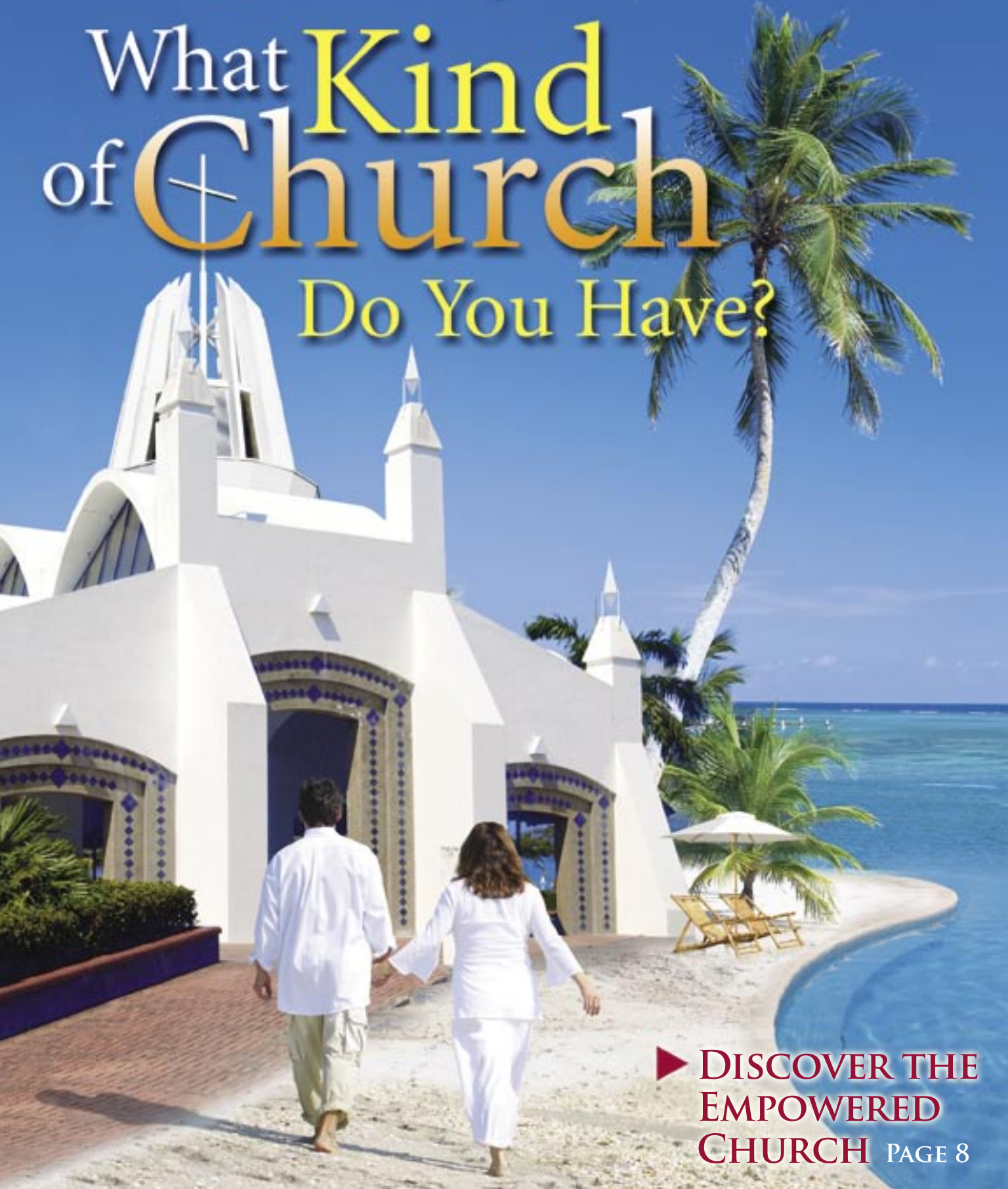
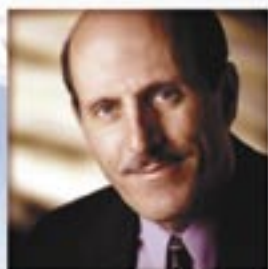


What Kind of Church Do You Have?



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His Church

BY PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR

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Here's an amazing fact: In 1874, Methodists in Swan Quarter, North Carolina, decided it was time to construct a permanent church building. They soon found what they believed was the ideal site for their church — a perfect lot on high ground in the heart of town.

But when they approached the owner of the lot, Sam Sadler, he didn't want to "waste" his prime real estate on a church. Yet even after they increased the offer, Sadler refused to sell. Soon after, the Methodists accepted a gift of land a half mile away on some low-lying property. The members cheerfully began building a modest but sturdy structure resting on brick piers. Then something miraculous occurred ...

On September 17, 1876, right after they dedicated the small church, a powerful hurricane began to brew. Rain fell and wind blew until the rising water lifted the little Methodist church from its foundation — carrying it like Noah's ark up the street. People awoke the next morning to witness an amazing sight: The entire church was floating down Oyster Creek Road.

A few good Samaritans tried to contain the church by tying it off with ropes, but it broke its moorings and continued its journey as though it had a mind of its own. It went straight down the road to a corner and bumped


into a general store, then took a sharp right turn and headed down that road for about two city blocks until it reached the corner of what is now Church Street. Then it took another turn to the left, crossed the Carawan Canal, and finally stopped.

Ironically, the little church settled in the very center of the property that the congregation had originally requested for their house of worship, the parcel Sam Sadler had refused to sell for a church. After seeing the mighty work of Providence, Mr. Sadler, with trembling hands, gave the title deed for the land to the Methodist pastor. When the church was dedicated years later, it was called "Providence."



Today a sign stands in front of the Providence Church, reminding visitors that this was the church "Moved by the Hand of God." This story represents an incredible example of how the power and providence of God can still lead His church. If our lives are

surrendered to Jesus and we are committed to building up the body of Christ, His church, the Lord will still work mighty miracles today to lead His people.

That's why we have dedicated this first edition of our magazine in 2008 to the object of Jesus' supreme regard, the apple of His eye, the purchase of His blood — His church. 

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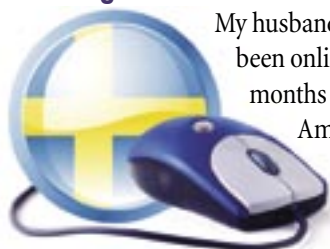
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A Digital Church in Sweden



My husband and I had been online only for four months when I discovered Amazing Facts, which is the best thing that has happened for us in the last 25

years. I'm listening every day, even several times. Thank you so much for the work you are doing. I appreciate it very much, and it is so needed. I brought a woman to Jesus and the church, but I had to work hard to keep unbiblical teaching from worldly pastors away. *Sweden*

An Amazing Facts Evangelist in Oregon

We've had a baptism almost every Sabbath since the meetings ended. Others are still studying, and others still deciding. This experience has brought new life to our church and helped to fill some of the pews that were emptied when part of our members started a new church plant in a nearby community several years ago. Thank you for your ministry. (See full story on page 23.) *Oregon*



Diving Deep

I recently ordered and received the *Final Events* DVD. It was great. I caught Pastor Doug's program last Sunday and found it so very inspiring. I love a deeper study of the Bible, and I am finding my own church follows a set program and does not touch on the deeper important things. Thank you for such wonderful tools to listen to and study and view. *Email*

