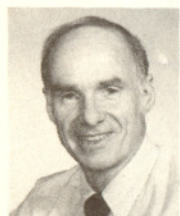


## A NEW PERSPECTIVE...

*jamie buckingham*



A note from an old friend confirmed what God has been telling me. She wrote, "I urge you

to TEACH the Word, make Bible teaching a part of our church. Urge the people to read and study the Word. They cannot believe what they do not know."

She's right. Line upon line teaching does not have to be boring. It can be exciting, contemporary and full of life. Your response to the biblical preaching/teaching I did in December confirms this. For the first time in my life God has led me to teach on things like THE FINISHED WORK OF CALVARY, THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST (and how it relates to the events in the Middle East) and THE POWER OF THE SPOKEN WORD.

In January I begin a 6-part series on the person of the Holy Spirit. This will be accompanied by some Bible assignments to be read BEFORE you come to church. Subjects will include THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE FRUIT AND GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT, and THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. It will be an exciting time.

In addition, I am going to teach an adult Bible class on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. The subject will be a verse-by-verse exposition of the book of I Corinthians. I will teach the first six sessions and Bruce Truitt will take the last six. God always anoints His word.

PERSONAL YEAR END WORD: Jackie joins me at this season of the year to thank you, all of you, for all you've meant to us during this strange but exciting year. Joining us in this blessing are the five families who surround us:

Bruce & Michele, Scott and Kimberly Buckingham.

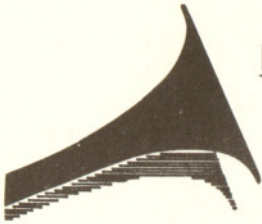
Tim & Kathy, T.J., Dustin, and Amy Buckingham.

Jon & Robin, April, Kristin, Heather and Tiffany Moore.

Marion & Bonnie, David and Lauren Ranzino.

Jerry & Sandy and Logan Smith.

Also, Jackie's mother, Daisy Law (83) living with us and my mother, Elvira (Mother B) (93) living in Vero Beach. All of us have been strengthened and healed as a result of your prayers this year. We love you and are praying God will pour out multitudes of blessings as we enter 1990.



## NEW TAB LEADERS APPOINTED

### Elders

At the second morning worship service on January 20 Jamie Buckingham will ordain the new elders of the Tabernacle Church. Assisting him will be the two current elders: Gene Berrey and Don Lees.

Being added to the eldership are Ralph Mull, who is returning was a former elder, plus three new elders:

Bruce Buckingham

Dean Norris

Bob McCarthy

The Trumpet will carry profiles of the elders in future issues.

### Directors

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors the following corporate officers were elected:

Jamie Buckingham	president
Brooks Watson	vice president
Inez Thompson	secretary
Sandra Reed	treasurer

Although Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Reed are corporate officers, they are not members of the board. Two new board members were appointed by the present board:

Sam Gornto

Doug Lees

Remaining board members are: Hugh Evans, Jr., Charles Goodrich, Rick Parker, Allen Reed, Marion Ranzino and Woodrow Thompson.

### PASTORAL ADDITIONS

**Bob Warner** has recently completed training under Mickey Evans at Dunklin Memorial Camp and is joining the pastoral staff. Bob, who for several years has directed our maintenance program, will assist Jim Gaffney with the Overcomers, oversee the Jewel House, and direct the junior high ministry in the church.

Also joining the staff on a part-time basis is **Jim (Smitty) Smith**. Smitty is the director of Young Life in the area high schools and will serve under Steve Pauly as senior high youth director.

## A NEW PERSPECTIVE...

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Several years ago the elders called for a stop on plans to build a 3,500-seat auditorium on property next to our present 1,000-seat building. God wanted us to expand our present buildings as much as possible, and at the same time to establish or help new churches in the area.

The new elders have recently confirmed this as God's continuing word to the Tabernacle. While we are to add on as much as possible without buying new property, we are to hold to our original ideal that we are not a "building oriented" or a "Sunday centered" church. Missions and relationships are more important than brick and mortar. Instead of going up, we are to go out--lengthening our cords and strengthening our stakes.

Translated this means:

1. We will not purchase any additional property for buildings.
2. We will expand and utilize our present facility to the fullest extent.
3. We will innovate with new procedures, improving and using our present buildings to

the fullest to alleviate overcrowding. This could mean more duplicate services, even on Saturday night.

