

The soul searchers

Filling of the spirit part of Pentecostal theology

A change of commitment and priorities is necessary in the life of a "born again Christian" according to Sandy Assembly of God Pastor Raymond Alcorn.

"Being born again is to accept Christ and His commandments," Alcorn said. "This necessitates changing commitment."

Alcorn said that the true repentance needed to become a Christian is followed by a genuine change in a person's life.

The 44-year-old pastor and his family have been at the Sandy Assembly of God for three years. He says that he has seen growth in the church, but not in every department of the church.

"There's been growth in new people," Alcorn noted. "There have been a lot of visitors and many of them are staying."

Attendance in any church is hard to maintain according to Alcorn. At the Sandy Assembly of God Church the average attendance ranges from 200 to 350 people.

"I'm striving for a family church, not just a revival center," said Alcorn.

"I want them committed to the church," he added. "It makes for a better community and citizens too."

Alcorn said his church has two main priorities, the first being to maintain a place for families to worship.

The second responsibility is to fill the great commandment of the Lord to go out and spread the Gospel."

The Assembly of God Church does not consider itself a denomination.

"It's a fellowship," said Alcorn. A delicate balance is maintained between the local church and the national office. The local church is not required to pay any dues.

The Sandy Assembly of God Church is what is known as a Pentecostal fellowship.

According to Alcorn, Pentecostal churches differ from the charismatic movement.

Pentecostal worship, he said, has been "an established way of worship for some 65-70 years that's proven to be harmonious and capable of expansion of the Gospel."

Alcorn said the charismatic movement consists of many members of non-Pentecostal denominations who have "received the Holy Spirit."

"They don't have organization," said Alcorn.

He added that this "move of the Holy Spirit in all

denominations has brought many people out of their denominations." Alcorn said many of these people don't know what to do with themselves after this experience.

In Pentecostal theology, the "infilling of the Holy Spirit" is different from the experience of being a "born again Christian."

"We believe the infilling of the Holy Spirit is a second definite act of grace," he said.

Pentecostals often refer to this infilling as an Acts 2 experience, named for the passage of the Bible which describes Pentecost.

In that Biblical scene, some 120 disciples were in an upper room in Jerusalem when "there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting."

"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."

Alcorn differentiated between what he called the fruits of the spirit and the gifts of being. The gifts of being, as listed in Galatians 4:22 and 23, (love, joy, peace, faith, etc.), should be in the life of every Christian.

The gifts of the Spirit, which are given after "Acts 2 experience" and include speaking in tongues, are gifts of ministry.

"That's why many churches aren't doing anything," said Alcorn. "They deny the gifts of ministry."

Alcorn said that he has seen a hunger in people to come to God.

"People want a place to worship now and want to know the truth. The truth is that Jesus Christ died to help them."

Although Alcorn acknowledges that Assembly of God churches are sometimes exuberant in their worship, he added that people do not make spectacles of themselves. Most of the time the emotions showed are "subtle and quieting."

Worship practices may vary. Alcorn recently had the 125 people attending an evening service stand around the front, join hands and pray for each other.

"There is a lot of emotion when you pray for each other and their needs," said Alcorn. "But you're going to have

emotion and we're not afraid of emotion."

The local church activities are family oriented, said Alcorn.

There is a Royal Rangers group for boys ages 5-13 years old. The Royal Rangers have activities such as camping which incorporates spiritual truths, said Alcorn. A group called the Missionettes stresses homemaking skills and spiritual truths to girls ages 6-14.

The church has a bus ministry which picks up patients from local nursing homes and brings them to the church each Sunday. And a team from the church regularly goes to the rest homes for visits. The Women's Ministries of the church is also active.

There are currently two adult Sunday School classes in the church. One of these classes is geared toward newcomers.

Alcorn said he started the class four months ago with three people. Average attendance has now risen to 30 people.

The class consists of fundamentals of the faith, an introduction to the church, and discussion of Bible truths to live by.

"I don't care two hoots for Bible truths you can't live by," said Alcorn.

The church recently gained the services of a full time minister of music, Tim DeRusso. There has been growth in both the sanctuary choir and the youth choir since he came to the church.

