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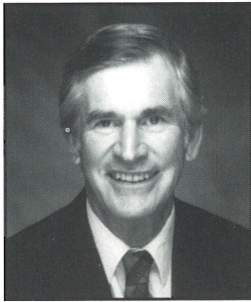
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## Come, Holy Spirit

by Francis MacNutt

Although I served in the Army as a medic during World War II, the war that fascinates me most is the Civil War. My great-grandfather was a quartermaster in the Union Army, but I have been most interested in the Confederates because of the extraordinary qualities of their leaders — men like Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and Jeb Stuart — and the courage of their outnumbered and often barefooted soldiers.



For a Christian, it's a painful mystery to see believers on both sides who were so dedicated to their ideals that they were willing to kill or be killed — some 600,000 soldiers died in that war. How could dedicated Christians, such as Jefferson Davis and Stonewall Jackson, disagree so radically with Christians in the North that they were willing to die for their cause?

Although slavery was not the only issue fueling the Civil War (Robert E. Lee had even freed his slaves), it is especially baffling to realize that slavery, which hardly any Christian would defend today, was upheld by so many Christians just 140 years ago. Amazingly, two outstanding Confederate generals were Episcopal bishops. One, Bishop Leonidas Polk, a general of the highest rank, was killed by a shell during the Confederate retreat from Chattanooga in 1864. And the Roman Catholic bishop of Columbia, S.C., was so outspoken in defense of the South that Union troops, when they torched Columbia, set fire to the convent where his sister had been Superior. How could so many Christians defend slavery with such confidence?

I think the tragedy of the Civil War has a special message to us today: not only do we need the guidance of Scripture and tradition, but we also need the ongoing guidance of the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised this guidance at the Last Supper: "I still have many things to say to you, but they

would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will lead you to the complete truth..." (John 16:12-13).

What are these "many things" that even the twelve apostles and the early church did not yet know? One thing that was "too much" for the apostles to accept was that the Gentiles were to be welcomed into the community. Not only were Gentiles to be accepted, but they did not have to be circumcised. Yet, circumcision was clearly a Scriptural requirement for joining the chosen people. How could those early believers disregard the Scriptural command that required every male to be circumcised?

That great conflict nearly tore the early church apart and was settled only through the guidance of the Holy Spirit: "It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials..." (Acts 15:28-29a). This was the decision made by the First Church Council of Jerusalem (c. 60 A.D.). Surprisingly, three of these four "essentials" were dropped very soon afterwards, including the prohibition not to eat meat sacrificed to idols. About 10 years after the Council called the prohibition "essential," Paul wrote, "Do not hesitate to eat anything that is sold in butchers' shops" (I Cor. 10:25). Where did Paul get such freedom?

So many, like the Pharisees of old, believe they understand Scripture but are trapped in laws and are not able to live in the true freedom of the Gospel. The Civil War is just one dramatic example of how people are bound in cultural tradition and fail to understand the implications of the Gospel. The institution of slavery was upheld not just by the Southern Confederacy but by Christian leaders for nearly 2000 years — only gradually was it seen as contrary to Jesus' message. Another example is the Spanish conquistadors who, in the 1500s, justified enslavement of the American Indians. Only a few friars spoke against slavery and eventually won in the courts of Spain — rulings largely disregarded in the New World where native Americans died as slaves in gold and silver mines.

Although the "liberal" churches today are identified with social justice issues, before the Civil War it was the evangelicals who saw that the teachings of Jesus went contrary to slavery. Charles Finney in the U.S. and William Wilberforce in England were the most ardent in the cry to abolish slavery during the early 1800s. Leaders of mainline churches wanted society to remain as it was and did not want their boat rocked. For example, the Roman Catholic bishops of New York City were not abolitionists because the Catholic Church was persecuted enough already and the poor, struggling immigrant Irish did not want to compete for jobs with freed black slaves.

What is also instructive for us today is to see that both sides were able to quote Scripture and claim that God was on their side. Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, was a very religious man, and his addresses to the Southern Congress read like sermons. President Abe Lincoln had an amazing ability to see the larger picture, as both sides claimed that God was on their side, but both could not be right.

An entire issue (#33) of the magazine *Christian History* centers on the slavery question and lists 17 reasons why Christians believed they should support slavery! The South perhaps had more Scriptural texts to back their cause than the abolitionists did. For example: Abraham, our "father in faith,"

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# Healing of Sexual Addictions Conference

November 13-15, 1997

at the Holiday Inn Airport — Jacksonville, Florida

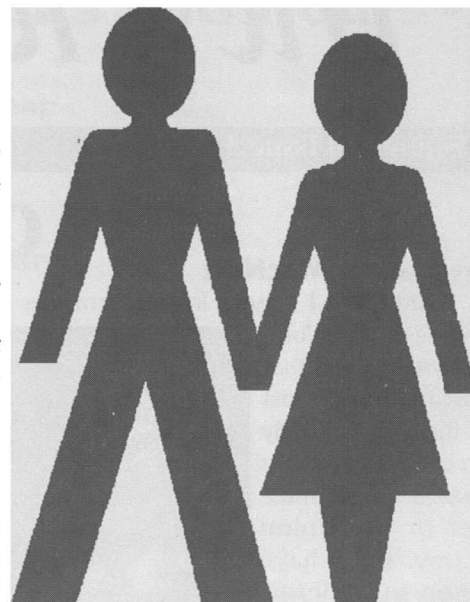
## Conference Goal and Objectives:

**Objectives:** Conference training will feature concrete strategies for treatment, plus a framework for understanding recovery based on Dr. Patrick Carnes' pioneering research on the recoveries of 1,000 sex addicts. In addition, this conference will address healing the spiritual aspect of sexual addiction. Participants will examine their own assumptions about therapy, family life, sexuality and recovery. The workshop will emphasize program development as well as practice enhancement.

