovers of this world more than God you know they have taken the bait of Satan's snare and it won't be long until they become his trophy. He will brag about how he snared him maybe he was a preacher or a preacher's son or daughter.

This paper could not hold the stories I could tell of people that I know that have been snared by Satan. The only way they can recover themselves out of the snare of the devil is to STOP believing the lie they are telling themselves. The lie is I love God, but God knows I have these needs, I need these drugs, I need a woman or a woman will say I need a man. They just live together as a married couple without getting married, but the lie they believe is it's okay with God. More trophies hanging on the walls of eternity.

**Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.**

**Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,**

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Technician for the city of Houston, answering 911 calls. Joey had told his grandmother one day, *"I was raised in church, and I have never seen anything that makes me to believe that it is real."* It was only about two weeks later that Joey was helping me hang sheetrock in the rent house, and he was there when God gave James Cooper the wonderful miracle in his arm (see pages 4-5). It was the next day, however, before Joey knew what God had done for James. About two hours after we had prayed for James arm, I was cutting a piece of sheetrock when the knife slipped and stabbed me in the back of my hand, cutting into a major artery. The blood literally spurting out of my hand with every heartbeat, and Joey went into emergency mode. He cried out, *"Pop, you've cut an artery; put pressure on it."* He threw me a rag, caught me by the arm and said, *"Let's go get you some help."* He was trying to drag me out of the house to the emergency room. I told him to calm down, that I was going to be alright. He did calm down for a minute as he explained that I had to get emergency attention to sew the artery. I told him, *"Let's pray first."* I bowed my head and said, *"Father, stop this bleeding in the name of Jesus."* I waited about five seconds and released the pressure, and the blood started spurting once more. Joey went back into the emergency mode, almost dragging me the truck, saying *"I will drive; we will get you some help."* I spoke sternly to Joey, *"Take me home! I do not want to go to the emergency room."* Reluctantly, Joey took me to the house, which was less than two minutes away. I walked into the kitchen and told my wife that I had cut myself. She said, *"Bad?"* and I said *"Pretty bad."* She saw the blood that covered my hands and forearms. She turned the kitchen faucet on and I began washing the blood away. As I did, the water turned clear, and where the stab wound had been there was only a red line. Joey stuttered, *"Pop! Pop!"* I asked him what he was going to say, and he said, *"Oh, nothing."* *"No son, what were you going to say?"* He said, two times, *"That's crazy...that's crazy."* *"What's crazy, son."* Joey finally began to talk. He said, *"Pop, I'm trained in emergency medicine! I know what a cut artery is! I know what a cut artery does! We take people to emergency rooms to have cut arteries sewn up. Five minutes ago, you had a cut artery, but now you have a scratch. That's what's crazy."* The wound, which was a half inch deep and a half inch long, never opened again, and healed almost overnight.

Skeptics say that the reason God did miracles passed away with the first century church, so why does God do miracles today? I will give two reasons; first, people need miracles. Without the miracles I have told of in this short testimony, several people would have been blind, deaf, or dead, including my own son. The second and great reason is that there multitudes of people like Joey that have never seen anything in their lifetime to prove God's existence. Joey saw two great miracles of God within two hours of one day, and it shattered his rebellious world. Joey is a believer today, because God still does miracles that *"cannot be denied."*

### Burns

Stephen Graham was about three years old when his parents took their six children on a campout. The campfire had gone out, leaving the red hot coals of fire under the black ashes. Little Stephan walked out into the middle of the ash pile, and stood there crying and screaming until someone found him. The feet were nothing but blisters which looked like boiled flesh. His dad, Johnny Graham, soaked his feet in white gas and then brought him to us for prayer. It was probably in 1969 or 1970 that this took place. Stephen, who attends our church today, was brought back by the memory of the miracle God did for him. He said, *"I can remember when you unwrapped the bandages and broke the blisters. I remember you praying and asking God to prove His miracle by not letting there even be a scar left on my feet."* That is what God did, and it remains vivid

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### Faith the size of a mustard . . . jar?

In 2010, Pastor Mike Wells Sr. with his wife, Theresa, of Holliday (Texas) Assembly of God discovered a time capsule at their small church, with papers documenting the church's history from 1930s. Wells remembers the day distinctly - recalling that when he opened the jar, he felt impressed that it was like he was releasing the Holy Spirit to do His work in Holliday, a small town of about 1,600 in north central, Texas.

"I felt like the Lord was telling me, 'You can do with Me the same that you have done with these pieces of paper - save them in a jar and put them behind the wall for someone else to find,'" Wells says. "'Or, take the lid off, let Me [the Holy Spirit] operate in this town. Do something, allow Me to be released, don't confine Me in a jar. Let Me move and I'll show you things!'"

