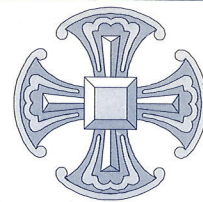


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Homosexuality: A Cure?

by Francis MacNutt

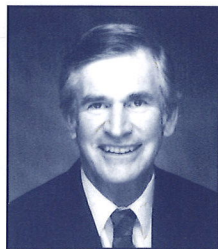
The current debate on homosexuality in our society, particularly within the Church, is a painful one. Two positions on homosexuality are tearing apart many church denominations and Christians. These two positions are basically irreconcilable:

1. Homosexuality is condemned by the Bible. God's Word to the homosexual is, "Repent, and get your life in order."
2. Homosexuality is a given in some people's lives: "I can't change; this is the way I am, and I can't repent for that. Stop trying to heap shame on me! You are the one who should repent. If you were like Jesus, your compassion would lead you to accept homosexuals with open arms."

But there is a third position which we believe is the best solution: simply, homosexuality can be healed. That is, a homosexual can become a heterosexual; the homosexual orientation can be changed through prayer for inner healing and the power of the Holy Spirit. This solution, too, we believe, accords well with what Scripture teaches.

Unfortunately, it becomes hard even to discuss this third possibility. Those who favor the gay agenda often react strongly against any mention of healing, because healing implies that the person being healed is "sick." Consequently, it is hard to suggest this third view without stirring up a strong reaction. In fact, the only speaking engagements I have had canceled in the past 15 years were churches where the gay activists heard that our team believed in the healing of homosexuality.

This angry reaction can be expected and understood with empathy, because homosexuals have so often faced derision and condemnation. The reason for this anger is that



many homosexuals have perhaps tried to change but couldn't. After many years of secrecy and shame, they realized that the healthiest thing to do was to admit homosexuality and "come out of the closet." We certainly can understand this anger at those of us who don't really know what it is like to be homosexual. As he sees it, we want to put him back into the dungeon of self-hatred. It is no wonder that people with homosexual orientation seek churches where they are accepted as they are.

*Therefore, if any man
is in Christ, he is a new
creation: everything old
has passed away;
behold, everything has
become new!*

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

It is sad that many Christians, in their desire to defend Biblical truth, condemn the homosexual's orientation with no concern for other factors. They may even encourage a man with homosexual tendencies to marry. This leads to disaster if the man is not sexually drawn to his wife; he will not become sexually attracted to women by a simple act of the will.

This traditional conservative Christian approach, if prayer for healing isn't also considered, usually doesn't work, and the homosexual knows it. In the past, some ho-

mosexuals have tried this approach and come out of the lifestyle, but often it has not lasted. The entire homosexual community knows about these cases. So, traditional Christians come across to them as harsh and out of touch with reality.

Conversely, many Christians, in their desire to show the love and mercy that is supposed to be evidence of the Christian walk, overlook God's Word on the subject and accept homosexuals as they are, even seeking to support homosexual unions. This position, however, does disregard Biblical teaching on marriage and the many times the Bible directly addresses homosexuality and calls it sin — not any worse than other sins, but nonetheless, a sin.

So what is the answer? If we adhere to the traditional and Biblical belief that the acting out of homosexual desires is sinful, what should the Church's response be? Perhaps a balanced approach can lead to a solution of the question that is tearing the Church apart.

In agreement with the gay rights groups, it can be conceded that the homosexual orientation is a given. A homosexual does not change by simply hearing that his same-sex orientation is evil and then making a decision to repent and change. You can be sorry for your sexual acts, but the orientation, the inclination, is another matter. Most homosexuals have not chosen their sexual orientation to the same sex.

Two theories seek to explain this orientation. The first theory insists that the orientation is genetic. Gay groups prefer this theory: "God made me gay." The second theory declares that the same-sex orientation develops as a person grows up, even if it happens so early that he can't remember when he wasn't different from most other men.

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In our ministry and the work of many psychiatrists, such as Dr. William Wilson, the conclusion is that the homosexual condition is usually a result of developmental factors. The two main factors seem to be 1) the lack of love or affirmation that we all need in growing up from the parent of the same sex, and 2) negative experiences leading to an aversion to the opposite sex.

