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Matthew 6:33; 1 John 2:6;  
2 Chronicles 16:9

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**PART TWO: Thinking Process  
The Endtimes Are Soon Coming.  
STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE:  
SPECIAL LOVE LETTER-REPORT TO OUR  
CHURCH ELDERS; IMPORTANT AND  
URGENT CHANGES TO MAKE**

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**SECTION ONE**

**INTRODUCTION AND NEEDED BACKGROUND**

(This section gives procedures and the thinking process that is helpful for gaining God's best and eliminating sin problems.)

**MY DESIRE FOR NORTH CENTRAL:** *I understand that church leaders and I may think differently in a few key areas as observed by what North Central is doing and not doing. I have attempted to bring the areas that by necessity need changing. My prayer is that by reading, studying, and praying, we will become closer together for the sake of our people and being more obedient to God and bringing Him much greater worship.●<sup>1</sup> Thus, please read and study this report in its detail and pray ardently about what you are reading. Making a few key needed changes, our people will be greatly blessed. We are rapidly approaching Revelation's endtimes thus, requiring changes "to be made with urgency." Our direction must not (any longer) be modeled after the Purpose Driven Saddleback Church, that we apparently have been doing for some time to a very large degree. (Doing so we have a falling away to become an immature Church.)*

**KEY BACKGROUND:**

**TO DETERMINE AND TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WHY  
Background for Demonstrating and Understanding;  
The Needed Thinking Process to Gain God's Best**

When I was in industry, working as a satellite system engineer, I worked in an advanced systems group. (This was God preparing me for ministry insights now and how to think analytically seeing and finding the big picture (now much of God's overall requirements), placing aspects together in the big

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1. **BE THERE FOR EACH OTHER:** However, being on the same team, we need to be there for each other, even with differences. I am attempting to be there for you with this letter-report, even if we do not or can not totally agree on everything. I wanted to brief and alert you about what is happening in our churches in the big picture, and what we are becoming without our realization or desire. Please pray ardently about what is presented and what we should urgently now do to have much more of God's best for our church and be more ready for the endtimes and eternity. **The situation is most serious, so please seriously investigate the situation and pray.**

picture, and seeing where things were going and why.) With advanced degrees, we, as a team, having different backgrounds, determined “**everything**” the customer wanted done and “**the total degree**” for (by) how he wanted things done. (In comparison, this is like knowing and implementing God’s Whole Counsel.) Thus, as a group, we did excellent work.●<sup>2</sup>

The concept is to learn the overall big picture in depth and then place the needed things in place to help you get there. Examples for understanding purposes:

1. If we knew our maturities were fixed forever at death, we would learn **all** the characteristics of a mature person (outcome) and learn and implement in all seriousness **all** of what we must do to achieve this result (procedure). (This action is what God has planned for us. To see it, we need to walk by very strong faith in God and His Bible.)

2. If we realized that children do as adults as they learn as children and that 85% of the people come to Christ as children (outcome), we would know that we must evangelize the children in our communities with high priority to have people in ministry as adults (procedure).

3. If we knew that in the endtimes, the disobedience of our churches, God allows Satan the power to bring the endtimes Tribulation as divine discipline and encourage the falling away of the rest of the secular people (outcome), we would go all out for obedience (have revival) to prevent this from happening (procedure). (Of course we should obey God from our love of Him in all time periods.)

4. If we appreciated God’s absolute Greatness and wanted to glorify Him most greatly, we would seek out **everything** He wanted us to become (outcome) and **all** of what He wanted us to do to get there (procedure). And then we would do them with excellence and thoroughness.

5. Our Lord said: *John 17:4 "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.* Thus, if we want to glorify God the most, we will search the Bible for **ALL** that God wants us to do and then do it with excellence and thoroughness. (But what are we doing?)

6. Our first priority in life to reach the outcome of maturity is to glorify God by doing everything He has asked us to do, not mainly reach the unchurched youth, even though we must also do this. Our higher priority is to our own people over new people. Thus, we will work to mature our own people at high priority, because being mature, they will obey God more and bring more glory to God. People will see God and Christ in them as they live out their testimony before the Lord. Many-many more will be in ministry.