**Goal:** The conference goal is to educate the church and clinical communities about solutions to the complex issues in the treatment of sexual addiction. We encourage therapists, physicians, clergy and those interested in learning more about healing the emotional and spiritual aspect of sexual addiction to attend.

## Featured Speaker: Dr. Patrick Carnes

**Dr. Patrick Carnes, Ph.D.**, is a nationally known writer and speaker on addiction and recovery issues. He is Director of Sexual Disorder Services at The Meadows in Wickenburg, Arizona, a treatment center for chemical and behavioral addictions, treatment of depression and other psychiatric issues. Treatment at The Meadows identifies the roots of addiction by going back to family of origin issues to help patients in the recovery process. Dr. Carnes is the author of *Out of the Shadows: Understanding Sexual Addiction*; *Contrary to Love: Helping the Sexual Addict*; *A Recovery*; and *Don't Call It Love: Recovery From Sexual Addiction*. His first book on family systems, *Understanding Us*, is regarded as a classic in family education and is now in many foreign editions. His latest book, *Sexual Anorexia: Overcoming Sexual Self-Hatred*, has been highly acclaimed. Dr. Carnes is a graduate of St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., with a bachelor of arts degree. He received his master's degree from Brown University and his Ph.D. in counselor education and organizational development from the University of Minnesota. Other speakers will be Judith and Francis MacNutt.



## Schedule:

### Thursday, Nov. 13

- 3:00-6:00 Registration
- 6:30-7:00 Announcements and Welcome
- 7:00-9:00 Dr. Carnes: **Sexual Addictions: Basic Characteristics**

### Friday, Nov. 14

- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00-10:30 Dr. Carnes: **Sexual Addictions: Types of Addicts**
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:00 Dr. Carnes: **Stages of Recovery: A Spiritual Journey**
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-3:15 Dr. Carnes: **Trauma Bonds: When We Bond to Those Who Hurt Us I**
- 3:15-3:30 Break
- 3:30-5:00 Dr. Carnes: **Trauma Bonds II**
- 5:00-7:00 Dinner
- 7:00-9:00 J. MacNutt: **Liberating Captives**

### Saturday, Nov. 15

- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00-10:30 Dr. Carnes: **Trauma Resolution: A Spiritual Journey**
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:00 Dr. Carnes: **Risks of Recovery**
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-3:15 Dr. Carnes: **Sexual Misconduct Within Ministry**
- 3:15-3:30 Break
- 3:30-5:00 Dr. Carnes: **Sexual Health and Spirituality**
- 5:00-7:00 Dinner
- 7:00-8:30 J. MacNutt: **Transformation: A Journey to Wholeness**
- 8:30-End The MacNutt's: **Healing Service**

**Accommodations/Meals:** Hotel Conference Rate: \$58.00/night (plus tax)

Prepaid Meal Plan: \$58.00/person (6 meals, incl. grat.)

To make your hotel reservations, call the Holiday Inn Airport at (904) 741-4404.

## Conference Fee: \$195.00 per person

To register for the conference, send check, money order or credit card number to Christian Healing Ministries, Inc., along with registration form below. To participate in the Prepaid Meal Plan, include this in your payment to CHM, along with the conference fee. Meal plan payment must be made in full with the registration fee no later than two weeks in advance of the conference. We cannot honor requests for refunds after Oct. 29, 1997. For more info., contact Betty Heindel at (904) 765-3332.

**CEU Provider #: CM-256-Exp. 1/99**      **Number of Credit hours: 17.5**

**Books by Dr. Carnes can be ordered through the CHM Bookstore (see page 4.)**

## Registration Form: Healing of Sexual Addictions Conference with Dr. Patrick Carnes — November 13-15, 1997

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you want Continuing Education Credits? Yes ☐ No ☐

Included in my payment is:

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# Ministry Needs are More Than Monetary

by David Busse,  
Exec. Director

People often ask, "Are there any special needs the ministry has?" The answer is, of course, yes.

CHM's needs are multifaceted. First and foremost, we all need your prayers — staff, volunteers and prayer recipients. Your spiritual support is of utmost importance to us. Secondly, your donations are what keep the ministry out of debt and able to perform the many functions to which God calls us.

But in addition to these vital needs, we always have a list of items that would greatly enhance our ability to teach and minister but that we cannot afford to fund through our operating budget. You may have an item or two sitting right in front of you! Because we have not made our needs known in the past, you probably have been unaware that you may be able to help us.

We have compiled a Needs List, some of which are listed below. If you have items that may fulfill these needs, please contact me at (904) 765-3332. Most donations, monetary or gifts-in-kind, are tax-deductible.

Thank you for all the support you give us, in every way. May our Lord pour out His blessings on you for ALL you give us!

