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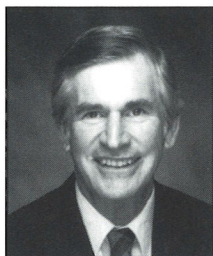
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## Fire From Heaven

### ***Pentecost: What memories it brings back to me!***

by Francis MacNutt

I remember when I celebrated Mass one Pentecost Sunday in a little town in Wisconsin. Reading that marvelous account in the book of Acts of how the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, I wondered how I could preach about that scene of 2000 years ago — the story of a mighty rushing wind, tongues of fire, preachers speaking in foreign languages (and yet everyone could understand), so wildly enthusiastic that they seemed drunk, so persuasive that 3000 were converted in that one day! How do you translate such a scene into some practical action for quiet, reserved Mid-western German Ancestry farmers? I didn't know how to do that, so I talked about what happened thousands of years ago. Yet, I knew there needed to be more than that.



Then, in 1966, I met someone who prayed for healing and told me about what Pentecost meant for her today in an experience she called "The Baptism with the Holy Spirit." So, apprehensive yet filled with excitement, I attended a Camp Farthest Out (CFO) in Maryville, Tennessee with about 700 other people in August of 1967. What impressed me most at that camp was that hundreds of ordinary Christians were talking in a very normal way about their experiences with Jesus, as if there were nothing unusual at all about what they were experiencing. They described healings, visions and intimate relationships with Jesus not as extraordinary charisms, but as ordinary, normal aspects of Christian life.

How well I remember the three speakers at that life-changing camp! Tommy Tyson, Agnes Sanford and Derek Prince all became friends and my mentors in the healing ministry. (Elsewhere in this issue of *The Healing Line* you will read Tommy's profound, yet simple, definition of

"The Baptism with the Holy Spirit.")

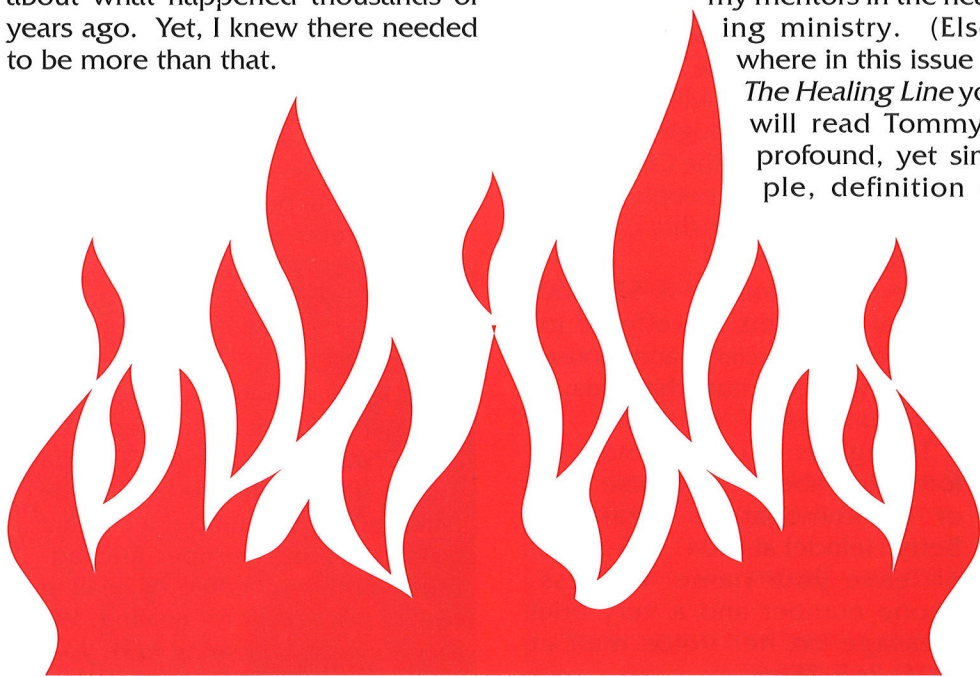
At that camp I was determined to receive whatever this baptism was, because I could see the actual, practical difference it made in the lives of so many people. In the words of my friend Fr. George DePrizio (who wrote a little book by this title), "My God, I Need Something!"

As I later heard a theologian say to a group of priests: "Regardless of how you figure it out theologically, the question to ask yourself is: Has what happened to the disciples at Pentecost happened to you? Are you on fire to share the Gospel? Have you experienced any of the gifts of the Spirit in your own life, such as inspired preaching, healing, tongues or prophecy? We can't just say, 'I'm already a Christian,' or even, 'I'm ordained.'"

"Were the apostles believers? Yes, they had walked with Jesus for three years and had seen him after the Resurrection. Thomas had even put his  
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# School of Healing Prayer Level III

**Monday, September 15 through  
Friday, September 19, 1997**

CHM is pleased to present The School of Healing Prayer Level III prayer ministry training course to be held Monday Sept. 15 through Friday, Sept. 19, 1997. This course is designed to address the more difficult and complex, but not uncommon, problems a prayer minister may encounter in the healing ministry. We will cover areas such as emotional and sexual abuse, addictions, sexuality, deliverance and inner healing. The program is designed to allow ample time for prayer, practice and discussion.