Wells, at first, was confused. How could a church that averages a mere 15 people on Sunday mornings - with most members being seniors - and had very little financially, possibly be used to impact the community?

Unwilling to keep God in a "bottle," Wells and Holliday AG took a step of faith. In September of 2010, having built a small 8- x 10-foot room and stocking it with non-perishable items, the church began a small food pantry ministry in order to help needy families in their community. On their opening day, about 30 families showed up.

"It wasn't easy," Wells admits. "Our church family regularly sacrifices in order to stock the pantry for the needy."

But the word about the ministry began getting around. Since beginning, the church has devoted itself to doing the food pantry "right," giving out turkeys with banana boxes loaded with food on Thanksgiving and hams with other groceries for Christmas. In fact, last month the small church assisted 85 families, representing about 250 people.

"Last year, we distributed about 65,000 pounds of groceries through the food pantry," Wells says. "We get much of our food now from the Wichita Food Bank, but although the food is free, we still pay shipping and handling charges - just yesterday I wrote them a check for \$1,000 - and I do that nearly every month." Those familiar with small church life understand that \$1,000 is a significant amount. Yet even though the pantry stretches the church financially, Holliday AG is making a lasting impact on the lives of families and individuals in need. However, the church is finding God using them in ways that some may consider even more amazing.

Recently the church purchased four lots adjacent to its property when the seller decided to bless the church and cut the asking price in half. The purpose for the land? To build a \$300,000 state-of-the-art food pantry and community center - which is already underway. "We're doing it right," explains Wells. "God isn't interested in putting up junk - we want to build something that will be here for our kids and their kids."

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in Stephen's mind after all these years.

It was in 1969 that I received a severe burn on the ankle of my right foot. I was using a cutting torch to work on a piece of equipment. The torch was running out of oxygen as I made the last cut, so I was literally melting instead of cutting the metal. My longtime friend, Jerry Green from Crockett Texas, was working with me that day, and he hit the red hot piece of metal with his chipping hammer. It fell inside the western boots I was wearing, and lodged in front of my ankle. The pain was unbelievable, but I knew that if I tried to remove the boots, it would drag the hot metal even deeper into my foot, so I stood while Brother Green went into the house and got a knife to cut the boot off. The burn area, which was about one inch wide and three inches long, was burned to crisp, black as ashes. The rest of the top of my foot was one huge blister, with skin literally boiled up. Brother Green took me to the emergency room at the hospital in Humble Texas. No one would touch my foot until a specialist arrived to check it out. After doing some tests, He told me that my foot was burned to the bone. He said that he would have to remove all the flesh, including the three leaders to my middle toes, all the way to the bone. He would scrape the bone, and do skin grafts to cover it. I would lose the use of my three middle toes, and have a handicap walking on the foot for the rest of my life. I know that my next question sounded so foolish to the doctor, but I said to him, "Let me get this straight; you're going to put me to sleep, and when I wake up, I will never be able to wiggle my three middle toes again?" He looked at me with absolute indignation. He said, "I'm not concerned whether you 'wiggle your toes' or not; I'm trying to save your foot." I said, "Doctor, I do appreciate what you are trying to do, but if you will be so kind as to clean and dress my foot, I am going home, because my God will give me a better deal than you can." The nurses cried out at once, "You can't go home," but the doctor told them they couldn't keep me against my will. He told me, "If you leave this hospital, I can't be responsible for what happens to your foot." I asked him, "Doctor, if I stay in this hospital, will you be responsible for what happens to my foot?" He quickly said, "Oh, no, no! I can't do that." When he saw that I was determined to leave, he gave me a few instructions about how to care for the burn, and painted a most horrible picture of what I was facing. I would still lose the leaders and muscle tissue. If I survived without losing the foot, without the skin grafts, I would have a thick hard scar tissue in my foot that would give me continual pain in walking. I went home with two prescriptions, one for pain and the other for infection, neither of which I ever used. I medicated the burn with "over-the-counter" ointment, covered it with a Teflon patch, bought some low quarter shoes, and never stopped going. After about a week of scrubbing the burnt area daily with a bristle brush as the doctor had instructed me, the flesh in the burned area, which had been black as ash became as white as paper. After about six weeks of scrubbing it, the dead flesh crumbled out, leaving a rectangular hole in my foot about a quarter of an inch deep, but it was healed just above the leaders. Then, what the doctor said could not happen, happened. Over the next six week, the "hole" in my foot filled up with flesh, and tender skin began growing over it. I have no handicap in that foot; I have no scar tissue, and thanks to God I do have my foot.