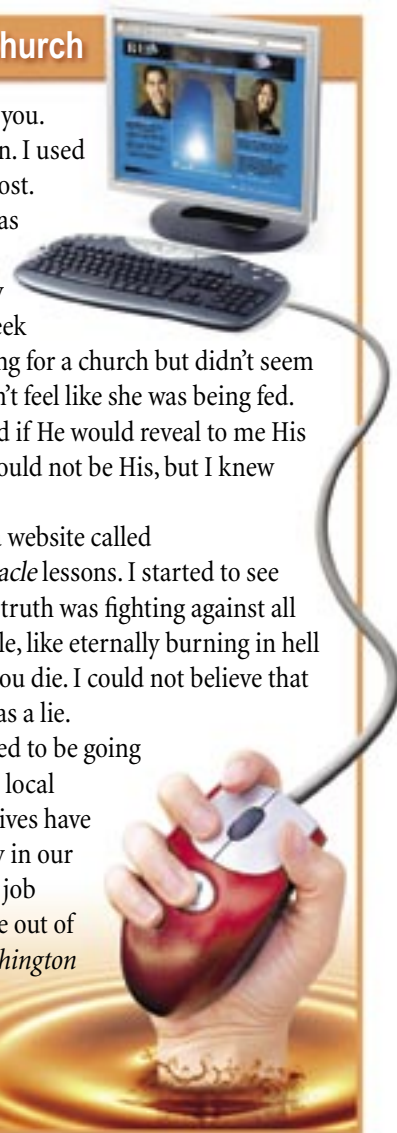


From Amazing Facts to Your Church

I just wanted to share my testimony with you. Last year I was deep into alcoholism and sin. I used to be a Christian, but I was depressed and lost. My marriage was suffering. My daughter was growing up, and I was missing out because I was drunk every night after work. I finally got tired of that life and decided to try to seek the Lord again. My wife and I started looking for a church but didn't seem to be able to find one. My wife said she didn't feel like she was being fed. One night, I got on my knees and asked God if He would reveal to me His church. I told Him that all these churches could not be His, but I knew that He was somewhere out there.

Well, I don't know how — but I came to a website called BibleUniversity and started taking the *Storacle* lessons. I started to see things in the Bible that I never knew. God's truth was fighting against all the things I have been taught about the Bible, like eternally burning in hell and going straight to heaven or hell when you die. I could not believe that what I thought I knew about God's Word was a lie.

I told my wife that I think we are supposed to be going to church on Saturday, and thus we found a local Sabbath church. We are now baptized, our lives have been changed, and God is working mightily in our lives. He saved my life, marriage, child, and job — and your website was His tool to pull me out of the mire. Thank you for your ministry. *Washington*



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THE
POWER
IS IN
YOUR
HANDS

While faithfully going about his mundane task of tending sheep, Moses witnessed a phenomenal sight in the wilderness: A bush was burning, but it was not consumed! Then he heard a voice emanating from the fiery brush, saying, “I have come down to deliver [the Jews] from the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them ... to a land flowing with milk and honey. ... Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt” (Exodus 3:8, 10 NKJV).

Of course, we know the excuses Moses made: “Who am I?” “What shall I tell them Your name is?” Fearful and doubting, Moses complains, “They won’t believe me!”

Yet God patiently encourages him, “I will be with you.” Could there be anything more reassuring than that? When Moses says, “I’m of slow speech,” God reminds him, “Who made your tongue?” Eventually, God showed Moses something even more dramatic ...

The Lord asks, “What is that in your hand?”

Moses answers, “A staff.” He must have thought, “It’s just a stick that shepherds use!”

Yet the miracles soon followed, all effected through that simple shepherd’s staff — from the parting of the Red Sea to the waters gushing forth from a rock. God has always worked His wonders through the humble who place what they have on His altar.

Victor is a firm believer in Amazing Facts radio and television ministries, evangelistic teams, resource materials, and the Center of Evangelism. So when he heard about our financial services, he decided to ask us to help him with a big problem.

With low-paying CDs, Victor needed more income than his appreciated stock was providing; further, he couldn’t sell the stock because of the huge capital gain tax — which is why the best solution to his problem was an Amazing Facts **charitable gift annuity**. Victor received a large tax deduction, a higher pay out than his stock dividends or CD interest could provide, and he also greatly reduced the capital gain tax.

But even more important, he took comfort in knowing that he was ultimately providing funds for this life-saving ministry.

Likewise, each one of us has something God can use. What is in your hand that God is waiting to bless and use in this vital ministry?

Gift annuities are available in most states. If you would like additional information from the Amazing Facts Planned Giving Department, please contact Dan Storkamp, director, or Judy Schachten, secretary, at 800-436-2695, ext. 8.

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What Kind of Church

Do You Have?

An Amazing Fact: Beekeepers all over the North America are reporting that bee colonies are dying off in unprecedented numbers, leaving them struggling for survival and farmers worried about pollination of their crops. This mysterious disappearance of bees ranges from 30 percent to 70 percent in some areas, so that blooming orchards that used to roar with buzzing bees are now strangely silent. One California beekeeper said, "I have never seen anything like it.

Box after box are just empty. There's nobody home."

Experts are exploring several theories to explain the losses, which they are calling "colony collapse disorder." These include viruses, mites, pesticide contamination, and even poor bee nutrition.

Albert Einstein once remarked, "If bees were to disappear, man would only have a few years to live." Today many churches are also at risk of colony collapse disorder, which could cause catastrophic consequences for the great commission!



by Jëan Ross, Director of Church Ministries

In Matthew 16, Jesus asks His disciples, "Whom do men say that I . . . am?" They answered, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; . . . or one of the prophets."

Yet Jesus pressed His disciples: "But whom say ye that I am?" Finally, Peter proclaimed, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

To this startling confession, Jesus responded, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." To come to a correct understanding of Jesus requires more than an understanding of history, it requires a revelation from the Holy Spirit.

Jesus then added, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Of course, the rock upon which the church is built is not the fickle apostle, but rather Jesus Christ. Peter didn't see himself as the foundation of the church; rather, he says in Acts 4:11 that Jesus Himself is the chief cornerstone.

That's why the church, empowered by the living Christ, is able to break down the gates of hell. Filled with God's Spirit, Christ's church is to conduct aggressive spiritual warfare, rescuing lost souls from the enemy. Why then are there so many churches intent on avoiding this battle, even though they have been promised in Luke 10:19, "I give unto you . . . over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you"?

For the sake of God's people and those who are lost, let's do an experiment. Below, I have divided churches into three primary mentalities. I want you to consider these church types and honestly determine where your church fits in. After that, we'll discover how to make sure you have the church that Christ wants you to have as we approach His soon return.

The Castle Mentality

A castle has high walls and iron gates to protect those on the inside. Thus, the castle church is more concerned about protecting itself, something like a monastery on a secluded hill cloistering the residents, than fulfilling the mission of preaching the gospel and making disciples.

In the castle mentality, institutionalism takes the place of mission. The church forgets why it was established, believing its primary purpose is to preserve itself and establish comfort and security. It makes decisions to prosper itself rather than on the basis of being a beacon of truth to the entire world.

It also prefers tradition over principle. After the Jews returned from their Babylonian exile, they were so afraid of losing their identity that they sought to safeguard the Sabbath by creating countless traditions. As time passed, these traditions became more important than the principles upon which they were established. They valued their outward display so much that they accused Jesus of Sabbath-breaking when He healed a person in need on the Sabbath.

Traditions are good when founded upon solid biblical principles, but when the traditions become more important than the principles they supposedly serve, the church's activities become empty ceremonies void of the power of the Holy Spirit. Outward display takes the place of inward purity, and the power of the gospel is eclipsed by manmade rituals.

