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Gary L. McIntosh, Editor

Saturation evangelism, Sunday school, assimilation, and church expansion are themes that have been addressed numerous times. However, it is always good to take a fresh look at old themes, especially when they are germane to the Church Growth Movement.

The current issue of the JASCG features four articles that focus one-by-one on these crucial issues. First up is *I Still Believe in Saturation Evangelism by Local Churches*. Written by Jerry Falwell, this lead article provides keen insight into Falwell's heart, as well as giving new energy to the concept of saturating a city for Christ.

The Intentional Sunday School: A Pathway to Purpose, defines ten components needed in building an intentional Sunday school. The Power of Prayer and the Priority of Passion are just two of the principles shared by John H. Ewart.

Danny Von Kanel presents the "touch, see, and hear approach" for assimilating newcomers into the life of a local church. Using case studies of three churches—Coral Ridge Presbyterian, Highland Park United Methodist, and Idlewild Baptist—the writer offers new insights in the article, *Assimilation: The Touch, See, & Hear Approach to Integrating People into Your Church*.

The article, *Suggested Shifts In Preparation for The Spontaneous Expansion of the North American Church*, is presented by J.D. Payne. In this major article, Payne notes three paradigm shifts—theological, strategical, methodological—that need to be rethought in increase effectiveness in church planting. Book reviews of *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership* reviewed by Michael

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Felt and *Testing the Claims of Church Growth* reviewed by Gary L. McIntosh, complete this first issue of 2003.

—Editor

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