

Chapter 15 A Mini Chapter

Tragedy at Lakewood Church Houston

You would think that something like this would never happen at the largest church in America with weekly attendance of about 45,000 people. I'll give you a hint of what it is but first let me say that every time the Osteen family speaks they give an altar call at the end of the meeting. This includes Joel, Paul and Lisa who are the main speakers at the church. When ever Joel has a guest speaker he concludes the service with an altar call if the guest speaker does not. This account is a true story that my family and I lived through and are continuing to experience. It has been one of the most difficult and trying times in my ministry.

It all started 4 years and 7 months ago on top of South Mountain in Phoenix Arizona. My wife Jane, granddaughter Samantha and I were going to pray every Tuesday morning on South Mountain as we had done for years. God had given us some wonderful experiences and directions in our lives during those few hours of prayer and meditation there. We used to be at the entrance gate of South Mountain Park when it opened sometime around 4:00 am. It was about 2 miles from where we lived on Southern Avenue. It was dark and quiet there above the beautiful city lights of Phoenix below. We took blankets and made a small tent (tallit) or prayer closet as Jesus talked about in Matthew 6:5. Sometimes it rained, snowed but mostly it was hot and dry as is typical to Phoenix weather. It was May of 2007 when we were going over our prayer list which contained a few hundred requests for various need of many people. Sam had read her little kiddy Bible story to us out of a book someone had given to her. Jane was reading the list of prayers while I was in deep concentration and out of my clear conscious mind I heard the strong voice of God say move to Houston. I was stunned and shocked. We had been to Houston only one time and that was in July 1992 when Jane was an elected delegate from Arizona for President George Bush senior. I went along as a newspaper reporter for the newspaper we owned at the time the Wild West News. My memories of Houston were not good. It was very hot in July and we had very little money. We had to stay with a volunteer single lady that worked and was not happy when she took us to the Houston Astro dome where the convention was held. Jane was there to represent the pro-life part of the platform.

The reason I was shocked about this call to move to Houston was because we loved Arizona. I was track chaplain at all of the drag race tracks in the state. We were holding chapel services all over the state at the race tracks. People were getting saved, healed and reached for God through our ministry. We were going to the greatest Church in the world Phoenix 1st Assembly of God with pastor Tommy Barnett the worlds greatest pastor. That was our opinion anyway. Why go to Houston ? I don't know but I was sure it was God talking to me. You may have read earlier in this book how we gave away every thing we owned except for our clothes and tools that we used in our home internet business. We rented a house unseen on the internet and got 2 one way plane tickets to Houston. Our son, Abe who we were in partners with in business agreed to come too. He drove our vehicles out with the help of one of our other sons, Wes and his wife Tabitha.

Jane had been watching Joel Osteen on TV and we started attending his church , Lakewood the next day we after got to town. I saw in the church bulletin that the wife of one of the ministers named Marcos Witt was

speaking at the class that was held every Wednesday before the Wednesday evening service. She was to speak on how she got a house and we needed one too. We sat on the front row and I was the only man there which I thought was strange until I found out it was a ladies only meeting. After the meeting one of the leaders approached me and thanked me for coming and informed me that the men had their own meeting down the hall. I attended my first men's meeting in July 2007 and I have missed only about 3 meetings in 4 and ½ years. Jim Lewis was the leader and I got acquainted with him the first meeting. About the 7th meeting the men were giving reports of experiences that they had at the men's encounter which was a weekend spiritual overnight event held out of town at a camp ground. Robert Ramirez was the last man to speak. He began to cry. "I enjoyed the encounter but my life is a wreck. I have no work at my business and my wife is going to leave me." he cried. Jim said "OK brother we will get someone to pray with you at the end of the meeting." I sat there steaming for a few minutes and I jumped up and said "Jesus told us to bear one and others burdens and for those of us who are strong in faith to pray for those who are weak in faith." Can we pray for this brother right now? I asked?" Jim said sure. I held Roberts hands and began to pray, soon I was joined by about 90% of the group some praying in Spanish some in English and me praying in English and the Holy Ghost tongues. 2 weeks later Robert introduced me to his wife who had started coming to the ladies meeting. He had gotten so much work in his construction business that he started missing Wednesday men's meetings but I still loved him. A few weeks after that prayer meeting Jim asked me to speak to the men. Now Lakewood is a very refined, detailed, structured church and every speaker has to present an outline of his message or lesson before they speak. This is OK but I have never had to have my sermons pre approved in 35 years of preaching. I felt led of God to speak on the Holy Ghost. I started out in Acts 1:8 where Jesus told his disciples to be filled with the Holy Ghost and go out and witness. From there I spoke about the Upper room experience where the Holy Ghost fell on the 120 present. I ended up where Paul laid hands on the believers in Acts 19:6. Men came forward and the Holy Spirit moved. We had men laying all over the floor talking to God in their Heavenly language. Jim Lewis was so moved that he renamed the men's meeting the "upper room" and called it the men's rally. At that time we had about 120 men attending the meetings. I spoke about 2 more times and had invitations for men to come forward for prayer every time I spoke. The men had prayer in circle out in the hall before every meeting and the Holy Spirit moved at those little prayer meetings.