Because of overwhelming requests from the previous students of Levels I and II, we are offering Friday, Sept. 19 as an optional day of prayer ministry. This is a time to practice healing prayer with a trained CHM prayer minister and/or to receive personal prayer ministry.

In order to attend Level III, it is required to either listen to the tapes and/or attend The School of Healing Prayer Levels I and II, and to read Francis MacNutt's books *Healing* and *Deliverance From Evil Spirits*.

In the Level I prayer training course we presented a foundational, balanced and practical approach to beginning a prayer ministry. This series emphasized the healing ministry of Christ and the commission that we, as disciples of Christ, are called to fulfill. According to Luke 4:18-19, Jesus went into the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read a scroll from the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He

has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." This is the scriptural summation of what we at Christian Healing Ministries do through The School of Healing Prayer series.

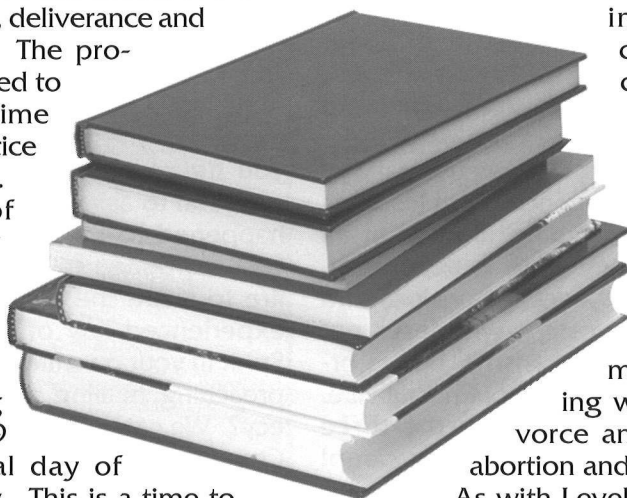
On a somewhat deeper level, The Level II School of Healing

Prayer classes focused on the healing of relationships through more defined areas such as healing of marriage, healing wounds of divorce and healing of abortion and miscarriage.

As with Levels I and II, we are professionally videotaping Level III. The course will be held at an outside location, which will be announced in the near future. The Level III series will not be repeated, except through the video tapes sold through the CHM bookstore. A number of people already have registered for this class, so please sign up early!

The registration fee is \$275.00. Special discounts are offered for married couples, clergy and spouses of clergy. Please note that Friday is an optional day of ministry.

To register or receive more information about the course and/or accommodations, please call Betty Heindel at (904) 765-3332, or leave your name, address, phone number and a very brief message on her voice mail at (904) 765-7566.



## We need to hear from you.....

Frequently, we at CHM are contacted by people from all parts of the U.S. and around the world who are in need of prayer for healing. A number of these people travel to the Christian Healing Ministry center in Jacksonville for this purpose. However, the large majority are unable to come here.

We know that many churches conduct regular services for healing and/or sponsor prayer groups which offer prayer for healing. We are working to establish a database so that we can refer people to a local ministry. If your church or a church or other ministry in your community offers healing prayer and invites non-members to participate, please contact us.

In our database, we want to include churches or other organizations that *regularly* conduct healing services or have *regularly* scheduled prayer for healing. The consistency of schedule is important, because we want to keep on record the weekly or monthly regularity of these services or prayer times. It is important, too, that the organizations holding the prayer for healing welcome outside individuals.

With the creation of this database, it is our hope that we will be able to refer some people to a place in their hometown or general vicinity where they can go for immediate prayer. Please call Janis Lewis at (904) 765-3332 or direct your letters to her attention at Christian Healing Ministries, P.O. Box 9520, Jacksonville, Florida 32208. Please provide us with the name of the institution, a contact person, phone number and address, and a schedule of healing services or prayer for healing. We look forward to hearing from you.

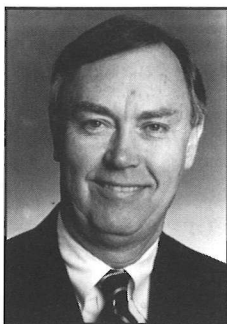
# Coming to CHM for Prayer

by David Busse,  
Executive Director

People often call or write to us inquiring about coming to the CHM center in Jacksonville to receive prayer for healing. Often, they come from far away for prayer, and we have found the need to provide a somewhat extended program for them in which they receive several days of teaching and intensive prayer ministry during their stay in Jacksonville.

Before discussing the details of arranging such a visit, however, we must emphasize that we believe it is our Lord's desire for healing prayer to be offered wherever Christians gather in community. Furthermore, we believe that in addition to offering prayer for healing, God's call to ministry at CHM is specifically to teach and encourage other people to pray for healing. We maintain a list of churches and prayer ministries where prayer for healing is regularly offered, as well as a list of Christian counselors and therapists. We frequently encourage those who call to contact their local ministry.

In addition to encouraging other sources of prayer ministry, we recognize that God has blessed CHM with a group of gifted and dedicated volunteer ministers who pray with people for healing of physical, emotional and/or spiritual needs. In order to meet the needs of people wishing to visit CHM for prayer, we have set aside Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of a specific week each month for a period of intensive prayer ministry. The format includes teachings on the purposes and procedures of prayer for healing, along with personal prayer ministry. There are six



teachings, one each morning and afternoon, followed by prayer time. The Lord has taught us that understanding the Biblical basis of prayer and why specific prayers are used at certain times is essential to the overall effectiveness of prayer ministry.

