

A close-up photograph of a young boy with brown hair, wearing a green and blue plaid shirt. He is covering his eyes with his hands, looking downcast. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light. The top of the image has a green overlay with white text.

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THE BURDEN OF THE LORD



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When it comes to great preachers of the 20th century, no name is more revered in the ranks of the Holiness movement than that of H. Robb French. His influence on the IHC movement was profound and continues to the present day. The title of the biography written about him by Anna Talbott McPherson labels him as a “pioneer, prophet, and prayer warrior.” This description, as brief as it is, goes a long way in describing a man who influenced thousands with anointed preaching and godly leadership. Yet like the rest of us, Brother French was the product of influences that helped make him into the man that he was. The old theologians talk about the concept of “moral agents” who have the ability to think, feel, and to choose. Influences can push us in a certain direction but they don’t force us to do anything or to become anything. That is why some people raised in horrible circumstances rise above it all and become bright and shining lights in the kingdom of God. They responded to the grace of God and that grace transformed their character. Others, with every blessing and privilege available to them, resist the grace of God and spend their days pursuing worldly dreams and desires. Robb French was blessed to have been born into a home where his dad and mom loved God with all their hearts and made some incredible sacrifices to advance the cause of Christ. The spiritual atmosphere of such a home leaves a fragrant aroma that lingers for generations to come.

Brother French’s father was a highly respected lawyer and a member of the local Methodist church in their community. Yet, he was a man who knew nothing of the new birth by personal experience. His wife was a saved woman but her world was turned upside down when she attended a local Salvation Army hall. The glory of God on the faces of these plain but despised “soldiers” was too much for her and she purposed in her heart to take the way of Holiness after experiencing her own Pentecost. continued on **page 7**



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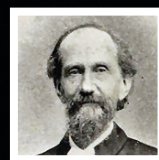
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Adapted from "How to Bring Your Children to Christ"



ANDREW
MURRAY

Job is a beautiful picture of a man in whose heart the fear of God lives! He fears that his children will sin against God or forsake Him in their heart. He is so deeply aware of their sinful tendencies that the very thought of their having been in circumstances of temptation makes him afraid. He so fully realizes his position and privilege as a father that he sends for them to sanctify them, and takes upon himself the continual offering of the needed sacrifice.

Job is another example of one of God's servants whose fear of God extends to the sin of his children. Even God said of him, "There is none like my servant Job in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God escheweth evil" (Job 2:3). Job was a man of patience, faith, and holiness. From studying his life we learn that a man's entire consecration to God implies the consecration of the home life. One of the marks of a godly parent is a deep sense of the sinfulness and the sins of his children. God entered into the parental covenant

with Abraham to conquer and free man from sin. Parents were made the instructors of their children to lead them from sin into the service of God.

In all God's dealings with us in redemption and grace, He has one goal- to save us from sin and make us partakers of His holiness. If the parent is to be God's fellow-worker, and the blessing promised to him is to come true, the parent himself must be in harmony with God. He must hate sin with a perfect hatred and seek above everything to remove and keep it out of his home. Let parents ask God to give them a right sense of what sin is in their children, in its curse, its dishonor to God, and its power. Let us ask Him to work in us a very deep conviction so that as His ministers to the children, sin may be removed from them and the power of Christ's victory over sin may be seen in them. His desire is that we, our children, and our home be holy to the Lord.

The natural result of such fear of sin is that parents become very watchful of their children *continued on* **page 7**

A NEW BEGINNING in Lancaster



**JEREMY
FULLER**

*Director,
Home Missions*

In the mid-1950s, while traveling to Delaware, Rev. George Straub spied a church building for sale in Florin, PA (near Mount Joy). What appeared to be a happenstance led to a rental agreement with the owners of the building. Superintendent Straub quickly planned and strategized for an exploratory revival meeting. Straub and the other men who assisted in this pioneer work slept in the Sunday school rooms during the meeting.

After the revival services came to a conclusion the congregation that had been gathered through the campaign continued to meet in this rented "Church of the Brethren." There they worshipped the Lord and encouraged one another. This first building was sold a short time later to a used furniture dealer

who converted it into an auction house.

The next phase of this ministry was facilitated through a house-church. One of the congregants, Mr. George Killinger, generously opened his home to the fledgling congregation. Brother Straub would go as his schedule permitted to conduct services. While these earnest hearted Christians were grateful for the preaching ministry of Brother Straub, they were not satisfied with their situation. They wanted an established church.

