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“The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it” (Psalm 68:11).

In Memory of Dr. Jim Taylor

October 1, 1937–November 7, 2018

DOCTOR JIM TAYLOR, MY FRIEND FOR NEARLY FORTY YEARS, POSSESSED MANY CHARACTER TRAITS THAT I ADMIRER. **He was a true American patriot:** Born and raised in the little panhandle community of Quitaque, Texas, he went off to travel around the world in service to our country through the United States Navy (It was during his time in the Navy that he trusted Christ as his Saviour.) and then the Air Force, for a total of twenty-three years, retiring in 1976. But even after his retirement he still enjoyed reminiscing about his military service. When I would preach meetings for Brother Taylor, Saturday was always a free day and was usually spent touring the military bases. He thought nothing of making the two-hour drive from San Antonio to Corpus Christi to spend several hours on the USS Lexington Aircraft Carrier Museum sharing some of the most interesting features of Navy life aboard ship. Another one of his favorite places was the Lackland Air Force Base outdoor museum of airplanes used in different battles. He would stop at every display and describe in minute detail everything from the type of engines that powered the plane, to its strengths and weaknesses, the combats it flew in, and some personal experience he had had with a particular plane while in active duty.

He was a family man: From their wedding day in January of 1957, until he departed this life, Jim and his loving wife, Mary, both kept their marriage vows “until death do us part,” for a total of sixty-one years. Many times after an evening service, Brother Taylor would take me to a local restaurant for a late night meal. During those times he would always tell me something about his son Tony in Florida, Jimmy at home in Texas, and daughter, Tanya (Bunyard), in Oklahoma, and before leaving the restaurant he would always call home and tell the love of his life that he was on his way. He would then take her some treat from the restaurant (When available it would be a fresh strawberry pie). He loved his family.

He was a true servant of Jesus Christ: For a short time after retirement from military service, he was pastor of the Bible Independent Baptist Church of Destin, Florida, while at the same time attending night classes at Pensacola Bible Institute. He later earned his doctorate from Anderson Theological Seminary and faithfully served twenty-eight years as pastor of the Harvest Hill Baptist Church of San Antonio, before major health issues in the late summer of 2018 forced him to turn the pastorate over to his very capable and dedicated assistant, J. R. Tramell, whom he had trained for the ministry.

Brother Jim Taylor had many good character traits, but there was one outstanding character trait from which all the others stemmed. **He had a great love for the King James Bible:** To him, if a Bible was not a King James Version, it was not God’s Word and belonged in the trash. He proved his love for the Word of God by reading at least fifty chapters every day, and the report from his family is that he read the entire New Testament 750 times and the Old Testament more than 400 times—the most I have ever heard of anyone reading!

My good friend Brother Jim Taylor fought a good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith. He is missed but not forgotten.

From my perspective,
Jim Fellure

Editor's Notes

*Jim & Mary Fellure****Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus our wonderful Lord***

Since I haven't used this space for my own personal notes in the last two issues, some may think I have quit; however, by God's amazing grace, I'm still on the job with no stopping place in view.

Since my last report, in all the special meetings I have preached, the Lord has given me unusually good liberty. I don't remember a service without a good altar response when

an invitation was given, and the love offerings have been enough to meet our personal needs with some money left over. Of course, I am not surprised (amazed, but not surprised), because the Scripture does say "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Being the unworthy creature I am, yet having the God that created the universe as my Father—calling me to preach His Word, watching over me each step of the way, meeting every need I have in this life, and promising me a mansion in Heaven when this life is over—is beyond my ability to write about. All I can do is borrow the words of David and say, "Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name" (Psalm 103:1), and "What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? (Psalm 116:12).

77 Years Old!

My First 77 Years is the sub-title of the autobiography of the late Dr. Monroe Parker. As the title suggests, the book is naturally taken up with the author reminiscing about the blessings of years gone by rather than laying out plans for his future ministry. That book title also serves as a reminder that before the next issue of this *News-letter* I too will turn seventy-seven. I have noticed every time I have a conversation with another senior saint, we always discuss our age, ailments, family (especially grand- and great-grand kids) and memories of the good old days.

