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## Introduction

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Gary L. McIntosh, Editor

The articles in the Spring 2003 issue of the Journal of the American Society for Church Growth focus on four areas: church history, post-modernity, church planting, and church health. Whatever your particular passion regarding Church Growth, there is certain to be at least one article in this issue that will be of interest to you.

George Whitefield ranks among the most influential evangelists of all time. Unfortunately, the impact of his theology and methods on Church Growth Thought has never been researched. Seth Polk, senior pastor of Cross Lanes Baptist Church in West Virginia, explores this aspect of George Whitefield's ministry in "The Theology and Methods of George Whitefield."

An explanation of how older churches become cultural enclaves, and how they can be renewed as apostolic congregations, is addressed in "Old East Side's Daunting Challenge: by George Hunter III.

Dr. Mark Williams, a specialist in church planting, shares his story of becoming involved in daughter church planting. His article "Daughter Church Planting Makes Sense" will be a very helpful piece for everyone concerned for the expansion of Christ's Church.

Longtime Church Growth enthusiast, Dr. Waldo J. Werning, excerpts an article from his forthcoming book, *The Seed-Planting, Nurturing Church*. Dr. Werning blends together the best of the Church Growth and Church Health paradigms in this intriguing article.

Each of these articles continues the strong history of Church

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Growth research and analysis begun by Dr. Donald McGavran forty-eight years ago. As he always told us, God wants His Church to grow and His lost children found!

—Editor