Persons wishing to come to CHM for prayer are asked to provide background information in the form of questionnaires. As the questionnaires

are received, we pray over them for discernment as to how to best minister to that individual. When the Lord grants such discernment, we proceed with arrangements for the visit.

We trust that the procedures we have established for prayer ministry at CHM are the most beneficial to the largest possible number of persons, and that they will help our ministry to be more effective.

## Renew Your Subscription to The Healing Line

Each year, we at CHM try to update our newsletter mailing list. It's that time again!

Our system automatically removes your name from the mailing list unless you have ordered from the bookstore or sent a ministry contribution within the last two years, or unless you tell us you would like to remain on the list. If you wish to continue receiving *The Healing Line*, we ask that you send in the form below, along with a \$15.00 contribution, if possible, to help cover the costs of production and mailing. Your response will en-

sure that you continue to receive the newsletter.

If you are unable to send a contribution and wish to continue receiving *The Healing Line*, please indicate that on the form, and we will keep you on our mailing list through our scholarship program. If you do not wish to continue receiving the newsletter, it would be so helpful if you would indicate that on the form and mail it to us.

Thank you for your quick response and, especially, for your support of this ministry.

God bless you!

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- ☐ Please keep me on your mailing list!  
I have enclosed at least \$15.00, for my minimum contribution this year.
- ☐ Please keep me on your mailing list, though I am unable to support CHM financially at this time.
- ☐ Please take me off your mailing list.

Please return this form in the CHM envelope inserted in the newsletter.



## What's Happening at CHM

Date	Event	Location	Speaker(s)	Contact & Phone
6/29/97 - 7/3/97	Annual Fishnet Conference	Rutland, VT	The MacNutts Rev. Joe Girzone	Rena Larson (802) 773-7210
7/17/97 - 7/24/97	Episcopal Church National Convention	Philadelphia, PA	Information Booth Only	Ann Bauwens (904) 765-3332
8/7/97 - 8/9/97	San Diego Healing Conference	Point Lomo College San Diego, CA	The MacNutts	Karen Knab 3516 Tony Dr. San Diego, CA 92122
9/5/97 - 9/7/97	Good Shepherd UMC Annual Ladies' Retreat	United Methodist Life Center Leesburg, FL	Norma Dearing	Sandy Stegall (561) 965-4311
9/12/97 - 9/13/97	St. Luke's Retreat	Marywood Retreat Center Switzerland, FL	Norma Dearing	Vickie Battleman 743-5070
9/15/97 - 9/19/97	School of Healing Prayer - Level III	CHM Campus Jacksonville, FL	The MacNutts CHM Staff	Betty Heindel (904) 765-3332
10/10/97 - 10/12/97	Fishnet Conference for Christian Healing Ministry	Tara-Stamford Hotel Stamford, CT	The MacNutts Rev. Don Williams	Rena Larson (802) 773-7210
10/18/97 - 10/19/97	Revival: Preaching and Healing	Daybreak Pavilion Palm Valley, FL	Bishop Frank Cerveney The MacNutts	Patty Lurz Christ Episcopal Church Ponte Vedra Beach, FL (904) 285-6127
11/5/97	Dinner and Lecture	The River Club Jacksonville, FL	Dr. Dale A. Matthews, M.D.	Grace Sarber (904) 765-3332
11/13/97 - 11/15/97	Annual Therapists Conference Healing of Sexual Addictions	Holiday Inn Airport Jacksonville, FL	Dr. Patrick Carnes The MacNutts	Betty Heindel (904) 765-3332

### Weekly Events at Christian Healing Ministries • 438 W. 67th Street • Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Tuesdays - Individual Prayer Ministry with prayer teams in Dearing Hall, 6-8 pm

Second Tuesday of every month - Generational Eucharist, 6 pm

### Bookstore Order Form

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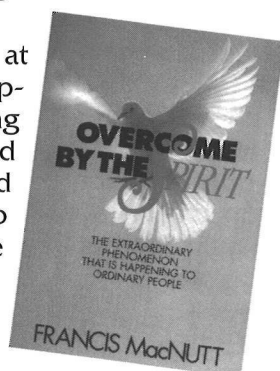


# From The Bookstore

## **Overcome by the Spirit** by Francis MacNutt

In this book, Francis takes a look at the extraordinary phenomenon happening to ordinary people. Resting in the Spirit continues today and graces believers with healing and wholeness. What really happens to people who rest or are "slain" in the Holy Spirit? Does it help?

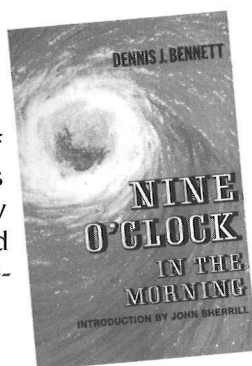
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\$9.99



## **Nine O'Clock in the Morning** by Dennis J. Bennett

Dennis Bennett was an Episcopal priest and a skeptic of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for a long time. This book is his personal testimony of how the Holy Spirit opened his heart and made him a pioneer in bringing this renewal into mainline churches.