### A Miracle for an Eye

Some people will read these things and say, "What a wonderful God we have." Others will read the same things and say, "What a foolish man he is." It was about eight or nine years after the incident with the burned foot that a perhaps even more tragic accident happened. I was cutting grass at a HL&P Power Plant in Rosenberg Texas with a tractor and fifteen foot "batwing mower." I pulled up a steep slope onto a gravel road, and the mower picked up a small rock, bounced it off of the front tractor tire and hit me directly in the left eye. My hands flew up to my eye and

immediately were filled with water. As with the burn several years before, the pain was unbearable. I had to pull the eye open to look in the truck mirror, and what I saw was horrible to look at. The entire eyeball was purple. The outer skin of the eye was ruptured at the bottom. Keith was on another tractor right behind me when it happened, so we shut the job down and headed for home. A few miles down the road, the pain increased once again, and my vision faded to gray. I told Keith, "Son, the pain is unbearable, and I am losing my vision." Keith was about twenty six years old and had been preaching about two years at the time. He pulled the truck off the freeway and laid his hands on my head to pray. He began rebuking blindness from my eye, and as he prayed, the pain began to lift and my sight returned. On the way home (we did not go to the emergency room this time), we stopped at a pharmacy to buy an eye patch. The pharmacist asked me what had happened, and I told him. He asked me to open the eye and let him see it. I believe the poor man almost fainted when he saw the eye. He cried out, "My God man, get to the emergency room. The vessels in your eye are all burst, and when the pressure builds up you will lose your sight. Get to the emergency room as fast as you can." He did not know that his prediction had already taken place, and that God had healed it. No doctor ever saw that eye, but God healed it perfectly and quickly. Today, it is my best eye.

### Trusting Him with your Life

We were laying the foundation for the "Behold the Lamb" and "Shepherd's Voice" publishing building in March of 2002. Several days before this incident, I had been praying, and I heard the voice of the Spirit say, "You trusted me with your foot, and you trusted me with your eye; will you trust me with your life." I was shaken with the question, and did not answer immediately. After much prayer and wrestling with the question, I told God, "With all my heart, I want to be one who will trust you with my life." I realize that most people do not believe that God still speaks to man, but He has spoken to me so very many times in the past fifty years in ways that have always proven to be true, that I dare not deny Him. I always tell what God speaks to me to several people who are close to me for later confirmation. I did not know what was coming, but while we were digging the footings for the publishing building, we hit a sewer pipe which I proceeded to cut out and reroute. Brother Maurice Bolt from Atwood Illinois was helping that day, and he offered me a high speed grinder with a diamond blade to cut the sewer pipe. When I cut into the pipe, it was full of sewer, and the high speed blade threw the sewer into my mouth, nose, and eyes, filling them with raw sewage. I went to the house and bathed, brushed my teeth, gargled, and cleaned my eyes and nostrils the best I could, but in a few days it was obvious that the sewage bacteria had incubated in my left nostril, which was evidenced by the bright green drainage that began. I had never trusted in doctors, having only seen a doctor two or three times in my adult life at that time, but because of the fact that God had asked me only days before if I would "trust Him with my life," I was actually afraid to see a doctor about this matter. A couple of weeks after the drainage started, I was in a dental office when something seemed to break loose in my mouth, and instantly my breath turned to the smell of sewage. I was so embarrassed. I told the dentist what had happened, and he said "I can smell it." My wife said the smell of sewage would fill the bedroom at night. My heart began to be erratic in its beating. Other organs seemed to be under attack. I talked to Keith one day, thinking to prepare him for the time he would have to take my place in the ministry, when He asked me, "Dad, are you trusting God with your life?" I said, "Yes son, I am." He answered, "If you are trusting God with your life, it seems to me that you will be around for a long time to come," and with that he walked away. He refused to join my "pity party."

One day in the heat of July I was helping Richard Wilson put a roof over his porch. I had taken about two steps up a ladder when a horrible pain struck me in the heart and struck me to the ground. I sat with my head between my knees until it went away, but my heart continued pounding erratically in its beat. My liver was swollen with much pain front and back on my right side. My lungs were filling with the green stuff, and my kidneys and bladder were under attack; still, I was afraid to go to a doctor. On August fourth that year I started a time of fasting and prayer.