For nearly a decade various attempts were made to have services and to secure a building. Men like John White and Fred Watson had a burden for this group of believers to have a red-hot holiness church somewhere in the region. In spite of several noble efforts,

it appeared that all doors were closed.

Then in 1966, while traveling to Landisville, PA, Rev. John White spotted a white frame church building on Main Street in Salunga, PA. At the time, it was sitting empty and not being used. Contact was made and the property purchased. Bro. White moved his family to the area and began pastoring the small, but excited and expectant congregation.

By 1974 they had outgrown this second building. Through the course of that year and the next, they were able to purchase a much larger building outside of town from the Salunga Church of the Brethren. This was a move that was divinely sanctioned by the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in a Watch Night service on December 31, 1975. Rev. James Bates Sr. was serving as Pastor at that time.

Through the next four decades, 10 different pastors led the flock of the Lord at this third location. There were many wonderful providences witnessed as the Lord helped and blessed His people. One of those providences was the complete remodeling of the sanctuary during the pastorate of Rev. Troy Shaffer. But like all good stories where there is an ebb and flow of good times and bad times, the church has had its share of challenges. And over the last number of years, it has seemed that the ministry was entering a season of stalemate.

In October of 2018, the General Board began to feel that God was



leading us to sell the properties and replant the church in a different community. The parsonage was put on the real estate market. One day later it was sold for a surprising sum. By the last day of November, the church building was sold as well. The sale price for the church was more than a surprise. It was a miracle. Not only did we now have more than half a million dollars to work with, but God helped us to find a Wesleyan-owned building for sale on Marietta Avenue in Lancaster, PA. We were able to purchase that well-maintained and handicap accessible church with a paved parking lot for \$13,000.00 less than the previous owners had paid in 2005.

This is a major and a strategic move. Not only do we now have a superior and more ministry friendly facility, but this building is nestled in a little village called Rohrerstown two miles outside the city of Lancaster where nearly 60,000 people dwell. What a mission field lies at our doorstep!

Throughout this transition, our

interest as a conference has been provoked in a healthy and life-giving way. The Home Missions Board has enlisted the aid of the Scott and Heather Hartman family to assist senior pastor, Rev. James Winter and his wife, Linda. Our vision has been for this to be a mentoring relationship and valuable ministry partnership that will breathe new life into this church. I believe there are great days ahead for the Crossroads God's Missionary Church in Lancaster Pennsylvania. Please join us in praying that God will help us to revitalize and grow this church into a dynamic and consequential spiritual force for Jesus in Lancaster and the surrounding region.

A famous banker, J. P. Morgan said, "The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide that you are not going to stay where you are." In the history of this particular church that has been the philosophy that has led us to four different buildings. Perhaps we've had our summer, fall, and winter seasons. Who can tell

what the future holds except our kind and omniscient Heavenly Father! I pray that in this fourth building we will truly enter our springtime. We covet your prayers as we launch what is officially our first God's Missionary Church in Lancaster, PA.

My encouragement for this new beginning is summarized in the final lines of the fourth stanza of an old hymn, written more than 330 years ago by a German theologian named Joachim Neander:

*Ponder anew what the
Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth
befriend thee!*

We have been befriended by God's amazing love through the days of this journey! Pray for the ministers of this church, the laypeople of Crossroads, and the people of Lancaster. 🙏



Freedom

Freedom was more than the theme of #YC19Freedom; it was a reality! God anointed the ministry of James Plank and others in a powerful way. It was another record shattering year for attendance with over 750 young people and over 1,100 people total coming from more than 130 different churches and 20 different states! We will never forget the mighty manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the services as hundreds of teens sought God and testified to freedom! To God be all the glory! Make plans to come next year: January 29-February 2, 2020 with main speaker Eric Kuhns. 📌



MATTHEW
MALOYED

continued from **page 2** Her shouting embarrassed and irritated her lawyer husband but he had to admit that she certainly was a new person. His life took a radical detour in the direction of heaven when he heard the famed Holiness preacher, Beverly Carradine, in a Denver mission. In the same meeting, the lawyer was saved, sanctified, and called to preach. His subsequent life proved that he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