## Ministry Needs List

### **Computer Equipment:**

CHM has an office-wide computer network. To more effectively catalog our 6-7000 monthly prayer requests, a Macintosh Quadra 605 or higher with CD ROM will be extremely useful. (Estimated Cost: \$2,200)

Recently, in order to be better stewards of the gifts we receive, we have brought the layout and graphics of our publications in-house. A flatbed computer scanner, 600 dpi or higher with Macintosh drivers and PhotoShop will allow our staff to maintain and enhance the quality of *The Healing Line* and other publications, as well as to produce publications we previously have been unable to print. (Est. Cost: \$600)

Sharing laser printers often causes back-ups. Two laser printers, new or in very good condition, would greatly enhance office efficiency. (Est. Cost: \$1,000 each)

### **Kitchen Equipment:**

Our stove "quit" two years ago, and we have not replaced it. We now see the need to provide cooking facilities for our volun-

teer prayer groups on a regular basis and occasionally for clients. (Est. cost: \$450.00)

### **Office Equipment:**

Our receptionist needs a telephone headset so she can access volunteer/client data while on the phone. (Est. Cost: \$300.00)

A fax machine with automatic feeder also will enhance efficiency. (Est. Cost: \$500.00)

### **Conference Seating:**

In the past two years, we have dramatically increased the frequency of teachings

at CHM. Our current seating, acquired second-hand more than 10 years ago, has been lovingly used to the extent that we must replace 100 chairs. (Est. Cost: \$35/ea., total \$3,500.00)

### **Garden Furniture**

CHM is a peaceful place in a residential area of Jacksonville. Volunteers and clients frequently comment that we should design and develop special seating areas where God's people can pray, meditate and fellowship in the quiet of the garden. (Est. Cost: \$1,400)

## Renew Your Subscription to The Healing Line

As we mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are updating our mailing list. We have heard from many of you but hope to increase the response by asking again that you mail the enclosed form to tell us whether you wish to remain on our list.

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 want to remain on the list. If you do wish to continue receiving *The Healing Line*, we ask that you please 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 ensure that you continue to receive the newsletter. You may put the completed form in the enclosed envelope. 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 the 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 CHM. 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.

# From the Bookstore

## School of Healing Prayer Video/Audio Series

**Both Levels I and II Are Now Available!!**

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VL1-6	Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit	Norma Dearing/Peter Dearing	60	\$29.95
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VL1-8	Conducting the Initial Interview	Norma Dearing	60	\$29.95
VL1-9	Renouncing Occult Involvement	Sandi Kerner	60	\$29.95
VL1-10	Generational Healing	The Rev. Bob Kerner	60	\$29.95
VL1-11	Developing Prayer Teams/Intercessory Prayer	Arlene Doro/Joy Lamb	60	\$29.95

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Order #	Level II Course Materials	Contents	Price
AVL2-SET	Level II - Complete Course Materials	16 Videos, 16 Audiotapes, One Facilitator's Manual, One Student's Manual	\$550.00
AL2	Level II - Audiotapes Only	16 Audiotapes	\$60.00
SMLII	Level II - Student's Manual Only	(Both manuals available after 1/1/98)	\$10.00

Order #	Titles of Individual Videos for Level II	Speaker	Minutes	Price
VL2-1	Summary of Level 1	Norma Dearing	68	\$29.95
VL2-2	Healing Our Image of God	Francis MacNutt	58	\$29.95
VL2-3	Restoring the Masculine and the Feminine	Francis MacNutt	54.5	\$29.95
VL2-4	Bitter Roots and Inner Vows	Dr. Tom Wikstrom	77	\$29.95
VL2-5/6	Intimacy in Relationships I and II	Judith MacNutt	112	\$59.95
VL2-7	Healing of Abortion and Miscarriage	Dr. Susan Sanford-Rue	73	\$29.95
VL2-8	Introduction to Healing of Sexual Abuse	Norma Dearing	81	\$29.95
VL2-9	Intimacy with God and Spiritual Direction	Joy Abney	60	\$29.95
VL2-10	Depression/Introduction to Mental Illness	Dr. Tom Wikstrom	55	\$29.95
VL2-11	Introduction to Deliverance	Francis MacNutt	92	\$29.95
VL2-12	Ministering to the Terminally Ill	Trudy Harris	45	\$29.95
VL2-13	Healing of Marriage	Judith MacNutt	62	\$29.95
VL2-14	Healing Wounds of Divorce	Judith MacNutt	53	\$29.95
VL2-15	Conception to Birth Prayer	Norma Dearing	61	\$29.95
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### Suggested Reading by Dr. Patrick Carnes for "Healing of Sexual Addictions" Conference

**Out of the Shadows: Understanding Sexual Addiction**, soft cover, #B234, \$14.95

The first work ever published on sexual addiction and the premier text in the field.

### Don't Call It Love: Recovery From Sexual Addiction

, soft cover, #B539, \$13.95

A ground-breaking work by the nation's leading expert on sexual addiction, based on the candid testimony of over 1,000 recovering sexual addicts in the first major scientific study of the disorder.

### Sexual Anorexia: Overcoming Sexual Self-Hatred

, by soft cover, #B566, \$14.95

This book offers an examination of the extreme fear of sexual intimacy and the obsessive avoidance of sex.

### Contrary to Love: Helping the Sexual Addict

, by Dr. Patrick Carnes, #B567, \$12.95

The sequel to *Out of the Shadows*, this book adds new insight to Dr. Carnes' original framework for understanding sexual addiction.



# What's Happening at CHM

Date	Event	Location	Speaker(s)	Contact & Phone
9/26/97 - 9/27/97	Vail Conference	Vail, Colorado	Francis MacNutt	Paul Johnston (970) 476-5641
10/4/97	Diocese of Orlando Healing Conference	St. Francis of Assisi Church Orlando, FL	Francis MacNutt Norma Dearing Ann Bauwens	David Kaufman (407) 246-4882
10/10/97 - 10/12/97	Fishnet Conference for Christian Healing Ministries	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 Cervený Francis MacNutt	Patty Lurz, Christ Episco- pal Church, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL (904) 285-6127
10/21/97-10/23/97	3-Day Intensive Ministry	CHM	Prayer Ministers	Janis Lewis at CHM (904) 765-3332
11/5/97	Dinner and Lecture	The River Club Jacksonville, FL	Dr. Dale A. Matthews, MD	Grace Sarber (904) 765-3332
11/5/97	Lecture	University of North Florida	Dr. Dale A. Matthews, MD	Grace Sarber (same #)
11/13/97-11/15/97	Annual Therapists' Confer- ence: "Healing of Sexual Addictions"	Holiday Inn Airport Jacksonville, FL	Dr. Patrick Carnes The MacNutts	Betty Heindel at CHM (904) 765-3332
11/18/97-11/20/97	3-Day Intensive Ministry	CHM	Prayer Ministers	Janis Lewis at CHM (904) 765-3332