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Strangely enough, I was not fasting for healing as much as for the manifestations of God to be restored to my ministry and church. I prayed at the church early every morning and every night during that time, and the last thing I would ask God was "...and please Lord, heal my body." It was on the twenty eighth day of that time of fasting and prayer that the miracle came from God, and I did not know that it was a miracle at the time. I awoke in the middle of the night with stomach pains, feeling that I needed a bowel movement. One thing that I know about fasting, you do not need a "bowel movement" after four weeks without food, yet the pain moved me to the bathroom. What poured out of my body was horrible to see; green knotty slime, and lots of it. I will not spend time and space to describe it, but when I saw it, it actually scared me. I thought, "*My entire body is full of this stuff.*" From that very night, however, I began to recover. God had purged my body from the poison that was killing me. Since that time at least two medical professionals have heard my testimony and told me, "*Thank God that you trusted in God. We have stood by helpless as people have died of those bacteria because we had nothing to counteract them.*"

The things I have shared in this little booklet are only a small fraction of the wonderful things I have seen God do in the first fifty years of the ministry He has called me to fulfill. What lies in the future, I do not know, but my desire is to be found doing what He called me to do when He comes for me. This I know; I can trust in Him, because He is faithful, and so can you.

### In Conclusion

The things I have told in this short testimony are only a small fraction of the wonderful things we have seen God do during fifty years of ministry. I have chosen these because they are of the nature that they could not be denied by anyone who saw them at the time. God hates pretence, and so do I. He hates self exaltation, and I greatly fear it. It is my firm belief that most of the highly publicized "*miracle ministries*" of today are nothing more than pretence and self glorification, and have become the "*habitation of devils*" (Revelation 18:2), and not of God. Revelation 16:14 says, "*For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*" Jesus spoke of the last days, saying, "*There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect*" (Matthew 24:24). The apostle Paul spoke of a last day "...*working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved*" (II Thessalonians 2:9-10).

"*Holiness people*" reject the "*sign's and wonders*" movement because it is filled with ungodly, unsanctified, often immoral and scandal ridden ministers, and they do well to reject it. The "*world*" that we are to reach with the gospel rejects the "*holiness movement*," however, not because it is "*holy*," but because it is weak and powerless. We are not to seek "*personal power*," as so many do, but to be "*filled with the Spirit*" and "*clothed with miracles*" as Christ promised his disciples. There are untold millions, yes, billions of souls living in the world right now that have never seen anything in religion that can convince them that God even exists. "*Miracles that cannot be denied*," done "*in the name of Jesus Christ*" is the answer. We must diligently seek God for a fresh outpouring of His Spirit upon the children of God. In Psalms 110:3 we read, "*Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness...*" The "*church*" is beautiful when God pours His Spirit upon her, clothing her with righteousness, love, and miracles. That is when "*grace*" becomes "*irresistible*."

### Have you ever stopped to consider the challenge

Have you ever stopped to consider the challenge that faced Moses as he led an estimated two million people into the wilderness of the Sinai desert? I would like to ask you to consider the following facts.



**First**, Exodus 14 tells us that the Israelites crossed the Red Sea in one night as they sought to escape pharaoh's army. If the people had gone across in a narrow path, double file, the line would have been 800 miles long and would have required 35 days and nights to get across. So, God had to open a space in the Red Sea 3 miles wide so that the people could walk 5,000 abreast in order to cross over in a single night.

**Second**, every time the Israelites camped at the end of the day, a campground two-thirds the size of the state of Rhode Island—a total of 750 square miles—was required. That would comprise an area 25 miles wide and 130 miles long. Think of how much space was needed just for nightly camping.

**Third**, all of those people had to be fed—which would have required a lot of food. According to the Quarter-Master General of the United States Army, to feed that many people, Moses would have needed 1,500 tons of food each day. Just transporting that much food would have required 2 freight trains, each a mile long.

**Fourth**, the people would have needed firewood to use in cooking their food—and remember: they were in a desert! This would have required an estimated 4,000 tons of wood—and a few more freight trains, each a mile long—just for a single day. And they were 40 years in transit!

**Fifth**, they would have to have water, too. If the people had only enough to drink and wash a few clothes, it would have taken 11,000,000 gallons each day, and a freight train with tank cars stretching out more than 1,800 miles just to bring enough water for one day! A desert has no lakes or streams. So how were the Israelites supposed to get their water?

Do you think Moses stopped to figure out all of these things before he left Egypt? Of course he didn't! Moses trusted God, and knew that God was going to take care of all these things for him. Yet as the days, weeks, months, and years began to pass, Moses found himself having to deal with people who constantly were ungrateful for everything that God had done for them. He rescued them from centuries of slavery in Egypt, provided them with safe passage through the Red Sea, gave them manna to eat each morning and quail to eat each evening, and even prevented their clothes from wearing out on their long journey. Yet they continually bickered, complained, griped, grumbled, and whined. Worse still, on several occasions the Israelites so openly and stubbornly disobeyed God that He slew them by the thousands to teach them the lesson that they desperately needed to learn: God says what He means, and means what He says!