The castle church is focused on preserving and protecting itself from influences that would disrupt the status quo and its power structure, all the while neglecting its true mission — gathering sheep to His flock.

Resort Church



The Resort Mentality

Imagine palm trees swaying in the wind, white sandy beaches, poolside lounge chairs, popular music — everything to please and entertain. Welcome to the resort church.

With a resort mentality, churches focus primarily on drawing large crowds. For them, bigger is better: The larger the attendance, the more successful it considers itself to be. The resort church spends most of its resources developing new and exciting programs to increase attendance.

Resort churches rely on “worship” that is entertaining, appealing mostly to the unconverted heart. Jesus said of the hypocrites, “This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me” (Mark 7:6). Worship without *genuine conversion* is worthless. True worship is the out-flowing of the Holy Spirit, happening mostly in the heart of the worshipper.

This church also de-emphasizes fundamental truths, ignoring such vital lessons as surrender, consecration, and obedience. Some resort pastors doesn’t teach about the Sabbath or stewardship, but rather only preach fluffy sermons on positive thinking and the promise of prosperity. Otherwise, someone might be offended and leave. In many cases, the very message that needs to be heard is not because it is unpopular. This allows selfishness and sin to continue festering unchecked.

The resort church is more concerned about marketing prosperity than conversion. Its function is to please. Like the castle mentality, it exists primarily for itself and is guilty of misrepresenting the truths of Scripture for its own ends.

The Seek-and-Save Mentality

The seek-and-save church exists primarily for two reasons: to reveal the character of God and to labor for the growth of His kingdom. Evangelism, in other words, is its focus.

Thus, this church has a clear understanding of its true mission. It’s not just a gathering of the like-minded, but a church that exists for the very reason God established it.

Every member is involved in outreach — utilizing their individual talents. In an army, not every soldier is on the frontlines; some supply the resources, others help with communications, and still others orchestrate the battle from behind the scenes. So it is in evangelism: Not everyone can preach, but *everyone* in the church can do something.

Therefore, this church also supplies the training and equipment to lay members. A victorious army is a well-trained army that works together, using all their talents effectively in one effort. So it is with church evangelism.

The seek-and-save church is also concerned with the ongoing process of conversion, not simply baptism. The apostle Paul said he died daily and that sanctification was the work of a lifetime (1 Corinthians 15:31; Philipians 3:12). The seek-and-save church is not satisfied with merely a form of godliness; it wants to see the power of God at work in the hearts of people, giving them victory over sin, the fruit of the Spirit, and a desire to share the gospel.

This church also desires to affect the discipleship of all members, in accordance with Matthew 28:18–20. Its congregation isn’t satisfied with bringing people to church; it wants to sustain spiritual growth in all members and, especially, those new in the faith.

The seek-and-save mentality functions under the banner “save at any cost.” Whatever time, resources, and effort it takes to reach someone with the gospel, the sacrifice is willingly made.

Three Choices: One Best Answer

What type of church mentality does your church have? Is it a castle mentality, focused on preserving itself? Or is it the resort mentality, focused on drawing large crowds rather than making genuine conversions?

Or is it a seek-and-save church, focused on fulfilling the gospel commission? Don’t you want a church like that? If so, Amazing Facts can help you build up your church to be a true seek and save church. Just turn the page to discover how.

The Empowered Church

“A working church is a living church”

—E. G. White

What is an Empowered Church?

Imagine a church so vital and connected to its community that if it were to suddenly disappear, the people in that community would feel a terrible sense of loss. Now imagine a church so overflowing with Spirit-filled, active members that it can't help but grow exponentially — year after year after year.

Then believe right now you can have a church like that!

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid” (Matthew 5:14).

The Empowered Church program, designed by Amazing Facts, will empower your congregation to become that bright light on a hill, shining God's truth and building His kingdom more powerfully than you ever thought possible.

“The Empowered Church has been so helpful to our little church in preparation for our evangelistic meetings. We are looking forward to a rich harvest.”

—Pastor Bob Hess

The Empowered Church is an incredibly efficient and budget-saving plan designed by church and evangelism professionals, founded on solid biblical principles that build on the distinct mission and message of God's last-day church.



Powerful Goals, Powerful Results

With the right commitment, resources, and training, your church can greatly multiply its effectiveness in doing the vital work of evangelism. The Empowered Church program will ...

Help your church establish an ongoing evangelism cycle.

Central to the Empowered Church is the evangelism cycle — where outreach is seen as an ongoing process, not just a one-time event. The program will lead your church through each phase of this dynamic and proven process, step by step, maximizing its evangelistic potential, year in and year out.

Involve every department of your church in evangelism.

This program will motivate and organize your church so that every department truly sees they must work together to grow your church. At each phase of the program, your entire church body will be focused on a common goal, uniting your congregation as you never thought possible.

Encourage every member to be involved in soul-winning.

Let's face it. It's hard to get your membership involved in outreach. The Empowered Church program will activate your members to play their part in the Lord's work — through training, resources, and numerous opportunities for members to be involved in soul-winning.

Ignite revival and spiritual renewal in your church.

When the church unites for the purpose of reaching the lost and seeks God in prayer, the

Holy Spirit will come to that church with power. The Empowered Church gives you the keys and the tools to ignite this soul-winning passion in your congregation through revival.

Encourage the nurturing and discipleship of all believers.

Nurturing and discipleship of every church member is essential to keep a growing church strong in the Lord. The Empowered Church program organizes and trains your church to be an effective environment for the nurturing and discipleship of all believers.

The Empowered Church Kit

The beautifully designed, easy-to-follow Empowered Church Kit offers you proven methods and accessible goals that will grow your church consistently. You won't get worldly gimmicks whose results soon fade away. Instead, this repeatable 12-month program will help your church build a powerful evangelism cycle.

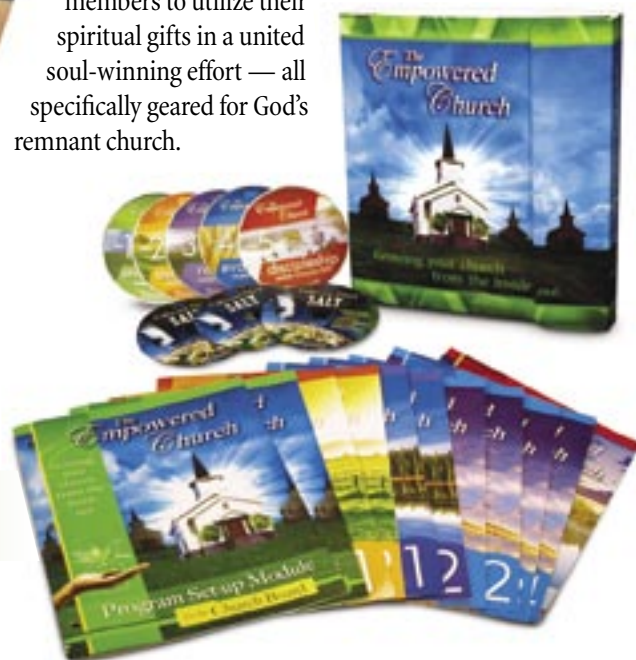
The Empowered Church Kit comes with everything you need to build on what your church is already doing well, while also providing practical





A Program for the Life of Your Church

Success in evangelism demands a well-laid plan to ensure powerful outreach events, participation from every member, and that new believers don't "slip through the cracks." That's why the Empowered Church program is built on five modules that will enable church members to utilize their spiritual gifts in a united soul-winning effort — all specifically geared for God's remnant church.



ways of improving in the areas of revival, church health, outreach, and discipleship.