4. We will either start new churches or help small local churches who are of like faith, order and spirit but do not have buildings yet.

Prior to the weekend with Robert Seymour, the elders said the special offerings from that weekend should be divided, with half going to help rebuild the NARKIS STREET CHURCH IN JERUSALEM, ISRAEL, which was destroyed by terrorist bombs, and the remaining half divided among several small local churches without buildings. The total offerings were more than \$65,000--more than three times larger than any prior special offerings.

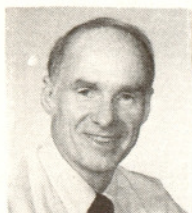
I am convinced--because of your unselfishness and your dedication to tithe your incomes--that God is going to bless this church with enough money to meet all our needs, and that He is going to pour out financial blessings on the families of this body.

He CAN be trusted, and these are exciting days.

## A NEW PERSPECTIVE...

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While good health is a wonderful blessing, it can also insensitize us to the pain of others.

I've been pain-free all my life. After cancer surgery last summer I experienced misery while recovering, but no real pain. By pain I mean chronic pain, the kind that dogs you day and night, consumes your thoughts and drains your energy. Although I was able to identify with those struggling with the spiritual and emotional battles that accompany diagnosis of severe or "terminal" disease, I was still unable to sympathize with sufferers of chronic pain.

Then about three months ago I began having discomfort in my lower back and hip. It may have been caused by trying to prove my manhood to myself by doing too many physical things, or it may have been a delayed result of the surgery. My doctor ordered many exams which determined it was NOT (praise the Lord!) a return of the cancer. It was simply back and hip pain.

Across the months it intensified. It finally got so bad I could not sleep at night. It radiated down into my leg and the only way I could get relief was to wander through the house at night with an icepack held to my back--moaning. I found myself popping pain-relieving drugs.

I finally went to a chiropractor. (Another totally new experience.) As I write this, I'm sitting in a strained position wearing a belt-brace which he says will hold me in place while my weakened ligaments heal.

In the meantime I've learned many new things about life--and about the pain the Bible says always goes with it. I've also learned, for the first time, what so many others really feel, among them my 83-year-old mother-in-law who lives with us and can never get comfortable in her chair or bed because she hurts all the time.

These are wonderful lessons, and I'm grateful to learn them. Besides, I'm grateful just to be able to feel pain. Dead bodies don't, you know!

## KNOW OUR ELDERS: BRUCE BUCKINGHAM



As you go down the long driveway to Bruce and Michele's country style house in Palm Bay, your first impression is "love lives here." Children's toys are on the front porch, a play gym in the front yard.

Bruce, though the oldest of the five Buckingham children was the last to marry. Obviously he was wise to wait for God's best--Michele. He, an ORU grad with a major in psychology, was working as chief legislative assistant to Congressman Bill Nelson in Washington, DC when he met Michele, who had lived there all her life, at a beach party. She was another congressman's aide.

Both felt a spiritual lack in the Washington scene, so they drifted together and toward God at the same time. After marrying they bought a house to settle down there. However, God had other plans.

As they drove to work each morning they played Tab tapes. Michele began to recognize voices and names so she felt she knew many of us. She started feeling a

strange "homesickness" when a tape was playing. They sold their home and moved to Florida.

Included in God's plans for them were stimulating jobs here. Bruce is a spokesman for NASA's Public Affairs Office. He is excited to be in training to do those famous 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 countdowns! Michele works with Jamie on Ministries Today, where she is the associate editor--a job she can handle while staying at home with Scott, now 4 years old, and Kimberly, 2 1/2. They live on the "Buckingham compound" near the rest of the siblings and all their children--almost a dozen cousins to play with.

Bruce and Michele serve on the Tabernacle missions committee, where Bruce is vice-chairman. His lifelong compassionate interest in missions was heightened by a trip he made with his dad to South America some years ago as well as the visit he and Michele made several years ago to Floyd and Millie Lyon out in the jungle in Peru.

Bruce brings to the eldership a heart that warms to needs of people--here as well as "out there."

## A NEW PERSPECTIVE.

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*May, 1991*



We met with our home group just an hour after receiving the news that a new cancer was attacking my body. The small tumor was located along my spine and was chomping into a couple of the vertabrae. I told my friends I hated to put the church through what we went through last summer. They, along with the pastors and elders later, reminded me I was not responsible. This was a counterattack from Satan. They also said God had more in mind than healing me. He wants to heal this church.