For example, if a boy is not given the affection he needs from his father, he will have an emptiness, a void, that remains and seeks to be filled. If he meets an older man who senses that longing for love, and the older, experienced man offers affection coupled with physical sex, he may be drawn into the homosexual lifestyle.

Most importantly, the orientation itself — the longing for a man's love — is not abnormal. At a certain age it is normal (in a non-sexualized way), but the longing remains until it is met, or is somehow repressed. As Elizabeth Moberly, who has written extensively on this subject, says: the need for same sex love is not the problem; instead it is part of the solution. We believe, with many others, that the homosexual's need for love from someone of the same sex (ordinarily the parent) is a normal stage of development which, unmet, has become sexualized. The Good News of the Gospel is that this normal need for the love and affection of a father or mother can be filled by God the Father when we pray for inner healing. Only when that need is filled do we move on to an attraction for the opposite sex.

The answer lies in prayer for healing. Without healing, we are demanding that homosexuals live as celibates; no doubt some can, with God's grace, but the more normal solution for ordinary Christians is prayer for inner healing to transform their sexual attraction. Our experience in actually praying for homosexuals confirms this.

Several cautions should be added:

1. Prayer for healing of homosexuality takes time. Although I know of several healings that were nearly instantaneous, most took much longer — for example, receiving prayer once a week for six months or more.
2. Each person has his (or her) story of how sexuality developed, and we need to avoid quick answers and formulas of prayer.
3. The physical, sexual attraction is only the surface of the deeper areas that need healing.
4. Above all, we need to be sensitive to the feelings of anger, fear and shame that the person with a homosexual orientation is likely to express, because society has lacked compassion and treated him or her as an outcast.

I began this article stating that several mainline churches are being torn apart by two irreconcilable positions regarding homosexual activity. What we propose is a third position — the healing of homosexuality — which contains those elements of truth that are in both of the opposing positions. A belief in Christ's healing power is the compassionate way to preserve the traditional Biblical understanding that homosexual acts are sinful.

But very few people have even heard that a homosexual orientation can be changed through prayer and the matchless power of the Holy Spirit. We not only affirm that such transformation is possible, but we have seen it happen.

The Good News is that Christ's healing is available to anyone of homosexual orientation who wishes to change.



Christian Healing Ministries' Position on Homosexuality:

While upholding the scriptural evidence which identifies homosexual behavior as sin, we proclaim the message that through the transforming power of God, the homosexual can shed his or her old identity and replace it with a new one in Christ.

Of Interest Around the World:

England Integrating Healing Ministry into the Church

by Francis MacNutt

Our friends at the Christian Healing Mission in London, England, report that the Church of England has issued its first report on the ministry of healing in over 40 years. It is very encouraging! In summary, it recommends that the Church "move from the current situation where the healing ministry is not coordinated, overseen, supported or promoted nationally within the Church of England, to a situation where it is an effective and integrated part of normal daily parish life."

The report is very positive, desiring to see the healing ministry grow throughout all parishes in England! Praise God!



A Message from the Chairman of the Board

by Charles J. "Mike" Williams, III

Most folks in their seventies have been drawing their pension and social security for years. Not Francis MacNutt. He continues to give all his energy to the mission of CHM, bringing the Gospel of healing to the world. Yet, at some point, even Francis will need to enjoy a form of security in his later years.

The difficulty is that after over a half-century of service to God's people, there is nothing to make this possible. Under his vow of poverty as a Dominican priest, he was excluded from participation in social security. Despite his numerous appeals for funds to assist the ministry of CHM over the last 19 years, he has never asked for a penny for himself.

The Board of Directors and the staff of CHM have decided it is high time to establish a fund which will provide at least a minimal level of financial security for Francis. You are invited to participate in this effort by making a contribution to CHM designated for the Francis MacNutt fund.

Please send your donation either alone or along with your regular donation to Christian Healing Ministries. You may include it with your subscription to the newsletter (see right). Simply make sure you designate it separately for the Francis MacNutt fund. You may use the envelope provided in this newsletter.

Thank you so much for helping to ensure the future of this man whom we all care about so much.



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In an effort to be good stewards of our financial resources, CHM constantly updates our mailing list. We remove from our list anyone who has not had some form of communication with the ministry within the last two years. We keep names of those who have ordered from the bookstore, sent a contribution or simply asked to remain on the list.