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2. **A NEED-TO KNOW CONCEPT:** As stated earlier, an engineering working associate had the following expression on his wall: *Do not think what you want to think, until you know what you should know.* Thus, in engineering, we did much research. In our application here, do not think what you want to think about the endtimes, gaining maturity, and the use of rock music until after you know the many doctrines by your personal in-depth research and that are in my (and those of others) many referenced documents. I have researched the situation in depth. ***By what we are doing at North Central, we are doing more of what we think, not sufficient of what we should know from Bible doctrine. For example, the Bible commands that we mature our people. We are working for spiritual growth without adequately trying to sufficiently mature our people. (If we believe we are attempting to do this, we do not understand what being mature is all about. This is a huge mistake that effects all our people. None of us know everything that is needed. But we can begin to train with what we know, share together, and then search and pray for more understanding. We can ask others what they know.)***

*1 Timothy 5:8 - But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.*

7. If we understood that using loud beat rock music and dumbing down our training was implementing satanic strategy, bringing him glory and worship, we would change what we are doing immediately. We should examine all that we are doing to determine if we are using carnal methods to attract the youth - which can only please Satan. If we are, we should change what we are doing.

8. If we understood our first priority is to become mature in Christ, would we not have this pursuit at the top of our ministry list?

*Ephesians 4:11-13 - And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.*

*Colossians 1:28 - And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ.*

***What I am sharing in this letter-report, to help find what North Central should now do, is acting as if I was in a church advanced systems group. This is checking the big overlay picture, attempting to find the important things that God wants done, particularly under the overlay, at this time in history. We can invite key on-the-ball people to be in the group, and provide any needed training***

**Thus, as churches, FOR A STARTING PLACE, we should appreciate God's absolute and infinite Greatness (attributes of God). And thus, as a result, our church leaders should (must) search ALL the Scriptures for ALL that God wants us to become and do, and ALL the procedures for getting there - ALL of what He wants done. This is God's Whole Counsel.●<sup>3</sup> Then, after summarizing on paper (in the computer) what we are finding, we should brief our people on them, so they will understand what we should now do. Then, we "should do them" with excellence and thoroughness. We generally should do nothing less. For example, the Bible commands that we pursue maturity and evangelize our entire area. Thus, we should do them. Thus, we should brief our people on them and get them involved. *Then, we can be people***

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**3. GOD'S WHOLE COUNSEL:** To use God's Whole Counsel, we must be eternity and outcome oriented. We must be oriented to bring the result of maturing our people in Christ toward the maximum. For this to happen, we need to know the training topics for getting there. In comparison to help our understanding, we go to college with the goal to receive a degree in our chosen subject. This is the outcome. But, to get there, we must take many academic and lab courses. This is the procedure. We cannot get there if we only take only a very few of the needed courses. But this is what our churches are doing when they teach mainly the a,b,c's for the faith. We must determine all the needed courses and train with them to gain this maximum maturity. We need to learn what they are and add them to our training.

Church leaders and teachers, in my view, are leaving out most of the training topics (classes) needed to take us to maturity in Christ so that we can more greatly worship and glorify God and where many-many more will be in ministry. This is why our church people are not maturing in Christ as they should and are not being warned and prepared for the soon-coming calamity and endtimes Tribulation. How well do our leaders know what constitutes a detailed description of maturity? Where can I read it?

**after God's own heart such that we do all His will. (This would be like acting with the thinking from an advanced systems group.)**

2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His. . . . . (one who will do all His will. See next verse.) – Acts 13:22 " . . . . I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do **ALL** My will.' (Emphasis mine.)

