

A NEW PERSPECTIVE...

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After several false starts on our part, I am convinced God has now spoken and told us Curry Vaughan is the

man He wants to come to the Tabernacle Church as our senior pastor.

Several years ago when Jackie and I visited with the Vaughans in Germany, I began to sense that one day we would work together. On my first trip to Korea in 1981, I asked Curry to begin praying about the possibility of leaving the army and moving to Melbourne. He is a career soldier, a West Point graduate, and is in line to be promoted to full colonel this summer. To leave the army would be--in the world's eyes --a big sacrifice.

Last year Jackie accompanied me back to Korea. This time we spent considerable time praying with Curry and Nancy. At the same time the elders have been involved in the decision-making process. Curry visited here in September and again in November. It was obvious the Lord was speaking. Curry and Nancy will retire from the army as soon as he finishes his 20th year in June.

Instead of accepting his promotion, which would require he stay in the army for another two years, he will move directly to Melbourne to become part of our local leadership.

Many questions have already been asked about Curry's position at the Tab. We will try to answer these across the months before he comes. It is a new concept. I know of very few churches--aside from those in the New Testament--which function the way we do. Even though all the answers are not evident, those of us in leadership are convinced God is saying "do this, and do it now."

Our task is to obey.

I have felt for several years the need for a man to fill this position. I now know he must be a man of sterling quality, of moral exactness, who has proved himself across the years as capable of leading the flock of God. He should be a highly trained man, a man of personal discipline who can lead by example as well as preaching.

Curry Vaughan is such a man. We welcome him because God has sent him. There can be no higher reason.

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At the beginning of this year I felt the Lord was saying it was time to grow. For a number of years we have

been majoring on fundamentals. We have built a solid foundation and over the last three years it has been tested by shaking and fire. I am convinced we now have a solid, deeply dedicated family of believers who are ready to "move on with God."

Our next step is evangelism. Most churches start there. They feel numerical growth is the most important thing. We have been led by a different spirit, however. We began small and quickly heard the Lord say the same thing to us He said to His own disciples who were building a New Testament church: wait.

We did just that. We have been in our "upper room" for 16 years now. Our group has grown from that small band of disillusioned Southern Baptists who had been scarred and wounded by denominational and church squabbles, to a non-denominational body of men and women who are gradually beginning to influence the entire community. We have experienced Pentecost, have

established koinonia, are firmly grounded in the Word of God, have been purged of much of that which was false and impure. Now we are ready to venture out as "witnesses unto me both in Melbourne, in Brevard County, in the United States and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (cf Acts 1:8).

The word I have from the Lord is it is time to venture into our community as witnesses. We are to begin to share our testimony and tell others what the Lord is doing. Especially what He has and is doing for us personally.

To this end I have offered to set up an editorial board which will help each member of the Tabernacle write down his own testimony. This will be thoroughly edited until it is a good piece of literary work. Each testimony will then be published in tract form so you can carry your testimony with you, sharing it with those you have occasion to meet who need the Lord.

We'll be working on this throughout the year. I anticipate at least one "writer's conference" to help you with your task. But don't wait. Start now. Write on!

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THE VAUGHANS ARE COMING!



Curry and Nancy Vaughan, pictured here with Jamie and Jackie Buckingham in front of their house in Palm Bay, will be retiring from the U.S. Army Chaplain's Corps in June and moving to Melbourne.

The Vaughans have two teen-age daughters, Virginia and Julie. They have bought property and will build a house in the Christian community recently developed by Brooks Watson in west Palm Bay off Hield Road on Willard.

Curry will assume the role of senior pastor at the Tabernacle, working under Jamie's oversight and giving leadership to all the pastoral ministry of the church. He is currently chaplain at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Those wishing to write may do so at 9-B Forsyth, Ft. Riley, KS 66442.

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Recently a leading TV preacher made a strong appeal to Spirit-filled Catholics to "come out" of the Catholic

church. He implied those who don't displease God.

I disagree with that basic policy. Christians who come into a new, dynamic relationship with the Holy Spirit should stay in their church--be it Catholic, Baptist or Pentecostal. I also feel they should, as they stay, be extremely bold in their witness concerning the power of the Holy Spirit. This was the position taken by the early disciples in their relationship with the synagogue, and I feel it should be the position taken by Christians today in relationship with the institutional church. Granted, that boldness may get them kicked out of their church, but I believe every effort should be made to "stay in" as long as their witness is received.