If you would like to remain on the mailing list and continue receiving *The Healing Line*, please let us know. If you or someone you know has been removed from the mailing list and would like to continue receiving our newsletter, let us know that, too. If you are able, please send a \$20.00 contribution to help cover production and mailing. If you are unable to send a contribution, simply return the form, and we will keep you on the mailing list through our scholarship program. Simply send the completed form in the enclosed envelope. If you wish NOT to continue receiving the newsletter, please indicate that on the form and mail to us. If you are a new addition to our mailing list, please allow us to give you the newsletter free for one year.

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Book Review: *Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth*, by Jeffrey Satinover, M.D.

by Francis MacNutt

(Baker Books, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1996)

Ordinarily I don't write book reviews, even though many excellent books on healing keep coming out. But this is an exception, since this issue of *The Healing Line* is on the special topic of the healing of homosexuality.

As you know, the homosexual issue has achieved importance beyond the ordinary because of its threat to divide many mainline churches. What is disturbing is not just the divisiveness, but the great lack of knowledge about these issues. People, including church leaders, are coming to conclusions without knowing the facts about the homosexual issue. If they do not know the truth, how can they come to right decisions concerning its morality?

In *Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth*, Dr. Satinover presents a compelling case for traditional morality. He comes against several basic untruths commonly accepted as true by the media — and also by some church leaders. Dr. Satinover's qualifications are based upon his experience as a psychiatrist of long standing who began his spiritual journey as an Orthodox Jew, later became a Christian, and was influenced by Leanne Payne's ministry. He believes, as we do, that the most important message the homosexual needs to hear is that "healing is possible" (p. 227). He strongly objects to the politicizing of the issue, where gay activists employ extreme political and social pressure to stop discussion of the morality of homosexual acts: "If homosexuality was once taboo, what is taboo now is the notion that homosexuals can be healed, if they want to" (p. 168).

Dr. Satinover tackles the main issues head on:

1) Is homosexuality genetic? Is there a "gay gene"?

There have been many research studies, some by gay researchers, and none show that homosexuality is genetic or that there is a gay gene. The most convincing argument is derived from studies researching identical twins — that is, where both twins have the same set of genes. If homosexuality were strictly genetic, both twins would be homosexual 100 percent of the time. Far from being 100 percent, the correspondence was 52 percent, and the high incidence of homosexuality can be accounted for by nurture — the fact that these twins grew up together in the same home.

The root causes of homosexuality are complex. The common hard-nosed Christian response has been to tell the homosexual to repent and change, as if it were a simple matter of choice. This response is simplistic and cruel. The causes may go way back in time, but they are not irreversible. In spite of the tabloids, no "gay gene" has been discovered.

2) Can homosexual orientation be changed?

Dr. Satinover summarizes a number of research studies showing that even secular psychotherapy achieves results in changing a homosexual's same-sex orientation. For instance, the well-known team of Masters and Johnson achieved a success rate of 65 percent (p. 187).

If you add prayer to psychotherapy, the results rise even further. For example, Fr. Mario Bergner (who works with Leanne Payne) reports that over 80 percent of the homosexuals with whom he works have been successful in changing their same-sex orientation (p. 204).

And yet, gay activists trying to influence the American Psychiatric Association want to make it unethical for a psychiatrist to help a homosexual change orientation, even if the patient wants to change. To them, the only acceptable treatment is to persuade the homosexual to accept his/her orientation. In line with this agenda, some extremists want the "homophobic" label to be attached to anyone who believes homosexual acts are sinful. They even wish to label homophobia a psychological disorder.

3) Can homosexual acts be made medically safe?

Gay activists promote an agenda stating that condoms prevent AIDS and can thus render homosexual activity safe. "Safer," perhaps, but safe,

no. Since anal intercourse is engaged in by roughly 80 percent of active male homosexuals, and this creates tearing of the rectum each time, all kinds of other diseases are spread — not just AIDS — by the bacteria present in fecal matter. Severe medical problems, such as rectal cancer, are common in the homosexual population, and there is a significant decrease in life expectancy. "They found that the gay male life span, even apart from AIDS and with a long-term partner, is significantly shorter than that of married men in general by more than three decades" (p. 69). "Furthermore, in spite of all the educational programs about the risk of AIDS, approximately 40 percent of male homosexuals still never use condoms during anal intercourse" (p. 56).