Moses and Aaron both died before entering the Promised Land, as did all of the people who were over twenty years of age when they had left Egypt, except for the houses of Joshua and Caleb. Eventually, however, Joshua led the people of Israel into Canaan, at which time they finally were able to inhabit the land that God had promised to give to Abraham and his descendants.

**Pastors Leroy and Keith Surface**

invite YOU to

**Calvary Outreach's Spring Campmeeting**

**April 10-13**



Leroy Surface



Keith Surface



Betty Jean Robinson



Walt and Betty Mills



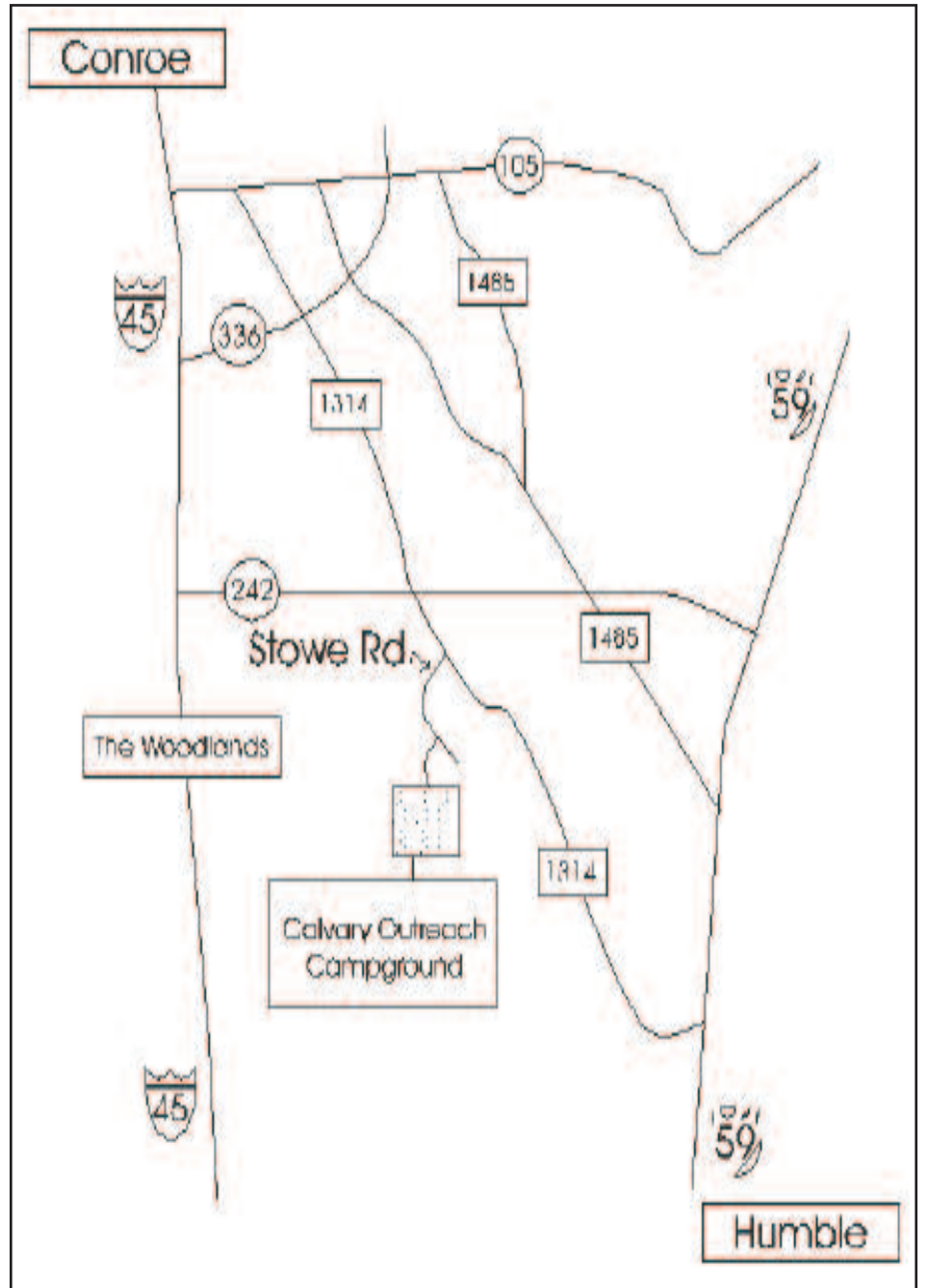
Everett Snyder

Our special guests this year will be Betty Jean Robinson, and Walt and Betty Mills. Either Betty Jean or Walt Mills will be singing in every service, and Walt will bring the message on Saturday night at 7:00 PM. Pastor Everett Snyder from West Virginia will be ministering in the Friday night service, and Leroy Surface will preach the Thursday night opening service on the subject of "Clothed with Miracles." Other guest speakers will be announced. If you have ever wanted to be in one of our Campmeetings, this is the one to attend. We are praying and seeking God for a powerful outpouring of His Spirit, which is always accompanied by salvation of the lost, healing of the sick, and deliverance for those who are oppressed. Our nation is lost, but we can see a great harvest of souls in America even when our nation is being judged by God. The prophet Joel spoke of "the great and the terrible day of the Lord" that is coming, and said, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered" (Joel 2:32). God has told us to "Prepare for a move of God," and that is what we are doing.

**Everyone is welcome at Calvary Outreach Church.**

Our Spring Campmeeting is coming soon, and I would love to meet you there. You will find directions and a map to the church below. If you have any difficulty whatsoever finding us, call either of the numbers on the bottom of this page, and we will direct you. April 10 through 13 are the dates and it will be a very special time for those who come together to worship Christ and to "learn of Him." Betty Jean Robinson, Walt and Betty Mills, Everett Snyder, the Calvary Outreach singers, and many others from many different places will come together to worship Jesus Christ, and I expect to see His glory revealed.

Pastor Leroy Surface



Calvary Outreach church and campground is located at 14525 Chapperal Pipeline Rd. Look for our large sign on Highway 1314 at Jim Stowe Rd and follow the arrows to the church.

Schedule of Services	
Thursday, April 10	7:00 P.M.
