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The fundamental doctrine of discorganization shall be the Bible standard of foll salvation, which in repentance, haptism in water by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and the baptism of the Holy Chost with the mitisf sign of speaking with other tengues as the Spirit gives utterance.

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### FIRE AND SMOKE

#### Loren D. Rudd, Editor Winchester, Kentucky

The list of the many things I do not do well grows longer with age. I am not a woodworker, machinist, mechanic or artist. I cannot even build a fire. My Dad has told me, shown me, and even checked out our DNA to see if I am indeed his son. Although the test was positive, my father is not.

Last year I was determined to build a fire in the fireplace. I placed the kindling down, put in some cardboard boxes, threw in some strips of paper and lit the match. After burning my finger and dropping the match, I tried again. The paper caught, the cardboard did too, but the kindling got just a little black on the ends. I repeated the process, (this time placing some paper and cardboard under the kindling also), and finally I had enough of a flame to stick in a log. I had no idea if you placed a round log on top of your fire it would probably go out. After my discovery, I attempted the process again using a halved piece of wood. The results were much better. The fire was burning and I retired for the night proud of this major accomplishment and cherishing the thought that my father would at last accept me as his own.

Six o'clock in the morning is a great time to be awake. As my head popped out of the covers, I realized my fire needed maintenance quickly. Gliding into my house shoes, I hurried to the fireplace. There was a charred piece of wood and some hot ashes. Hoping to repeat yesterday's success, I gathered cardboard, kindling, and paper. Placing them under the charred hunk, I began to blow on the hot ashes. It looked like the paper might catch. Instead, I ended up with a lot of smoke. It had all the makings of a fire, but without a match to begin the process once again it was nothing but smoke.

When Jesus breathed on the disciples and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost," (John 20:22) he fanned a flame that exploded into a Holy Ghost Revival on the Day of Pentecost. "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:3-4) He had carefully prepared the fireplace. The Holy Ghost fire burned hot within their souls and that same day over 3000 people were warmed by the message they heard.

All too often, some forget to maintain their fire. They become accustomed to the coolness of their surroundings. For some it is enough to stir the ashes of their experience and be satisfied with lukewarm embers. The wind of God blows in their life, but sadly enough, smoke rises where the fire once burned.

It is an oft quoted cliché, "where there's smoke, there's fire." In our walk with God, if we see smoke, the fire is gone out. Let us build again the basics of our foundation — doctrine, holiness, love, compassion and let the match from heaven ignite our souls and cause our world to be warmed with the Holy Ghost Fire.

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# **1996 DISTRICT CALENDAR**

The follwing Calendar of Activities for 1996 was approved by the District Board in November at our District Planning Session. Please make note of these dates and plan to attend as many functions as possible. We look forward to seeing you throughout the year.  $\mathcal{R}_{wv}$ .  $\mathcal{G}$ .  $\mathcal{L}$  Utilitow

•	Mother's Memorial Offereing Due to Section Leader
May 26	
June 8	Junior Bible Quiz State Finals/Lexington
June 17-21	Camp Meeting/Summersville
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	Ladies Auxiliary
	Junior Camp Clean-up
	5th Sunday Camp Offering
•	Junior Camp
July 22-26	
+	National Youth Worker Convention/St. Louis
-	Home Mission Week/Sectional Songfest
August 17	
September 14	
September 21	
September 26- October 1	
September 29	5th Sunday Camp Offering
September 30	
October 19	
	Ladies Auxiliary Planning Session/Joyful Inn
	Chosen/Carrollton
	CFC Banquet/London
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November 2	
	Early Pentecostal Disciples' Day
	CFC Banquet/Carrollton
	CFC Banquet/Somerset
	Planning Session/Louisville
	CFC Banquet/Paducah
November 17	
December 1	
December 2	
December 22	
December 26-27	
	5th Sunday Camp Offering
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January 2 "Save Our Children" Kick-off
January 13 Senior Bible Quiz Kick-off /Russellville
January 31 Christmas for Christ Offering Due
January 31 Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Offering Due
February 2 Mothers' Memorial Rally - Section N/Ashland - 7:30pm
February 6 Mothers' Memorial Rally - Section I/Dawson Springs - 7:30pm
February 7 Mothers' Memorial Rally - Section U/Carrollton - 7:30pm
February 8 Mothers' Memorial Rally - Section E/Lexington - 7:30pm
February 9 Mothers' Memorial Rally - Section D/Hazel Green - 7:30pm
February 10 Mothers' Memorial Rally - Section T/Bowling Green - 3:00pm
February 12-13 District & Section Audits - Louisville/Vittitow
February 17Senior Bible Quiz Tournament
February 19Section U Conference/Eminence
February 20 Section N Conference/Grayson
February 25 Foreign Missions Compassion Offering
February 26 Section T Conference/Bowling Green
February 27-29 Tupelo Trip for Superintendent & Secretary
March 4 Section D Conference/Corbin
March 5 Section F Conference/Danville