One of the blessings we older preachers enjoy is thinking about the "old school" way of preaching and the results it brought. The old-fashioned Baptist preachers I knew regularly preached (with compassion) on Hell, damnation, judgment, and eternity, with a heavy emphasis on the need for sinners to repent of their sins and trust the shed blood of Jesus Christ as the only way to escape the wrath of God.

On my desk lies a note from Julie Cahill thanking me for preaching on Hell the night she was saved back in 1986. She is the daughter of Pastor Ronald Cunningham of the Aliquippa Baptist Temple in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, and she still serves faithfully in that church.

Earlier this year I had the privilege of stopping by Cleveland, Ohio, for a brief visit with Joe and Sandy Williams. Much of our conversation went back to 1968, when after a Sunday morning sermon filled with warnings about the dangers of rejecting Christ and spending an eternity in Hell, Sandy trusted Christ, and less than one month later, Joe was upset by a Sunday morning sermon which told him that

without Christ he too would go to Hell. All the old-timers would have said he was under Holy Ghost conviction. That very night, after again hearing the only kind of preaching I knew how to do, Joe also trusted Christ and later was called to preach. He pastored the Cleveland Baptist Temple (CBT) for several years until suffering from a major stroke. Less than one month after Joe was saved, his younger brother Dana (who had come to live with him and had heard only three sermons) knew without Christ he too would suffer in Hell forever. As a fourteen-year-old boy, he trusted Christ and was born-again—now after nearly fifty years, one would be hard pressed to find a better Bible preacher than Evangelist Dana Williams.

Another remarkable conversion was that of Harry (Butch) Payne. In 1978, Brother Joe had invited me to preach a watch night service at the CBT. In the middle section sat a rugged, hippy-looking, long-haired sinner in need of a Saviour. That night I made the preaching as hot as my very limited ability would allow, and Butch Payne responded to the invitation, was gloriously saved, and was called to preach not long after. His ministry of more than forty years included working on the staff of some good churches in Texas and helping start five Independent Baptist churches from the ground up. Brother Payne has now suffered a major heart attack and is no longer able to travel or preach, but his spirit is the same.

I also thought of the morning more than thirty years ago when I preached on Hell, and Jennifer, our son Tim's wife, came to me after the service and said she was not saved—I led her to Christ in my office. One night about that same time, after hearing me preach on Hell, our youngest daughter, Kathy, couldn't sleep for fear she was going to die and spend eternity in Hell. That very night, Tim, being her big brother, led her to Christ in the living room of our home. I was also reminded of a note that I have from our oldest daughter Chris (dated 2/1/18) that says, "Hey Dad, Today, 30 years ago, I got saved. Thank you for preaching that morning on Hell and for always standing for the Truth." And though I don't recall any particular sermon, I do recall one night in 1976 when Tim called Mary and me to his bedroom and, knowing that he was not saved, he too trusted Christ as his Saviour. He has turned out to be an excellent Bible preacher who has now pastored Victory Baptist Church for more than twenty-five-years.

Space will not permit me to continue writing about things that I remember; however, thank you for allowing an old man to try and tell you just a little bit of how good God has been to me, realizing that for a mortal man like me to describe the goodness of God would come far shorter than describing all the fresh water in the world by putting one drop on the tongue of a thirsty man.

I trust that our readers will forgive me for not giving a direct report on the status of VBP at this time. Read all of the other articles, and you will see that God has been better to us than any of us deserve. My reminiscing about *My First 77 Years* simply says, since I have been saved for fifty-nine years, and with fifty-four years of ministry behind me, I know something about the old-fashioned way and can say with absolute assurance the old paths are the best paths.

Thank you,
Jim Fellure

Print Shop News



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,
Many things have been happening in the print shop since our last *News-letter*. First and foremost, we are just about finished with the Spanish Bible project (It should be finished by the time you read this). About 5,000 Bibles have already made their way to Mexico; 1,050 have been sent to Nicaragua, and a group came to pick up another 2,100 for Honduras.