Alcoholism, which our society agrees should be treated, has far fewer problems than the medical risks associated with homosexual activity. (Alcoholism results in a five to 10 percent decrease in life expectancy or about 10 years, compared to 25 years for male homosexuals). One example: within one 15-year span, 40 top male figure skaters in the U.S. and Canada died of AIDS.

4) Are monogamous relationships among homosexuals successful?

Here there are statistical differences between lesbians, who tend to be more faithful to their partners, and male homosexuals, who tend to be more promiscuous. Among homosexual males, monogamous relationships are relatively rare — less than two percent (p. 54), and the expectation of fidelity is ordinarily very different from the expectation in a heterosexual marriage. Two authors, themselves a gay couple, researched 156 gay male couples and found that only seven had maintained sexual fidelity and of the 100 who had been together for five years, none had been able to maintain sexual fidelity. The authors noted, "The expectation for outside sexual activity was the rule for male couples and the exception for heterosexuals" (p. 55).

Are church leaders pushing for gay "marriages" aware of these very different expectations? Most gay unions are not parallel to heterosexual marriage.

We need to be concerned when church leaders buy into the gay agenda:

- ♦ They have accepted the belief that being gay is genetic.
- ♦ They believe that homosexuality cannot be changed.
- ♦ They believe that "safe sex" solves most of the medical problems.
- ♦ They believe they should sacramentalize gay unions because they seem to them to be comparable to marriages.

But all these assumptions are simply untrue. If you challenge them (witness Dr. Laura Schlesinger), you are attacked. If you have a hard time with any of this, I suggest that you read Dr. Satinover's book in full.

It does not mean to imply that we should not sympathize with homosexuals who have not been shown any hope of change by most churches. The same-sex orientation does seem to them to be a given, over which they have no choice. If we believe in the power of Jesus to transform and to heal, we have no business condemning homosexuals. They need to be loved and included in our Christian community. They, like all of us, cry out for love and acceptance. Homosexual activity is their way of filling that emptiness, that pain. Until we find the true love of Jesus and, hopefully, the love of friends and community, we all tend to fill our emptiness, each in our own way. Thanks be to God, we all can be transformed through the loving humanity of Jesus. ☸

Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth, by Jeffrey Satinover, M.D., is available through the CHM Bookstore. Cost of the softcover book is \$17.99. Order #B100. Use the order form on page 11.

REACHING OUT IN MINISTRY

OUTSIDE CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Date	Event	Location	Speaker(s)	Contact & Phone
9/22-23/00	Healing Conference	Church of Our Savior Palm Bay, Florida	Norma Dearing	Rita Giuffrida (407) 723-8032
9/29-10/1/00	Annual Conference, North American Ecumenical Weekend of Renewal	Vail, Colorado	Francis and Judith MacNutt, Tommy Tyson, Jeanne Hill	Paul Johnston (970) 476-5641
10/6-7/00	Conference for Medical Professionals	Institute for Health and Religion, Charleston, S.C.	Francis MacNutt, Dr. Dale Matthews, Dr. Harold Koenig	Dr. Don Berry (843) 577-3308
10/13-15/00	Fishnet Conference	Radisson Hotel Cromwell, Connecticut	Francis and Judith MacNutt, Rev. Don Williams	Rena Larson (802) 773-7210
11/15-18/00	Healing Life's Hurts Conference	Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Francis and Judith MacNutt, Mike Evans	Steve Long (416) 674-8463
1/8-11/01	Charismatic Concerns Committee (Invitation Only)	Marianist Retreat Center Eureka, Missouri	Francis and Judith MacNutt	N/A
4/2-6/01	Therapists' Conference	Richmond Hill Richmond, Virginia	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Sandi Kerner (804) 783-7903
4/6-7/01	Healing of Richmond Conference	Richmond, Virginia Location TBA	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Sandi Kerner (804) 783-7903
4/20-21/01	Ecumenical Healing Conference	Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, San Diego, California	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Dottie Thomson (858) 454-2834