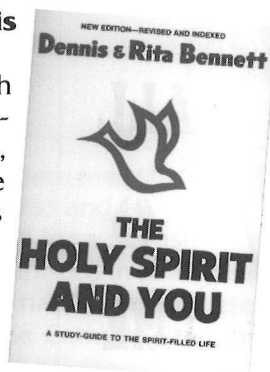
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## **The Holy Spirit and You** by Dennis and Rita Bennett

A sound teaching on baptism with the Holy Spirit, this book covers Scriptural basis and historical precedents, what this baptism and the gifts of the Spirit are all about, how one goes about receiving them, and what comes afterward. Written in a clear and relaxed style, it has been regarded by many as the best single book on the subject in print.

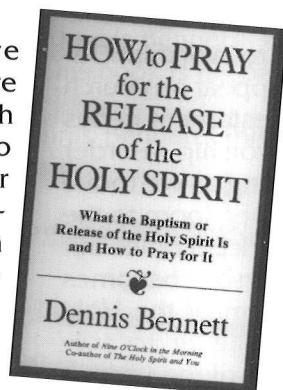
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## **How to Pray for the Release of the Holy Spirit** by Dennis Bennett

This practical, comprehensive manual answers the questions that are most often asked about baptism with the Holy Spirit and explains how to prepare and guide others to pray for this release. Dennis Bennett illustrates how to be more effective in this ministry by first preparing yourself, and then following time-tested, orderly guidelines for leading others into the exciting, full life of the Holy Spirit.

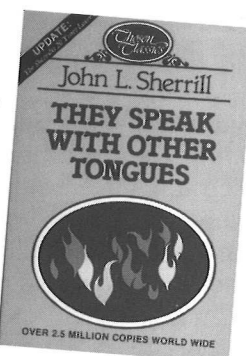
#105 Softcover 119 pages \$6.95



## **They Speak With Other Tongues** by John L. Sherrill

As a *Guideposts* magazine reporter, John Sherrill had been assigned to investigate a strange Biblical event that was cropping up all across the country: "Speaking With Tongues." A skeptic as he began his investigation, John's search led him on an adventure that was to have profound personal results.

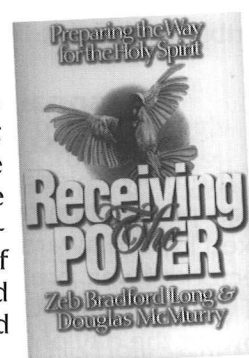
#148 Softcover 168 pages \$4.99



## **Receiving the Power** by Zeb Bradford Long and Douglas McMurry

This book encourages Christians that we can do the work of Jesus Christ by relying on the Holy Spirit, while closing the door to the counterfeit, the demonic and the merely human. It encourages us to overcome our fear of involvement with the Holy Spirit and allow it more freedom in our lives and ministries.

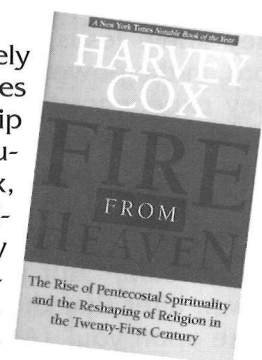
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## **Fire from Heaven** by Harvey Cox

In this book, one of the most widely read theologians of our time explores the fastest-growing form of worship on earth: the vibrant, primal spirituality of Pentecostalism. Harvey Cox, professor of religion at Harvard University, documents this extraordinary phenomenon — from its obscure beginning 100 years ago in Los Angeles to its current following of 410 million people worldwide — as he examines what this explosion of spirituality means to all religions.

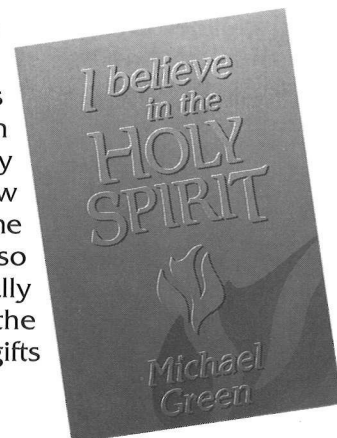
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## **I Believe in the Holy Spirit** by Michael Green

In this revised edition of his popular book, Michael Green traces the doctrine of the Holy Spirit through the Old and New Testaments and then addresses the particular issues that engage so much attention today—especially the relation of the church to the Spirit's work and the baptism, gifts and fullness of the Spirit.

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# The Baptism Wit

by Rev. Tommy Tyson\*

What does it mean to be baptized with the Holy Spirit? The first disciples were commanded by Jesus to remain in Jerusalem until they received baptism with the Holy Spirit. Following the fulfillment of this promise on the day of Pentecost, the early Christian disciples offered this same privilege to all who would believe in Jesus. I would like to point out some of the basic features related to the common witness of Christians in describing the Spirit-filled relationship.