They had three regular men that rotated the preaching who spoke using printed handouts that got gradually more boring. They never had an altar call for the next 3 years. The Holy Spirit never moved again like in those days in 2007. All the time I was praying for the men's meeting on a weekly basis from our written daily prayer list and many times I prayed for them on other days. I wrote in my Bible in March of 2008 3 main requests which were, #1. Let the Holy Spirit move. #2. Teach the men to go outside the church and be soul winners. #3. Give an altar call at every meeting. I spoke to Jim about how Dr. [David Yonggi Cho](#) in Korea had thousands of people praying under the church platform all the while he preached to the worlds largest church of over 500,000 members. I suggested to him that we have men praying for the service.

He said good you get the men and you pray. So I appointed 4 men to sit in the 4 corners of the Upper Room. 2 of them lasted about 6 months and they quit coming and 2 remained until the ministry was shut down in June of 2011. Well none of the 3 prayer requests happened for the next 3 years. I told Jim that I had 3 requests for the rally but I did not tell him what they were. Now all the time Jim had a board of directors that met and advised him. My name was submitted to become a member of that group but Jim rejected me and his reason was this "Chuck wants to see the Holy Spirit fall in every meeting and we can't have that". He was right because each of the 3 times I preached I started off with this prayer. Dear God send your Holy spirit to help us and guide us. Without your Holy Spirit this meeting is like a clanging cymbal and tinkling bell. It is like an Elks club or bowling club meeting. I did not necessarily want to see a move like the original upper room but I wanted the Holy Spirit to be welcome in that place. Jim also did not see the value in personal soul winning outside the church and ridiculed it. He once said "I don't want to hear about someone bragging about winning 30 souls. I want men to be disciplined". You can't disciple sinners I reasoned in my heart. We need to get these guys saved first.

The attendance began to drop and went down to about 15. The messages were harsh and embarrassing, filled with insults and spirit quenching verbal daggers. At one meeting in late 2010 Jim told the men he didn't care if the attendance got down to 2. Now Jim was a guy that was tender and would listen to good council. I went directly to him after the meeting and told him that it was not wise to tell the men he didn't care if they came or not. Most of the men were new Christians and some were not even saved. A message like that would make them feel like they were not wanted. They would think in their minds that he gets paid whether we come or not and it is easier to take care of 2 than 200. Jim agreed and accepted my advice started talking differently to the men and the attendance went up to about 35 to 40.

Around New Years of 2010 I brought to the rally a black plastic garbage bag with a gallon of distilled water, a towel and a stainless steel basin inside it. About the middle of the meeting they were taking testimonies. I walked to the front of the room and took out the pan and poured the water into the basin. I read the scripture where Jesus washed the 12 disciples feet at the last supper. I asked Jim who was sitting on the front row to come and let me wash his feet. I told Jim that I backed him up and offered to help him in any way I could. I would pass out papers greet the men at the door, or what ever he wanted. He asked me to pray the closing prayer. I agreed and I prayed at that meeting and had an altar call. The next week Jim asked me to pray the closing prayer again. I would read a scripture and tie it to an invitation for men to make a commitment to Jesus just like Jesus did. I began to give testimonies of my personal experiences during the week as I went about soul winning every where we went. Jim made my little admonition a regular part of the meeting and told the men this was "Chucks job". On the way to the front of the room to speak I prayed out loud for the Holy spirit to come and help us. The attendance began to grow and got up to about 100 and in May Jim went on vacation. He left Terry Young in charge and he had me close out the meetings. I continued after Jim got back and tried to teach the men soul winning and altar calls in the few minutes I was given at each meeting. I felt that as long as we had altar calls