**We should be able to read this (North Central's) search result for all that God wants done somewhere in our church. But our churches, including North Central, do not appear to be doing this - or even attempting to do this.●<sup>4</sup> So is our heart completely His - sufficient to God so that we are searching for all His will and doing it? It does not look like it. *But we could by forgetting the past and making the future the best we can have.***

*Hebrews 6:1 - Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,*

*Philippine 3:13 - Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and **reaching forward to what lies ahead**, (Bolding mine.)*

**Our greatest error, in my view as stated, is not studying and greatly appreciating God's infinite Greatness so that we are eternity oriented such that we prepare our people to have a maximum maturity in order to have a maximum relationship with God in eternity. The main reason we are on the earth is to gain this maturity toward the maximum. All of biblical history leads to this result.●<sup>5</sup> Apart from this relationship, as being shared, there really is nothing.**

North Central, in my view, is not now seeking sufficiently to have much more or most of God's best for our church, even though doing many-many good things.●<sup>6</sup> She is mainly now oriented for some Christian growth toward being a disciples of Christ and bringing the youth into the church, but not to

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**4. CHURCH GOAL:** Our church has the goal to train people to become like Christ. But where can I read the topics and training that allows us to actually achieve this goal? Has anyone under our teaching actually reached this goal? What am I like when I become like Christ? What is the description? Where can I read it? Without these in place, we are doing things in name only, not knowing how far along we are, if anywhere.

**5. REPORT SHOWING ALL OF BIBLICAL LEADS US TO BECOMING MAXIMUMLY MATURE IN CHRIST. (See our website report: *God's Plan over History for Man to Become Mature in Christ Needed to Eternally Know and Relate to Our Perfect God in His Greatness* under BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW - GOD'S PLAN.)**

**6. SEEKING GOD'S BEST:** Having God's best includes many things. But the list would at least include: (1) Maturing our people, including our children and youth, in Christ-likeness with head-subordinate relationships to the maximum, not just working for Christian growth - **Train with Christian-Life Relationship Principles** (See the curriculum in Appendix A for suggested topics and my website ppt charts with same major title); (2) Training our people, not just teaching them - we would teach what to do, how to do it, examples for how to do it, testimony for how it was carried out, and some on-the-job training; (3) Evangelizing people and children out in the entire community; (4) Using music (no loud beat rock-type music) that brings maximum worship to God where we worship Him in spirit and in truth (not with our bodies); and (4) Avoiding immorality. After briefing the dangers of rock music to our second service people, we can offer them a traditional service with the hymns with some contemporary music (not rock) for those who will now no longer sit under rock music and another service using rock music for those still wanting it.

gain "MAXIMUM" maturity in Christ-likeness (this is not good - it is our most important and priority job).

***North Central generally (apparently) (determined by her lack of action) does not recognize the signs that signal calamity, bringing the endtimes Tribulation, is coming very soon. Does she believe there is a Tribulation and that we will go through it? She is operating most wrongly as if the present times will continue indefinitely. The current times in freedom will soon be truncated. Then our training time in freedom will be truncated and our church buildings closed by the government. Then our funding to support our missionaries will be greatly effected. We must encourage our missionaries (and their boards) now to seek other and local indigenous additional support. They can look for jobs. We must urgently train our people now even if we get a few more years before the calamity comes that brings the endtimes Tribulation. If we do not, as being shared in several places, our people will be caught unprepared and blind-sided - also not being able to buy needed food and supplies.***

***We must not let this happen. Our elders must have serious prayer about all these aspects and urgently now brief and warn our people. The elders may not act to warn because the time to the Tribulation is uncertain. (They wrongly may think the coming of the Tribulation is years away or that we are still in cyclic history.) But they could warn even if the time is several or more years away. What does it hurt to be prepared ahead of time? But to be late???***

If we had an advanced systems group in our church, because of the direction we are now going (and not going) and our leaders, apparently not searching out all of what God wants us to become and do, do we have many people, even our leaders, qualified to be in it? In my view, anyone who promotes or agrees with rock music is for the church, does not have a high priority to evangelize the children in the community, and/or promotes mainly dumbed-down or a,b,c type limited training would not be qualified to be in it. (They are not maturing their people who then would bring God more glory, would bring a great testimony to the world that God exists, and would accomplish much more of his work.)<sup>7</sup> They could qualify if they would now do a critical analysis and by doing the needed things and eliminating the wrong things.

**WE MUST UNDERSTAND ASPECTS OF THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE  
(The problem we have is that most Christians do not understand the  
spiritual warfare  
and its strategies, or even know there is one.)**

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**7. WE NEED A MUCH GREATER WITNESS:** Most of the people who I talk with in our community do not really know there is a God and have never heard there is a Gospel.