## Personal Union With Jesus Christ

The Holy Spirit, moving in sovereign power, brings a person into a fixed inward awareness of the resurrected power, presence and person of the Lord Jesus Christ. On and following the day of Pentecost, the first century disciples gave evidence of knowing the resurrected Lord in an intimate and vital union. They were conscious of His presence and power. They knew Jesus, the Resurrected Lord, in the power of holy affection. They experienced the fulfillment of His promise to them as recorded in John 14:19-20.

## Imbuement With Power

Jesus said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). Dynamite has the power to blow up stumps. It does not have the power to rock babies to sleep. The power of the Holy Spirit is not vague and undisciplined energy. The Holy Spirit gives us the power — the ability — to fulfill the purpose for which we were made.

## Power to Be Ourselves

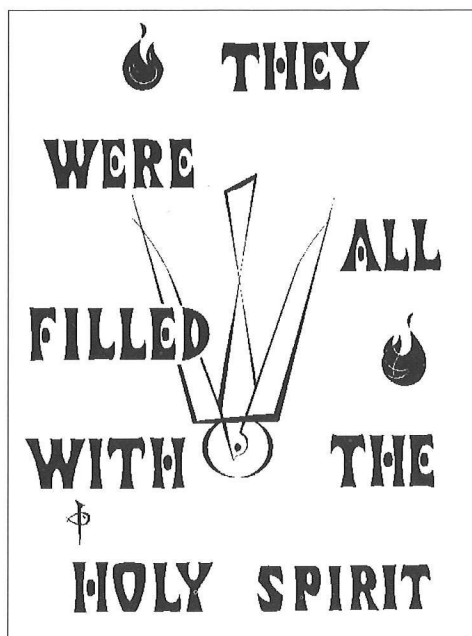
In the security of Holy Love, there is the power for the removal of masks and the revealing of the true self. The restoration to true selfhood is a gift of God through the power of His Spirit.

This is the meaning of Christian confession. Confession is agreeing with God concerning the revelation

He makes of you. The same writer who said, "I am the chief of sinners" is also the one who said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This double confession is evidence of the real work of the Holy Spirit. In the power of the Spirit, we stop pretending about and promoting the self.

## Power to Worship

To witness the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is to see all human history consummated in the light of redemptive purposes. It is to see our needs in the light of God's grace. This insight within the human heart brings power for real worship. The glory of the presence of the resurrected Lord enables the Christian to sing the wondrous song of the soul.



## Power to Witness

The words, "Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve" often appear on church bulletins. The New Testament genus is that we enter to worship in order to keep on worshipping as we move the altar from the Upper Room to the marketplace. Our work becomes our worship, and our worship becomes our work. The baptism of the Holy Spirit enables the believer to stay aware of the presence of the Lord in such a way that all of life becomes an act of worship.

## Power to Be Like Jesus

One of the most valid witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus is that there is very little difference in the ministry of Jesus before the crucifixion and the lives of the disciples after the resurrection. You catch the same courage, the same love, the same concern for human involvement. You see the same abandonment of self to the call of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12). The validity of Christian experience is made manifest in the ability to produce the works of the glorified Lord. The gifts and fruits of the Spirit in the life of the believer are to glorify Jesus Christ among His people.

## Power to Integrate Spirit and Body

Another factor related to the baptism with the Holy Spirit is the relationship of the baptized person to both the Christian and non-Christian worlds. There is evidence of dissension among the Twelve as they lived in union with Jesus before the crucifixion. There is further evidence of differences and problems in the life of the Early Church as they were filled with and led by the Holy Spirit.

Nowhere is the cross made more evident as a way of life than in the Christian's ability to die to the body of Christ in order to reconcile the tension between individual and corporate experience. This is the challenge of the Spirit-filled walk.

This reconciliation means neither a denial of personal convictions nor a cheap imitation of the experiences of other people. It means a realization that people are more important than ideas. Differences are to be used as avenues of growth and not as opportunities to divide.

The baptized person accepts his oneness with the body of Christ. This oneness transcends geographical, cultural, racial and political bound-



# h The Holy Spirit

aries. The baptism with the Holy Spirit is a relationship with Jesus Christ that causes a deep desire to see this same love made manifest throughout the total body of Christ.

The Spirit-filled Christian is baptized by one Spirit into the body of Christ. His or her life becomes a deposit of grace and makes that person know that his or her body is the temple of the living God.

Every circumstance of the Spirit-filled Christian becomes an occasion to manifest the inward relationship with the life of Jesus in thought, word and deed. Even in the midst of apparent defeat, we know that we are destined to be a part of the answer to the prayer: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

**Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?**

\*This article is comprised of excerpts from "The Baptism With the Holy Spirit" printed in the *Streams of Life* newsletter (Fall 1996) by New Life, Inc./Rev. Tommy Tyson, Aqueduct Conference Center, Chapel Hill, N.C. Rev. Tyson is a founding member of CHM's National Advisory Board.

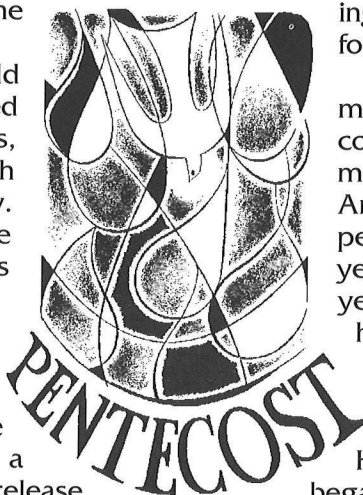
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fingers into Jesus' wounds and exclaimed, 'My Lord and my God!' Had they been ordained? Well, yes, the tradition is that they were ordained at the Last Supper.