COMING EVENTS AT CHM

Date	Event	Speakers/Prayer Ministers
9/11-14/00	School of Healing Prayer Level II	Staff/Videos (Contact Ann Bauwens at CHM)
9/11-21/00	Internship Program for Pastors	CHM Prayer Ministers (Contact Beth Coleman at CHM)
9/19-21/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
9/25/00	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff
10/2/00	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff
10/23-26/00	Internship Program for Medical Professionals	CHM Prayer Ministers (Contact Beth Coleman at CHM)
10/24-26/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
11/6/00	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff
11/6-12/00	Internship Program for Youth Pastors	CHM Prayer Ministers (Contact Beth Coleman at CHM)
11/10-12/00	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
1/16-18/01	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
1/29/01	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff
2/12/01	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff
2/19-23/01	Internship Program for Pastors	CHM Prayer Ministers (Contact Beth Coleman at CHM)
2/20-22/01	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
3/12-16/01	Internship Program for Medical Professionals	CHM Prayer Ministers (Contact Beth Coleman at CHM)
3/13-15/01	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
3/26/01	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff
3/28-30/01	School of Healing Prayer Practicum	Staff (Contact Ann Bauwens at CHM)



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KEYS FOR PRAYER MINISTERS

Ministering to the Homosexual

by Norma Dearing,
Director of
Prayer Ministry



The role of a prayer minister is to listen, love and pray, not to judge, give counsel or advise. It is to bring the hurting individual into the presence of Christ where His healing touch can bring restoration and redemption. We are to love the sinner and reject the sin, and this goes for any sin, whether it be adultery, fornication, lying, stealing, being judgmental, homosexuality, etc.

We are called to minister to the lonely, the broken and the confused. People struggling with homosexuality truly fit this description. Praying for those struggling with their sexuality is just one area of the overall ministry of healing prayer.

In praying for someone struggling with his or her sexuality, we must pray to see the person as Jesus sees him or her. Ask for Jesus' eyes and heart for the person.

A person involved in the homosexual lifestyle needs extensive inner healing. Inner healing is God's transforming power to heal the effects of trauma and sin at every stage of our earthly journey. It is the healing of our emotional hurts.

A person becomes involved in homosexuality because of unmet needs, all of which need inner healing. These unmet needs might be caused by a number of common reasons: 1) difficult father/son, father/daughter, mother/son or mother/daughter relationships, where the individual did not receive the necessary love or nurture; 2) feeling like an outsider among peers during childhood and adolescence; 3) instances of sexual abuse or incest either by the same sex person or a person of the opposite sex; 4) a spiritual predisposition to sexual sin, which often becomes evident with a repeated history of incest, adultery and homosexuality in the family.

In addition to these areas, my many years of ministering with those struggling

with homosexuality have taught me to recognize a need for inner healing prayer all the way back to the time they were in utero. Perhaps theirs was an unwanted or unplanned conception, or the parents wanted a boy instead of a girl or vice versa. The enemy can at an early age bring gender confusion to us or whisper the lie, "You're no good." All children need and want attention, and if there is unhealthy sexualization in a family, this brings tremendous confusion in areas of the love/sex connection.

A young man to whom I ministered was trying to deal with a number of these experiences. Simon was raised in an alcoholic home. The house was always one of confusion, as his parents often had drunken brawls to the point of breaking things. As a result, Simon spent a great deal of time with his grandparents. His grandmother loved him very much, but she wished he had been a girl. She often dressed him as a girl with frilly dresses and bonnets and encouraged him to play with dolls. In addition, his grandfather regularly took him out to the shed in the backyard and sexually molested him.

Simon didn't remember this abuse, but he struggled with homosexual thoughts and feelings while he was in high school. It was in high school that he met his wife. Simon and Elizabeth always had a loving and sharing relationship.

Shortly after his grandfather's death, Simon began remembering the abuse. This threw him into confusion about his sexuality, and all of the homosexual thoughts and feelings he had previously experienced began to resurface. Satan began to whisper those lies: "You liked being with your grandfather. You're really gay." The shame and guilt began to set in, and Simon worried that if anyone knew about this they would blame him.