We must understand that things are happening as a result of the spiritual warfare between Christ and Satan. A summary was presented earlier in a footnote. For review, Christ works to have the elect believe, become mature in Christ, and accomplish God's chosen works. Satan works to prevent these. He must do these if he is to win the warfare over Christ. (He will not be able to. Only the righteous Christ can win.) Thus, his schemes include helping to help prevent the elect from being born. For this, he emphasizes same sex marriages and abortion. He gets churches to dumb down their training and set under loud drum beat rock music so few will become mature so that they will not work much to accomplish God's work. They do little to help to evangelize the children out in the community - but they do evangelize in the church (e.g. VBS and Awana). The churches do not teach Bible prophecy in any depth for how the endtimes will unfold. The people then, as a result of this satanic strategy, will not know what is happening and/or Bible prophecy and why when the endtimes come. They will not evangelize in the community with priority, especially the children, such as working with CEF to establish terms of after-school Bible clubs. For example, few churches realize that their main job is to mature their people in Christ, followed by evangelism, not just work for Christian growth, teaching mainly the faith fundamentals.

**Churches today, very likely, may no longer know how to mature their people to the maximum. They generally do not realize that the maturity we have at death, we can have forever. Maturing our people to greater skill levels, we will have more people doing evangelism, particularly of the children. If we evangelize the children with excellence, we will have much greater evangelism when they grow up. If we do not, then future evangelism can be greatly impeded.**

**Our Church elders, as stated earlier, should prepare a paper and presentation with ppt charts about how we can help train and mature our people toward the maximum, evangelize the children, and to know and prepare for the endtimes. The elders should then give a presentation to the church congregation, and then, in some manner, provide the needed training.●<sup>8</sup>**

**To me, it is satanic strategy, if we do not do the most for our own people in priority over new people. Such action results in our being worse than infidels (unbelievers) and our own people will not reach maximum maturity - our church life and ministry plateaus - even though doing many good things. What does this say about North Central's approach?**

***1 Timothy 5:8 - But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.●<sup>9</sup>***

Otherwise we can drift along doing good things, but falling short. I have begun this training effort for my website in several papers under TRAINING. See especially the document: *Keys to Becoming Mature in Christ-likeness In Godly Relationship Living*.

**Please understand, if we only teach the basics for a long period, very few, other than the self**

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**8. TRAINING:** It could be like an attached Bible School or Discipleship Training Center. I can help do this training if the elders will strongly support it and make their support known to the congregation.

**9. FAMILY FATHER:** What would think of a father in a home who spent all of his time evangelizing and doing things to help this evangelization, but did not work to greatly mature his own children? Is this not what North Central and thousands of churches are doing?

starters and gung ho, will know the Bible and greatly be in ministry. Many of our youth will no longer go to church after going to college. Is this not satanic strategy?

**OUR CHURCHES ARE BEING TRANSFORMED TO BECOME  
AN IMMATURE CHURCH WITH BUT LITTLE KNOWLEDGE  
OF HOW THE ENDTIMES WILL COME**

***(We must thoroughly understand this process that  
has happened (is happening) to us. We must see and “understand  
this big picture.”)***

Several people in these endtimes, from the big picture perspective, are studying that our churches are being transformed from orthodoxy to become the endtimes immature church with a low biblical intellect and with a low plateau of biblical knowledge. This is satanic strategy. They have called the process: (1) *Diaprax and the Church*, (2) *the Dialectic and Praxis*, and (3) *the Dialectic Process*.●<sup>10</sup> Our churches, including North Central, are being transformed from orthodoxy and training in depth and using the hymns to having limited, but good, training and using loud type repetitive drum beat rock beat music. The leaders wear sport clothes, even shorts, even without neckties, in the church services. The people involved are very often looking to have their personal felt needs met than the needs met as God sees them. Churches are being transformed in different amounts. Much of its source, including nomenclature and wrongly getting rid of our Deacon Board, was taken from the Purpose Driven Saddleback Church.●<sup>11</sup> **This church’s principles are in**