## Bookstore Order Form

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# Health and Spirituality

## Medicine Ponders How the Two may Interact

The following article is reprinted from the Mayo Clinic Health Letter, Nov. 1996, with permission of the Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, Rochester, Minnesota 55905. For subscription information to the Mayo Clinic Health Letter, call 1-800-333-9038.

Although this article does not focus on Christian prayer for healing as the only true way to be healed, as we at CHM, of course, believe, the presence of this article in such a prestigious publication is a testimony to the fact that the medical community is beginning to recognize that there is indeed something to prayer. In addition, it is important to note that the scientific and medical fields are more open to encouraging and participating in prayer.

CHM continues to participate in the scientific study documenting the effects of Christian prayer on arthritic patients. The results of this study are due to be announced in the spring of 1998.

Prayer. Worship. Belief in a divine being.

For many people, these are important parts of life. Polls consistently show that more than 90 percent of people in the United States believe in a god or higher power. About half of Americans regularly attend religious services or pray.

Incorporating prayer, faith and worship into your life may give you a sense of community, tradition and spiritual satisfaction. But some studies suggest there may be other benefits. Could spiritual beliefs and practices enhance your health and well-being as well?

More and more, the medical profession is considering that possibility. As a result, spirituality's role in today's high-tech medical world increasingly is being explored.

### Medicine's Spiritual Roots

In the 20th century, modern medicine has largely kept health and spirituality separate. But for centuries, the two were linked.

In some early societies, religious leaders were also healers. In the Middle Ages, priests administered medicinal herbs and prayer to the sick, while monasteries recorded medical knowledge. Many modern religions are based on holy men or women whose followers believed they had the ability to heal.

However, during the 20th century, especially in Europe and North America, health and spirituality grew apart as scientific methods and discoveries revolutionized medicine. Medicine focused on the body's physical mechanisms. Physicians who developed long-standing relationships with patients often dealt with spiritual issues as part of the case, but in a world of MRI scans, advanced surgical procedures and electron microscopes, spirituality often became a topic left to theologians and religious leaders.

### Patients Spur Interest

Yet spirituality's importance in medicine has remained unchanged for at least one group — patients.

According to polls, about the same proportion of Americans today believe in a god as did 50 years ago. In the meantime, spirituality and religion appear on many bestseller lists. This patient interest has prompted a serious discussion of spirituality, actors at Mayo Clinic and elsewhere. Since the 1980s, several doctors have

advocating spirituality's health benefits. Top medical journals also have published articles advocating exploration of the topic.

In addition, studies have been conducted which have suggested:

- 1) Prayer may have improved recoveries of patients who had heart-bypass surgery at a San Francisco hospital.
- 2) Regular church attendance may have helped reduce hypertension in elderly men.
- 3) Religious faith helped ease emotional anguish of those facing cancer diagnosis.

### Debate Continues

Still, spirituality's role in medicine remains controversial. One reason is that other studies haven't shown any significant

health benefits. There also has been criticism of the design and methods used in studies that did show benefits.

For example, critics have charged that in the study of heart-bypass patients in a San Francisco hospital, there were no safeguards to prove that prayer groups really prayed for patients. Other studies have drawn similar criticism.

In addition, there has been much debate about the mechanism — the actual way — in which spirituality might affect your body.

Some believe that religious lifestyle practices, such as not drinking or smoking, provide certain health benefits. Others theorize that physical changes may occur in your body from the sense of well-being and community that spirituality can provide.

For example, meditation and relaxation may slow your heart and breathing rate. In addition, your body may produce chemicals, called endorphins, that contribute to a sense of well-being — much like the "runner's high" experienced by long-distance runners.

### Changes Taking Place

Although the debate is far from over, you may see changes in medicine because of this discussion. While it is not likely your doctor will write "prayer" on the prescription pad, he or she may be comfortable discussing how you might benefit from spirituality. Chaplains may be more likely to be on your medical team during hospital stays, and clinics specializing in cancer and other chronic diseases also may include emotional and spiritual health in patient care.

In addition, a growing number of medical schools are beginning to include courses on spirituality's role in health.

### Not a Cure-All

Medicine remains firmly anchored in science, technology and the objective, fact-based methods that have conquered many diseases. Spirituality is not a replacement for these methods or the medical advances they have spawned. Nor is it a cure-all or guarantee you won't become ill.

Still, a growing number of physicians are considering the idea that spiritual practices and beliefs might strengthen traditional medicine when accompanied by realistic expectations.



# Intercessory Praise Reports

by Joy Lamb,  
Director of  
Intercessory  
Prayer



I am amazed at the answers to prayer being brought to my attention on a national level. We have prayed specifically for so many of these issues, and I am constantly reminded of God's promise....if you pray, I WILL HEAL. I really don't think He means just the 550 intercessors here at CHM, but all people who pray. I would like to share with you some recent answers to prayer.