This Empowered Church Kit includes the following outstanding resources:

- New Empowered Church evangelism manual
- Companion DVDs for all phases
- 12-month evangelism calendar and pre-work calendar
- Empowered Church assessment and survey
- Meeting agendas
- Church revival resources
- Suggested bridge events and community seminars
- Outreach and witnessing resources
- The SALT program, a weekly community outreach program
- A new DVD outreach training seminar for the church
- Evangelism advertising information
- Volunteer duties for the evangelistic meetings
- Evangelistic countdown schedule
- Spiritual mentors program for new believers
- Discipleship and small group resources
- Commonly asked outreach questions and answers
- Access to the Empowered Church website resources and downloads.

Every Empowered Church gets 24/7 help, downloads, and more at our members-only pages at the official Empowered Church website at www.empoweredchurch.org.

Program Set-up Module: Creates the team that will guide your church through the evangelism cycle.

Assessment Module: Gain insight into your church's strengths and weaknesses and discover strategies for maximizing strengths and overcoming weaknesses.

Revival Module: Get your church involved by improving the spiritual prowess of your church members with sermon outlines, handouts, prayer meeting outlines, inspirational devotionals, and more.

Evangelism Module: Where the rubber meets the road — a wealth of information and strategies to hold effective bridging events and evangelistic series.

Discipleship Module: Effectively establish new believers in Christ, build meaningful relationships, and encourage every church member to share their faith!



Enhanced Services — Enhanced Results

In addition to the Empowered Church Kit, Amazing Facts also offers additional Empowered Church services, called Levels 1, 2, and 3, that will revolutionize your church's outreach efforts.

- **LEVEL 1** churches receive a weekend training intensive designed to help jumpstart the implementation of the Empowered Church program.
- **LEVEL 2** churches receive the weekend training intensive *and* one year of coaching, which will help the church effectively implement an ongoing evangelism cycle.
- **LEVEL 3** churches receive the training intensive weekend, one year of coaching, *and* an Empowered Church Bible worker for six months.

Benefits of the Empowered Church Program

- Ignite revival and spiritual renewal within the church.
- Empowers the pastor by equipping more people to do the work of ministry.
- Empowers the laity by providing leadership and a clear step-by-step process.
- Provides an ongoing, multi-year plan to reach the community.
- Offers a holistic approach that reaches out to nonbelievers, while infusing spiritual growth into established church members.
- An integrated plan that uses the evangelistic tools from a wide variety of ministry resources.



Get on the Path to the Empowered Church Today!

Amazing Facts is committed to helping your church become a powerful force in evangelism. To order your Empowered Church Kit or for more information about the program, call 916-434-3880 or visit www.empoweredchurch.org! Your church can make a powerful impact for the kingdom of God. Call today to discover how your church can become an Empowered Church, boldly proclaiming the advent hope in your community. —





BIBLE Answers



with Pastor Doug Batchelor



If I am not in the right denomination, will I be lost?

While membership in a Bible-believing church is important, it does not determine a person's salvation. Salvation is founded upon a person's acceptance of the Lord's grace and surrender to His will.

I believe there are many people from a broad spectrum of churches who are saved. God judges people based on their walking in the light they have received. "For man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). Obviously, many churches embrace inaccurate beliefs, but that does not mean God doesn't have loyal children in these churches. They simply have not heard the truth or do not yet recognize it as truth. God will not hold them accountable for something they do not know. (See James 4:17 and John 9:41.) However, again, these sheep *are* living up to the light they have received.

It is also true that people can be members of a biblical denomination and still be lost because their hearts are not right. This is a common theme in Jesus' teachings. "Many shall come . . . and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom. . . . But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness" (Matthew 8:11, 12).

Fortunately, God is a very wise and compassionate judge who knows each individual's heart, and we can trust Him to decide who belongs in heaven.

At the same time, do not be deceived into thinking that membership in a particular denomination has no bearing on your spiritual life. It can profoundly affect your relationship with God. And again, it is always essential that we live up to the truth that we know once it is revealed, no matter the cost.


There is a special last-day message given in Revelation 18 in which God urges His children to come out of Babylon, a false

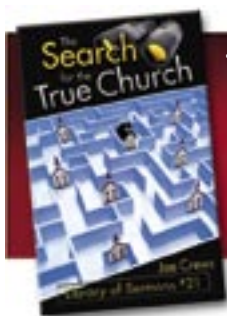
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system of worship where truth is mixed with error. I believe it is crucial to take this warning seriously and to study carefully so we can know that every teaching we follow is from Scripture. Remember, Jesus said, "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold" (John 10:16). But when He calls them, they will hear and follow Him to His fold.

Ultimately, at the end of time, there will be only two churches. One of these will receive the mark of the beast; the other will receive the seal of God. In this context, being in the right church is a matter of life and death. Standing for God's truth and with His people will be paramount. That's why, when determining what church to join, ask yourself if it is based on the Bible's words or the teachings of someone else? Does it preach the importance of obeying God's commandments? (See Revelation 22:14.) Is it a church working to reach others around the world? (See Revelation 14:6.) Is it preaching the three angels' messages, found in Revelation 14?

I'm thankful that Amazing Facts has many great materials that can assist you in evaluating how to recognize God's end-time church. I hope you will give us a call or go online to see how we might help you in your search. I highly recommend Joe Crews' book *Search for the True Church*.

Finally, I encourage you to keep an open mind and study God's Word very thoroughly so that you know for sure what course to pursue. Do as the noble Bereans did in Acts 17:11: "They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." And claim the promise of John 16:13 as well: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come." 



The Search for the True Church
Joe Crews. Are you or someone you know searching for a church that is following Christ? With biblical precision, God's true end-time church is finally identified!
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See ordering info on page 19.



Faith Summit 2008 – Collegedale, Tennessee

Come be renewed, revived, and inspired! Beginning Friday, March 7 at 7:00 P.M., join Pastor Doug for an enriching Faith Summit weekend at McDonald Road Church in McDonald, Tennessee. Hear moving testimonies and uplifting sermons and be part of this faith-building event that will let you share in the challenging vision for the Lord's finishing work through Amazing Facts. Additional meeting times are March 8 at 8:50 A.M., 11:25 A.M., and 4 P.M.

A Brand-New Satellite Event!

Coming September 12 – 20, Amazing Facts will present a powerful evangelistic event to reach children. Current plans call for the Dallas/Ft. Worth area to host this series of meetings designed for kids ages from 8 to 12. Says Pastor Doug, "This is the golden age for someone to choose to follow Christ or the world. We want to do all we can to help them make the best decision." The series will also feature new Bible study lessons. Look for more details as the event time draws closer.

Babies on Board



Traveling evangelist Jason Morgan and his wife Misty celebrated the arrival of a new Amazing Facts' teammate — Stephan Wesley. By God's grace, Stephan decided not to interrupt a powerful Bible prophecy series in Oregon presented by his dad. You can read the details about the series on page 23.

And adding to the ever-growing Amazing Facts family was Tyler Long, AFCE assistant director, and his wife LaVonne. Weighing in at 7-½ pounds, their daughter Isabella was born December 17 in good health and good spirits.



Amazing Facts Debuts New Easy-to-Use Homepage

Amazing Facts was thrilled to debut its brand-new AmazingFacts.org homepage in late 2007. It features an eye-grabbing, colorful redesign and much easier user interface that makes finding the biblical content you need easier than ever.