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**10. DIALECTIC PROCESS REPORTS:** (1) *The Dialectic and Praxis* (Diaprax and the End of the Ages) by Dean Gotcher; (2) *Diaprax and the Church* (An Analysis of the Church Growth Movement) by Dr. Robert Klenck; and (3) *Readings in the Dialectic* by several authors. All of these are printed and sponsored by the Institute for Authority Research and its conferences. They explain how the present church transformation from orthodoxy to the immature church came from the Purpose Driven Church - Saddleback Community Church. This church leads an apostate movement. (Read these reports and you will return to the orthodox church. Only a very few comments are presented below from their reports. There is much more depth than we can present here.)

Dean Gotcher (read his report and you will see what is happening): (1) *God’s Watchman at the gate must be neutralized if diaprax (transformation) is to succeed.* (This is why you have shunted me to the side, being a watchman to share what we should and ought to be doing and warning about the soon-coming endtimes.) (2) *When human relationship building becomes the center piece of any ministry, that ministry is no longer serving God.* (3) *Diaprax succeeds because it gives anyone under the influence the sense that they are in control. They do not realize it is controlling them.*

Dr. Klenck (read his report): (1) *The new paradigm is not centered in theology, but rather it is focused on structure, organization, and the transition from an institutionally based church to a mission-driven church (to reach the youth).* Thus, it dumps theology for numbers.

**11. SADDLEBACK CHURCH:** The approach used by the Saddleback Church was presented in an earlier footnote. Many churches now have adopted much from the Saddleback liberal church in the areas of dumbed-down Bible training, nomenclature, community groups (and using that title), loud rock music with drums, getting rid of the deacon board, and leaders wearing sport type clothes, even shorts, in the church services. Of course many of the youth do also. The youth do this because they see their leaders doing it. They do not have a good

**great compromise where maximum maturity is not being pursued or adequately accomplished. It is a dumbed-down church.●<sup>12</sup>**

**THE DIALECTIC PROCESS:** In the big picture from a world (not just North Central) viewpoint, Satan uses a Dialectic Process that uses a three step process or sequence aimed for the endtimes Tribulation. This process is bringing a paradigm shift or change from government by God to that by man - but really by Satan. It takes us from God's absolutes and maturing His people in Christ-likeness to man's relatives and consensus working man's way in a missions' goal of drawing the youth. It takes us from orthodoxy to a dumbed-down church. Its goal is to meld the world's religions for and into one in the coming Tribulation period. It is going from nationalism to globalism. (This is the direction our country is going now. It will take away individual freedoms to live and worship according to ones belief structure to one to do things as the whole world does them - globalism. This system using rock music is unity in the dark.

North Central appears to have bought into some, but not all of the following. North Central is attempting to do good things, but she may not see the big picture. The following is presented so one can see where the purpose driven saddleback and other churches are wrongly attempting to take us. (These churches may not know what they are doing.)

**In simplicity the Dialectic Process is one that uses** - Transforming from where we are to where Satan wants to take us. This from thesis using antithesis to synthesis: (1) **a method (antithesis** or technique, how I feel and think, compromise - lukewarmness); (2) **to take things from where there are - from absolutes (thesis** - I know - Biblical fact and Truth- source or God's objective - God's authority and absolutes); (3) **to where one wants them to be - compromise or falling away (synthesis** or result, consensus, no absolutes of the Bible, no authority apart from the group, man is now the authority, reassigned biblical values). Those in our liberal unbelieving churches are already at the diaphrax synthesis. Thus, these procedures implement key satanic strategy. (4) **After reaching synthesis**, then make this new synthesis a new thesis for top direction.