"But something was still missing. Jesus told them they had to wait until the Spirit descended upon them. Even though they were believers, even though they knew Jesus, even though they were ordained, they weren't yet ready. They had received the Spirit for them to have faith, and yet the power of the Holy Spirit was still missing."

As a Christian, the Holy Spirit already existed within me through baptism, confirmation and ordination. But it was not until Agnes Sanford, Tommy Tyson, Jo Kimmel (the one who first told me about all of this) and a Pentecostal Baptist minister all prayed for a release of the Holy Spirit's power that I was baptized in it. Agnes Sanford uttered a beautiful prophecy that God would use my life to bring healing back into the Catholic Church.



When they finished praying for me, I burst out laughing (a foreshadowing of the "Toronto Blessing?") and continued laughing until it was time for the next session.

From that point on, my life changed in many exciting ways, and I began praying for countless other people who were seeking more of God and the power of His Holy Spirit. And they, in turn, found that Pentecost happens today much the same as it did 2000 years ago. Those questions I had so many years ago in that little church in Wisconsin have been answered.

And tomorrow (April 19, 1997), I step on the plane to give a conference at Tommy Tyson's retreat center in Chapel Hill, North Carolina — 30 years after it all began for me. The Spirit continues to pour out His fire upon us!

*Francis MacNitt*

If you wish to learn more about your own personal Pentecost, I encourage you to read:

1. The last discourse in John's Gospel (chapters 13-17), Acts 1 and 2, I Corinthians 12 and 13.
2. **Nine O'clock in the Morning** by Dennis Bennett. Dennis was an Episcopal priest and a pioneer in bringing this renewal into the mainline churches. This book is his personal testimony.
3. **The Holy Spirit and You** by Dennis Bennett. This is Dennis' description of the baptism of the Spirit and the attendant charismatic gifts of the Spirit.
4. **Receiving the Power** by Brad Long and Douglas McMurry. They are Presbyterians who share the meaning of the baptism of the Spirit for our time.
5. **Fire from Heaven** by Harvey Cox. Harvey teaches theology at Harvard, and this book is his exciting description of how this Pentecostal phenomenon is sweeping the world.

All these books are available from our bookstore (see page 4).

# Keys for Prayer Ministers

## Cutting Yourself Free from Unholy Unions

by Norma Dearing,  
Director of Prayer  
Ministry

My article in the last issue of *The Healing Line* covered the importance of cutting yourself free from the residue of oppression after ministry and staying spiritually, mentally and physically healthy. In this issue, I would like to discuss another important aspect of cutting yourself free: being free of previous sexual partners. When we join with a person physically, whether it is in fornication, adultery or homosexuality, we also join that person spiritually.

*"Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a harlot is one body with her? For He says, the two will become one flesh."* 1 Cor. 6:16

If we think in terms of being "connected" to all the people in the past with whom we have had intimate re-

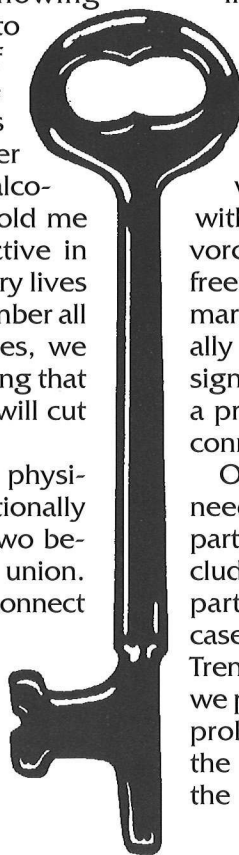
lations (many before knowing Jesus), it is overwhelming to contemplate. Many of these connections were very unhealthy, perhaps even when we were under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Many people have told me they were so sexually active in their college days or military lives that they can't even remember all the people. In these cases, we pray a general prayer trusting that the Lord remembers and will cut them free.

When two people join physically, spiritually and emotionally outside of marriage, the two become one flesh in *unholy* union. Their spirits reach out and connect with one another. The connections that are made bring spiritual confusion and spiritual ties.

These ties will remain until they are broken. I

firmly believe this is something that should be done with every couple during pre-marital counseling *before* a marriage is performed. A marriage entered where the couple can be united in oneness with each other and Jesus is one with the best future. In cases of divorce or death, this includes being cut free from previous spouses before remarriage. When this seems unusually difficult for a person, it may be a sign they are not yet ready to release a prior relationship and to be totally connected to another in marriage.

Other instances where a person needs to be cut free from a sexual partner in body, mind and spirit include when he or she is not a willing participant in the sexual act, as in cases of rape, incest or sexual abuse. Tremendous healing takes place when we pray with clients in this area. There probably is still a need for healing of the memories, but this often opens the door for inner healing.