After the miracle last summer I told the church my desire was to spend time with God during the week and return on the weekend to speak His Word. It was a noble goal. But instead of spending time with God, I did a lot of traveling and spent time with people. Although I was "proclaiming His work," I failed to take into account that God had told me to slow down, rest and seek His face. He had also said I was to live one day at a time, not by scheduling many things many months ahead of time. In short, I was to live like Jesus, who

did only what the Father told Him to do.

Now I will have that opportunity to start over. By the time you read this I will have finished almost five weeks of radiation treatment in St. Petersburg. We've been staying at the house of Dr. Ralph and Sylvia Johnson during the week--home for the weekends. Dr. Johnson heads the Bayfront Cancer Care Clinic and has been overseeing my treatment. The treatment lasts but a few minutes each day, leaving the rest of the day free so Jackie and I can spend time with God--waiting on Him.

Last summer the church made giant strides toward genuine revival. Unfortunately, many slipped back into old routines, just as I did. Now God has given us a second chance to fulfill our best intentions. Just as I am confident He will totally heal my body, so I am confident we will all emerge from this latest battle looking more like Jesus. We stand where we stood--believing it was all done at Calvary.

We cherish your prayers.

## A NEW PERSPECTIVE

*jamie buckingham*

June 1991



The doctor said the two vertebrae in the lumbar section of my spine--weakened by the cancer--ought to restore themselves following the radiation treatment. That was good news and gave us something to pray for--along with the other obvious things we're trusting God for during these days. However, he also warned me that until the bones did grow back, my spine would be fragile. I've been warning people when they hug me not to pound me on the back. (I never did like that practice anyway, even though I enjoy hugging.) I've also been forced into letting my wife carry my briefcase--a horrible blow to my masculine image. But after hearing the doctor describe the results of a stress fracture, I decided it was better to be a temporary wimp than a permanent cripple.

The procedure reminds me of a lot of other things in life that are temporarily unpleasant but in the long run will be good for you. Giving up momentary pleasure or satisfaction for the gain

of glory is a principle of the Christian life, even though not a very popular one. However, things sacrificed now for the joy of what is to come is always a worthy investment.

During these days of intense prayer, Jackie and I have been seeking God's plan for our lives--and in particular His plan for our future relationship with the Tab. We know we are to remain here, but we also sense He is calling us into a different role in leadership. This means laying down some of the things that have been most precious so we can pick up the better things. We're not sure how this will work out, but I am convinced this is God's time for the emergence of young leadership into positions not just of responsibility but of authority. Pray for us that we will hear God and not man as we enter this next phase in our lives.

These are wonderful days--days of faith, days of change. I look forward to many years here, doing things God's way.

## A NEW PERSPECTIVE...

*jamie buckingham*

July 1991



To some measure the results of my last physical exam and the verdict of the Melbourne City Council concerning the request of the church are similar.

In mid-June Jackie and I drove to St. Petersburg for another battery of tests. The doctor was pleased. He used the word "remission" in describing the cancer. It had not spread to other areas of my body as they had feared. My spine is mending and the tumor continues to shrink slowly. He wants me back in two months for more tests. Jackie and I interpret this to mean I'm doing fine right now, but if God removes His hand I'm in a fix. God will show us the future--one day at a time.

I say this has similarities to the status of the church. Just one week before my tests, the board of directors had petitioned the city council, asking them to return to us the block-long Ferndale Street running from Aurora to Crane Field in front of our auditorium. This would allow us to expand all our buildings.

Earlier the city staff had

promised Brooks Watson they would recommend our request. However, at the meeting the staff and department heads requested our petition be voted down. We were not allowed to present our reasons, nor even remind the council that the Tab was the one who had originally paved the street and installed the sidewalks and drains. We asked for more time but Mayor Mullins and the council voted against us.

I left the meeting miffed. I felt we had been treated unfairly. Someone said we should have wined and dined the council--that was the way to get things passed. Instead we had prayed--and had been shot down

But had we? True, it means we will not be able to expand the way we wanted. But the more I've prayed about it, the more I realize God never shuts one door without opening another. Just as I know He wants me to live, I know He wants the Tab to expand. But it will not be by conventional means. So, we are back to seeking His ways.