The affluent lifestyle that comes with being a successful lawyer was forsaken and the lifestyle of an itinerant preacher was embraced because it was the will of King Jesus for his life. Young Robb French saw the glory of God in his father's home. Family worship would continue until the "fire fell." Mother French sensed when someone was getting a "little dry" in their soul and her fervent exhortations led to the "fallow ground" being broken up and a new "season of refreshing" for the family. This "mother in Israel" had such a burden from the Lord that she purposed in her heart that not one of her children would populate hell. She would set aside one night every week to travail in prayer for her family and the work of the Lord. Is it any wonder that all four of her children were called into the ministry? After her death, Brother Robb French stood at her casket and looked at the now lifeless body of his praying mother. His final words to her were, "Mother, thank you for leading the way. Thank you for your prayer life." No greater tribute is possible for a son to give. May we in our day leave such a legacy to the ones raised in our homes and for the generations to come. 📖

continued from **page 3** during times of special temptation. Job knew that at a time of feasting there would be special danger. When the days of feasting were over, he sent for his sons and sanctified them. What an impression these children must have received of the fear of sin in their God-fearing father. It must have made them aware of their own need to be watchful of sin and to fear God.

Let us ask God to make us very watchful and very wise in making use of opportunities to speak to our children about sin. There are times when the child's conscience is especially sensitive, and a word spoken at the right time will sink deep into his heart. There are times when his conscience has been weakened and a word of prayer will help to wake it up and restore its authority. A parent who is in sympathy with God's purpose to destroy sin, and who puts himself at God's disposal, will be guided as to when and how to speak. This parent will be able to arouse and strengthen in the child the reality of sin and its danger.

A godly parent has power with God to intercede for his children. Job not only sent for his children to speak to them, but he sanctified them through the burnt offerings he offered. The parent who has accepted the sign of the sprinkling of the blood for his child, and who has sprinkled the blood on the doorposts of his home, has a right to plead that blood with God. He has a right to intercede for the grace that can save and sanctify. May the Lord teach us to realize our God-given position as intercessors for the little ones He has placed in our homes! 📖

**"A GODLY PARENT HAS POWER WITH GOD
TO INTERCEDE FOR HIS CHILDREN."**



Young people have energy. They exert themselves and seem to never wear out. Challenge anyone over thirty to play a group of teens in a game of basketball and you could see the results firsthand. It is very doubtful that the first team to ask for a water break will be the teens.

**Allow God to
reign in your
passion for life.**

Energy properly channeled can result in a small explosion inside an internal combustion chamber that powers the vehicles that we drive daily. Energy improperly handled can produce a small car bomb that devastates lives. It is amazing the amount of potential energy inside some of the smallest building blocks of matter.

Young people are some of the least experienced people living on the earth in many different aspects. They do

not have enough life experiences to teach them some of the lessons that they will inevitably learn as time passes. What they lack in experience, however, they make up for with passion and energy. Properly cultivated and directed, young lives can prosper in wonderful ways. The potential for service in the kingdom of God is great but also neglected. Not because they have nothing to offer, but because they are not being properly directed.

The body of Christ is composed of all believers, including young believers. So many times it seems that current cultural trends of expecting very little from any person under the age of eighteen has influenced the body of Christ. Many families expect so little from their children until they send them away to college. Then they expect that their children should be able to take a full load of classes, work a part time job, and cope with the normal stresses of life in a healthy manner. But those young people have not been properly equipped to fight against the onslaughts of life as an adult. Young people need direction. Older people need energy. It seems as though each group needs each other to be able to serve the world as the hands and feet of Christ. How many of those who have made an impact on this world for God could point back to a certain person or a few key people who drastically influ-

Empowering, Encouraging, AND Equipping YOUNG PEOPLE



CHRISTIAN
CLAYCOMB

*President,
Youth Crusaders*

enced their lives towards Christ? How many older people could testify of some of life's greatest moments being those times when God allowed them to give instruction to a younger person? How many of those older saints would testify to the fact that they were encouraged powerfully by the testimony of a young person on fire for the Lord? Young person, when was the last time you sought out an older confidant to give you instruction? Older person, when was the last time you allowed a young person share some of their energy for God with you?

God's Missionary Youth Crusaders is designed to focus on empowering, encouraging, and equipping young people. We empower them through ministry opportunities, encourage them through interaction, and equip them on a personal level. Individual interaction with young people is one of the aspects of ministry most utilized by our board of Youth Crusaders. Can we expect that young people should live deeply spiritual lives if they don't see it in those who are "over them in the Lord"? May God help us to expect that His power can strengthen us all, old and young, to live the way He wants us to live.