For example, our new online television and radio broadcasts are easier to locate and navigate. You can quickly find the latest broadcast for our programs right on our homepage, whether you want to listen to *Bible Answers Live* or watch *Central Study Hour*, or search and find archives to your favorite programs any time, day or night.

You'll also find a much-improved web store experience, so be sure to stop by today and register — we're adding exclusive registered content that you won't want to miss!



Ministry Expands Radio Reach

Amazing Facts debuted its new daily radio program entitled *Wonders in the Word* with Pastor Doug Batchelor on July 7. This new 30-minute program features messages of hope that will challenge the way you think about the Bible and life. The series runs Monday through Thursday every week, so be sure to join us ... and let all your friends know too!

Currently, we're broadcasting in the following locations:

KLNG 1560AM (Nebraska) 10 – 10:30 A.M.
WLMR 1450AM (Chattanooga) 11:30 – 12 NOON
WSKY 1230AM (Asheville) 7:30 – 8 A.M.
KXKS 1190AM (Albuquerque) 10:30 – 11 A.M.
WBRI 1500AM (Indianapolis) 4 – 4:30 P.M.
WNVY 1070AM (Pensacola) 9 – 9:30 A.M.

More stations coming soon!



Plant the TREE OF LIFE

in Your Church or Office

Amazing Facts has great news. Literature evangelism is still extremely effective at leading souls to the Savior — and now we have a brand-new resource that makes it easier than ever to share!

For years, handing out Bible tracts was an integral part of the great missionary work, here at home and abroad. But literature evangelism has often given way to other methods of outreach today, with interest in sharing soul-winning books dwindling. Now many churches don't even have literature racks, and if they do, their focus is often on in-reach rather than outreach.

Yet it has been said that when all other ministry efforts are no longer possible, literature will thrive in spreading the last-day truth of Jesus Christ.

What we pass out today to friends, neighbors, and co-workers, God can also use to reach others in the future when other voices are silenced.

That's why we've developed the Tree of Life literature sharing rack, giving congregations an attractive and effective showcase for their guests and member to utilize.

This beautiful, elegant display will catch the eyes of everyone who visits your church. While ingraining into the congregation the importance of sharing Christ-centered literature, it offers visitors an appealing opportunity to discover important Bible truths.

A NEW DYNAMIC IN LITERATURE EVANGELISM

The Tree of Life is more than just a passive sharing tool; it's a way of creating a fresh and eager spirit of evangelism in your church. A church that simply puts a Tree in its lobby will

certainly benefit — but a church that trains their members to use the rack will see fellowship and membership grow!

Passively, the literature rack encourages visitors to peruse it for a book or other resource that interests them; perhaps it has been stocked with sharing resources with the same subject as that week's sermon.

However, the Tree of Life works even better when *used actively* by the church. For instance, the church can teach the congregation to keep their eyes and ears open for ways to share the many booklets that come with the Tree; when a co-worker or neighbor shows spiritual interest, members can take a resource from the rack and share it!

Why not make the Tree of Life the center of your literature sharing program?

Collect donations to keep the rack full. And if a church member wants to share a large number of a particular book, collect a gift fund and purchase them with your Tree of Life discount!



“The [Tree of Life] looks really nice on the wall in the foyer of our church, and many people are distributing the literature. It is a beautiful way to display the literature and help people to learn the way of Jesus.”

—Mary, New Jersey

The Tree is also a great way for Christian business owners to share life-changing literature in an attractive way in a lobby. It can be mounted on a wall (dark walls are best) or it can stand free in a corner. It's a hard-to-miss feature that can attract many otherwise unreachable souls.

Jason Worf, publishing director, says we shouldn't limit the power of God's Spirit to lead someone to a resource made available by an outreach-minded church. He adds, "Right now, many churches aren't focusing on sharing Christian materials with visitors. So we've designed the Tree of Life program to be an easy way for churches to re-invest their time in the crucial business of sharing soul-winning literature."

Adds Pastor Doug Batchelor, "This is an effective way to empower your church members to be evangelists. As long as you find someone to maintain it, encourage donations to fill it, and supply the right training, God will use the Tree of Life to plant seeds of truth in the lives of countless souls."

EXTRAORDINARY BENEFITS!

When you purchase the Tree of Life Literature Rack, you'll also enjoy these great incentives!

- The Tree of Life comes with more than \$500 worth of sharing books and DVDs — plus the display rack, which retails at \$330.
- You'll also receive a 15-percent discount toward future purchases of Amazing Facts sharing materials for the literature rack!

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TREE of LIFE

Literature Rack



SHARE TRUTH
SHARE LIFE
SHARE LITERATURE

An attractive display rack for sharing the words of life in your office waiting room or church lobby. It comes fully stocked with everything you need for sharing gospel truth including pocket books, DVDs, and other sharing resources.

Purchase the fully stocked literature rack and you'll automatically get deep discounts on re-stocking your sharing materials.

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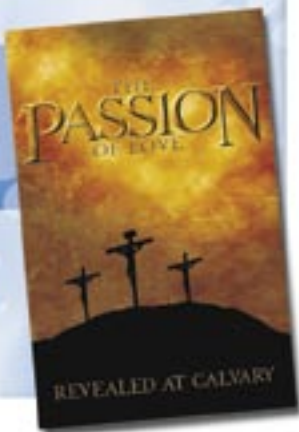


The Passion of Love

E.G. White. This beautiful selection from the final chapters of *The Desire of Ages* will help you understand the intricacies of Jesus Christ's sacrifice for humanity. This gripping commentary goes beyond the physical suffering and explores the spiritual and eternal reasons for Christ's sacrifice and resurrection. Be inspired and filled with eternal hope. **BK-POL ... \$4.98**

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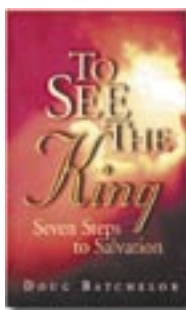
Never Been This Late Before

Herbert Edgar Douglass. The world around you is changing fast! And all the Bible signs of the end are rapidly converging. In this masterful commentary, you'll get astounding evidence—from natural disasters to spiritual falsehood and more—but even more important, you'll learn what you should be doing to be prepared. Also an awesome witnessing resource! **BK-NBTL ... \$9.95**



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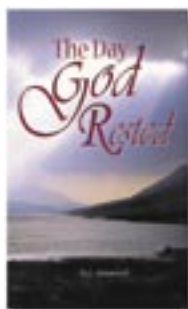
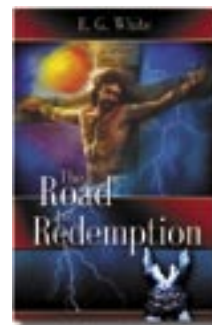


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Doug Batchelor. Life is full of amazing spiritual lessons. From the dramatic story of Isaiah to his own life-transforming experiences, Pastor Doug reveals the wonderful process of salvation. **BK-TSK ... \$2.49**

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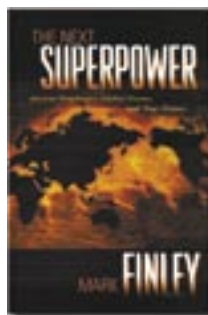


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D.C. Manrick. Dynamic proof that the fourth commandment is as important today as the day it was established. Learn about the blessings this day promises. Share with friends and family. **BK-DGR ... \$3.95**