For example, churches in this movement are unknowingly: (1) using mostly dumbed-down teaching in a easy-to-receive format and loud contemporary syncopated loud repetitive dominant beat rock-type music (**method or antithesis**); (2) to take people from factual in depth-breadth (expository) understanding of the Bible, and living under its truths of thus saith the Lord, and living under Lordship, and using good music such as good hymns (**source or thesis**); (3) to one of consensus where man decides what to believe and do (**result or synthesis**). The result is some apostasy in the Church. This

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model to follow. This has been done to draw the youth, but at the expense of not maturing their people and evangelizing the children. **All of this, in my view, is most disrespectful to God.**

**12. ERRORS IN PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCH:** Check the internet under: *Purpose Driven Church* and click on: *The Purpose Driven Church (a critique)* by Michael Penfold. See also *Church Growth Gone Mad (A sobering look at the church growth seeker-sensitive models)* by Clay Miller found under *The Purpose Driven Church and Life – Comments*. **One main problem with Rick Warren's teachings (Purpose Driven Church) is not so much what he teaches, but instead, what he greatly leaves out of his teachings.** For example, he speaks of faith in Christ, but now what Christ did on the Cross. Check the website: Radio Liberty.com for the document: *The Purpose Driven Life – A Short Critique* by Richard Strand, July 8, 2005. See also: *Fool's Gold (Discerning Truth in an Age of Error)* edited by John MacArthur. The book shows the weakness of the Purpose Driven Church. It is not so much what the church teaches, but instead (it also states) what it leaves out of its teaching. The church dwells on music that does not teach adequate doctrine. There is no biblical intellect in the training and music used. This is why sermons are lightened and shortened.

result in synthesis is called transformation with an eventual absence of Bible absolutes, spiritual maturity, and the true Gospel for salvation. (4) once synthesis is reached, they make this the new thesis or the norm.

There is no (or very little) salvation, maturity, or absolutes in Christ in the third stage of synthesis. There is little understanding for the need for the satisfaction of divine justice for sin and thus, for the Cross of Christ. In synthesis, we are our own authority, no longer are God and His Word. Of course the situation in all churches can have different perceptions and results.

***Much of the Church is now in various degrees of joining in method or antithesis.*** This apostate movement going world wide is a sign the Tribulation can be coming. It is leading to the abandonment of the true Gospel and the depths of God's Word.

**North Central must go with the hymns, getting rid of rock music, and in depth-training with God's absolutes or over time, she may fall away to the results of this movement. North Central still has good teaching and she must maintain this, but in much more depth-breadth - a version of God's Whole Counsel.**

**NORTH CENTRAL:** Over the years, North Central has changed (has been transformed) from being orthodox with expository in depth verse by verse preaching with the hymns in regular weekly services on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night to a transformed church with only Sunday morning services (no more Sunday and Wednesday night services) with generally very good, but limited training and using loud drum beat rock music. Those who sit under rock music most often do not come out to Sunday night services or generally to any advanced training to learn more of God. North Central maintains a conventional (traditional) service with the hymns.●<sup>13</sup> We must keep this conventional or traditional service because fewer and fewer evangelical churches have one.●<sup>14</sup> North Central now does some good verse by verse teaching, but, in my view, it is not expository in depth where you apply **ALL** of applicable Scripture to each verse. We have dumped the Deacon Board when the Bible teaches we should have both elders and deacons (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Philippians 1:1).●<sup>15</sup> We have brought some disunity into the church by having a separate and different contemporary church (second) service with music that is believed by the first traditional service people to be not of God. The Bible commands that we have unity in everything.●<sup>16</sup> Are these not disobediences - sin?

***In overview, it appears that we have moved away from biblical standards "in compromise" using rock music to become more like the world so we can bring more youth into the church. But at the expense of no longer maturing our people. This method, to me, is sin and most very***

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**13. TRADITIONAL CHURCH SERVICE:** Many North Central people have asked the question: Do the elders keep the traditional services because they believe God wants them to or to bring in sufficient funds by which to operate the church? Our elders should make their desires known to the congregation.

**14. REFORMED CHURCHES:** Most reformed churches keep the hymns and teach good doctrine. But they appear to train with little about how one lives the Christian life. Both are needed.

**15. DEACON BOARD:** I personally was on the North Central Deacon Board for two terms in the early 1980's.

**16. UNITY:** Are we obeying God when we do not have unity on music and let this disunity stand for years. Should we not attempt to resolve the issue, particularly finding out why rock music is not of God. The Bible teaches we should have unity in all things. (Psalms 133:1; John 17:23; Ephesians 4:3, 13; Colossians 3:14).