March 5	
March 11	
March 15-16	Ladies Retreat/Cave City
March 20-22	ARC Conference/Hopkinsville
March 23	
March 25	
March 26	
March 27	
March 31	1st Quarter Tithe Due to District/5th Sunday Camp Offering

April 6 Youth Planning Session/Elizabethtown
April 7 Save Our Children Offering
April 8 District Conference Resolutions Must Be Mailed By Today
April 11-13 North Central Bible Quiz Extravaganza/Louisville
April 23 Minister's License Seminar/Carrollton
District Board Meeting
Harvestime Songfest - 7:00pm
April 24 District Board Meeting/Carrollton
April 25 Foreign Missions Breakfast/Carrollton - 7:30am
Conference Business - 12:00pm
April 26 Conference Business/Carrollton - 10:00am
April 30 "Save Our Children" Offering Due
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May 4 Senior Bible Quiz Tournament
May 10-11 Singles' Conference - Lexington
May 12 Mother's Memorial Offering

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Acts 1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 Until the day in which he was taken up,

after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

The key word in this passage of scripture is Passion. It is defined as an intense emotion compelling action, an emotion that is deeply stirring or ungovernable.

The Amplified version states, He showed himself alive after his passion or his suffering in the garden and on the cross.

The last week before Jesus Christ was crucified is known as the passion week. It was during this week of great suffering and pain that He proved His intense burden to save the lost souls of humanity.

That intense desire to save the lost caused him to endure the betrayal of Judas, the false accusations of Caiaphas, the mockings, being spat upon and the physical abuse



of those around him. His passion to save the lost caused him to be scourged with a cat-o'-nine-tails that had bits of iron and bone tied to the cords, and as the body was stretched on a post, his back was torn severely. Veins, arteries and sometimes even organs would be exposed. His passion to save the lost caused him to unite with a cross that did not truly belong to him, it caused him to become sin though he was



Rev. Ron Tiller Conquerors President Carrollton, Kentucky

without sin, it caused him to die even though he was life. The only possible relief he had during this week of suffering was the thoughts of those who would take advantage of his work of redemption, for Jesus had a passion to bring: Victory to the defeated, holiness to the unholy, heaven to the hell bound, power to the weak, healing to the sick, comfort to the comfortless, joy to the mournful, salvation to the lost. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man would lay down his life for a friend. Jesus said you are my friends!

Jesus Christ is our great example, if he was a man of passion for lost souls, then I believe we, his blood bought, should be people of that same passion, driven by an overpowering burden to reach the lost souls of humanity.

An intense, emotional, compelling action, passion propels us to go beyond the normal boundaries of concern and into the dimension of compassion. We enter a realm that demands action, "Go and compel them to come."

Oh, God, grant us a passion to respond to a world that is white and ready for harvest. Our passion will bring them to Him, but His Passion will save them!

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# HARVEST 996 Save Our Children

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# Playing or Praying

Rev. Gale Myers Kentucky Evangelism Committee Section N

And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise. (II Samuel 2:14)

This sounds good doesn't it? Everybody needs a little happy time, don't we?

The background for this playing was a rift in Israel. After King Saul's Death, David was anointed King over Judah with Joab as captain of his army and Ishbosheth reigned over the rest of Israel with Abner remaining the captain of that army.

