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This issue of the Journal of the American Society for Church growth has something for every reader. Pastors will enjoy reading articles on reaching the non-seeker for Christ, the work of prayer in church revitalization, and dealing with the frustration of members who will not serve. The articles “Sheep You Cannot Shear” (Seymour), “The Work of the Holy Spirit and Church Revitalization” (Ellis), and “How to Reach the Non-Seeker for Christ” (Gilbert) address such pastoral concerns.

“The State of the Unions—Denominations in the 21st Century” (Bob Wenz) will challenge denominational leaders, and persons interested in church multiplication will discover new insights in “Contemporary Church Planting” (Towns).

“Pascal’s Wager: A Good Bet for Personal Evangelism” (Reilly) provides ideas regarding the philosophy of evangelism, as well as an interesting survey tool to assist in determining an individual’s spiritual condition.

The fourth installment of Donald McGavran’s lecture at Manhattan Christian College titled “The Complex Task” is presented in this issue, along with three book reviews.

—Editor

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