The week of July 21st in *The Florida Times Union*: "...Debates raged across the country, but in the end, every state decided to apply for federal money to promote abstinence — and only abstinence — to cut teen pregnancy." Every state in the nation! As we fast and pray on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for our nation and the issues with which our nation struggles listed on pages 26, 27 and 28 of *Sword of the Spirit*, we pray: "Thank you, Lord, that our nation will abstain from sexual immorality (I Thessalonians 4:3), for it is Your will for our sanctification, in the name of Jesus Christ." Please take this little verse and plant it in your heart. Pray it each day for our nation, or better still, join us as we pray all the Scriptures for our nation. Prayer does change things.

If our country practiced abstinence, can you imagine what impact it would have on marriages, the family, health issues both mentally and physically, crime, greed etc,etc,etc.! Think for a moment how much sexual promiscuity costs not only in dollars, but lives as well. I know this sounds far-fetched to some of you, but who in their wildest dreams ever thought every state in the nation would agree to promote abstinence?

Another national praise: I have mentioned the reduction of crime across the nation in the past, but a recent *USA Today* article seemed to have special significance, especially since some of us have felt led to pray and fast specifically for New York City for several months now. We pray the deliverance prayer and deliverance scriptures for New York.

The July 2 article, entitled "New York City Keeps Getting Safer," stated that a 13 percent drop in the serious crime rate over the past six months exceeds expectations: "Experts who said that crime here wouldn't maintain its rate of decline were proven right: Crime fell even faster in the past six months... A city that once epitomized urban lawlessness is now safer than San Diego and the 23 other largest U.S. cities." The article goes on to state that nationally, serious crime declined three percent last year. Praise God!!!

This news article seemed to have a connection to a letter I received from a young woman in prison, who wrote: "I am in prison, and there is so much evil and anger surrounding this place. Recently someone gave me a copy of the book *Sword of the Spirit*. I started praying the deliverance prayers, and everything seemed to calm down. I pray it often now and

things are changing. Thank you for this book."

We are seeing it over and over again. God's Word does work! Remember — it is not *Sword of the Spirit*. This book is only a tool to aid you in learning how to pray the Scriptures. It is the Scriptures themselves, God's pure Word, that make a difference!

Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am going to make a covenant. Before all you people I will perform miracles which have not been produced in all the earth nor among any of the nations: and all the people among whom you live will see the working of the Lord, for it is a fearful thing that I am going to perform with you." (Exodus 34:10) And His Word is true!

GOD IS SO GOOD!!!!

## More Praise Reports:

"Thank you for praying for my six-year-old friend who needed a liver transplant. I must tell you that soon after you started praying, they found a perfect match for her, and the transplant was done. The doctors said they didn't know how she could be alive after looking at her diseased liver. She has made remarkable progress and will come out of the hospital a month sooner than expected. Thank you for praying and, especially, thanks to our God for His infinite mercy."

"My sister-in-law was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and was given three weeks to live. You prayed for her. I would like to report that she is well now. Thank you so much for your prayers."

"I called for prayer for a young woman who had cancer and is mother to six children. She is totally healed now! Thank you so much for praying."

## School of Healing Prayer Levels I & II Now Available on Video/Audio

Many of you have completed the CHM School of Healing Prayer Level I teaching series and have been anxiously awaiting the release of Level II. We are proud to announce that Level II is finally available for order.

When Jesus commissioned his disciples, he told them to preach the Word, heal diseases and cast out demons. The School of Healing Prayer is designed to enable churches and other Christian organizations to understand and learn how to practice Christ's ministry of prayer for healing and the commission that we, as disciples of Christ, are called to fulfill.

The Level I prayer training course included a foundational, balanced and prac-

tical approach to beginning a prayer ministry. Level II builds on that introduction and leads prayer ministers through a progressive and more thorough understanding of the healing ministry. Level II focuses on the healing of relationships through more defined areas such as healing of marriage, healing wounds of divorce and healing of abortion and miscarriage.

Level III, an even more advanced series, will be taped this fall and will be available for order sometime in the spring of 1998. Level III will address the more difficult and complex, but not uncommon, problems a prayer minister may encounter in the healing ministry, such as verbal and

emotional abuse, sexual addictions, healthy sexuality, homosexuality, deliverance and inner healing.

CHM is very excited about this new area of ministry and the wonderful ways that God is working through it. If you are looking for a training course to develop a healing ministry in your church, or a dynamic area of study for your prayer group, Sunday School class, intercessors' group or Bible Study, you may want to consider The School of Healing Prayer.

If you are interested in ordering or learning more about CHM's School of Healing Prayer, see "From the Bookstore" on pages four and five of *The Healing Line*.

# Keys for Prayer Ministers

by Norma Dearing,  
Director of  
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"Forgiveness is the key that unlocks a door to heaven and to our heavenly Father's heart."

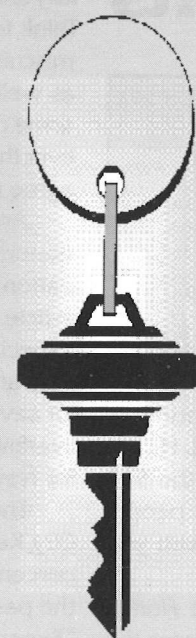
This is a statement I have recited so often that whenever I hear the word "forgiveness," I have a mental picture of a key opening a door. If we want to live a life in Christ, receive the blessings of health and joy, and feel a oneness with the Father's heart, we must forgive those who hurt and disappoint us. "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." (Matthew 6:14-15)

This is what I call a spiritual law. There



are many other places where God makes you to forgive in the situation. He especially loves to help us with the grace of forgiveness. Take a look at Matthew 18:21-35 and the parable of the unmerciful servant: "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

Look also at Mark 11:25-26, "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." This is extremely clear or, as my teenagers used to say, "a no-brainer." If you want to be forgiven for your sins — past, present and future — and if you want to have effective prayers for others, keep what I call "short accounts" with God. Forgive quickly and thoroughly. If it seems too difficult, ask Jesus to particularly help



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The tool, or prayer sequence, below is a practical resource in the area of forgiveness. I developed this from a teaching by my late father-in-law, Father Frank Dearing, and have used it with literally thousands of people. Our prayer ministers are taught to incorporate this resource into prayer with all clients who come to CHM. Tremendous healing takes place when you use this as a prayer, especially in steps two and three. I hope you will find this out for yourselves. Why not sit back right now, ask the Lord who you need to forgive and pray through the following forgiveness exercise.

## PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (We will use the term "her," rather than trying to use him/her.)

### Part I: Hold up to the Lord all the things about the person that trouble you.

Have the person with whom you are praying hold up to the Lord all the things a particular person has done that bothers her. I tell my clients, "I want you to put your hands together and pile up, in your hands, all the things you are going to list to give to the Lord. For example, if it is your father, list and name those things that upset you about him. It is important to verbally state each thing as you are placing them in your hands." When the person is finished (and do ask if they are finished) tell her to turn her hands over and release all of these things to the Lord. At this point, I pray a prayer similar to this:

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, we give you each one of these things and ask that you take them and pour your love and healing power through them. We thank you, Lord, that you have the power and the grace to redeem them. We ask you, Lord Jesus, to lift all the pain and hurt that has been involved with each one of these things, that you lift it from (person's name) heart, from her mind, from her spirit. We ask that you lift the burden of these things from her shoulders. We give all this to you, Lord, and we trust you to deal with them. Thank you, Lord, for taking each one of these things. Amen.

### PART II: Hold up to the Lord all the things about you that trouble this person.

Have the person with whom you are praying put her hands together again and hold up all those things about herself that may trouble the person she is forgiving. Have her offer up those things about her that might trouble the other person. Then, have her go through the same process of verbally listing these things and piling them up, one by one, in her hands. When she can't think of anything else, I ask her to turn her hands over and release these things to the Lord. Now, I pray the same type of prayer:

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, we ask you to pour your love and healing power over these things. We ask you to take them, and we thank you for taking them, dealing with them, and releasing this burden from (name). We trust you to heal this hurt and pain. Amen.

### Part III: Hold up to the Lord your heart's desire for this person.

Have her hold that particular person up to the Lord and share with the Lord what the desire of her heart is for this person. Say, "Lord, this is my Dad and this is what I would like for you to do with my Dad." (If the person has died, it's still okay to lift up the person and share with the Lord what the desire of your heart is for him.) Have her list those things, placing them in her hands. When she is finished, have her turn her hands over and give them all to the Lord, just as before. At this point, I pray something like:

**PRAYER:** Lord, we give (name) to you. We thank you that you are able to handle him better than anyone else. Bring about your perfect will for (name) and let your love pour into him and your healing power flow over him. We release him into your care. Amen.

### Part IV: Hold up to the Lord your hearts' desire for yourself.

Lastly, have the person hold herself up to the Lord and share with Him what the desires of her heart are for herself, what she would really like to see Jesus do in her life today. Have her say these things out loud, puts them into her hands and release them.

**PRAYER:** Lord, we release these things to you and ask that you pour your love, mercy and grace into them. We thank you that (name) trusts you with these things. Surround her with your heavenly angels. Help her to know how much you love her. Amen.



# From the Mailbox

Many thanks for sharing your thoughts about growing old in your last newsletter. Since retirement, I have (studied a great deal) on the subject of aging and ministry to the elderly. Your article was of infinite help to me, for my husband and I have been in a retirement home for a year and a half, and my ministry is now confined to the 24-bed assisted living area. I am seeking the Lord's will constantly as to how better to serve them — praying with and for them, counseling, consolation, comfort, little deeds of service and friendship. Please — more articles on the subject!

Praise God! My wife, who has suffered with ovarian cancer and whose body reacted violently to the chemotherapy, causing her to be unable to eat, has been totally healed! She no longer vomits, is able to eat food again, has regained her normal weight, and no longer takes food intravenously. This is a miracle from death's shadow to normal health. There was nothing that any human doctor could do to save her. They had all given up. Thank you for your prayers, and please thank all those marvelous brothers and sisters who work (at CHM), especially those who prayed with us. Rarely does a day go by that I do not remember this miracle and give thanks to Jesus for this healing and for CHM.

Thanks so much to all of you at CHM. My sisters and I came to a Tuesday evening healing service several weeks ago. It was the sweetest, most gentle service I can remember going to ever. The two ladies who prayed for us had such insight into our personal lives, and I felt genuine compassion, and healed, and I felt blessed and healed, three of us were blessed and healed. Then while one sister's son was under two emotionally and one physically. More going a biopsy two weeks ago, we came over to CHM and prayed again. I'm very interested in receiving your healing took place in our lives. I'm training and bringing your teaching back to my town and church. God bless you!

Dear Friends,

For the first time in my life this week I was DEPRESSED — due to complications from two successive surgeries gone wrong. It was a miracle that *The Healing Line* arrived in the mail and showed me once again who is really in charge of my life. I had lost focus and was floundering. Rev. Tommy Tyson's article about the Baptism with the Holy Spirit was especially meaningful. I have been touched by the Holy Spirit and have gained so much power and joy. My body almost betrayed my mind. I thank you for setting me on the right track again and for such a timely help!

## From a Letter to Judith:

Thank you so much for your ministry and your love poured out to us. Sometimes words seem so futile, don't they, in trying to express what's in one's heart? Just know that all of who God made you to be is such a wonderful blessing.