But let us examine the word," play" according to Strong's concordance. The Hebrew word is "sachaq, saw-shak'; a prim. root; to laugh (in pleasure or detraction); by impl. to play:-deride, have a derision, laugh, make merry, mock (er), play, rejoice, (laugh to) scorn, be in (make) sport." It may have started out with a little laughing and merry making but evidently it turned to derision and mocking and scorn. When they were through making sport there lay three hundred and eighty dead of their brethren. This senseless waste of life took place all because each group was trying to force the other to act and do like them. Who called Abner to put Joab or his men under subjection to Israel? Sometimes that which starts out as well meaning, turns ugly before we realize it.

Some seventy eight years later these same two kingdoms came together to "play" again but the Lord spoke to Rehoboam, King of Judah, through Shemaiah, the man of God, saying, "ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel". (I Kings 12:22-24)

James declared in chapter 3 verses 16-18, "for where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

We need to remember who and what we are working for and lay aside our "playing" and start praying for one another and let God decide what to do with those with which we disagree. If we put as much time and energy into praying as we do "playing" there is no telling what God will do.

There is the story of the big car, that ran out of gas, and almost stopped rolling when it came up the drive into the service station. Dad was on the driver's side pushing and trying to steer. Mom and above five or six young children of various sizes were around the car helping push. Sitting on the trunk was a big gangling teenage boy yelling "Pooosh! Pooosh! Somebody ain't puttin' out!"

For Harvest 96 to be successful we need every available man, woman, boy and girl putting their shoulder to the wheel. With your help we can "pooosh" it over the top.

Before modern machinery the farmers depended on each other to help reap the harvest. If one became contentious and refused to help he may have to fork his hay by himself. Let us work together to get the hay in the barn, the corn in the crib and the wheat in the grainery. Uniting together in the harvest fields for the Lord, we can see our churches filled with precious souls. Let us work quickly while we still have time, remembering the words of Jeremiah 8:20, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."



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# A CHANGE OF HEART

Pastor James Gullett Section N Presbyter Grayson, Kentucky

I was born James William Gullett on February 14, 1929, in Pedro, Ohio (no wonder the stock market failed). I had only been in this world a few months when my family decided to go West to join up with the rest of our relatives that had gone West before them.

They (the family) sold everything they had, loaded down some covered wagons and set out for the wild West. We made it as far as Saint Louis. Missouri. There we ended up broke and with winter coming on we made camp by the river. What a predicament. It kind of reminds me of Israel, when they took them away to Babylon. Their home was gone, and their family and friends were left behind. We did survive, though. and made our way back to Ohio. For the next twenty years I lived as I pleased, not having anyone to tell me what I could or could not do.

Down in my heart I had an empty spot that I could not satisfy. I tried drinking, gambling, fighting, you name it and I probably tried it. I went into the service (Army) and served in Japan, Korea, and all over the United States, but I still had that longing that could not be satisfied. One night I walked out into the river tired of life and the emptiness I felt. There standing in the river, about to take my own life, something turned me around. I could not go through with it. Someone, somewhere was praying for my sou!!

As God began to stir my heart, I tried desperately to quit my drinking and my other vises, but I had no strength within myself to do it. I went to see a preacher by the name of Roosevelt York. Although I was drunk when I stopped by his antique shop, he sat and talked to me and when I was leaving he invited me to come back and talk to him again. He never once said anything about me being drunk.

I found out later that he went to church and told the people (not mentioning my name) that there was someone who had come to see him and he wanted them to start fasting and praying. God got me to move to Kentucky away from the old hangouts. Then he sent Bro. Wright and some of the saints to my house and they had a surprise birthday party for me (the first I had ever had). While vacationing in Canton, Ohio, I was asked to go to church. Being away from home with nothing better to do, I went.

When the Lord got through with me that night, I had repented of my sins, and was crying with my nose running like a sugar beet. I didn't care who saw me. I didn't even have a hankie so I wiped my nose on my shirt sleeve. When I got backhome, Brother York baptized me in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and God filled me with the Holy Ghost, speaking with other tongues. Born many years before to fleshly parents, I was now born again into a heavenly kingdom with God as my Father.

All that longing, all the drinking, the fighting, and the wanderlust had vanished. I found the true meaning of life. Born again and prepared for heaven.