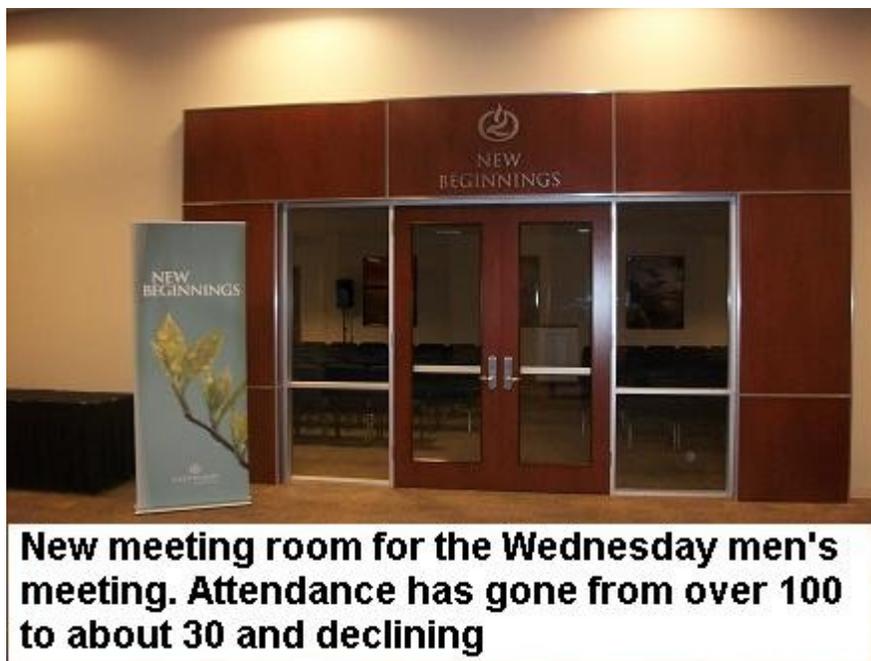
and lifted up the name of Jesus he was obligated to send men to meet him at the meetings.

Then out of the clear blue sky in early June Jim announced he was quitting the men's ministry and it would be shut down for the summer or until further notice. I was devastated.

I went directly to the top and had a talk with Joel Osteen. I asked him why he shut down the men's ministry and said he did not shut it down. After a few more minutes I again expressed dissatisfaction with the ministry being shut down. Finally he said again I did not shut it down but God will take care of it and that was comforting I must admit. I started to inquire around the church about what was going on and found out that a hired guy named Craig Johnson had been put in charge of all these decisions. He had been hired from West Covina church in California to direct the children's ministry and had gained the ear of Joel. He was then promoted to a job like an assistant adviser to Joe. I heard from an unnamed source that he had written a book about leadership, named Leading Vertically. After reading the book I knew it was him that had shut the men's ministry down.

New men's ministry launched

The next Wednesday I cornered Craig after the church service and expressed my concern over the



ministry being shut down. I found Craig very approachable and he seemed to be caring and kind. He said that they were “brain storming” the issue and assured me that the men's ministry would be brought back. In the book I had read that in his former Church the men met on a different day than Wednesday. I told him that we lived 45 miles from the church and it was hard for us to add another day to our busy schedule to come to Lakewood. Also we were bringing some ladies to church on Wednesdays

for the ladies meeting. Now that the men's meeting was shut down we would not be bringing the ladies on Wednesday. I asked Craig to please let the men's meeting start back up on Wednesdays. We increased our prayers about the matter and 2 weeks later an announcement appeared in the weekly church bulletin at Lakewood. They were going to have a meeting in the Chapel on the 3rd floor regarding the men's ministry. That meeting was to announce the future plans of the ministry. It was headed by Paul Osteen, Joel's older brother. He introduced Craig Johnson and it was very clear it was he who had masterminded the whole matter. He explained that they were dividing the men's ministry into 4 parts with John Bowman over the entire ministry. #1. The

