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# AEA Ministry *Spotlight*

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### Chaplain Services

Spiritual, emotional and relationship challenges often seem overwhelming and sometimes separate us from the joy of the Father, but as with all of life's trials and burdens, God often provides clear direction and guidance for overcoming life's circumstances through the advice of wise counsel.

Our Ministry Chaplains are prepared to help and assist you in these challenges through prayer, Scripture, and biblical precepts. Members can access Chaplain Services through a toll-free number, 7 days a week by calling 1-800-814-8671.



## AEA 50th Annual Conference

October 20-23, 2004 Melbourne, FL

### Meet Our Guest Speaker!

Douglas Weiss, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of Heart to Heart Counseling Center. Dr. Weiss speaks to audiences internationally on building successful relationships for men, women, couples and singleness.

Weiss has been on numerous national television and radio shows including Oprah, Sally Jesse Raphael, Phil Donohue, Good Morning America, Trinity Broadcast Network (TBN), James Robison's Life Today, and the 700 Club. The Lifetime Network Television aired a show based on Weiss's professional career as a counselor who specializes in the treatment of sexual addiction. The show entitled Sex, Lies and Obsession reveals the life changes that occurred in a couples life after seeking counseling with Douglas Weiss and is based on a true story.

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In addition to being a popular nationally requested speaker and counselor, Doug Weiss has authored more than a dozen books and tapes relating to subjects from developing intimacy in marriage, men's and women's issues to the treatment of issues pertaining to sexual addiction.

Weiss's writings have also appeared in numerous periodicals including New Man Magazine, Spirit Led Women, and many others.

Douglas Weiss holds degrees in Pastoral Ministries, Divinity, Marriage and Family Counseling and Psychology. He and his wife Lisa live in Colorado Springs, Colorado with their children Hadassah (9) and Jubal (8).

## Schedule of Events October 20-23, 2004

<b>Wednesday</b>	5:00 P.M.	Registration	Headquarters Chapel
	7:00 P.M.	Chairman's Reception	Reinhold Home
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 A.M.	AEA Communities of Care Workshop	Headquarters Chapel
	10:30 A.M.	Break	
	10:45 A.M.	Workshop Continued	
	12:00 P.M.	Lunch	
	1:30 P.M.	AEA Ministry Cavalcade	Headquarters Chapel
	3:00 P.M.	Break	
	3:20 P.M.	AEA Ministry Cavalcade	
	4:30 P.M.	Break until Evening Session	
	7:00 P.M.	Dr. Doug Weiss	Tabernacle Church
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 A.M.	AEA Ministry Cavalcade	Headquarters Chapel
	10:30 A.M.	Break	
	10:45 A.M.	AEA Ministry Cavalcade	Headquarters Chapel
	12:00 P.M.	Lunch	
	1:30 P.M.	Ask Dr. Weiss	Headquarters Chapel
	3:30 P.M.	Break	
	4:00 P.M.	AEA Ministry Cavalcade	Headquarters Chapel
	5:00 P.M.	Break	
	7:00 P.M.	Dr. Doug Weiss	Calvary Chapel, Melbourne
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 A.M.	Meeting of AEA Administrative Board of Elders	

## A Lively Update Ron Lively, Medical Mobilizers

### Promise Keepers

Your prayers and financial support help me accomplish a variety of ministry related activities. Serving as a home missionary with your prayers and support, I was recently able to help another great ministry called PastorCare which is developing a national network for pastors in need of any kind of help offered by members of the network.

Go to [www.PastorCare.org](http://www.PastorCare.org) to become part of this great outreach. Rev. Bert Moore, the founder of PC, asked if I could help in his time of need. Having been diagnosed with lung cancer recently, Bert needed someone to assist with the PC booths at several Promise Keepers conferences. I just helped with the Memphis PK conference with 6,500 men and then the following weekend at the Indianapolis PK conference which had nearly 16,000 men. PK permits PastorCare to exhibit at each conference since they know pastors today are hurting and are in need of prayers and helpful resources. I was able to promote our ministries as well which was a rich blessing. We are in the process of launching Christian Wellness Association and WellLIFE Centers which I was able to promote along with Medical Mobilizers. The most valuable benefit though was getting to take my son Joshua with me to the Memphis conference.

Suggested Resource: Consider Business Reform magazine at [www.businessreform.com](http://www.businessreform.com).