Friday, April 11	10:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.
Saturday, April 12	10:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 13	10:00 A.M. teaching 11:00 A.M. Worship

Food:	
We will serve three meals a day for those who stay in the camp-ground facilities.	
Breakfast:	8:00 A.M.
Lunch:	12:30 P.M.
Evening meal:	5:00 P.M.
Lunch will be served to everyone who attends the morning or afternoon services. Our church camp-ground is located within a dozen miles of many of the best specialty restaurants you could ask for.	

**Accommodations:**  
We have a limited number of private rooms available for couples. We also have plenty of dormitory space for both men and women. If it is your desire to stay on the church grounds, you should call early to reserve your space. We also have several hookups for motorhomes available. For those who would prefer to stay in a motel, there are several to choose from within a dozen mile radius from the church.

Schedule of Speakers	
Thursday night opening service, 7 P.M.	Leroy Surface
Friday morning, 10 A.M. teaching	Leroy Surface
Friday afternoon, 2 P.M.	Keith Surface
Friday night, 7 P.M.	Everett Snyder
Saturday morning, 10 A.M. teaching	Leroy Surface
Saturday afternoon, 2 P.M.	Keith Surface
Saturday night, 7 P.M.	Walt Mills
Sunday morning, 10 A.M.	Andre Oatis
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## “The Testimony of a Blind Man”

The word “blind” in its definition means: unable to see; lacking the sense of sight; sightless.

**Isaiah 42:18** “Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye **blind**, that ye may see.”

The testimony that I want to deliver to you all, is my own testimony. Amazing grace...I once was blind, but now I see. I sing this in the way not pertaining to my salvation but to the revelation brought to me in prayer and Scripture reading. I was blind too long, but Jesus opened my eyes! This great revelation that my eyes were opened to is...This world is lost and dying in sin and I, as a born-again individual, have what the world needs for their salvation. Please do not take this blog post as written by someone that is a great soul winner at this point, because I am not yet. My heart has been aching to point of great measure on the subject of souls. Recently, with the passing of many of my family members, I seemingly can hear some of them crying out from the darkness and flames “why didn’t you reach out to me!? Why didn’t you preach to me?! Why didn’t you win me to the Lord!? Why didn’t you offer me a Bible study” The Lord spoke to me on this and said “How many more friends and relatives have to die before you begin to reach for them?!”