***disrespectful of God.●<sup>17</sup> This situation to me can be like being a lukewarm church (a church of great compromise) before God. ●<sup>18</sup>***

*Revelation 3:15-16 - 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would that you were cold or hot. 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.*

As introduced, large numbers of our young people, junior high to young adults, with exceptions, sitting under rock music, generally do not come out for Sunday night events and worship services, and special training.●<sup>19</sup> Although some come with their parents. I ask our high school and college young people (and from different churches) from time to time about 8 questions, and they struggle to answer any of them. We are not teaching adequate doctrine, particularly how we live the Christian life to live as Christ lives in biblical head-subordinate relationships, by faith, and by sacrificial love. They do not know the details of what the Cross accomplished. We are not training them to evangelize the children. (There are a few exceptions. We had three North Central youth attend CEF CYIA training this June 2009. For one, it was her second year.) The concept is that if we want to mature our people, we must train in some manner with a version of God's Whole Counsel including the minimum topics in Appendix A in such as sermons, seminars, our youth groups, the Sunday School, special Bible classes, etc.

***We must involve our young people in ministry. It would help to use high quality CEF training materials in our children's Sunday Schools. We should use better (more mature with more doctrine) training materials in our young people's groups or at least augment it with more in depth-breadth doctrinal and living life training. (I can train them in seminars with Christian-Life Relationship Principles (and Bible prophecy).)***

***As shared earlier, our great hunger to study His Word in depth-breadth to know God's Whole Counsel particularly how Christ lives and walks, to know of God's Greatness,●<sup>20</sup> and to maximumly respond to Him appears to have gone away - at least greatly decreasing. Thus, we***

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**17. INPUT FROM A SOLID CHRISTIAN FRIEND:** When we see any church offering both a traditional and a contemporary service in our minds it reflects a very poor spirituality of the pastor and elders in charge. Rather than allowing the Holy Spirit to draw people into their church they use the excuse that contemporary is how they attract the young crowd. I believe this also.

**18. WE HAVE CHOICES BEFORE GOD:** In this life, we can choose to go all the way with God, being hot toward God, or loving the world's ways, being cold toward God. We can only be most excellent with God's ways. But if we choose some from God and some from the world, we can be lukewarm toward God. If we choose excellence before God, we can only choose and implement His ways. So what course is North Central actually on? So is rock music and dumbing down our training of God or of the world? You know my view. We are teaching and doing many good things before God. But our choice of music? So where are we?

**19. FAITHFUL PEOPLE:** North Central has a traditional service with the hymns, a choir, a piano, and an organ. It also has a contemporary service with rock-type contemporary music, a worship team, guitars, and drums. Where there is good preaching and a missions program etc, what keeps the church going is its very large percentage of gung ho and very faithful people, mostly from the traditional service. Such churches can have problems if the percentage of these faithful people decrease - if they leave the church or die and many youth grow up. They can begin to have financial problems and the attending ministries can reduce. **One sign of our people increasing in maturity is that many more people will be in ministry.**

**20. GREAT MUSIC:** Do we sing: *How Great Thou Art* and *To God Be the Glory* in the contemporary service.

**are now in a new era of time where excellence before God has gone away - we no longer endure sound doctrine.** We are using human nomenclature instead of Biblical terms for (of) evangelism and discipleship, that most likely came from the Saddleback Church. We have some human symbol on our church signs, banners, and bulletin instead of the Cross for which we stand. We had to cancel Saturday and Sunday night contemporary services because the attendance was low. We always have been weak on local out in the community evangelism, especially of the children. The Church gives some, but little support to CEF outreach.●<sup>21</sup>

Because of our (and that of many churches) limited training and the use of loud rock music, a high percentage of our youth are not being matured and are not being prepared for eternity. Thus, some (many?) now leave the (no longer attend) church when they leave high school. They treat church as boring, not having been matured or even not having become a Christian.●<sup>22</sup> They still listen to rock music. (Of course many remain with the church, especially those God used in ministry, my view.) What does this say about our training in our youth groups or at (in the) home with the parents, and the commitment of our youth?●<sup>23</sup> As the youth grow up, we will have been transformed to be the immature church. They do not have a built-in doctrinal foundation of and commitment to the Christian faith, life, and ministry. the spiritual growth and ministry has plateaued.●<sup>24</sup> They know but little Bible doctrine including endtimes prophecy. (We fortunately do have some exceptions.) This is satanic strategy. **These sins and others●<sup>25</sup> help cause the endtimes Tribulation to come. We are no longer in cyclic history. We are now in the endtimes sequence. Things may not get any better**