Wednesday evening mens' meeting was going to resume but it was going to be held on the 2nd floor at the top of the escalators and across from the entrance to the main sanctuary. Every one would have to pass by it to get to the main services. The new men's meeting was going to called 20/20/ The format was that the first 20 minutes of the meeting was to be a lesson given by a speaker or one of the leaders. Then the men were to break up in to groups of 3 and discuss the lesson. The last 5 minutes was to be a conclusion and closing prayer. They designated Todd Hull as the head of this department. #2. Media ministry was launched to possibly get the meeting on T.V. or on the internet. This is something I had proposed 8 months ago at the men's rally and got laughed at. It has been 3 months and this division has done zero. #3. A business men's weekly meeting to teach and encourage men to do Christian business was to be held on Sunday afternoons. #4. Athletes and celebrity division. An ex pro football player named J.J. Moses heads up this division. He was supposed to bring in celebrities and famous athletes to hold meetings on the week ends. So far none has been scheduled. At that meeting in the chapel there were about 350 men in attendance. After the meeting I met with Paul Osteen and told him that according to a George Barna survey there were at least 10% of the men present that were headed for hell and no invitation was given for them to change directions. He just shrugged it off. I approached Todd Hull with the same concern. He assured me that when he took over the weekly men's meeting he would make sure that an altar call was given. 4 months later he denied that he had made that commitment.

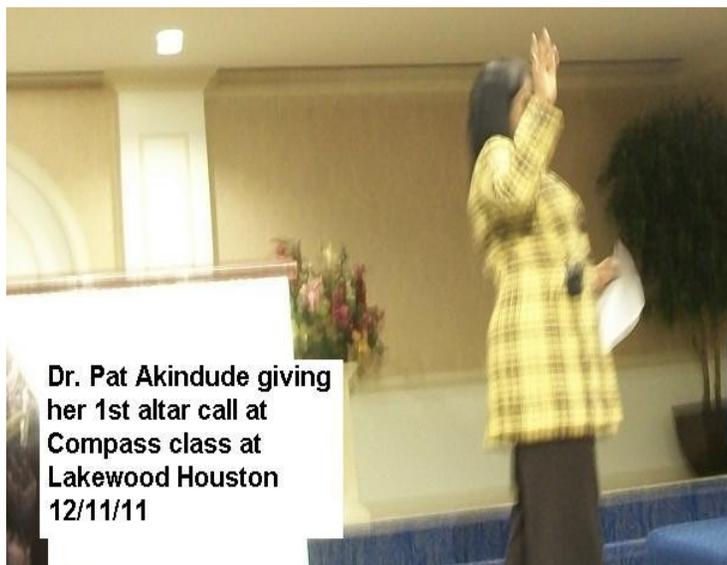
Big flop



The first men's rally was held in mid September with an opening attendance of over 100. They had an over flow section set up next to the open door on the right side of the meeting room. The meetings have now continued for 12 meetings or 3 months and not one altar call or invitation has been given. I can personally verify that not one altar was given I have attended every meeting except one and I choose to sit with different men each time In the small group discussions of 3 or four men. Almost every group contained at least one man that was not saved , I know because I

ask them. I confronted leader John Bowman when he spoke at the adult Compass class last month. I reminded him about the altar call. He dresses like a used car salesman. I gave him an example like this. I asked him to imagine if he was a real used car salesman and he had a customer that came to his lot to buy a car. The customers credit had been pre- approved, he test drove the car and loved it. After the test drive they agreed on a price. At that point he stood up and shook the customers hand and thanked him for stopping by his car lot and showed him the door. What would happen to that salesman I asked Bowman. "He would be fired he answered.". OK John