I wanted to tell you a personal testimony. The weekend after the retreat I drove up to Canada to visit my mother. I left your tapes for her to listen to after I left. My mum always has had a poor self image, always felt unworthy of even God's love (although she does have a very special and childlike relationship with Him), and consequently had difficulty really receiving His deep love into her wounded heart. I tell you, these tapes have changed her life.

She started to listen to the first tape after I left. Mum said she was laughing and crying on her bed during the first tape, and crying all the way through the next tape. She said to me, "Dear, I know something has happened to me!" I really believe she was able to receive God's love for the very first time at an incredibly deep level. She said, "Judith was talking just to me!" She asked who the man was who talked at the beginning of the second tape, and I told her he was your husband, Francis. She loved his voice and could hear the gentleness and love of God coming from him. She said, "I got more understanding about God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and their relationship from that 10 minutes of speaking than I ever knew." She said she has had so many questions for years, and they were all answered in his talk. She said she was so excited she could hardly stand it.

I could go on and on, but I won't. You can imagine how pleased I was because I have felt so badly over the years that she was unable to truly receive the assurance of His love for her. We have such a good relationship, and she is such a loving person, always giving — yet had been so hurt by her own mother — and I felt she deserved (if you can say that) and needed His love to make up for all the past woundings. And it has happened. Miraculous! Thank you for your ministry and faithfulness to give from what God has given you.

Dear Fr. MacNutt: I don't know what kind of response you've experienced from your article "Will the Voice of the Bird Be Silenced?" But I want to tell you that I believe you have hit a bull's eye on an area to which the Lord is calling us, and which has been incredibly overlooked. I would say YES to a whole new area of praying about and over the aging process! It certainly applies to me.

# Q&A FORUM

by Francis MacNutt

**Q: I have heard that I should not be “codependent.” What does this term mean exactly?**

**A:** Both Judith and I have been uncomfortable with the common use these days of the word “codependence.” We find we are not alone: earlier this year, speaking at a womens’ conference in Cleveland, Judith was met with sustained applause when she stated her reservations about the term. Judith was surprised, but it shows that many people have had some of the same questions on their own.

We have no quarrel with the excellent, perceptive insights we find in books on codependence. Our problem is with the term itself, which implies that being dependent is a weakness. The term makes it seem as if being “dependent” is wrong. If you are “codependent,” it is assumed you are weak and need to be set free so you can be independent. But living in a family or in a community means we are dependent upon one another. I am dependent on Judith, as she is on me — and that’s the way it’s supposed to be. “Co-” comes from the Latin meaning “with.” “Codependent” means you are dependent on — or with — someone, which is naturally the way it is.

Admittedly, you can become **too dependent**, or enmeshed, and lose the amount of independence you should have. Your life can be destroyed if you are overly dependent. In Alanon, for example, families of alcoholics have to learn to be assertive and not let their lives be destroyed by alcoholism.

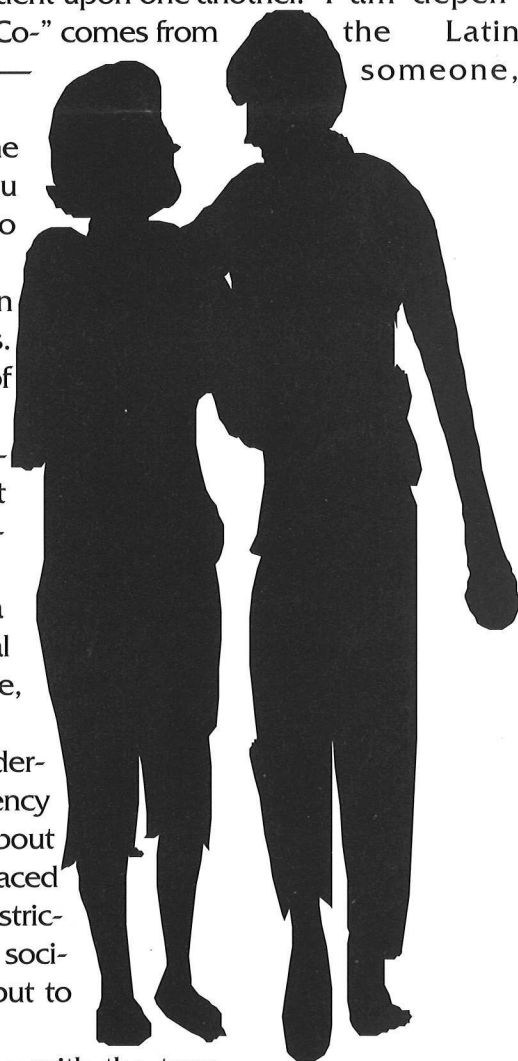
On the other hand, people can be **overly independent**. They have an attitude of “I did it my way,” with no respect for the rights or needs of others. The problem with our society seems to be, at the base, selfishness. Many of us need to learn to be more dependent upon other people — not less.

For these reasons, it might be better to say a person is “overly dependent,” rather than “codependent.” We can be “dependent” in the right sense — when we balance our independence with our need to be dependent upon others. It’s a case of both/and, rather than either/or.

Our entire teenage generation struggles with this. As teenagers seek a growing — and needed — independence from their parents, their natural tendency is to rebel and desire *total* independence. Yet, to a certain degree, children always will be dependent on parents in many ways.

With all this in mind, I recently read something that confirms this understanding: a sociologist, John S. Rice, maintains that the concept of codependency is rooted in the tenets of “liberation psychotherapy,” a way of thinking about one’s self that sees all psychological problems as a result of the restrictions placed on individuals by social institutions, especially by the family. Furthermore, restrictions are placed on us by God’s commandments, by the church and by our society. At times, we may need to say “no” to unjust laws and restrictions, but to declare total independence is rebellion and leads to chaos.