Each young person that steps inside one of our churches possesses great potential that is waiting to be harnessed and used for the glory of God. Do not, for a second, believe

that your life is good for little more than to be a pretty ornament hanging on a wall somewhere. God wants you on His team and committed to His work. Allow God to kindle a passion for His kingdom in our hearts. Each older person can make a significant impact on the lives of one or more young people. For the church of Christ to work together as flawlessly as gears in a clock, we need to recognize the strengths of each member and use those strengths properly. All members are important for the church today. What is your part? What are you going to do with your gifts? ■

**The body of
Christ includes
young believers.**

news



Congratulations to Johnathan & Alexandra Arnold on the birth of their son, **Adam Scott Arnold**, born on April 13, 2019.



Congratulations to David & Sarah Sanford on the birth of their son, **Benaiah Owen Sanford**, born on May 10, 2019.



Rev. Alvin R. Shaffer, 80, of Loss Road, Middleburg, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville. He was born Nov. 5, 1938, in Hesston, a son of the late Elbert and Jessie (Anderson) Shaffer. On Dec. 23, 1960, he married the former Ruth N. (Hetrick) Shaffer who survives. Alvin attended Messiah College. He pastored the Bellefonte God's

Missionary Church from 1960-1965, Armagh God's Missionary Church from 1965-1967, Sunbury God's Missionary Church from 1967-1974, Hanover God's Missionary Church from 1974-1994 and also served as the Camp Director of the Hanover Fellowship camp, Calvary Holiness Church in Hagerstown from 1994-2001, and the Alexandria God's Missionary Church from 2001-2010.

After he retired, he served as a visitation pastor. Rev. Shaffer also served on the Youth Board, the Home Mission Board and the General Board of the God's Missionary Church and had also taught for several years at Penn View Bible Institute in Penns Creek.

He was an avid gardener and enjoyed traveling. One of the greatest joys of his life were his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be remembered for his love of others and his visitation ministry.

In addition to his wife of 58 years, he is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, the Rev. Nathan and Denise Shaffer of York and Steven Shaffer of Hanover; two grandchildren, the Rev. Solomon Shaffer and his wife Joanne and Susanna Shaffer; five great-grandchildren, Reagan, Lincoln, Remington, Liberty and Israella; and one brother and sister-in-law, Joel and Peggy Shaffer of Freeport, Ohio. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Joanna Shaffer in infancy; and one brother, David Shaffer.



A Grandmother's Prayers Changed Everything

The last night of revival at the Outlet Free Methodist Church in October 1949 saw the Spirit of the Lord poured out in an unusual fashion. One "mother in Israel" was rewarded for her years of faithful witness and intercession by seeing numbers of her family seek the Lord on that Sunday night. "Grandma" Kocher had been saved three decades before in a Billy Sunday crusade in Wilkes Barre, Pa and had been a faithful member of her local Free Methodist Church for years. But until that fateful night, she seemed to be traveling to heaven alone without her family. What took place at the altar of prayer changed the destiny and the dynamics of that family, as numerous loved ones passed from darkness unto light. One of those who claimed victory that night was her 15 year old grandson, Warren Major.

Brother Major's family had not been faithful in church attendance before the revival. They visited different churches, but were not committed to one particular church. Salvation changed all that as they became loyal Free Methodists and took the Holiness way. Brother Major graduated from high school in 1952 and joined the Air Force in continued on **page 12**

president



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We thank God for the many spiritual victories won!

Jan. 14: Evangelical Hospital, Judah Martin was born to Ryan and Mandy Martin. We thank God that all are doing well. He is our 7th grandchild.

Jan. 14-29: Florida District Camp trip. God used the ministry of Rev. & Mrs. John Case and Rev. Greg Hobelman family in a great way. God settled down in a powerful way on the last Sunday morning and the altar was lined with seekers. We also were blessed to have a high of 21 children in our children's chapel.

Jan. 29-Feb. 04: Youth Convention. We had a total of 10 guests stay in our home. We thank God for the many spiritual victories won during this convention.

Feb. 06: York, Wellspan Hospital to visit Mary Gillett, our pastor's wife from Belize. She came to America to have a procedure done for her heart and then she will be ready to have their baby. Keep praying for them all.

Feb. 08: Kinsman, Ohio, I attended the beautiful wedding of Christian and Danielle Claycomb. We wish them God's best. Christian is the youth pastor of our Duncannon Church.

Feb. 10: Duncannon, it was good to fellowship with the Fuller family after church. We appreciated the good report of new ones in the service this Lord's Day.