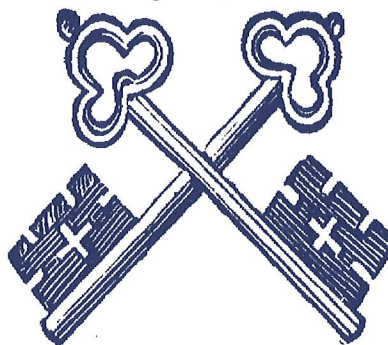
Simon headed into a downward spiral, where he alienated himself from Elizabeth and church and God. He began going to gay bars and looking at pornography. He eventually believed the lie that he was gay

and moved in with a lover, trying to forget both Elizabeth and God.

What finally brought him to me was that the gay lifestyle was emptier than anything he had ever experienced. He realized he still felt empty and lonely, and he really missed Elizabeth, the only person who had ever loved him unconditionally.

As we began praying together, the Lord began to heal that little boy of his shame, guilt and fears. The Lord began to help Simon see himself as He saw him, a precious child who was a victim in a sick and broken world. Simon experienced hours of inner healing, where Jesus brought healing and restoration to those memories of his childhood.

Simon is not alone. Homosexuality is not new, but it is prevalent and highly visible in our society today. Many struggle with this particular sin, and they all need the healing and restoration that only come through Jesus Christ.



Many acting and recovering homosexuals struggle terribly with wanting to be faithful Christians. In many ways, recovering from homosexuality is similar to recovering from other addictions, such as alcoholism, drug addiction or addiction

to pornography. For this reason, we call them "recovering" homosexuals, people who depend on the Lord to keep them out of a sinful lifestyle.

With this particular sin, shame seems to be the largest obstacle to overcome and the place where the enemy holds them in deepest bondage. Because of this shame, it is sometimes hard work for prayer ministers, and it is difficult for the prayer recipient to allow Jesus into the memories. Recovering homosexuals require much love and patience from the one ministering to them.

Because of its complexity, praying for healing of the homosexual involves tremendous time, energy and patience. The road to freedom is a long one, often filled with confusion, frustration and temptation.

—Ministering to the Homosexual, continued

Without support, most people would not make it. Christian Healing Ministries is only one of a number of ministries around the world, such as Exodus International, which offer the understanding and encouragement so desperately needed by those seeking transformation and healing of this difficult struggle.



Coming out of Homosexuality into New Life in Christ

a personal testimony by Marlin Moore

Practical Points to Remember in Ministering to the Homosexual

1. Listen, Love and Pray. We are to always represent Jesus when ministering. We are to offer a "safe place" where a person can receive love and nurture.
2. Encourage the person to repent and seek forgiveness through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings a person into all truth and gives strength to resist temptation.
3. Homosexuality is not just a "demon" that needs casting out, although a number of spirits may be evident and operating in the person's life.
4. Have the person renounce all occult involvement where spiritual doors were opened.
5. Pray for inner healing, especially during the time from conception to birth. This will require much time, energy and patience.
6. Cut the person free from all previous sexual partners (many, especially men, will have had literally hundreds and will not be able to identify them by name — this is okay, as the Lord knows).
7. Do not judge, regardless of what you are told.
8. Pray for generational healing, preferably within the context of a Holy Eucharist or Lord's Supper, to cleanse the family lines of sin and repeated patterns.
9. Address areas of drug and alcohol abuse or suicide attempts, where there is need for repentance and inner healing.
10. Pray for the person to be filled and refilled with the power of the Holy Spirit, as it is this power which gives all of us the strength to resist temptation.

As a young boy growing up, I had a father who worked for the CIA. Needless to say, he was absent from my life most of the time. When he was home, he wanted to unwind and relax, and as a typical boy I wanted to play. The two ideas didn't line up! I have learned since then that my dad was doing exactly what his father had done. He supplied the income to keep the household running. His duty was to be the breadwinner.

We moved a lot, and I found myself floundering to fit in. The kids I tried to befriend had more fun making fun of me than playing with me. This set up a deep insecurity within me. Lacking my dad's affirmation and my peers' approval, I became a loner, vowing I needed no one but myself.

By the age of nine I noticed that I was attracted to men. Looking at books and magazines, the women didn't attract my attention. I later found through healing that I was only trying to possess qualities that I felt they had and I didn't. This led me down a road of fantasy. I craved the attention of men! I remember crying out to God at night. I just wanted to be loved!