you are fired you just spoke to 200 people and gave them the sales pitch about Jesus and then sent them out the door and off to hell. He just flicked it off like water on a ducks back. That next Sunday I saw John walking in to the main service. Again I pestered him about the altar call. He said the attendance of the other 3 ministries had dropped off and he was going to bring them all together on Wednesday to increase the attendance. The original leader Todd Hull has attended about 3 meeting, There have been at least 5 different speakers and not one altar call. I have made my prayer about the altar calls known to Joel, Paul, Craig, Bowman and Hull. Last Wednesday 12/7/12 Todd came to shake hands with every one before class started. He came to me and I reminded him about the commitment he had made at the organization meeting 4 months ago. He blew up in my face in the presence of a few other men and it was not a pleasant sight. He denied making that commitment. I asked him why they had not had an altar call in 13 meetings. Some of the excuses he had were "I have leaders that I have to obey." I said oh yah which leader told you to not have an altar call.? Wow he really blew up. He said there was no time in the schedule for altar calls or invitations. I said you might as well just shut it down then. With no Holy Spirit or altar you have a boy scout meeting or bowling club gathering. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. I asked him why did he think the attendance went from over one 100 at the first meeting down to about 30 some last night? He said it is natural for decline. I told him NO, it is because Jesus is not obligated to send men to a meeting where his spirit is not welcome and no one is invited to meet him. This all happened before the meeting and still no altar call was given.



Same situation in the Compass meetings

Jane and I have been going to the adults Compass class every Sunday for over 3 years. The same problem has existed there all this time. They rotate between 4 teachers who teach one week per month. I have talked to the leader, Ms Wonderland, Mr. Gordon, Renee Branson and Ms. Pat Akindude. Renee has given an occasional altar call but no one else has. It appears that I have been so much of a thorn to them that Wonderland has become cold and ignoring us. I worked extensively with Gordon and on December 4th he gave his 1st altar call. With tears covering his face he made the corporate plea for sinner to come to Jesus. It was fantastic. One of the speakers was Pat Akindude who was not present when Gordon gave his first altar call. Jane and I saw Pat in the elevator on the way home from class. I told her that they preach, shout and jump about and then send the class attendees out the door and off to hell. She gasped and said I didn't realize that. Well last Sunday it was Pat's turn to speak and she stopped speaking 5 minutes early and began to speak real soft and slow with tears on her right cheek. She said there will come a day when Jesus will say to the people depart from me you workers of inequity I know you not. She said you know

who Jesus was talking to ? Church members just like you. It is proven by the fact that they responded to Jesus “have we not done miracles and so forth in your name.” They obviously knew about Jesus and his ways. However they did not really know Jesus. She asked how many here that describes you? Would you raise your hand? She went Oh my and said I'm surprised and then invited every one to ask Christ into their lives. It was fantastic. What a wonderful feeling it was to have Jesus back into the compass class.

No altar call at the ladies meet either

All of last 4 and ½ years the ladies meeting has not had a single altar call. Their meeting is set up much like the men's 20/20 is now. They have had this format ever since we have gone to Lakewood. Jane has told me that the ladies sit at round tables with about 6 or so women at each table. They have a speaker that teaches a lesson and then the ladies discuss the lesson. Jane has told me that she has experienced the same situation there. Many of the women are not even saved. They have crazy ideas. One lady about 40 is single and she is asking the girls at the table if she should go out with the lawn care guy who is married. Jane advised he no way. This is not what God wants for his ladies. Without being saved these ladies are not able to grasp the full intention of the Bible. It takes a born again spirit to connect with Gods Spirit in his word. Recently Jane has been trying to approach the leaders about having altar calls and invitations for ladies to come to know Jesus and accept him as their savior, teacher, and Lord.

Last night at the Men's 20/20 meeting John Bowman made the announcement that this was the last meeting until next year. When they start up in January 4th they are going to have a health and fitness agenda for the men and women for the next 2 months. Remember J.J., Moses I talked about earlier? He is the NFL guy. Well I see that he is going to get some celebrities and professional fitness trainers to come and speak at a kick off rally Sunday afternoon January 8th 2012. If they do not preach Jesus and invite men and women to get saved we will have the healthiest and fittest men and women in hell.