I urge you to join in prayer, asking God to reveal to the leaders His next step for our church.



## OPEN TO THE KIDS...

*michele buckingham*



In May Michael Thompson spoke a prophetic word to the church that we cannot afford to forget or ignore: What we pour into our children today will determine the course of the church--and the world...If we want to be open to the Lord, we must be open to the children.

I am the mother of Scott, 4, and Kimberly, 2. I love them with all my heart and believe I do a decent job with them. But I've never considered myself "gifted" with children. I hated babysitting as a teen. As my own children grew, I still ignored bulletins in the Tab News asking for children's workers--after all, children weren't my gift

But last summer God began to show me the critical importance of children in His kingdom--the place children will have in the coming revival and in the final outreach of the gospel into all the world. He gave me a love for all children. My responsibility is to all Tab kids as well as to my own. We are a family here. I believe that.

God showed me I couldn't consider Sunday school a baby-

sitting service--a place for the kids to go so we adults could have real church without distraction. Sunday school is real church. He told me in no uncertain terms that I couldn't expect other people to teach and love my children if I was not willing to love and teach theirs.

Still I resisted. After all, I needed the church service. How could I give up a time that was so important to my spiritual well-being? How could I miss the service to sit in a class with a bunch of unruly, runny-nosed kids?

Then the final blow: God said, "You've heard enough sermons to last a lifetime. I don't want you to hear another until you start acting on the ones you have heard."

So let me introduce you to the 2-year-olds' Sunday school teacher since last September. Me. I've never grown so much spiritually. I decided God wanted me in the class every week, every month--the kids needed that consistency, and I did too.

Michael closed his sermon by noting that God would be dealing with hearts about ministry to kids. Please--be open to God, and to the kids.

## A NEW PERSPECTIVE...

*jamie buckingham*



Ever since a leaders' retreat at Park Avenue Church in May, my heart has burned with a desire to expand my personal ministry beyond the Tabernacle to include ministry to certain pastors in the South Brevard area. At that meeting several South Brevard pastors asked me to "oversee" them--a bishop's role, so to speak. I agreed to pray about it.

While I was in England in July, the Lord sharpened my vision for "the church in South Brevard." He also revealed the type of ministry I was to have to the pastors of what we would call the Area Church. On my return we had our first meeting. Eight area pastors attended. Others who adhere to the same concepts will be invited to join us. Here are the highlights:

\*We will start thinking "Area Church" rather than our own individual churches. While there are many sheepfolds in South Brevard, there is only one flock. Our purpose as shepherds is to serve the broader church as well as our individual flocks. This could mean sharing financially, en-

couraging workers to change churches when there are needs that arise, joint efforts with seminars, crusades and area meetings. In the beginning the Tabernacle will function as the "mother lode" church, but as the concept of Area Church grows, each will make significant contributions.

\*On my role as "bishop" or "overseer," I am not sure how this will materialize. But I know the Lord has commissioned me to invest a portion of my time and energy to build the Area Church in South Brevard. I feel I am to serve those pastors who recognize this call on my life and want to cooperate with what the rest of us are doing.

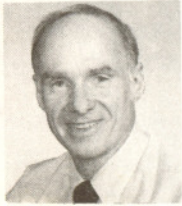
\*While there will be a number of beneficial side effects, our primary purpose is evangelism. We are claiming South Brevard for Christ.

\*We will meet monthly at the Tab. The weekly noontime prayer meetings--which were already in existence--will continue. Pray for us as we form this holy alliance of men committed to each other and to the formation of the church in South Brevard.

## A NEW PERSPECTIVE

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In mid-September the elders and the board of directors had a joint meeting to consider the possibility of merging into a joint eldership. However, we never got to the planned business for the evening. We felt the Lord was calling us into prayer--and before we knew it we had prayed for two solid hours.

The thirty of us present--the men and their wives-- began by repenting for not covering this body with prayer and spiritual authority as we should have. As a result, we realized, Satan has come in through the chinks of the armor, attacking many people and families. We prayed for a number of these people by name.

Feeling we should call the entire body into a time of prayer and fasting--standing together as a family with those who are under attack--the following Sunday morning we scrapped the regular order of service (and determined to do that for at least the next four weeks). We asked the people

to move their chairs into circles of five or six and to spend 6-8 minutes praying for each other in the group. It was risky--but wonderfully refreshing. Then we announced the fast.