Just over 250 Bibles are on their way to Venezuela. Given the turmoil that is going on in that country right now, I was a little surprised to learn that Bibles could legally be sent there, but the couple that picked them up assured me they could. I do not know how much impact 250 Bibles will make in a country with such great needs (both physical and spiritual) but please pray that God will use them and get them to those who need them most. We have discussed in the shop more than once how good it would be if one could study church history alongside world history to see what kind of impact the Bible and Christianity have had on the nations of the world. We know it has made a huge impact on our nation, often in ways we do not even realize until we visit places that do not have the same history in relation to the Bible. I do not know if these 250 Bibles will turn the tide in that small nation, but they are least a few bullets in God's arsenal.

We will be sending about 25,000 Bibles to Don Rich in Peru, South America. He has been our distributor down there for several

years now. He spends a lot of his own personal time and money to get these Bibles to the various Spanish-speaking countries of South America. Please pray that the Lord will give him wisdom and discretion in distributing these Bibles.

Among other things, our pre-press department is getting an upgrade. As many of you know, I have been here almost from the beginning of the ministry. It started in 1984, and my wife, three-month-old son, and I arrived in November of 1985. At that time we had a small offset camera we made film on, usually cutting pages out of other Bibles and arranging the film to make plates for John/Romans that we printed on a Multi-lith 1250 press on 8.5"x11" paper one side at a time. We have upgraded presses a few times as well as pre-press equipment, but now we will be into twenty-first century technology, since we will soon be getting a computer-to-plate system. While there is some charm in hand developing film in a tray (If you have never done it, you will not know what I am talking about), it is certainly more efficient to use the newer technology. It should save money, time, and space, all of which are important to our shop.

Thank you once again for all of you that give, pray, and/or volunteer. We could not do it without you. Every time you sit down and hold a Bible in your lap and get a blessing from reading it, please remember the millions of people that do not have that privilege and say a prayer for them that God will somehow provide them with a copy of the Scriptures in their own language so they can enjoy the same spiritual blessings you do.

May God richly bless you,
Bro. Albert Berg

On June 26 a container with 25,172 Spanish Bibles and 2,000 Spanish John and Romans left our shop, heading for Missionary Don Rich in Cajamarca, Peru. Bro. Rich will distribute those Bibles to missionaries and national pastors all across South America. This makes an approximate total of 100,000 Spanish Bibles that VBP has sent to Bro. Rich in South America.

The container is scheduled to arrive in Lima, Peru on July 25, after which it will be shipped locally to Bro. Rich.



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The Kendrick Family sings gospel music and has four gospel music CDs available in the VBP Bookstore.



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Brother Tony pastored for 24 years and taught at three Bible colleges. During the summer they traveled to recruit young men and ladies for college. Now they are traveling full time for VBP as field representatives.

Benefits & Blessings

Mrs. Pam Leake**No Separation**

The sweet, little, two-year-old, curly blonde toddler who is my regular Sunday school student often comes willingly, excitedly to class on Sunday mornings, without the tears and separation anxiety as she leaves Nanny's lap. She's having a good day, and all is right in her little world. But on occasion, and without me being privy to anything that has been going on in her life, she will hesitantly follow me to class, lagging behind

as we walk down the hallway, and timidly whining to stay with her Nanny. There is a stage in a young child's life where separation issues surface and become evident in the big crocodile tears that fall down their cheeks, or in the wails of desperation as his or her parents or grandparents leave them in class. Usually, it takes a lot of persistence and imagination, combined with expressions of love and care, to distract them from their fear of being left behind.

The fear of separation is not limited to two-year-old toddlers. It presents itself in nearly everyone's life at some point, whether it be separation through death from a spouse, a move far from family and all that is familiar, or any number of circumstances that arise in our lives. Unfortunately, we cannot avoid certain circumstances

that will bring separation, as Romans 8:35 describes. Even as a child of my heavenly Father, I will experience things that will seemingly separate me from His love. The life we live in this world and in this body of flesh is subject to "tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword . . ." Personally, as I grow older, it feels as though the trials either are getting more frequent and intense, or else I am not dealing as well with them as I ought. Either way, I'm driven to the precious Word of God to find reassurance and solace.