Who has to die next for our eyes to be opened that we must be soul winners?? Eternity is a long time! and we will **ALL** spend it somewhere. We hold the Truth that can set the whole world free from sin! Before we can reach this world, we must have the revelation of soul winning. If we **REALLY** believe people truly need to be saved, it will put a fire in the deepness of our being! We need that deep revelation which comes from God! These are some of the life-changing words the Lord has given me :

**People are lost, and we have the directions! (Jesus)**

**People are sick, and we have the cure, the antidote! (Jesus)**

**People are dying, and we have life! (Jesus)**

**People are living in darkness, and we have the Light! (Jesus)**

**People are hopeless, and we have hope! (Jesus)**

**People are hurting, and we have peace! (Jesus)**

**People are lonely, and we have the Comforter! (Jesus)**

**John 3:16** “For **God** so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Lost souls are all around us everyday. If we seek to be true, authentic Christians, we must be like Christ! Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. Jesus didn’t come to be a good preacher. He didn’t come to have great fame all over the land. Jesus came to be the ultimate and only Savior to the human race; He is our highest example! We have been given salvation free of charge, we must not keep this great Holy Ghost experience to ourselves. Jesus said “Ye are the light of the world” If a light is put under a bushel or some type of covering, what good is that light? What is its use? **Romans 1:16** “For I am **not ashamed** of the **gospel** of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;” **2 Timothy 1:8** “Be not thou therefore **ashamed** of the testimony of our Lord” **Mark 8:38** reads, “Whosoever therefore shall be

ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” We must not be ashamed to share this great Gospel (The Good News) with this lost and dying world. To reach the lost is the charge given to everyone that is born again of water and of spirit. God chooses to speak through man as an oracle to this world. **I Corinthians 1:21** “It pleased God by the foolishness of **preaching** to save them that believe. I believe we have all (as Holy Ghost filled people) been called to be ministers of the Gospel. **Mark 16:15** “And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world**, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Most of us may not be able to go into all the world as in all the countries of the world, but we can reach our world around us. Our friends, our family, our classmates, our fellow workers, our neighbors, and all of the people around. What would happen in our churches if we all committed to reach at least one soul this year? Just one! This is how large a challenge is to reach this world for Jesus Christ: There is about 10 million people in my home state of North Carolina and if I won about one thousand souls a day, (one thousand!), it would take me over 27 years just to reach one state! That would leave 49 states yet to be reached and also the entire rest of the world being almost 8 billion souls! We have a huge job ahead of us, so what do you say, let’s start reaching out with everything that is within us! This is what this Holy Ghost experience is all about: **Love God, love people. Serve God, serve people=Salvation.**

**John 21:17** “Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep”

I could go on and on because there are many thoughts and Scriptures coming to me, but for the sake of space and time I’ll end on this simple prayer, “Lord I want to be a soul winner, Lord make me a winner of souls. In Jesus name, amen”

And until the whole world hears,

Author Unknown

### Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, U.S.A., Names New National Director

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Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, U.S.A., has announced E. Scott Martin as its new national director. Martin is the seventh national director in Chi Alpha's 60-year history.

This long-awaited news follows a year of committee meetings, interviews and prayer. The Executive Presbytery approved his role as national director March 25 and Martin begins his tenure effective April 1.

"I assume this role with a posture of humility and gratefulness," Martin says. "I feel a tremendous sense of anticipation of what God is going to unleash through Chi Alpha."

Martin possesses deep Chi Alpha roots stemming from his time as a student. He has been a part of Chi Alpha for 32 years, having served in local, district, national and international capacities.

From 1986 to 1996, Martin was the campus pastor of The University of Arizona Chi Alpha, the Chi Alpha group he helped pioneer with other students. During part of his time as campus pastor, he also held the role of the Arizona District Chi Alpha Director from 1990 to 1995. Since 1996, Martin has served the National Chi Alpha Office as the Student Mission director, encouraging students to give a year and pray about a lifetime in ministry. In addition, he and his family spent two years pioneering campus ministry in Central Eurasia.

"I am excited about the appointment of Scott Martin as the national director for Chi Alpha," says Dr. George O. Wood, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God. "Scott brings to the position a demonstrated passion to reach this college generation for Christ. With his wife, Crystal, Scott represents the best in Spirit-led, Spirit-empowered leadership to strengthen and broaden the reach of Chi Alpha into the campuses of America."

As national director, Martin leads Chi Alpha - the Assemblies of God ministry to secular university and college campuses - with 312 chartered groups, 765 affiliated staff, and 28,000 involved students.

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## This Week in AG History -- March 31, 2014

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Delegates of the first General Council of the Assemblies of God met 100 years ago this week, April 2-12, 2014. They wanted to organize their efforts to more effectively carry out the mission of God, but there was tension regarding how this should be done. Were they going to start a church or a parachurch network?

The Council opened with three days of worship services, and the business sessions didn't start until the sixth. A conference committee made up of representatives of each state in attendance was charged with receiving resolutions and setting an agenda for the coming business sessions.