### Global Missions Health Missions Conference

The next Global Missions Health Missions Conference (GMHC) at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY is Nov. 11-13 with Joni Eareckson Tada as the keynote speaker. Medical Mobilizers will have a booth so please plan to visit if you attend. This is an awesome conference highlighting medical mission opportunities, great speakers, and great fellowship. Go to [www.medicalmissions.com](http://www.medicalmissions.com) for more information. Since 1996, Southeast Christian Church has hosted what has become the largest conference of its kind in the world, the Global Missions Health Conference. Whether you have been involved in

medical missions for a long time or are interested in getting involved for the first time, this conference is the ideal atmosphere for you. Every year we are privileged to hear from internationally known experts, glean important information and experience from colleagues, and derive encouragement and inspiration from others with the passion for serving the cause of Christ through missions. The Global Missions Health Conference exists to inform, train, and equip health care professionals and students to use their medical skills to further God's kingdom, all through sharing the Gospel with those in need on both the international and domestic mission field.

### Christian Care Medi-Share Program

With health insurance premiums getting out of reach for so many, there seems to be more interest in the Christian Care Medi-Share program. Personally, we have used this as our preferred healthcare program since 1996. It is affordable, real care, flexible, non-profit and has accountability. We have filed three surgeries with satisfaction. 100% of the bills above our \$250 out of pocket expense were paid by the monthly shares from the membership. We received notes of prayer support and encouragement from other members. Basically, this is a non-insurance alternative. Healthcare providers should encourage patients in need to consider this program resulting in less accounts receivables and write-offs. Christians may want to make this their preferred program as a matter of stewardship. Bottom line is that this is a very workable solution for the Church as we share each other's major medical burdens and our prayers for health related needs. Contact CCM's regional elder Gordon Shoemaker at 800-747-3389 or email him at [gordon@tccm.org](mailto:gordon@tccm.org).

Thanks for your interest, prayers and support. We stay committed to the mission of helping to "mobilize medical professionals for ministry and missions." Please pray about joining our support team to strengthen these medical ministries. Consider Habakkuk 2:4 - "the righteous will live by his faith" (alone). This verse influenced Martin Luther and the Reformation.

# Are We In Danger of Losing A Powerful Life Changing Message?

Dr. James Nicholls

We used to sing about it.  
We used to hear a lot of preaching about it.  
There were many life changing sermons about it.  
It challenged sinners - turned scoundrels into saints -  
changed thieves into law abiding citizens.

Billy Sunday, the famed Evangelist of yesteryears challenged the worst kind of sinners to sit on the front seat in his Crusade for three nights, and not have their lives changed by it.

Methodists preached it. Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Baptists and Independents all preached it, but today it is strangely quiet and has almost become a lost message. What has happened and why?

Let me tell you what certain church leaders told me. The place was Vancouver B. C. Canada. The building was the famed St. Giles United Church, (patterned after the famous St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Edinburgh, Scotland). It had been one of Canada's great strongholds of Bible believing Christianity. Many of the great preachers and Bible expositor's had preached from its pulpit. Back in the 1920's the great apostasy came into being and the United Church of Canada was formed. It resulted in the fact that many of the Presbyterian Churches were no longer Presbyterian and many of the Methodist churches were no longer Methodists.

What happened? The answer simply stated is that the Churches lost their message. They became part of what became known as liberal theology. The result was that hundreds of what were once vital centers of Christianity dwindled down to a mere handful and became a skeleton of what they once were. A church that had been full with close to 2,000 people was reduced down to 25 or 50 people.

In the same area, an independent, strong Bible teaching ministry under the leadership of Dr. W. J. Ern Baxter exploded. Larger facilities were needed. After numerous attempts, St. Giles United church was sold to this Independent ministry. It wasn't long until this large church was filled with people desirous of hearing Bible centered preaching.

You guessed it. Yes, it caught the attention of the officials at the headquarters of the United Church of Canada. They felt they needed to discover why we succeeded when they couldn't. They would bring in their best speakers and could only muster 25 to 50 people in an auditorium that seated close to 2,000 people.

On three different occasions, delegation came to seek out the answer. I, as Dr. Baxter's associate met with them. Let me reiterate the occasions. Each of the delegations was anxious to see what we had done with the auditorium. All we had done was seek to restore it back to its original setting. We had enlarged the platform to accommodate the choir and piano. They were pleased with the appearance but were still puzzled as to why we succeeded when they couldn't. I explained that what we were preaching was strong Biblical centered, we were very evangelical. This is the message people want to hear. That is why they flock to this church. They like what we preach and as a result many were turning their life over to the Lord. We are having many conversions as a result. That didn't seem to satisfy them.