Going into my early teens, I was befriended by a much older man. He invited me places and gave me gifts, and I thought he cared. Then, the sexual acts started. I knew something felt wrong, but the attention I got kept me coming back. This started a 10-year search to be loved. The pain, rejection and shame I felt led me to become

more and more promiscuous, never filling the vast void of loneliness I felt. Pornography became a major part of my life. I could escape into my own fantasy world, numbing the emptiness I felt.

I can look back and see choices that I made out of despair, but God was always there. I would cry out to Him almost nightly, but I just could not seem to reach Him. Then a vessel whom I thought only God could love, a friend's streetwise girlfriend, asked me to go to a revival. Neither of us had graced the inside of a church in years! There on the second

night, I gave my life to Jesus. I knew from that day forward what was sin, for God had peeled the scales from my eyes!

It has been a long, hard road these past 20 years. My God has been faithful



Marlin Moore and his wife, Jane, with their three children: Jordan, 18, Hunter, 15, and Asher, 9

to walk with me through many dark places. His hand has gently guided me. His love and assurance keep me pressing toward the mark.

God brought me a beautiful woman, Jane, who loves me for me. We will have been married 20 years this fall, and have three godly children.

People question the sin of homosexuality and God's plan for us. This sin is no greater than any other, but I know it is sin.

I don't thank God for allowing this to happen, but it keeps me clinging to my heavenly Father daily. Without Christ I would be nothing! Homosexuality has led me to a deeper, more meaningful life in Christ. No one can tell me that Jesus doesn't exist. He is alive and living in me!



2001 Training Opportunities at CHM

Internship Programs

CHM's Internship Programs are for students of the School of Healing Prayer who want to gain more in-depth prayer ministry training on a firsthand basis. In order to qualify for all Internship Programs, specific qualifications must be met:

- 1) The intern must have completed CHM's SHP Levels I and II.
- 2) The intern must have practiced with others in each of the different areas of prayer.
- 3) The intern must be recommended by his or her pastor.

Internship Program Dates for the Year 2001:


February 19-23	Pastoral Internship Program
March 12-16	Medical Internship Program
April 23-27	Lay Leader Internship Program
May 21-25	Pastoral Internship Program
June 11-15	Therapist Internship Program
July 16-20	Lay Leader Internship Program
September 10-14	Pastoral Internship Program
October 15-19	Medical Internship Program
November 12-16	Youth Pastor Internship Program

For further information or to register, call Beth Coleman at CHM, (904) 765-3332. Space is limited, so register as soon as possible.

CHM's Volunteer Training Program

Each year, CHM trains new volunteers to serve as prayer ministers here at the ministry. The next volunteer training program will begin on January 9, 2001 and continue through November 27, 2001, taking a break during the summer months. Each class will include video or live teaching from the School of Healing Prayer Levels I, II and III. Classes will be held on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. from January through May. Practice prayer sessions will be held during this portion of the training program. Class will resume on September 11, and will begin at 9:00 a.m. but will only last until 10:30 a.m. The fall portion will consist of a video or live teaching followed by a question and answer session.

Class dates are as follows:	January	9, 16, 23, 30
	February	6, 13, 20, 27
	March	6, 13, 20, 27
	April	3, 10, 17, 24
	May	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
	Summer Break	
	September	11, 18, 25
	October	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
	November	6, 13, 20, 27

If you live in North Florida or South Georgia and would like to serve as a CHM prayer minister on a regular basis, we hope you will consider whether God is calling you to take this course at this time. We ask that all those who complete our training course commit to volunteering at CHM for at least one year, either at monthly Intensive Prayer Ministries, weekly Tuesday evening prayer ministry or regular daily prayer appointments — whichever works best for your schedule. Please call the CHM office for an application. 



Become a CHM Prayer Angel

CHM always needs more Prayer Angels, those precious men and women of God who faithfully and prayerfully support us and all those who call or write to CHM requesting prayer! They are our prayer covering.

CHM intercessors receive a bi-monthly newsletter with prayer requests for which they pray for two months. Also, Joy Lamb sends them a copy of *The Sword of the Spirit — The Word of God*, so that they can more effectively pray Scriptural prayers for the prayer requests. If you would like to become a CHM intercessor, please write to Katie Bauwens, CHM Intercessors, P.O. Box 9520, Jacksonville, FL 32208, or call (904) 765-3332, Ext. 207.