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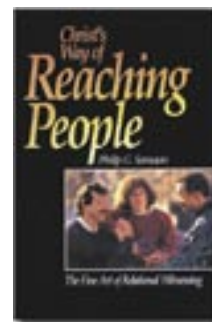


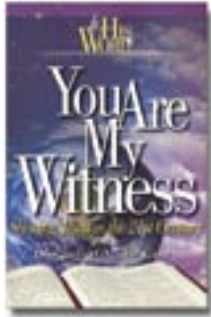
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Mark Finley. Filled with colorful illustrations, photos, and charts, this easy-to-read yet detailed study on Bible prophecy and the earth's last-day events is designed for sharing with anyone searching for biblical answers in these troubling times. Overcomes false teachings while giving lasting peace and hope to everyone who opens its pages. **BK-NS ... \$9.95**

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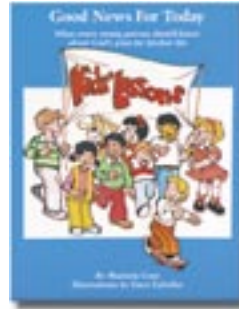




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Don and Marjorie Gray. Learn Jesus' simple yet powerful method that won the hearts of so many people around Him. You'll soon be amazed how He can use you to win others by reflecting His priceless, eternal love to them.

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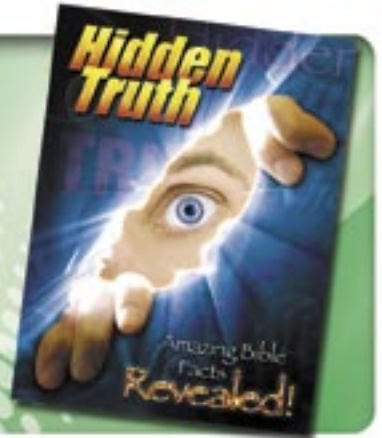


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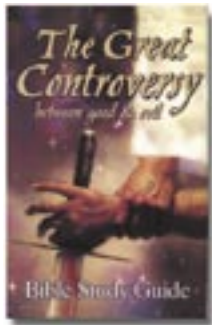
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Assurance: Justification Made Simple

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The Great Controversy Bible Study Guide

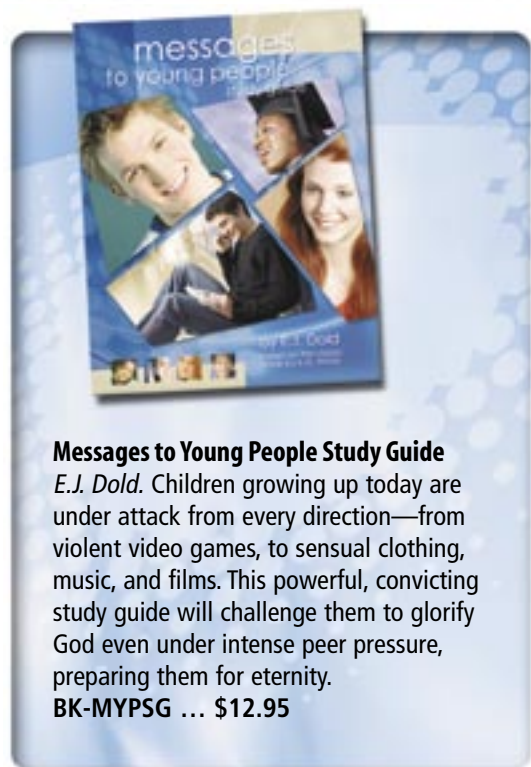
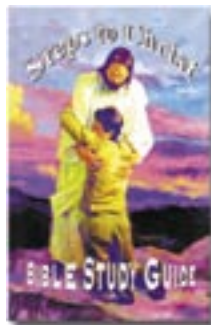
Merlin Beerman. What's at stake in the war between good and evil, heaven and hell? What will happen in the end? This thorough Bible study adapted from *The Great Controversy* answers these and many other questions and will help you and those you share it with clearly understand your role in the final battle to come.

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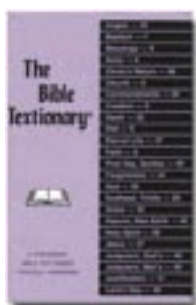
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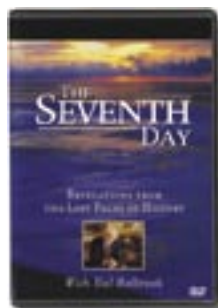


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Hosted by Hal Holbrook. One of the most comprehensive presentations of the Sabbath truth ever produced for video. This powerful documentary series will broaden your understanding and strengthen your faith as it explores the little-known history of the Sabbath. (Parts 1-5) – DV-SD ... \$89.95

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Ten Years of Central Study Hour

For more than 10 years, Amazing Facts has been broadcasting Sacramento Central Church's *Central Study Hour* with Pastor Doug Batchelor, helping Sabbath school leaders and participants around the world to mine the precious gems of God's Word through their quarterly lesson studies.

"We would just like to thank all of you at Amazing Facts for your wonderful ministry and your online Sabbath School lessons! They are a blessing to us, and may God continue to work through your program to reach, teach, and love those worldwide! Praise God for technology!" *London, England*

Along with the talented staff at Sacramento Central, Pastor Doug and guest speakers have been providing sanctified cerebral exercise virtually nonstop since the program first aired on December 19, 1996. If you're counting — that's more than 520 weekly Sabbath school study services so far!

However, you might be surprised to learn that when 3ABN first approached Pastor Doug about recording his church's popular Sabbath school study hour, he was reluctant.



OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

"To be honest," he explains, "I was a little hesitant. For one, I knew that for it to be a useful program, we'd be somewhat constrained to the quarterly lesson material, even if the topic wasn't really exciting to the pastors or viewers."

Of course, that was also the perfect reason to broadcast the program. Thousands of Sabbath school teachers and church

members around the world are longing for some help, especially with adding relevant, timely content that can spice up their Sabbath school class discussions.

But another obstacle was particularly daunting. Pastor Doug explains, "Second, it's very expensive to record and edit a television program. When you realize the Sabbath school study is focused on a specific date, it may have only one broadcast time — and then simply gather dust. I always prefer to invest God's resources in something with a longer shelf life."

Nevertheless, with the help of Amazing Facts' supporters and the church's outstanding team of media volunteers, Pastor Doug believed God was opening doors to help make the project much more affordable.



Photos by Debbie Thompson Kippel

Most important, Pastor Doug and the Central Church staff and congregation felt the need for a biblical series like this was so great that they were impressed to move forward. And the Lord has truly blessed that decision. Pastor Doug adds, "We never dreamed it would fill such a pressing need and be received so well by so many around the world."

AN EXPANDING AND EAGER AUDIENCE

As satellite and internet television distribution of the program has increased, letters have arrived from all over the world praising the Lord for this extra "doctrinal adrenaline"

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coming into their Sabbath school classes. “Just writing from Brazil to thank you very much for the inspiring lessons at the *Central Study Hour*. God bless you and your ministry!”

Pastor Doug believes that *Central Study Hour* already had a built-in audience just waiting for it. “The average church in North America has 100 members or less,” he explains, “So many Sabbath schools are not only small, but many churches must share a pastor on rotation with sister churches in their district. That means there are times some churches really need this supplemental, biblical teaching.”



Moreover, thousands of Christians who live in isolated areas with no nearby church — or those who are unable to attend their church because of health issues — now have direct access to Sabbath school programming, adding depth and clarity to their personal quarterly studies.