While the conference committee met, a secret, self-appointed committee also met for fear that the conference committee would attempt to steer the General Council toward a high level of structural organization. This secret committee wrote its own resolution.

According to William Menzies, in his book *Anointed to Serve*, the conference committee caught wind of this secret committee and invited them to meet together for understanding. At first there was some apprehension, but since the secret committee's resolution voiced the very values that the conference committee members were seeking, they approved of it. In the end, the same resolution was presented to the Council cosponsored by both committees.

The General Council Minutes from April 2-12, 1914, records that the motion to accept the Preamble and Resolution of Constitution "was unanimously adopted amid great demonstration, the whole house rising to their feet and shouting praises to God. 'Praise God from whom all blessing flow' was sung. The power of God fell mightily upon the great Assembly. The Council broke up into a great praise meeting. The joy of God filled all hearts, and the multitude were moved to tears, and many wept for joy."

Did the first General Council start a church or a parachurch missional network? It appears that they tried to do both. Their values were clear; they were committed to

- 1) The trinitarian full gospel,
- 2) The authority of Scripture,
- 3) The unity of the Church, and
- 4) The non-legislative and non-sectarian basis for their organization to prevent it from dividing the Church, since they too were part of the universal Church.

With this in mind, they resolved to organize a council of Pentecostals that would gather together for greater missional effectiveness and accountability to biblical beliefs and practices, which would cultivate unity and maturity in the faith. They also approved of the five purposes presented in the convention call in the February 1914 issue of *Word and Witness*, and encouraged all local assemblies to take on the name "Assembly of God."

The same Council went on to recognize four offices of the Church: Elder, Evangelist, Exhorter, and Deacon; appoint 12 Executive Presbyters; and authorize the formation of District Councils.

Read the entire text of the April 1914 issue of *Word and Witness*, which recounted what happened at the first General Council.

The Preamble and Resolution of Constitution approved by the 1914 General Council follows:

WHEREAS, God, our Heavenly Father, sent His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, into the world, Who purchased and redeemed fallen man with His own Precious blood, and called out of the world and saved a people, of whom He built and established His Church (Assembly of God. Mat. 16:18), upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head and Chief Corner-stone (Eph. 2:20), and organized and baptized it with the Holy Spirit, with its government upon His shoulders (Isaiah 9:6-7),

WHEREAS, He gave the Holy Inspired Scriptures, (Both old and new covenants, Heb. 8:6-13) as the all-sufficient rule for faith and practice, (2 Tim. 3:16), as follows: 'All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works,' we therefore shall not add to nor take from it (Rev. 22:18); and

WHEREAS, He commanded that there should be no schism (division, sectarianism) in His Body, the GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Church) of the first born, which are written in heaven, Heb. 12:23; and

WHEREAS, We recognize ourselves as members of said GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GOD, (which is God's organism), and do not believe in identifying ourselves as, or establishing ourselves into, a sect, that is a human organization that legislates or forms laws and articles of faith and has jurisdiction over its members and creates unscriptural lines of fellowship and disfellowship and which separates itself from other members of the General Assembly (Church) of the first born, which is contrary to Christ's prayer in St. John 17, and Paul's teaching in Eph. 4:1-16, which we so heartily endorse:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FIRST, That we recognize ourselves as a GENERAL COUNCIL of Pentecostal (Spirit Baptized) saints from local Churches of God in Christ, Assemblies of God, and various Apostolic Faith Missions and Churches, and Full Gospel Pentecostal Missions, and Assemblies of like faith in the United States of America, Canada, and Foreign Lands, whose purpose is neither to legislate laws of government, nor usurp authority over said various Assemblies of God, nor deprive them of their Scriptural and local rights and privileges, but to recognize Scriptural methods and order for worship, unity, fellowship, work and business for God, and to disapprove of all unscriptural methods, doctrines and conduct, and approve of all Scriptural truth and conduct, endeavoring to keep the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, and to walk accordingly, as recorded in Eph. 4:17-32, and to consider the five purposes announced in the Convention Call in the February, 1914, issue of 'WORD AND WITNESS;'

RESOLVED, SECOND, That we recognize all the above said Assemblies of various names, and when speaking of them refer to them by the general Scriptural name 'Assemblies of God;' and recommend that they all recognize themselves by the same name, that is, 'Assembly of God' and adopt it as soon as practicable for the purpose of being more Scriptural and also legal in transacting business, owning property, and executing missionary work in home and foreign lands, and for general convenience, unity and fellowship" (General Council Minutes, April 2-12, 1914, 4-5).

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