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21. **CEF MINISTRY:** In 2008, CEF world wide led over 1,000,000 children to believe the Gospel. CEF has about 20% growth each year. CEF is attempting to get CEF people in all the nations. In our CEF CYIA training in June 2009 at North Central we had 42 people attending. This was our largest class. When the students went out into nine parks for on-the-job training for one afternoon, they led 49 persons to believe the Gospel. 119 persons total heard the Gospel.

22. **CHURCH IS BORING AND INADEQUATE TRAINING:** *The Last Christian Generation* (The Crisis is Real, The Responsibility is Ours) by Josh McDowell. See also: *Spiritual Junk Food* (The Dumbing Down of our Youth) by John MacArthur. (He calls it a wake-up call to parents and youth leaders.)

23. **MY FAMILY - TRAINING AT HOME:** When my children were entering their teens, I gave each one a document of guidance that I wrote that covered most aspects of their lives. Then we talked about the contents. This document is on my website under TRAINING :*Helpful Hints for Successful Living from Your Dad.*

24. **DUMBING DOWN OF OUR YOUTH:** See the book: *Spiritual Junk Food - The Dumbing Down of Christian Youth* by Dr. John MacArthur.

25. **SINS OF OUR CHURCHES (MY PERCEPTION) THAT CAUSE THE ENDTIMES TO COME NOW THAT WE ARE IN THE ENDTIMES SEQUENCE:** This falling away (partly or greatly) is sin and includes having much immorality, going "mainly" (only) to, but good, fundamental teaching, using the Devil's rock music, not evangelizing the children and people out in the community, combining the world's doctrines with the Bible's, doing what God has not ordered, not training with a sufficient version of God's Whole Counsel needed to more greatly mature His people, and using paraphrased, not accurately translated Bibles. This has resulted from a lack of appreciation of God's absolute and infinite greatness such that churches seek out everything He wants done and to the degree by which He wants it done and then do it. Churches are no longer enduring sound doctrine and are not warning their people of the soon-coming endtimes. Our churches are more this life oriented, than eternity oriented. They do not realize our maturity is fixed forever at death. (What is the result if you do not believe this and you do not mature your people?) **They do not see the endtimes calamity coming and act wrongly as if the present times will continue indefinitely (long term). They believe wrongly we are still in cyclic history. (This is a most terrible mistake.)** However, the endtimes sequence has begun. Cyclic history is over.

**unless we have massive revival in our churches. This, with our churches no longer enduring sound doctrine, is most unlikely to happen.**

*2 Timothy 4:3 - For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires;*

**Thus, if we are to best help our young people, we may have to work also with their parents.** The young people like rock music, and our elders accept it, without realizing its source and its evil effects. We now are doing but limited evangelism in the community away from our church buildings. In my view, North Central, even though doing many-many good things, has been transformed to become somewhat an immature Church with the situation increasing. We have fewer and fewer knowing the depths of the Bible. **I am attempting by this letter to alert to the situation (not bring criticism) and have our leaders turn it around.**

**I am willing to help plan and train in all areas under the authority, request, direction, and leading of the elders. I have much needed background and experience.●<sup>26</sup>**

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26. HOW I CAN HELP: I have taught Christian-Life Relationship Principles (Topics in Appendix A) in the adult Sunday School for many years at North Central in the past with 30-50 attending in every class. I have taught Bible classes in my home about these principles for many years with about 15 persons attending. I gave a 12 hour seminar on this subject at North Central in 1991 with about 50 attending. I also have studied prophecy and God's Plan for History in depth for many years. I now have many reports on my website. I could train our church with these, including in a series of seminars. But if our people will attend, the elders must make "a major emphasis" for all to attend. They, in my view, must also attend themselves.