Over time, the program has become so popular that some regular attendees of the *Central Study* Sabbath school class are recognized and greeted by name as they travel. “You are like our family,” one viewer writes. We pray that *Central Study Hour* will continue to be successful, used by the Lord to bless His people as they come together to study His Word.

HOW IT WORKS

Each *Central Study Hour* program is recorded three weeks in advance of the quarterly study date, providing time for the Amazing Facts studio to edit the program, attach closed captioning, and ship the tapes to various networks, including 3ABN, Hope Channel, Safe TV, and many others. In addition,

more than 20 radio stations broadcast the program every week!

This enables participants to match their current quarterly lesson with the program on their own time. But if you want to stay ahead with Sacramento Central, the program is streamed live every Sabbath morning at www.saccentral.org.


While you're there, you can interact with the program by submitting a hymn request, a very popular feature of the weekly broadcast. We have received requests from nearly 120 nations!

WATCH THE PROGRAM WHENEVER, WHEREVER

Do you want to watch *Central Study Hour* right now? You can, anytime, day or night, by visiting www.amazingfacts.org! Scott writes, “My wife and I drive over the road in a semi truck and only get home once every 6 to 8 weeks. We log onto Sacramento Central Church every Sabbath and participate in the services there. We look forward to it every week!”



Be sure to keep coming back every week for powerful, biblical insight into your weekly quarterly lessons!

Finally, we want to share a special thanks to the networks that provide airtime for *Central Study Hour* without charge. Please let them know that you appreciate their contribution to this program! 

“I study every week with Pastor Doug online. I teach the lesson every Sabbath and glean everything I can from the Sabbath school lessons with the points he makes. The lesson done on ‘Wise Words for the Families’ went through the roof with me. . . . It is a hard lesson for me to teach, but . . . I have received words of wisdom for my class.”

THE AMAZING FACTS Evangelism TEAM



Schedule an Amazing Facts evangelistic series or a revival weekend in your church!

Contact our meeting coordinator at 509-684-9733 or by mail.

Doug Batchelor

March 7, 8
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5440 McDonald Road
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Emanuel Baek

January 4 – February 9
Franksville, Wisconsin
Call 916-434-3880 for details.

February 22 – March 29
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Call 541-592-3218 for details.

Darrin Bartell

January 7 – February 2
Holiday Inn
100 West Bank Expressway
Gretna, Louisiana

February 15 – March 15
Church Auditorium
Highway 171 South
De Ridder, Louisiana

Eric Flickinger

February 22 – March 29
Church Auditorium
2120 S. Stimson Avenue
Hacienda Heights, California

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January 4 – February 9
Missouri State Fairgrounds
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Sedalia, Missouri

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Brian McMahon

January 24 – February 9
Tulsa Airport Radisson Hotel
2201 North 77th East Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma

February 16 – March 15
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January 4 – February 9
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14118 Chain Lake Road
Monroe, Washington

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Tennessee National
Guard Armory
400 Mustang Drive
Huntingdon, Tennessee

Jack Pefley

February 4, 2008 – March 8
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Dennis Priebe

Revival
January 19
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You are invited to meet the members of our dynamic evangelism team at our many seminars and revivals throughout the year—and please invite a friend! Go to www.amazingfacts.org to get exact times and locations!



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Emanuel Baek



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Jason Sliger

Upcoming Meeting Locations



Symbols with a black circle are detailed above. Symbols without it will be detailed in upcoming magazines as the dates draw closer. Check our website for more information, as not all locations are marked.

DELIVERED

By Raul Cano, as told to Karen Fisher

Raul Cano felt the sting of defeat as he stumbled into his bedroom and fell onto his knees before God. For the first time in his life, he just let it all out. "Why God? Why can't I get this right? Why is it such a struggle? I clean up, and I go back. The temptation's always there. I want it to go away. I want to live a happy, healthy, normal life."

For 18 years, Raul had lived for opium and alcohol. Alejandra was not going to put up with this miserable existence any longer. She was making plans to take their four children and make a life without him. Raul wept as he appealed to the God of his childhood, "Where are you, God? I can't do this on my own. I'm an addict. I don't like it, and I want to change. You say you love me. If you love me, please change me. Why aren't you helping me?"

Then Raul heard God say to him, "You aren't married."

I get it, thought Raul. God can't bless me while I'm breaking His commandments. If I want His power, I have to accept His will in my life. "I'll do anything you want me to do, Lord, if only you will help me get the victory over this terrible addiction."

As Raul surrendered his messed-up life to God, God gave Raul a feeling of peace. He felt better spiritually, but he had some hard times ahead physically. Raul spent most of the next few weeks slumped on the living room couch as the toxins worked their way out of his body.

To distract his thoughts, Raul flipped through the four channels that were available on his TV. The only one that made him feel better was a station that he learned was called 3ABN. He listened to program after program and began to recognize some of the speakers. He was especially drawn to the sermons given by a pastor named Doug Batchelor, and he noticed that he represented a ministry called Amazing Facts.

One morning Raul's daughter missed her bus. Raul drove her to school, but he took a different route than usual. He found himself driving by a Sabbathkeeping church. On the front lawn he saw a banner announcing an Amazing Facts prophecy seminar by Jason and Misty Morgan. "Hmmm," he said to himself. "Amazing Facts ... prophecy seminar." Suddenly it all came together for him. He had to go to those meetings.

That evening Raul and his brother attended the meeting together. Evangelist Jason spoke on the subject of repentance, and Raul repented before the Lord a second time. He didn't miss a single meeting for the



rest of the series. Each night he took materials home to share with Alejandra when she came home from work.

Alejandra was afraid to get too excited about what was happening to Raul. He had promised so many times before to change his ways only to fail miserably. This would be his last chance. If he didn't really change this time, she would leave. After 13 years of living with an addict, she wasn't sure she even loved him anymore, and their children were afraid of him when he was high, which was most of the time.

After he had attended several meetings, the pastors talked with Raul, answering some of his doctrinal questions. When they saw how excited he was about the things he was learning, they asked, "Would you like to be baptized?"

"Yes, I would love to be baptized," answered Raul, "but I'm not married. I wouldn't feel right about getting baptized while I'm living in sin."

In the meetings, Raul listened as Jason told how even seemingly little things can come between you and God and leave an open door into your heart for Satan to enter. Raul went straight home and carried his treasured rock music collection to the trash bin.

"What are you doing, Dad?" Raul's daughters asked in alarm as piles of questionable DVDs went out in the next load.

Raul began to pray that God would help him find a job where he could have at least one Christian to talk

with. "I'm weak right now, Lord. Just get me with a Christian I can hang out with." At his last job there were too many associations with his old life that would be difficult for him to break.

Soon Raul was working with a crew of concrete workers, and God sent him not one Christian to work with, but three.



Raul knew the first one was a Christian by the bumper stickers stuck all over his car. The man didn't have

much to say, but Raul took comfort in reading the faith-filled messages each day. As he talked with others, he learned that two of the workers were non-attending Sabbath Christians. After hearing Raul's testimony of what God had done for him, they began to think about returning to church.

One day Jason Morgan and Pastor Steve Huey came to visit Raul. "We'd like to give you a wedding," they said.

Raul was excited about the idea, but he wasn't sure Alejandra would go along with it. She had been holding back until she was sure the changes in Raul were real. But she couldn't deny that things had never been like this before. Raul called her at work to propose the idea of a wedding; Alejandra warmed to the idea.