Noticing one of the officials in the delegation had picked up one of our hymnals from one of the pews, and thumbing through it, I asked him as to whether there were any hymns in it that were not in their hymnal. His response was a quick and very emphatic, "yes!" I asked him, "What are they?"

I was shocked at his response. He replied: Here's one. "What can wash away my sins, nothing but the blood of Jesus." Enquiring further, I asked are there others? He quickly stated, "Wash me in the blood of the Lamb and I shall be whiter than snow." I followed through with another query. He was ready with another, "There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel's veins."

Then I asked him why they had taken those hymns out of their hymnals? I must confess I was not ready for his quick response; it was very revealing. He just spit out the answer, "Why, it is slaughter house religion. They are an insult to our aesthetic senses. Who wants to be reminded of blood, blood, blood. It's slaughter house religion. It's an insult to people's aesthetic senses!"

## Are We In Danger of Losing A Powerful Life Changing Message? continued

At this outburst, the delegation of very distinguished clergymen turned their eyes on me, no doubt wondering what would be my reaction. My response was very direct and right to the point, "I think you have just discovered the answer to your question as to why we succeeded and the United Church of Canada, even with their best speakers couldn't. You see, these hymns and others you have taken out of your hymnals are in ours. Some of these hymns you took out of your hymnals, we sing in almost every service. They are a part of what we believe and preach."

"What you call a slaughter house religion and being an insult to people's aesthetic senses is a Biblical truth, we don't only sing about it, we preach it! The Bible tells us that without the shedding of blood there is no remission." The Bible tells us that "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses from all sin." There is no other way. These hymns declare a Biblical message, we sing it; we preach it."

The Bible tells us that "the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God." The Apostle Paul declared unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you . . .by which also you are saved . . . I delivered unto you that which I also received, how Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He arose the third day according to the Scriptures

The Book of Revelation tells us that they overcame - by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of their testimony. The questions we need to ask today, is: "Will the Church face reality and gird themselves with truth? Is the Church going to continue to "Tell the Old Old Story of Jesus and His love," or is it going to trim their message to please the carnal man?

Alas, I am afraid far too many churches are like Esau, they have sold their birthright for temporal gain. The church today needs to get back to singing some of the old hymns like; "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross. Lift high, His royal banner, it must not suffer loss." Then, there is another hymn we need to sing earnestly and prayerfully; "Revive us again, fill each heart with Thy love, May each soul be rekindled with fire from above." There is still another song that needs to come from the depths of our soul, "Keep me true, Lord Jesus, Keep me true. Keep me true, Lord Jesus, keep me true. There's a race that I must run. There are victories to be won. Every hour, keep me true, keep me true."

## AEA Ministers Workshop

By Tom Snyder

Imagine you are an F-18 Fighter pilot about to begin one of your mandatory post mission critiques. In these meetings no rank is considered, no personal feelings will dominate discussion, just hard, clear, critical analysis of the team's performance is appropriate. Achieving the highest possible performance to the Commander's excellence goals is the purpose.

This is what we will do together on October 21st at 9:00 AM as we gather as ministers (servants) who represent King Jesus and His Kingdom. We will dispose ourselves to consider seven major areas where our American churches are falling short. Then, together we will determine what we believe Our Commander has to say about how to correct these errors.

Come expecting to be personally and doctrinally stretched as we collectively think outside the boxes of traditions that may be keeping us bound to a rut of mediocre effectiveness. This will not be a "feel good" presentation for observers, but a workshop for those who are committed and obedient servants.

## Chairman's Corner



With Dr. E. John Reinhold

### Talk About Obstacles...

Coming up to our 50th Anniversary Celebration Meeting of AEA, along comes Jeanne, Hurricane Jeanne that is. The ministry had power outages for the second time this season and employees were sealing up roof leaks, clearing trees, and picking up pieces of everything that had blown off their homes and those of neighbors. The net result to us is that motels and hotels are filled with people who can't live in their domiciles. Dr. Ed Smith had to cancel when 75 people planning to be at the meeting to take Theophostic Counseling training could not find places to stay overnight.