### Following is a very simple prayer you may want to pray for yourself or with a prayer partner:

*In the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of His cross and blood, we take the sword of the Spirit and cut \_\_\_\_\_ free from all previous sexual partners. We especially cut \_\_\_\_\_ free from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (first names or initials only).*

We cut him/her free from these people physically, spiritually, emotionally and mentally. We not only cut him/her free from these people, Lord, but also from anyone and everyone with whom those people have ever had sexual relations.

We place the cross and the blood of Jesus between \_\_\_\_\_ and each of these people. We pray for a cleansing and purification of \_\_\_\_\_'s mind, body and spirit; that he/she may walk in wholeness, purification and redemption.

Fill \_\_\_\_\_ with the power of Your Holy Spirit, that he/she may walk in Your abundant grace and mercy.

Fill him/her, Lord, with Your love, that it may permeate all dark and lonely places. Most of all, Lord, help \_\_\_\_\_ to know how much You love him/her and how special he/she is to You.

In Jesus' precious name, Amen.



# Praise Reports

by Joy Lamb

Once again, I want to thank and praise God for those who are ordering *Sword of the Spirit* in record numbers. Many churches are ordering these books in large quantities, and entire congregations are using the Scriptures to pray for the healing of the nation and the church as a whole. This is so encouraging. I still believe that prayer, and only prayer, is our number one tool for bringing our beloved America back into balance and "healing."

It is so wonderful to watch how our



Lord has designated Christian Healing Ministries to incorporate all facets of healing, whether it be healing of the body, of the mind, of the spirit, of relationships, of the nation, or of the body of Christ as a whole. He is using this ministry to His glory for healing in all realms. We praise Him for that.

As I drove away from my granddaughter's school this morning, I was touched by the laughter and freedom of the students there. Since it is a parochial school, the question struck me: Will we always be able to send our children to Christ-centered schools? Will our church doors always be open? I know it sounds rather gloomy, but one can't help but see the demise of

Christian principles in our society, evidenced especially through our media. These principles, challenged from every angle, cause me to think we are losing the battle. Then this calm voice from within prods me: "Pray, pray, pray! Tell them to humble themselves and pray! I will heal their bodies, I will heal their grief, I will heal the land, but you must pray!"

Many of us fast on Tuesday or Wednesday for breakfast and lunch. Think about joining us. It doesn't sound like much, but it's the discipline that brings us together, and there is power in numbers.

Thank you for praying. It does make a difference.

## From the Mailbox

A while back, I wrote to CHM requesting prayer that my husband would get a job. When I received your note stating that God would provide a way, I was moved to tears. It meant so much to see in writing that God loves us and would help us, and to know that others were praying for us. Later that very day I got a call from my husband stating he had gotten the very job that he wanted. I thank God everyday for this blessing and for people like you who send hope to others on cloudy days.

Thank you so very much for your kindness and ministry of prayer last week! I feel a load of spiritual oppression has been lifted off my back, and the Lord has renewed my hope and vision for the future — including being part of a healing and deliverance ministry. My husband also has been encouraged, and I shared with him many of the insights that the Lord brought through the prayer ministers and Rev. Pat Smith. Thank you so much for your love, time and prayers.

My grandchildren had severe allergies, but after prayer they are healed. Thank you so much for your prayers. How wonderful that the medical field is awakening to the power of prayer!

Roger has been completely healed of two brain tumors.

I asked for prayer for my friend who was selling crack. He has stopped and is now in treatment. He says that he saw an angel.

Ever since November of 1994, when I was struck by a falling cupboard and injured my neck, I have not been able to sleep normally, sing in the choir or continue working. All this changed when I visited CHM in March, 1997, and was prayed for on a Tuesday evening. As I heard, "Lord, help the vertebrae move back into place. Heal the tendons and muscles, and if there is any whiplash, correct it, Lord," I felt a discomfort, and the image of a bone fragment moving came to me. Immediately, the pain ceased. On the way home I found I could sing without pain and later had the first peaceful sleep in years. Praise our gracious Lord!

# Q & A Forum

with  
Francis  
MacNutt

**Q I've noticed that often when you are praying for someone for healing, you seem to be praying in tongues. Why do you do that?**

**A** Actually, I hardly pay attention anymore to the fact that I am praying in tongues because it seems so simple and natural. That may sound like an unusual answer, but let me try to explain.

My understanding of praying in tongues is that I am turning the prayer over to the Holy Spirit, who understands the situation far better than I do. Praying in tongues helps me escape the limitations of my own lack of knowledge of how best to pray for a person. In Paul's letter to the Romans, he writes:

*"The Spirit, too, comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what the Spirit means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God."* — Romans 8:26-27

Although Paul does not explicitly say in these verses that he's talking about praying in tongues, he might very well be referring to the gift of tongues. This certainly fits our experience. Often, I think prayer in tongues is better than if I try to make up a prayer on my own in English. I usually say a prayer in English, and then when I've done the best I can, I continue in tongues.

I first learned to do this when holding a healing service in a Presbyterian church in Cali, Colombia. A crowd of people formed at the front of the church, all wanting prayer. Since I didn't know Spanish, I couldn't pray in a language they could understand, so it seemed a lot simpler just to pray in tongues.

The next day, I was amazed to find out what had happened. The people told the pastor that some had been converted and come to the Lord for the first time, others had been healed, and others had received all kinds of wonderful blessings.