On Sabbath morning, October 20, 2007, the Hermiston, Oregon, congregation sat waiting for the morning sermon when the piano signaled the start of a wedding procession. Raul and Alejandra's four children — Karina, 13; Vivian, 10; Jasmin, 8; and Donovan, 7 — led the way, followed by a radiant bride. After heartfelt vows were exchanged, Raul and Alejandra were baptized together, publicly announcing their love for the One who had saved their home and lives.

Alejandra's eyes sparkled as she said, "I never ever thought it could be like this."

As Raul shared his story for this article, he said, "Please make sure the story ends by glorifying God."

"I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell" (Psalm 86:12, 13). —

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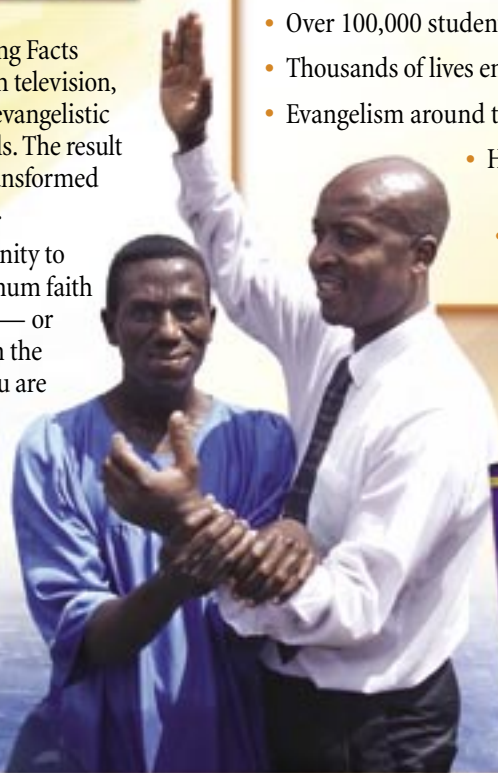
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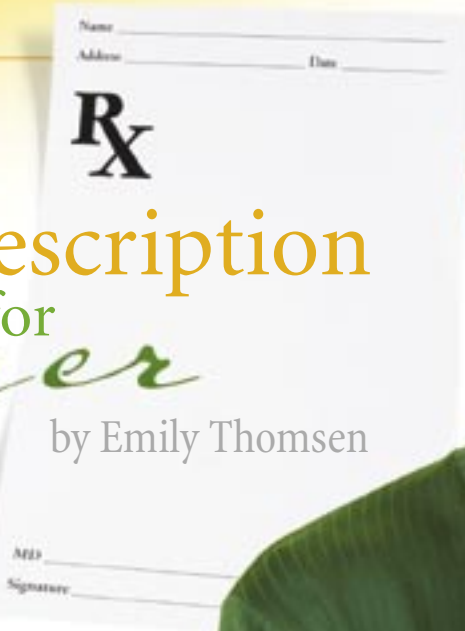
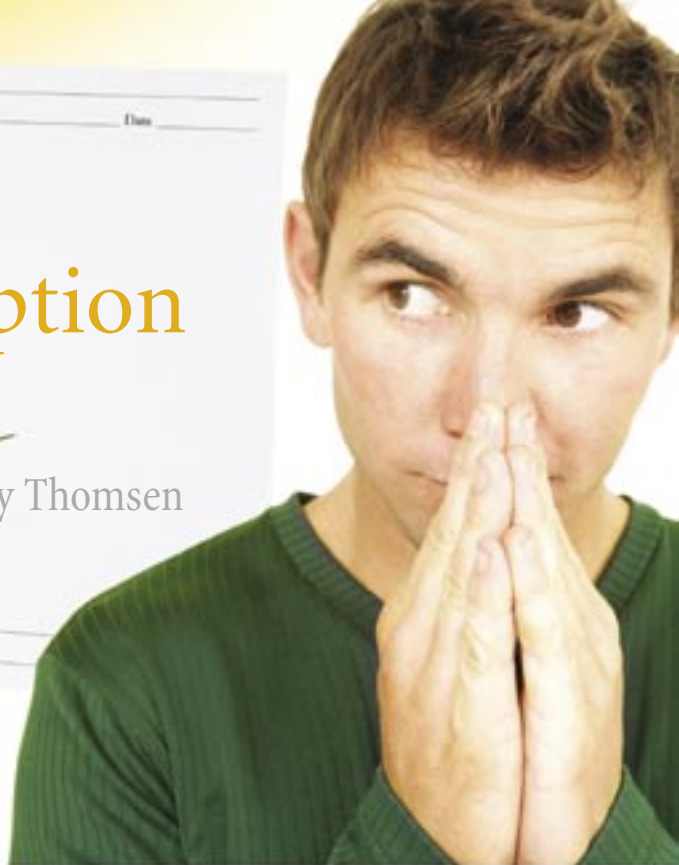
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Prescription for Prayer

by Emily Thomsen



Have you ever received a prescription for prayer from your doctor? The research of Harold Koenig of Duke University Medical Center reveals that people who pray daily have stronger immune systems. Those who attend a place of worship — whether a church, synagogue, mosque, or temple — live longer, happier, healthier lives. Hospital patients for whom prayer is part of their regular routine are discharged sooner. And according to a *Parade* magazine survey, 95 percent of physicians consider prayer an important part of their patients' overall well-being.

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:2 NIV). Whatever it might have been in Paul’s day, the “pattern of this world” in which we live seems to be pushing ourselves to the limit, filling up every moment of our days with some activity. But does activity equal accomplishment? We often judge our lives as productive and meaningful when we’re actually just busy.

One of Satan’s oldest, most common (and effective!) ploys is to keep us busy. Especially doing “good” things. Remember the story of Mary and Martha? “Mary . . . sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, ‘Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.’ And Jesus answered . . . ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her’” (Luke 10:38-42 NKJV).

I love to be a hostess and entertain, so I identify with Martha. Every time I read that story I want to say—“But Jesus! Isn’t it important that the house look nice? Isn’t it important to have a good meal prepared?” It might be, but . . . how easily we become “humans doing” rather than human beings — neglecting what is *better* for what is good.

I work with people who want to lose weight, lower blood pressure or cholesterol, and improve their fitness. I help them follow through on their good intentions. As a wellness coach, I define their long-term health goal and break it down into bite-size pieces. We determine what it will take week by week, and then I call them each week to ask if they followed through. The most common excuse I hear for not following through is, “This was just a busy week for me,” or, “This is a really busy time of year.” As if any other week or time of year is less busy! I’m not afraid

to remind them that *life* is busy; we simply make time for what we want to make time for.

So how do you remedy this tendency to overwork? Start by incorporating prayer and meditation on God’s Word into your daily routine. Keep this appointment just as you would an appointment with anyone else. Also, schedule 30 minutes every day to do whatever you want to do.

Next, take God up on His weekly Sabbath to rest and refocus your life from an eternal perspective. Turn off the TV, avoid the mall; instead, spend time with other believers and with God.

People recognize a peaceful, meaningful, centered life from a long way off and want to know how to get it.

All who are under the training of God need the quiet hour for communion with their own hearts, with nature, and with God. In them is to be revealed a life that is not in harmony with the world, its customs, or its practice. . . . We must individually hear Him speaking to the heart. When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God. He bids us, “Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10. . . . Amidst the hurrying throng, and the strain of life’s intense activities, he who is thus refreshed will be surrounded with an atmosphere of light and peace. He will receive a new endowment of both physical and mental strength. His life will breathe out a fragrance, and will reveal a divine power that will reach men’s hearts (Ellen White, Ministry of Healing, p. 58).

In the words of St. Augustine, “You made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”

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