The joint eldership feels the entire church should fast one meal a day for 30 days. The first week we are praying against deadly disease which is attacking many. The second week praying against financial hardship many are going through. The third week (Sept 30-Oct 6) we are praying for many marriages that are under severe attack. The final week we are fasting and praying that God will release into the church all the gifts and giftings in the body so the church can really be the church--a family of people who care.

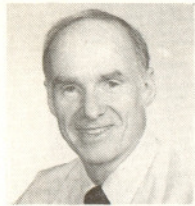
We are collecting the names of those under attack, and the elders have been meeting weekly to intercede. We are asking the strong to help the weak, the rich to help the poor, and those who have give to those who have not.

It's time for revival.

## A NEW PERSPECT

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The "big shaking" the church had in 1990, when my life was threatened, has resulted in some solid changes this year.

For one, we've added several needed staff members. **Bob Warner** joined the staff as an Overcomers' pastor. **Sandy Richardson** was called as Director of Children's Ministries. More recently, **John Bankosky** joined us as Pastor of Congregational Life.

Our eldership is solid and meeting regularly--praying for direction for the church and for individuals within the body. **Michael Thompson** has been added to the elders and **Don Lees** has agreed to serve as elder chairman. More changes are anticipated before the end of the year. An elder and a deacon are in the prayer room after each Sunday service to pray for and anoint with oil those with critical needs--especially those expecting hospitalization. Reports of miracles and healings are coming in.

The Wednesday night program has exploded into life. Hundreds of people are coming out for the catered dinner and various classes, workshops and children's programs.

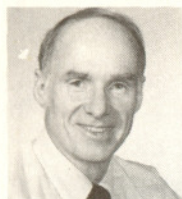
**Jim (Smitty) Smith's** Young Life program is now running more than 100 senior high youth on Wednesday night--with another large group enrolled in his "Campaigner's" Bible study.

There is the aroma of new life throughout the church as we become more than a group of strong-willed individuals--but a family of believers working together in a corporate way.

Last year, I felt God saying it was time to "turn the church back to the people." New elders (along with some old ones) were appointed. New members were added to the board of directors. Recently, both groups--along with the pastors--have been meeting as a presbytery.

At my request, **Michael Thompson** has taken over much of the "operations" of the church. He will continue to oversee the worship while giving direction to the pastors and various ministries. His assumption of more pastoral responsibility allows me to take on a stronger prophetic role--hearing God and speaking what He is saying.

Changes will continue. The Holy Spirit is always described as one in motion--expanding, challenging, forcing those He lives within to change with Him.



Businesses are based on what managers call paradigms (*"par-a-dimes"*). These are patterns or models that tell you how to solve problems. Occasionally these paradigms will shift. If the leaders are aware of these shifts they can stay ahead. If they fail to recognize the shift when it occurs, the business often fails.

In 1967 a researcher for the Swiss Watchmakers' Trade Association invented the quartz movement. The watchmakers laughed at his idea. After all, with the main spring watch, they cornered 65% of the world market. One year later only 15,000 of the 65,000 Swiss watchmakers still had their jobs. Almost overnight the quartz movement had shifted the watch industry to Japan. The shift from main spring to quartz was a paradigm shift. The Swiss, who prided themselves on building the most accurate watches in the world, failed to recognize that with the quartz movement all watches were now equally accurate. In short, they missed the paradigm shift, lost the industry lead, and almost lost their shirts, too.

Over the last few years the Tabernacle has gone through several subtle paradigm shifts. The Overcomers Ministry has allowed us to reach an entirely different strata of society. The new emphasis on arts in worship has been another shift. The explosion of the children's ministry--and the youth ministry--has been another shift. Each one has moved us away from where we had been into a new dimension of ministry.

Recently I've realized some of us old heads have been so busy trying to hold on to the "spirit of the past" that we have failed to recognize God's call into the future. God's call to "lay things down" has been mistakenly interpreted to mean we should lay down our plans for the future--rather than turn loose of the past. Now, as a result of the recognition of the paradigm shifts that are taking place in the church and community, the Holy Spirit is enabling us to hear God clearly as we plan ahead.

I welcome the future. It has arrived.