On the other hand, there may come a time when a person who is filled with life should turn his back on an institution which is dedicated to breeding death. I do not believe the Roman Catholic

Church, the Southern Baptist Convention or the Methodist Church is dedicated to spawning death per se. Quite the contrary, all denominations are dedicated to preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and to promoting the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

However, there are individual churches, in fact there are entire regions, where those people who are filled with life are being denied the expression of that life as long as they remain in their institutional church. Bishops, pastors, priests, church boards--all are capable of quenching the Holy Spirit and of prohibiting free reign of the Spirit in the Body of Christ.

When that happens, regardless of denomination, and the bold witness is being systematically cut down by the leadership, I recommend the Spirit-filled Christian flee that church even as Lot fled from Sodom--and should never look back. In such a case it is necessary to "come out" in order to live. To stay would mean death by suffocation.

Let us support those churches who give credence to the power of God; let us welcome the refugees from those who don't.

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John Naisbett's new book, Mega-trends, is addressed to the business world, but his conclusions are of

great interest to those of us in the Kingdom. As he describes the era emerging in Century 21, there are trends we need to take into account.

(1)A shift from an industrial society to an information society. The major emphasis of our nation will no longer be manufacturing goods but most people will be involved in manufacturing information, ideas, words. I find this extremely interesting in that I am writing this column on my new Apple IIe word processor--one of the signs of the times.

(2)A shift from national to world interests. This coming generation is being forced to think globally. What is happening in and through Third World nations will determine what will happen in the USA. That means missions must be top priority.

(3)Naisbett's 9th megatrend calls for the shift of USA population from the north to the southwest and Florida. He identifies 3 megastates: California with its technology,

Texas with its money, and Florida which has become the retirement state of the nation. It is this last point we need to consider carefully as we build. God is sending to us the wealth of the nation. It is our task to help these gifted people find their places in the Kingdom--building with us.

The wise Kingdom servant will be looking at these trends as he follows the King's command to spread the Gospel. Our new office building, now begun, is part of this strategy. I believe God wants to see everyone in South Brevard won to the Lord. The office will become our nerve center to help accomplish that task. We need your help--and your money--to get the job done correctly.

Likewise the arrival of Curry Vaughan on June 19 signals the beginning of a new era at the Tab. Curry is not a miracle-worker. But he knows the God who is. Frankly, I expect massive changes over the next year--and renewed emphasis on the supernatural under his field leadership.

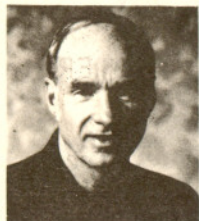
What a marvelous opportunity to invest our money, time and lives into the work of the Kingdom.

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An overseas friend wrote me last week, expressing deep concern over the "change of direction" he sensed

in the Tabernacle. Reading the Trumpet and listening to the tapes he was afraid we were no longer the friendly little church he remembered from years ago.

We are changing. The cloud is moving and God has told us to stay under it. That means we are not to remain where we were--no matter how good it was "back then." He is calling us to draw closer to Him, and that means change.

I talked about this a couple of Sundays ago, sharing from my own perspective the trauma of transition. My dear personal friend, Catherine Marshall, had just died. I felt a piece of me had died with her. I was being forced into other changes. My children are growing up. I'm getting ready to shift from a typewriter to a word processor. It's traumatic--this life.

That same Sunday I kidded my young friend, Brad Reed, who stuck up his hand in the service wanting a visitor's packet. Brad, the son of Al and

Sandra, has grown up with this church. A few days later Brad sent me a note:

"I really was curious to know what my church was giving to newcomers. Looking over the contents of the packet made me feel good that I attended a church that really acts out its beliefs--instead of just talking about them on the weekend.

"While reading one of the pamphlets I saw how far we have come. We have classes for young ones and study groups for older folks. Our home groups mean a lot to a lot of people--my parents included.

"I guess the part I liked best was the picture of the old church in the history section. Looking at the picture I remembered the bush on the right side of the building. That was the one my daddy would take a switch from and give me a switching when I talked too much in church. There was also a bush on the left side where I would hide from him after church--so as to keep from getting another switching if I had been bad.

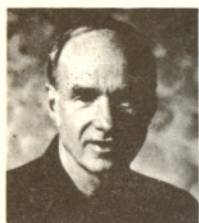
"I'm proud to be a part of the Tabernacle Church, Mr.B. It's a church on the move."