Another reason for praying in tongues during a healing service is that it takes a great amount of energy to pray for a large number of the sick. Once, in Phoenix, a high school athlete who helped pray in a team said that it was more exhausting than football practice!

So I find it much easier to pray in tongues. Making up prayers in English for three hours is an exercise in intense concentration. Add to that standing and perhaps holding your arms out for hours while you pray, and I think you can

see how praying in tongues is God's way of really helping us to survive physically during a healing session.

Some people believe that those Christians who manifest these charisms see themselves as better than other Christians who don't. On the contrary, the best way to see these gifts, I think, is that they are God's way to help us in our areas of weakness. I need some of these gifts precisely because I am weak. I need the gifts of healing because I am sick — or because someone else is sick. And I need the gift of tongues because so often I don't know how best to pray.

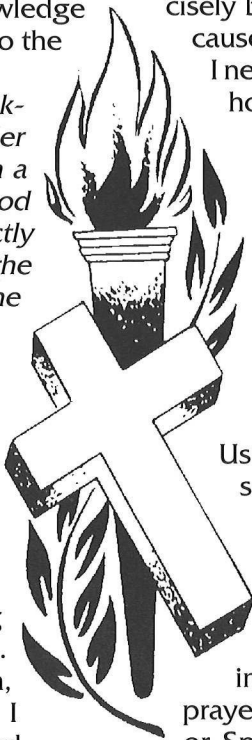
A third reason I pray in tongues for healing is because we often pray for a long time for a sick person (we call this "soaking prayer"). Pretty soon, you run out of things to pray in English, but you can pray for a long time in tongues — say, for a tumor to shrink. Certainly, God hears us the first time we pray, and we don't have to repeat our prayer endlessly in English to catch God's attention.

So, what are we praying when we pray in tongues? Usually, we don't know, but on those occasions when someone receives the gift of interpreting the tongues, we find that the prayer is usually an amazingly precise prayer of petition for healing, or else it's a prayer of praise.

It also is heartening to occasionally hear that someone listening to me pray in tongues for healing of a whole group (especially when singing a prayer in tongues) actually hears the prayer in English — or Spanish, or Greek, or some other language. This amazes me because I hear the prayer, too, and I know it is not in English!

If this intrigues you, I encourage you to read more about it in a book like John Sherrill's *They Speak in Other Tongues*, mentioned in the cover article of this month's *The Healing Line* (see our bookstore order form). What I have written about here concerns only one aspect of the gift of tongues, and that is in relation to healing. It has many other extensive benefits, as in helping us to praise God. I believe that there are many, perhaps most holy, Christians who do not pray in tongues, but I also think it is a happy privilege and blessing to be able to exercise this gift. It's one of the blessings of baptism with the Holy Spirit.

And as Paul says, "I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you...." (I Cor. 14:18).





# Healing Through Praise and Worship

by Janis Lewis

We are a society that has come to a point of believing only that which we can see, feel, hear and touch. When there is a physical problem in our bodies, we are quick to call the doctor and make an appointment. We expect the doctor to tell us what is wrong and how to cure it. The doctor then gives us a prescription with the recommended dosage. We must be faithful to use the proper amount of medicine for the correct amount of time in order to receive healing. We follow every detail exactly as the doctor prescribes because we are able to see a person and hear his instruction.

God is *Jehovah Rapha*, our healer, and yet we often do not trust His promise to heal us because we cannot use our senses to recognize Him. Doctors have degrees and certificates, but God has His Word, which is packed full with prescriptions and promises for our lives. It has every answer to every problem we face. We simply have to step into faith in order to receive His promises.

Faith works in the supernatural, not in the natural. I Corinthians says that faith is the substance of things not seen and the evidence of things not heard. God wants us to have faith and trust Him for our healing.

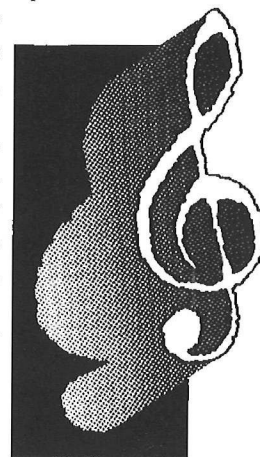
One way to come into that place of trust and faith is through praise and worship. God's desire for us is that we praise Him at all times. He yearns for His church to praise Him, but so often we are too busy doing our own things. God wants us to praise Him continually.

The definition of praise is to express admiration or approval. Praise is the act of extolling God for what He has

done and for what He is doing. As His children, we offer Him our sacrifices of praise through Jesus (Heb. 13:15). God yearns for His church to praise Him. Praise sets us in an attitude to receive. Through praise, God allows His children to tap into his presence, where we are able to receive a multitude of His promises, one of which is His promise of healing.

Worship is praising God for who He is without asking questions or seeking answers. Worship is submission to God, and submission is required from us in order to come into the Holy of Holies, where we can find refuge, strength and healing.

Praise and worship are demonstrations of our faith, and they also encourage faith within us, because they require the spirit, soul and body to come into alignment with God's Word. Through praise and worship, we step into faith. And through our faith, God's healing Spirit is able to work within us.



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