- **Leaders Soul won at Lakewood**

In January of 2012 Lakewood church in Houston Texas started out the New Year with a Health and fitness program. They held a huge rally on the 3rd floor and over 500 people started out with the program. The church hired one of the world's most famous weight trainers Samir and Dijana Bacic.. to conduct weekly pep meetings, Every Wednesday before the start of the main church service they would speak at the Men's and Women's meetings and ask questions pertaining to health and fitness. They weighed in and took pictures of all of those participants. I contended from the beginning that if the program was not intended to end up with leading people to Jesus Christ that it was a waste of God's space and his church time. I contacted the leaders of the men's group, John Bowman and Todd Hull on several occasions and they ignored my requests to have an altar call or invitation. The program went on for 8 weeks and at the conclusion of the meetings. For 8 weeks I prayed and fasted and at the last meeting with Samir. At the conclusion of his little talk he asked if any one had questions. I jumped to my feet and told him that I had 3 questions. #1. “If I attended all 8 classes and did every thing you suggested would it make my chances to get to heaven better?” He said Yes. “If a person is feeling healthy he will feel better spiritually.” I then asked question #2. “Do you believe that your

teachings will replace being born again as described by Jesus Christ.” He stuttered and answered no. This started an unbelievable vocal explosion in the class room. I then asked if he was born again? “Are you born again by the blood of Jesus Christ?” He said well I'm working on it. “You can get all these men healthy and then send out that door to hell” I said as I pointed to the door of the room. The brought an uproar you would not believe. One guy in front of me jumped and said “Jesus came to save our body soul and spirit as he held his Bible in his hand.” He then quoted part of 1 Timothy where it says that “For bodily exercise profiteth little : but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come .” He said “bodily exercise profits”. I said “it profits little”. Another guy said “we appreciate what Camir is doing and began to clap his hands as others joined in. They said if you don't like it here then leave. I then got up and left the room. I waited out side for my wife to come from her class. As the men's class was dismissed a group of men came up to me and said Samir got born again after you left and he wants to talk to you. He came running to me and was jumping up and down and said thank you thank you. He said come on I want you to come back inside and pray for all the leaders. He dragged me inside and gathered up several leaders in a circle and we held arms and shoulders. I told the men that when it comes time to meet Jesus after we die he will not ask to see our health certificate. He will ask if our name is written down in the lambs book of life. Samir agreed excitedly. I prayed this prayer. Jesus I am reminded of how you looked down on the city of Jerusalem as you sat on the hill. You said you longed to take the men under your arms like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings. Jesus I have been praying and fasting for this man to be saved for 8 weeks and now my prayer has been answered. I don't remember what else I prayed under the influence of the Holy Spirit. I am still in a daze as to what happened after I left that room but God showed me that I don't have to be the one that actually leads a person in the salvation prayer. He can do just fine without me.

- **I was confronted by Bowman**

- As I approached the classroom of the men's meeting next Wednesday March 7th 2012, I was greeted by John Bowman who was not at the previous meeting. .. He stretched out his hand and said he had heard about the meeting last week where I had caused an outburst. He said he was flooded by emails regarding the matter. Before I would be allowed to enter the room he wanted to talk to me. We proceeded to a table about 300 feet from the men's room. He said I want to hear your side of the story. I replied that I wanted to hear his version because he was the accuser. He gave an account very similar to what happened and said what I had done was to ambush Samir, he said was off guard and taken advantage of because of his language barrier. He then asked if I said this whole thing is a waste of time as I left the room. I said yes I certainly did make that statement and that is how I believe and it is a waste of God's time and space to have meetings with out an altar call. I said we give tithes and offerings to Lakewood for one purpose and that is for souls to be saved. To have a health and fitness program without a goal of getting people saved is a waste of time. He said many people lost weight, one person lost 52 pounds and one guy was healed of sugar diabetes. I asked how many were saved. He said he had not heard. I said I know the answer is NONE. He asked if I knew the origin of an altar call and that it was relatively a new thing. I laughed and said

Jesus gave altar calls and invitations for people to accept and follow him in John the 3rd chapter. Jesus gave invitations for his disciples to follow him when he called them to be disciples.. 6000 years ago God had an altar call invitation in the Garden of Eden. In Genesis chapter 2 starting in the 16th verse God set forth his instructions on how he wanted the newly created man to live. That was the first invitation for his creation to follow him. In the 3rd chapter of Genesis after God had made the woman the serpent came on the scene and the woman disobeyed God and sinned. God came to the couple and gave them the first punishment for sin. He cursed the ground and the woman to have pain in child birth. He kicked them both out of the Garden. The next invitation was to Noah 2000 years later in Genesis 6:16. The next altar call was given by God to Abraham a few thousand years later when God offered him a covenant. The next one was 2000 years later the Old testament records that Joshua also had an invitation for the people to make a decision who they would serve. Joshua 24:15. In history the book of Job was the oldest one written. God had an invitation to Job. So altar calls is not something new.