I am thankful the Holy Spirit directed Paul to write in Romans 8:37–39 some of the most comforting verses for me or any believer that might entertain a thought now and then about being separated from the love of Christ. When I'm overwhelmed, these reassuring words take me to the Rock that is higher than I, calling me a "conqueror" through Christ Who loves me. There is nothing—death, life, things present, things to come (and more!)—that shall be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus. He knew me before I was born; He knows me now; and I will always be known by Him in eternity to come. There is no separation now, nor will there ever be. Thank you Lord, for Your Word that reassures me that I will never be disconnected from Your love!

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Missionary Tony & Kathy Stark

Rwanda Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

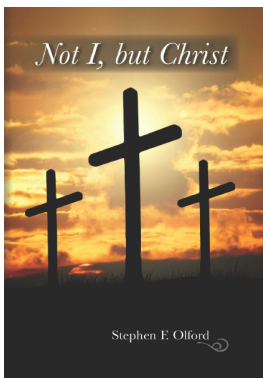
For two weeks in April and May, Missionary Tony Stark and seven other men, including Pastor Tim Fellure of Victory Baptist Church, ministered in Rwanda and Uganda. Preaching, teaching, and witnessing sounded out in homes, on streets, in churches, at taxi parks, and from the radio. Souls were saved, saints were edified, and Jesus was exalted. Reports were given of new churches being planted in both Rwanda and Uganda. Thousands of tracts in English, Kinyarwanda, Swahili, and French were given out. The container of literature did arrive and has been distributed to both countries. While people are readers, they need to be given the right things to read.

The Rwanda Project targets eleven major towns of the eleven provinces of Rwanda for the planting of Acts 1:8 churches. An Acts 1:8 church is a church committed to fulfilling the plan for reaching the world given by Jesus before He went back to Heaven. These eleven churches, operating in the power of the Holy Ghost, could reach their country with the truth. Presently two churches have been planted in two of the eleven towns, and land has been purchased in five more towns for new churches. Buildings are under construction or renovation in four of those five towns.

It was agreed by our team of men that the greatest needs in reaching Rwanda with the truth of God's Word would be more laborers and a Christian radio station. Plans have been made, a budget has been determined, and money is being given to add New Life Radio to Rwanda. Land on the new church site in Kigali has been identified as the location for the new station. With a 5000 watt transmitter, we will be able to reach the whole country of Rwanda and go across the borders into four neighboring countries. The next step will be to apply for a license and frequency for the new station. While people are listeners, they need to be given the right things to listen to.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Missionary Tony Stark at eaostark@gmail.com or check the website of eastafrikaoutreach.org.

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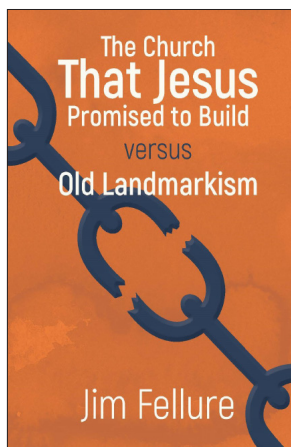
by Stephen F. Olford

Originally published in 1995, *Not I, but Christ*, has been reformatted, edited, and given a fresh new cover. Victory Baptist Press is excited to re-introduce this great classic by Stephen Olford.

Dr. Stephen F. Olford (1918–2004), founder of Olford Ministries International, Inc., was an internationally recognized preacher, evangelist, pastor, broadcaster, and Christian leader. He authored many books and preaching resources. His ministry, spanning more than sixty years, included pastorates at Duke Street Baptist Church in Richmond, England (1953–1959), and Calvary Baptist Church in New York City (1959–1973). Dr. Olford ministered the Word of God widely, especially to promote spiritual growth and a burden for revival. He also sought to encourage and equip pastors to “rightly divide the Word of Truth in the power of the Holy Spirit.” He launched the Institute for Biblical Preaching in 1980 and founded the Stephen Olford Center