Dr. Doug Weis is still scheduled to be with us for Thursday and Friday. Don't miss this important message. Dr. Weis is the foremost Christian authority on sex addictions. Very few in the church are addressing this issue and it affects millions of believers. Some surveys suggest that more than 70% of pastors are regular visitors on pornographic websites. Almost all of our AEA pastors report having to deal with these issues in counseling sessions. AEA will be in a joint session with the 5,800 member Calvary Chapel for Friday's final meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the Chairman's reception on Wednesday night at our Carriage Gate home, just three blocks from the ministry office.

As the Nike ads say: Just do it.

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## Household of Faith Ministry



Virginia Bieber, BCC, MBC

Herein is an update of the Household of Faith ministry since the last AEA Conference. Interestingly enough, God indeed is moving me "from where I was, to where I needed to be, so He can move me to where He wants me to be." As a result of dropping Reverend from the title of my name, it appears that I have become more acceptable to some churches as a respected Counselor and Educator. One of my goals is to be an accepted professional provider which will open another option for potential counselees. In addition, adding a local respected Certified Social Worker to my ministry staff has opened areas previously closed to me.

I've had the honor of having been invited as the first Caucasian woman minister to interact with the English speaking ministry of the younger group of one of the Korean Methodist churches in Plainview, Long Island. This younger half of their church exemplifies their future growth and direction in Christ as they reach out from their own to embrace and learn from others. Stepping out to interact and learn from one of God's non-Korean educators has honored me as a viable provider. The in-depth seminar covering "The Healing of Wounded Emotions" was positively received as a two-day offering.

Moreover, I was accepted as the first female Educator to run a seminar for our Savior Lutheran Church in Centereach, Long Island and was recently invited to provide a seminar for The Lutheran Brethren Evangelical Women's Retreat in Pennsylvania. I am scheduled to preach in the Spring of 2005.

"The Healing of Wounded Emotions" appears to be an area that God wants His people to be acquainted with, and it is an honor for me to share His knowledge and direction with His people.



# Refuge Ministries Update

Jeff Harshbarger

We were in The Netherlands April 8-13. What a wonderful and eye opening experience! We were ministering to a congregation from various parts of Africa. The Pastor and his wife, Eddie and Eva Kwapong, are from Ghana. In other words, we were in The Netherlands ministering in an African church. It was incredible! The people were very warm and welcoming. The praise and worship portion of church was tremendous. I even danced with the church members on Sunday morning in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. Try to picture it!

I shared my testimony of deliverance from Satanism on Good Friday. This really ministered to them because most of them have come from a mediumistic background. Saturday evening I taught on deliverance and led the congregation through prayers of shutting doors to the powers of darkness and forgiveness. Sunday morning was a time of celebration, and the pastor, Liz, and I anointed the whole congregation with oil and prayed over them. It was an experience that I will never forget. We have plans to not only return, but to travel to Ghana with the pastor and his wife.

The eye opening experience was the condition of the country. The Netherlands have openly stated from the government leaders that they do not need God. There are no churches there. There are a few older Catholic churches that are standing, but they are usually a historic site. The country has legalized prostitution and the government distributes drugs to its citizens. The general population pays close to 40% in taxes and do not have the opportunity to move from one social class to the next. As we spoke to individuals there was a strong spirit of hopelessness.

There is a strong presence of witchcraft, not Wicca, in the country. Individuals are looking for 'power' in order to get out of the situation of oppression. The pastor and his wife are called to do the work that they are doing in this country and Refuge Ministries is going to support them in any way that we can.

Refuge Ministries is in need of your help. We have set out to be used by God to be help and strength to those in their time of need Psalm 46:1, 2. We have been working with many that are in need of further assistance. They need a place of refuge to come to for their help. They are in need of resources; books, tapes etc. They are in need and we desire to help them. I, Jeff Harshbarger, know what it is like to have need. I was demon possessed. I was hungry and naked. However, I was helped by a Christian couple, Harry and Jo Richardson. Now, Refuge Ministries wants to help others in their time of need.

Refuge Ministries would like to offer tangible help by offering The Refuge, a place of peace and serenity. It is our vision to offer Biblical counsel, prayer and intervention to those that are in need. Therefore, we need your help. We are asking you to partner with us by committing to financially supporting this ministry. We need monthly partners who will commit to giving of their resources so that others may be set free as the Lord has set me free. Will you help us to help those in their time of need?

## donate

All donations are tax deductible and may be sent to: Refuge Ministries, PO Box 1273, Thomson GA 30824. For more information, please see our website: [www.refugeministries.cc](http://www.refugeministries.cc)

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