Then the conversation got a little more intense. John said the following. “We are here to make disciples.” I replied “You can't make a disciple out of an unsaved man. A few weeks ago you had an entire service dedicated to prayer. Every thing said was for believers. With no altar call that was a waste of time.” According to statistics by George Barna more than ½ of the men are not saved in any church gathering. John got madder and so did I. “He said you are an evangelist and I am a pastor.” I Replied you are first a soul winner and then a pastor, an evangelist or a church bus driver. He disagreed and flatly rejected to see my Biblical view point. He said “did you know that Joel approved this health program and he is going to start off next year with it? I said “yes I know Samir is Victoria's personal trainer. I don't care, if it is not geared to win souls it is a waste of time no matter who approves it.” I added but “you are responsible for the souls of those men in the Men's ministry.” I finally concluded by asking him to show me scriptures proving his point. I repeated this several times. He had none. His only response was that I should have asked Samir in private if he was saved. I responded that Samir was addressing the men publicly pushing his agenda and he asked for questions and I asked 3 questions. I asked him again to show me scriptures proving his point and he could not. Finally I reminded him how many times I had approached him about altar calls. I also told him about how I had approached the leaders of the compass class about altar calls and they received it gladly and started giving altar calls in January. They still do it as of today. I also added that their attendance has improved greatly. He said I have given altar calls in the men's class. I said no one has given an altar call since this class restarted last September. I have been to every class. The truth is that he has only been to about 4 meetings since the beginning and his assistant Todd Hull has only attended about 5 times. I finally said you are afraid to give an altar call. You are a like a phoney used car salesman. I could see that we were getting no where and I got up and left the table. I told him that I had written a book and he was the star of the chapter of the “Tragedy of Lakewood”. I told him that maybe he needed to write Ichabod above the classroom because God has departed. That was actually wrong and I repented about that many times. I did not go back to the from March 2012 until Christmas time 2013.

Happy ending God Bless Bowman

At one of the last services before Christmas 2013 I took a gallon of clear distilled water, a large bowl and a towel and put them into a black plastic bag. John preached a fantastic message which included a teaching on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. He had a prayer line and ended it with a great altar call. After the meeting I invited John to sit down in the front row. I took out the water, the bowl and towel. I took off John shoes and washed his feet and prayed over him and his ministry. He in turn prayed for me but with my shoes on.. It was wonderful.

Since that time up to the present date of November 2014 John has had altar calls at every service he ministers at. He invited good speakers such as Derek De La Pina to minister at the meetings. Derek had one of the most powerful sermons and altar calls and prayer lines that I have ever seen at the men's meeting.

Altar calls at compass meeting

After the adult compass class started having altar calls at every meeting I started attending another compass (Sunday School) class. The leaders is a wonderful man and wife couple named Steve and Diet. Steve a military veteran is very approachable and open . Steve would preach anointed sermons that would have the class mates on the edge of their seats. Sadly he would end the meeting with a blessing prayer and dismiss. One Sunday before class I told him the story about the used car salesman with tears in my eyes. He immediately saw the need for altar calls at each meeting. To this day he invites people to come forward and accept Chris as savior.

My dream for Lakewood

I have always been interested in government and politics. The bible tells that All government is ordained of God. Romans 13:1 (NIV). God has established that people be governed by men. I believe that if God has ordained government why shouldn't his people run it. Shouldn't it be run by Gods rules? I have approached the leaders at Lakewood about this and they have been very acceptable to this idea. They are looking for a room, I am looking for a person or couple that will be In charge and schedule teachers. I have given the leaders a list of names that I think would make excellent leaders and speakers. This is November 2014.

I believe God is leading me and my family to move to California as soon as he is done with us at Lakewood. When I get there I plan to write in more details where this book left off in 2012.