Feb. 11-15: FL Sea Breeze Camp; This camp always has good preaching and singing. A highlight for me is seeing and visiting some of our God's Missionary ministers. I also talked to several ministerial students about GMC.

Feb. 16: Beavertown, I went to the viewing of Nancy Bowman. Her husband used to pastor one of our churches. Both were friends of our conference and Beavertown Church.

Feb. 17: Blue Knob, my wife and I enjoyed the service; a wonderful meal and fellowship with Bro. & Sis Neville.

Feb. 18-20: Halifax, GMC Ministerial. We were surely favored with God's presence repeatedly. Bro. & Sis Shockley both did a great job ministering to us. Rev. Don Mobley was voted in as Minister of the Year. We greatly appreciate his labors and life. Sis. Cara Bunch was also the "Lady of Fine Example". We appreciate both of these people.

Feb. 21-23: Sermon preparation for speaking at ICHA and Bus Convention.

Feb. 24: Mountain Road, It was good to see the McKenzie and Hess families back in the church and in this area again. We appreciate so much the faithful labors of the Dicken family.

Feb. 25: PVBI School Revival, Rev. Keith Bunch did a great job sharing his life story and reminding all of us that we can let God "write our story".

Feb. 26-March 01: Plainfield, IN to speak at the ICHA Preacher Lay Convention. Rev. Marc Dodrill and people treated me great. We appreciated how God moved among us in the services.

March 02-03: Knightstown, IN to visit Rev. George & Sharron

Maloyed & Rev. Steve & Cindy Davis. I was privileged to also preach at their church (Bethel Holiness Church).

March 04-08: Westfield, IN to attend and speak at a session of the Outreach & Bus Convention. I was blessed to hear the three founders of the convention speak each evening- Rev. Barry Arnold, Rev. Rowan Fay, and Rev. M.R. McCrary. May God increase our passion for Him and souls.



JACOB MARTIN

March 10: York, my wife said, "the church people are always so kind and appreciative of the specials". Thanks Pastor Nathan and Denise for your labors and love for the people.

March 11: Penn's Creek, we had a General Board & Penn's Creek Camp Board meeting. We were planning for future usages of our headquarters building and some update on the tabernacle.

March 12-17: Newport, we sensed God helping us to draw closer to Him in this revival meeting. We appreciated the two couples seeking God at the altar on Sunday morning. We thank God for the sense of love that we felt from the pastoral team to the people.

March 19: PVBI Dedication Service of the McIntire and Mason Student Life Center. We thank God for the impact of these men on God's kingdom and our lives.

March 20-24: Danville for revival services. We appreciate the altar being used by children, young people and adults. We thank God for Bro. Nathan & Anna Yohe and their love for the people that shines through them. 🙏

continued from **page 10** January 1953. Our brother will testify that he began to “leak out” during those years and was not really clear in his soul again until, as a young married man, he sought the Lord in revival under the ministry of John Hosier. From that point on, his walk with Lord has been one of carefulness and obedience. He and his faithful wife Dorothy have been one in their purpose to serve the Lord as a team.

For many years, Bro. Major carried a “Local License” for the Free Methodists and would fill in for local pastors from time to time. As things began to change in the church world, the Majors started visiting the Berwick GMC. They were greatly blessed by the kindness and encouragement they received from Pastor Donahey and the preaching and counsel from Brother Paul Miller was a big boost to them. Bro. Major had been able to retire from his job after being there for 30 years and he longed to do something “more” for God. The birth of the Jackson God’s Missionary Church flowed from this desire in the heart of Brother and Sister Major to reach their home area with the message of Holiness. In 1996, God’s

Missionary Church purchased an old Methodist Church a few miles from the Major’s home and a new work was started.

In the years that have followed, the Majors have seen lives touched and influenced for the cause of Christ because of their faithful witness and their ministry at the Jackson Church. It has not always been easy and they have been through some very deep valleys. Yet in the midst of it all, they have leaned hard on the Lord and He has been faithful to keep

them by His grace. They have the fervent love and respect of their children, grandchildren, and even great grandchildren. Their home has been a place of fellowship and teaching for those who have little or no knowledge of the “deeper things” of God as they have sought to win souls for Christ. The sight of Brother and Sister Major walking together into the tabernacle at Penns Creek Camp has been a blessing to many of us over the years. We are so thankful that the Lord brought them our way! ▣

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