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While the Tabernacle Church operates basically under apostolic authority (a singular leadership, by

the way, which is voluntarily submitted back to the elders), we also believe that God often leads by speaking through the body. For that reason, we encourage each member of the body to speak as he or she believes God is speaking--words which will then be judged by the leadership. This "priesthood of believers" is one of the cardinal doctrines of the New Testament church.

Recently two "words" have come to the staff and elders concerning the need to call the body into a fast. The staff reviewed these words and passed them on to the elders, who have confirmed God is indeed calling the body into a corporate fast.

So many times the call to fast emerges out of some kind of crisis. This time, however, the call to fast comes during a time of great blessing. Yet all the leaders confirm that times of prosperity are the most dangerous times in the life of a church.

We all sense we are on the verge of a new era--indeed, we have already entered that era. It is imperative to repent of all the mistakes and sins of the past, to sweep the house clean, and to hear God distinctly for the new direction He has for us. The corporate fast will be one of the means through which this happens.

The arrival of Curry Vaughan, the miraculous way in which the Lord provided all the money necessary to finish the office building without having to borrow from the banks--all are indication of God's blessing. Now is the time to fast, repent of the past, and seek His face for the future.

The elders are calling the body to a 24-hour fast beginning the evening of July 12 and ending with a communion service at the Tabernacle at 7:30 p.m., July 13. Full details will be given during the services prior to that week. I urge you to prayerfully join us as we seek God.

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Irian Jaya is, literally, earth's uttermost part. Lying 6° south of the equator, it

makes up the western half of the big island of New Guinea.

Gene Berrey and I spent ten days there--but it took us a week to get there and another week to get back. However, in evaluating the trip I believe it was the finest mission trip I have ever taken, and in the long run it will be the most significant ministry this church has ever sponsored.

I don't use terms like "most" and "best" very often. But this time I'm dealing in superlatives. For ten days Gene and I ministered to the more than 100 missionaries who had come in from all over the island nation of Indonesia. I had gone for one reason--to "impart the Holy Spirit." God honored that motive as we ministered in the large groups three times a day, in small groups as the missionaries prayed for one another to receive healing, for forgiveness of sins, for inner healing and to receive the Holy Spirit.

Gene was an invaluable companion as he combined his managerial expertise and his knowledge of small groups to help in bringing these widely separated missionaries into spiritual relationship.

Dick Hugoniot, who is the director of the Indonesian branch of Wycliffe Bible Translators, is an associate missionary partly sponsored by the Tabernacle. The same is true with Klaus and Doris Kugler, who are working in one of the most difficult places in the world among the Fayu tribespeople deep in the Irian jungle. Their ministry among the tribespeople, among the government officials, and among the other missionaries is profound.

I will be writing of some special ways in which we can help these folks accomplish their task. But for now I hope you'll rejoice that the doors to spiritual victory are open. I pray our ministry will continue in real ways.

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JAMIE'S SINAI FILM TO BE SHOWN
AT TABERNACLE SEPT. 18, 7:30 P.M.



Last fall a camera crew from the Christian Boardcasting Network ("The 700 Club") accompanied Jamie Buckingham and his small group of pilgrims as they traced the footsteps of Moses across the burning stretches of the Sinai. At eight separate locations Jamie stopped and taught--on camera--showing how the incidents in the life of Moses can help today's Christian as he walks through his own wilderness.

The result is some of the most fascinating footage ever filmed. There is a scene on top of the mountain where Moses held out his staff while Joshua fought in the valley below. There are scenes at Mt. Sinai. And you'll see the group in action in tough places. Come, and perhaps bring a Jewish friend.



JAMIE TO AUTOGRAPH HIS LATEST BOOK--A WAY THROUGH
THE WILDERNESS--AT THE TAB, SEPTEMBER 18

Over the last seven years Jamie Buckingham has made five research trips into the Sinai, preparing material for his book A Way Through the Wilderness. On each trip he took a small group of men (including several from the Tabernacle Church) in an attempt to trace the footsteps of Moses and discover the secrets of living victoriously in the midst of a spiritual wilderness. In the midst of this foreboding but beautiful terrain he was able to come to grips with his own inner wilderness and find new insight into living in the tough places of life.

With remarkable breadth of knowledge, Jamie illuminates the journey of the Children of Israel, threading together biblical history, geography, customs of ancient peoples and modern-day Bedouins with fascinating personal experiences.

The book is published by Chosen Books, a division of the Zondervan Corporation. It is oversized with hard cover, complete with photos illustrating each chapter. It will be on sale at the Tabernacle September 18, at the morning services, or it can be purchased through your Christian bookstore. Jamie will autograph those copies purchased at the Tabernacle.