This explanation confirms our intuitive feeling that something is wrong with the term “codependence.” Remember that we all need healthy “dependence” upon those whom we love and who love us.





## Come, Holy Spirit (continued from page 1)

and all the patriarchs held slaves without God's disapproval (Gen. 21:9-10); and the Ten Commandments mention slavery twice, showing God's implicit acceptance of the practice (Exodus 20:10,17).

Nor was slavery only an Old Testament practice, changed by Jesus' New Covenant of freedom: Slavery was widespread in the Roman world, and yet Jesus never spoke directly against it; the apostle Paul commanded slaves to obey their masters (Eph. 6:5-8); and Paul returned the runaway slave, Philemon, to his master (Phil. 12).

No wonder, with such strong Scriptural arguments, many Southerners agreed with one Baptist minister who stated that slavery "stands as an institution of God." Other Christians believed, as some still do, that the church should concentrate on spiritual issues, "not political ones." (This sounds familiar, doesn't it?) In addition, Christians are taught to obey civil authorities, and these authorities protected the rights of slave owners (e.g. The Dred Scott decision).

Isn't this extraordinary, that a belief so widespread among Christians such a short time ago was not seen as reprehensible? The only way we can understand our change of attitude is that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to instruct us in areas of God's perfect will in which we are blind: "I still have many things to say to you, but they would be too much for you now," Jesus told his disciples the night before he died (John 16:12). This need to have our eyes opened is so deep,

our humanity so flawed, that the removal of our blindness, "the renewal of our minds," in regard to slavery did not happen immediately but has taken hundreds of years. Apparently, we see where we have been blind only later. In my own life, I now see some areas where, when I was younger, I was spiritually wrong but didn't have a clue, even though I was well-meaning and striving to lead a committed Christian life.

I admire the great men of the Confederacy, the fine Christians such as Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and General Leonidas Polk, more than most of the Union generals. It makes me a little more understanding, a little more compassionate, to see that even the greatest of men can be misguided. How flawed our human nature is! As John Newton, who was dramatically converted during a storm while he was captain of a slave ship, wrote in his poignant hymn *Amazing Grace*, "I once was blind, but now I see."

What does all this have to do with healing? A great deal. The Civil War has so much to teach us about our own need for healing. At the very least, we learn to respect other people and see them as principled Christians, even when we disagree with the way they view Christian teaching. Reading about the Civil War helps me to be forgiving and gain a larger sense of the tragedy of human life, where Christian leaders can disagree so fundamentally that they go to war.

It also has helped me see how blind we are, even when we try to live our lives ac-

cording to the Gospel. Without the continual guidance of the Holy Spirit and the healing light of Jesus, some aspects of our lives are certain to go off course; we are liable to sin without even knowing it. As Paul says: "Though the will to do what is good is in me, the performance is not, with the result that instead of doing the good things I want to do, I carry out the sinful things I do not want" (Romans 7:19). The deepest healing we need is the renewal of our minds, not just physical healing of broken bodies.

The area where we perhaps need the most healing is in our spiritual blindness and pride. The Pharisees were blind and, as Jesus observed, did not even know it. In some ways, I can see the attitudes of the Pharisees in my own past. As an individual Christian, I need the Holy Spirit — and the Church, too, needs the Spirit — to help discern between living tradition and dead tradition — to be willing to change directions when necessary. All this is very humbling. As Jamie Buckingham said near the end of his life, "I know less than I used to, but I believe more."

But in a positive, future-looking way, is it possible that we have more to learn about what Jesus' kingdom is all about? It is clear that we do — and in some major areas where our understanding is just being opened.

For all of these, we greatly need the guidance of God's Holy Spirit. I need the Spirit; we need the Spirit; the Church needs the Spirit. "Come, Holy Spirit."

## 3-Day Intensive Prayer Ministry is Now a Monthly Event!!!

The three-day Intensive Prayer Ministry (IPM) that Christian Healing Ministries began this summer was so successful that we decided to continue it on a monthly basis. Held for the first time in June, we received wonderful responses from the ministry recipients, as well as from the prayer ministers.

The IPM is a time for people to come to CHM for personal, individual, hands-on prayer that is accompanied by teaching and lasts for three full days. It is more intensive than the normal one-and-a-half-hour appointment. Mini-courses are taught on salvation, basic healing, the different types of healing, forgiveness, blocks to healing, the occult, generational healing, etc. In between teachings, clients are

prayed for by our prayer ministers, and more time is devoted to prayer than if they came for a regular prayer session. Francis says this is the only prayer ministry of its kind, and the prayer ministers feel they are able to better help clients due to the extended prayer time and the teaching.

Prayer ministry facilitators Wallace and Shirley Maddux feel that this seminar-type ministry is highly effective: "It offers the prayer recipient needed teaching. The recipient understands the process much better because of the teaching, and the amount of healing we have seen is tremendous! This is an exciting new approach to prayer that puts into action key areas of ministering God's healing power to the whole person."

The Intensive Prayer Ministry will con-

tinue each month and is open to all prayer recipients, in-town or out-of-town. Dates for the fall are as follows:

*October 21-23*

*November 18-20*

We are accepting applications for each of these programs, but we do have space limitations. We also need prayer ministers who can dedicate all of the three days in order to achieve continuity for our prayer recipients (it tremendously helps if they have the same prayer ministers the whole time they are here).

If you are interested in the IPM, either as a recipient or as a minister, please contact Janis Lewis at CHM, (904) 765-3332.

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