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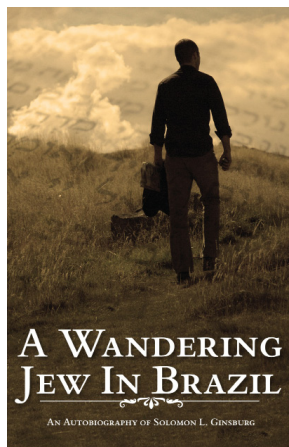
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by Jim Fellure

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The Pastor's Page

Tim Fellure

How to Behave Yourself in the House of God Ecclesiastes 5:1–7

Ecclesiastes is the reflections of a man who forsook God in his pursuit of the world, leaving him with full hands but an empty heart. Solomon's catch-phrase, "*vanity of vanities, all is vanity*" is the sobering conclusion of a life that forsakes God. After experiencing all the world had to offer, he found that all the world really has

to offer is empty promises. In chapter 7 Solomon takes up two subjects: Worship (1–7) and Wealth (8–19). He mentions the house of God in the first verse and then proceeds to give some counsel on how to conduct yourself in the house of God. In every church there is a certain order and decorum for the service—It is not just anything goes. There are some practices that all of us would say are unacceptable behaviors in the church. Maybe in your church you do not allow food in the sanctuary or children to behave like wild Indians, or you don't have open discussions during the sermon. Those activities would not be considered appropriate behavior in most churches. So Solomon instructs his readers on how to go to church.

1) Be Careful of Empty Worship

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God." Notice that the man is not there yet; he is on his way. And there is an admonition to him that he does not just conduct himself properly **IN** church, but **ON HIS WAY TO** church. You prepare for worship before you get there: how you come will affect how you worship when you arrive. Alexander McClaren said, "Acceptable worship begins before it begins." Your demeanor, your attitude, and your actions on your way to the house of God determine if you will have empty or fruitful worship once you get to church. Quoting McClaren again: "When your Sunday begins on Saturday night, the influence of it will run over into Monday." If the family fights on the way to church, they will not worship when they arrive. If you listen to worldly music on the way to church, the singing in church cannot be good enough to inspire you to worship. If your mind is filled with CNN or ESPN right up to the moment you walk in the church doors, you might as well just stay outside. If no one has read a Bible, no one has prayed, no one has memorized a Scripture verse, how do you expect church to do anything for you? But if you will come full of the Word, empty of self, ready to hear, excited to be there, then even if the singing is a little flat and the preacher has a bad day, you will still be able to meet with God.

"... and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil." If you have ever flown, you know that before take-off the stewardess has to come on the intercom system and explain all the safety rules of flying. She demonstrates how to buckle the seatbelt, where the flotation devices are located, what to do if the cabin loses pressure—and not one person listens to her. NO ONE! I don't listen to her. I have the speech about memorized myself, and I know I'm not going to need the flotation device or oxygen mask anyway. And I wonder sometimes if God doesn't feel like no one is listening. Come to hear—Don't just hear words in the background while you daydream or play on your phone.

2) Be Careful of Careless Prayer

"Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few." The verse can be applied to speech in general, but it is specifically talking about prayer. Don't be hasty to utter anything **BEFORE** GOD. Listen to the average prayer in church, and you will realize most of our public praying is just repeating canned phrases we don't even think about. Many times our hearts are not prepared to pray, and the most-oft prayed prayer in the service is a silently muttered, "Lord, please don't let the pastor call on me to pray." The prayer at the beginning of the service is the same; the prayer at the offering is the same; the prayer at the end of the service is the same.

"For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words." You can have a very busy mind and so many things on your mind at once that it will cause dreams at night. And just as being busy can cause dreams, so being a fool makes you talk too much. In the context of prayer, you don't have to pray long prayers, but do pray sincere prayers. Don't come to church and utter careless prayers.

3) Be Careful of Worthless Promises

"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay." Be careful what you say at the altar. When the missionary preaches and you get stirred up about missions and you go to the altar to surrender to the mission field, the Lord may just take you up on that. When you make a Faith Promise commitment to give a certain amount of money each week, the Lord expects you to be as faithful in Week 37 as you were in Week 1. When you meet the love of your life at that altar before the preacher and vow to love each other until the day you die, God expects you to keep that promise. When you get convicted of some sin and vow to God you will never touch it again, you better pay that vow.