Praise Reports

The Rev. Mike Evans, of CHM's National Advisory Board, reports on his recent visit to India:

What miracles we saw! The majority of people for whom we prayed were instantly healed! There was such excitement and expectation in the air at each of these meetings.

Bill Chaney (who was with our group) prayed for one lady who was blind in both eyes, and she was completely healed! I prayed for a lady who was blind in one eye and she was healed! We prayed for deaf people who were healed, people with breathing problems that cleared up immediately, people with leg and hip problems who walked away with no pain whatsoever. We commanded demons to go and they left immediately. It was incredible!

At one point I remember thinking, "This must have been what Jesus' disciples felt like." What a glorious gift God gave us!

Note from Francis: We know Mike very well and trust his description of their experience in India. We, too, have experienced such dramatic healings in Third World Countries. We do not understand why so much seems to happen in such places when we pray, but it does. Praise the Lord for the work He is doing in India.

Dear CHM:

I was suffering severe back pain and asked for prayer. It was not determined what was causing the pain. I was the prayer leader for a seminar and was afraid I would not be able to lead — the pain was that severe. Through your prayers, I went through the seminar and am pain-free. Please continue to pray for healing for my arthritis. Thank you, and God bless you for your support.
Mary in Miami

Healing of Asthma

When I came to CHM, I requested healing for my asthma. It was a constant health issue for me and was triggered by my allergies. I wanted all of you to know that last week — in the midst of allergy season, no less — my physician took me off my inhaler. My lung function tests were in the normal range my past two visits!!

I wanted to thank all of you for your prayers and your faithfulness to your ministry. God uses all of you in powerful ways to not only heal physically and emotionally but also to build up the faith of the people you touch.

Thank you again, and God bless you all!
Praise be to God!

In His love, Emily

My niece, traveling in Israel, sprained both ankles and broke one on the second day. In answer to prayer, God made it possible for her to walk on the broken ankle for eight days. The bone remained in place and started to knit. It is continuing to heal. The enemy couldn't keep this girl from seeing God's Holy Land!
Sincerely, Peg in New York

My son returned to church after 15 years away! Praise be to God!
Beverly in Marietta, New York

Praise to God, the Comforter and Sustainer we depend on! Our son, born with a pervasive development disorder, is experiencing much more joy and peace daily. The Lord has led us to many answers on his behalf, including a church in our area which takes Jesus' command to care for the poor and needy seriously — and has developed a wonderful special needs ministry! We are so grateful!
Forrest in Minnesota

Gene was healed of kidney failure and grand mal seizure. The doctors say it's nothing less than a miracle. She's home and off the respirator and dialysis.
Thank you for praying!
Barbara in Missouri

Thank you so much for your ministry and for being prayer warriors. My son, Alex, was put on the prayer list because he was having seizures. Praise be to God — he has not had a seizure in over six months!
Thank you! Susan in West Virginia

Dear Christian Healing Ministries:

I called your prayer line with a request for my father. At 84 years old, he was still resisting the Gospel message mainly because of our Jewish heritage. I left the message while in his hospital room and asked for prayer for his salvation. I have been praying for this since my own conversion in 1973. It became apparent that my father would not recover. On July 1, 2000, my father ceased to resist the Gospel and became a son of the kingdom. He passed from this world to the next on July 2. I have been in close fellowship since 1973, and countless numbers have prayed for my father's salvation.
Praise the Lord!
Thank you,
Nina in Jacksonville

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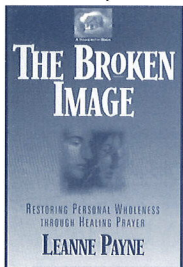
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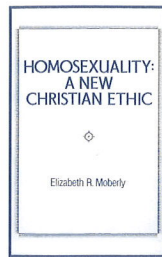
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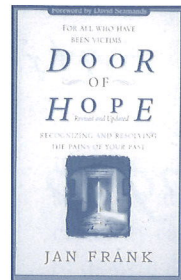
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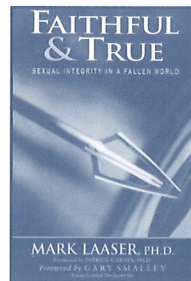
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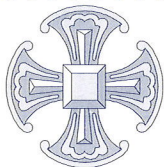
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