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Last week, after finishing the Power for Living manuscript, Jackie

and I packed up the word processor and started home from our mountain hideaway in North Carolina. It had been, perhaps, the most intense week of my life. I had been sitting in front of that little green screen 17 hours a day, rushing to meet the deadline. When I typed the last period, made the final corrections on the screen, punched "S" for "save" and transferred the last chapter to the floppy disk, I was ready to head home--even though it was already dark.

We got as far as a Day's Inn in Columbia when I finally ran out of steam. We parked beside a big tour bus, but it wasn't until we got up the next morning to continue south that I noticed the bus was from First Assembly of God Church, Lakeland, Florida.

Checking out, I stood behind a man who was having some trouble with his bill. I didn't pay much attention until I realized he was settling the account for the church group. For 8 days I had been writing, writing, hoping to convince my

eventual readers that Christians are different. This was a good time to find out.

I stepped back and listened to the exchange of words. (The man did not recognize me nor did I identify myself.) He felt the group had been overcharged. The clerk was confused. Although the man was firm, he was also gracious, sensitive to the needs of the clerk--and in every way a Christian gentleman. He was, in short, different from other people who think they've been overcharged.

I paid my bill and we headed on home. But it was good to have seen Christianity in action under trying circumstances.

Yesterday I wrote Karl Strader, the man's pastor, and told him the same thing. You never do know who's watching, do you?

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The other night, after the showing of the Sinai film, I was approached by an angry Palestinian woman, accusing me and the Tabernacle Church of partiality to the Jews.

It's a common accusation, one that has been around ever since God told Moses he was partial to Jews--a covenant I believe is still in effect.

However, this woman and her husband (who are Christians) had received some bad information about our stance. Although we do honor the Jews and the nation of Israel, we are not exclusive in our love.

The new covenant God has made with us through Jesus Christ includes all people as objects of God's love--including the Palestinian. Or, perhaps I should say, especially the Palestinian; for God loves the underdog in a special way. His heart goes out to the homeless refugee who has been pushed around by Jew and Arab alike.

Thus I tried to convey to our special visitor that I (we) are not partial to the Jew. We are partial to people. All people.

Granted, we honor the Jews and recognize that the Gospel is the power of salvation to "the Jew first." But we also recognize that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

This is the message I took with me when I preached at the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem the last of September. It is not a popular message--especially in the Middle East, where vengeance is more honorable than love and forgiveness. Here both Jew and Palestinian have suffered much. But the same principles which apply to black and white in the USA, to Catholic and Protestant in Ireland, to Communist and Buddhist in Cambodia also applies to Jew and Moslem in the Middle East. There will never be any peace until those who war with each other accept the Prince of Peace.

This is the message we preach here, as well. We do honor the nation of Israel and we love the Jew. But we love all others just as much. And we believe that there will never be "justice" until there is first love and forgiveness.

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The Sunday evening before Thanksgiving I watched--as did millions of

other Americans--the TV movie "The Day After."

After it was over--with its horrifying perspective still vivid in our minds--I listened to the panel of national experts discuss the possibility of nuclear holocaust. Henry Kissinger, Robert McNamara, Dr. Carl Sagan, William Buckley and others all agreed that it was entirely possible that man could extinguish all life from the earth. Jewish theologian Elie Wiesel said sadly he was scared for there was "no way out."

After it was over, my 20-year-old daughter, Sandy, who is to be married in March, looked up at me from where she was lying on the sofa--the blanket pulled up to her nose so only her eyes peeked out.

"Daddy, could it happen?"

I got down on the floor beside the sofa and put my arms around her. "Sandy, long ago God created this world. He created it out of nothing.

Then He placed man on it and gave him dominion over all the earth--and everything in and on it.

"Sin took away man's authority, but it has been restored to the saints by Jesus Christ. Now what you saw and heard tonight is true. Man has now come to the place where he has the power to eliminate all life on earth. He has the power to do as Dr. Sagan said, 'Eliminate the human race.'

"But while man has the power, he does not have the authority. Jesus said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.' This earth belongs to Jesus--and its fate does not rest in the hands of sinful men. This is my Father's world--and in the end will be ruled over by the saints of God. Final destruction will come only as God decides, as He wills. And since His will is good, then we, as His children, have nothing to fear."

Sandy pulled the blanket down from her face, smiled, and kissed me. "Thanks, Dad." I went on up to bed with a similar prayer on my lips. "Thanks, Father."

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