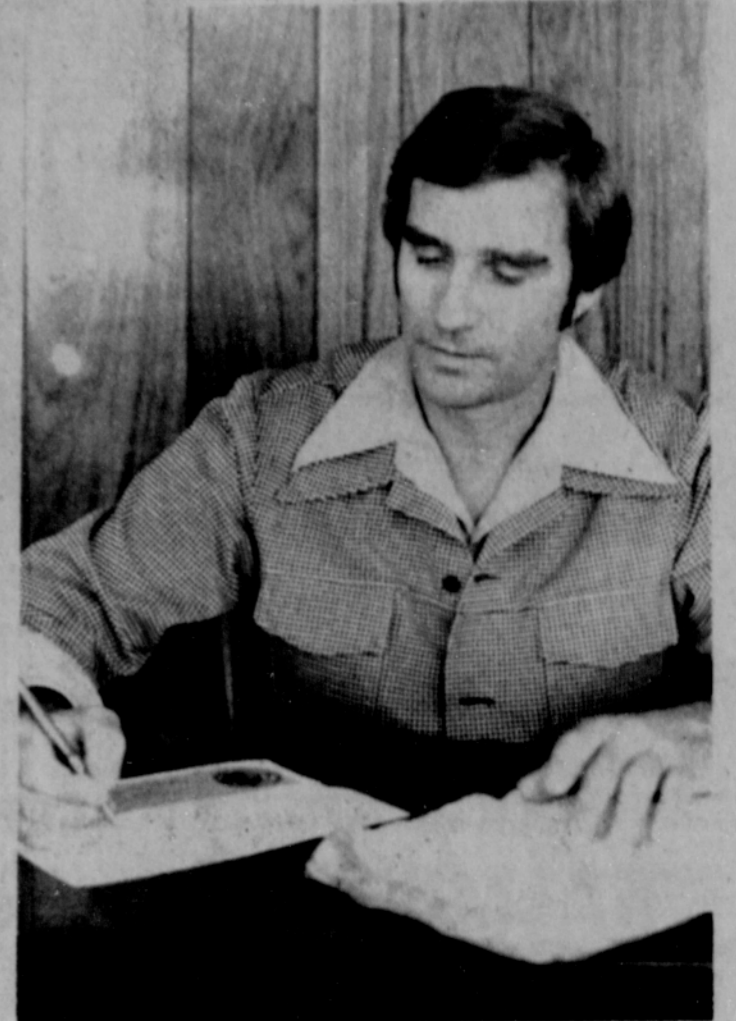
A vocal ensemble which could perform at various functions of the city is also in the plans of the church and Alcorn said the church is also working on setting up a junior choir program.

Alcorn said the Sandy of Assembly of God Church is one of the most generous churches he has ever pastored.

Out of 8,000 Assembly of God churches in the United States two years ago, the Sandy Assembly of God Church was 70th in giving to world missionaries with \$28,000 worth of donations.

Alcorn said he would like to see the ministers of the community working together in their common concerns. One of the first ways he would like to see this happen would be in playing a larger role in the high school baccalaureate ceremonies in the spring.

"I just want to help, not take over."



Pastor Raymond Alcorn

Community School programs geared to holidays

The Sandy Community School has announced several activities to help people prepare for the holidays.

A Christmas ornament workshop will be held on Monday afternoon, Nov. 1. Demonstrations will be given on how to make calico wreaths, recycled Christmas cards, dough art, broken glass wreaths and bejeweled ornaments.

'Fun night' set for grange

The Sandy Grange will host a "fun night" on Saturday, Oct. 30.

The evening will begin with an old-fashioned box social after which there will be games such as pinocle, 500, Yahtze, checkers, etc.

The "fun night" will be held at the Sandy Grange Hall on Kelso Road.

For further information call Adela Reckman at 668-4866.

Those with favorite ornaments have been asked to bring their ideas to the class.

A Christmas card clinic will be held on Monday, Nov. 8 in the Community School trailer.

Demonstrations will include linoleum block printing for cards and gift wraps as well as cards designed with construction paper.

Participants in the 1 p.m. Nov. 15 bread basket class will make a basket to take home.

Class members will design baskets out of a special dough which looks like bread after baking. Leader Kathi Hedin will demonstrate a variety of dough weaving styles during the clinic.

Supply lists for the class are available at the Sandy Community School trailer.

Pre-registration is required for the corn husk wreath class scheduled Monday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. in the Community School trailer.

Dorothy Mills will demonstrate a traditional Bohemian roll that can be filled with a variety of toppings in the 7 p.m. Monday Nov. 1 Kolache class.

The class will be held in the Sandy Upper Grade home economics room and pre-registration is requested.

A Christmas tree holiday bread class will be held on Monday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Sandy Upper Grade home economics room.

Joann Seeger will teach this class and will use a basic recipe and filling to create a Christmas tree which will be suitable for eating.

The basics of dry flower arranging will be given in a Tuesday, Nov. 23 to be held at 7 p.m. in the Community School trailer.

Dried items will be available for purchase at a nominal fee and students are requested to bring a container and dry flowers or "weeds" to use in the class.

Christmas swags and centerpieces will be the topic of a session sponsored by the Sandy Garden Club on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Fresh greens will be available at a nominal fee during the class and these greens will last through the holidays.

Community School Coordinator Judy Sheppard has asked that participants register

early for classes so class material can be made available. For more information on any of these programs contact the Community School, 665-3744.

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Sandy 4-H clubs reorganizing

Most Sandy 4-H clubs will be reorganizing in the next weeks for the current club year, according to Sandy 4-H coordinator Ellen Ten Eyck.

Mrs. Ten Eyck said that last year Sandy had 17 clubs led by 24 leaders with 236 total members. She added that many of these members belonged to more than one club so the ac-

tual total of members was somewhat lower.

This year leaders are available in the following areas: dogs, beef (three clubs), sewing (three clubs), cooking (two clubs), horse (five clubs), leathercraft and rabbits. Other club leaders are available in sheep, dairy goats, tractor, swine, archery, vegetable and

flower gardening and photography.

Mrs. Ten Eyck said there is sufficient interest for clubs in outdoorsmanship, geology and bicycling if a leader can be found.

Anyone wishing to take over a 4-H club may contact Mrs. Ten Eyck at 668-7326.

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