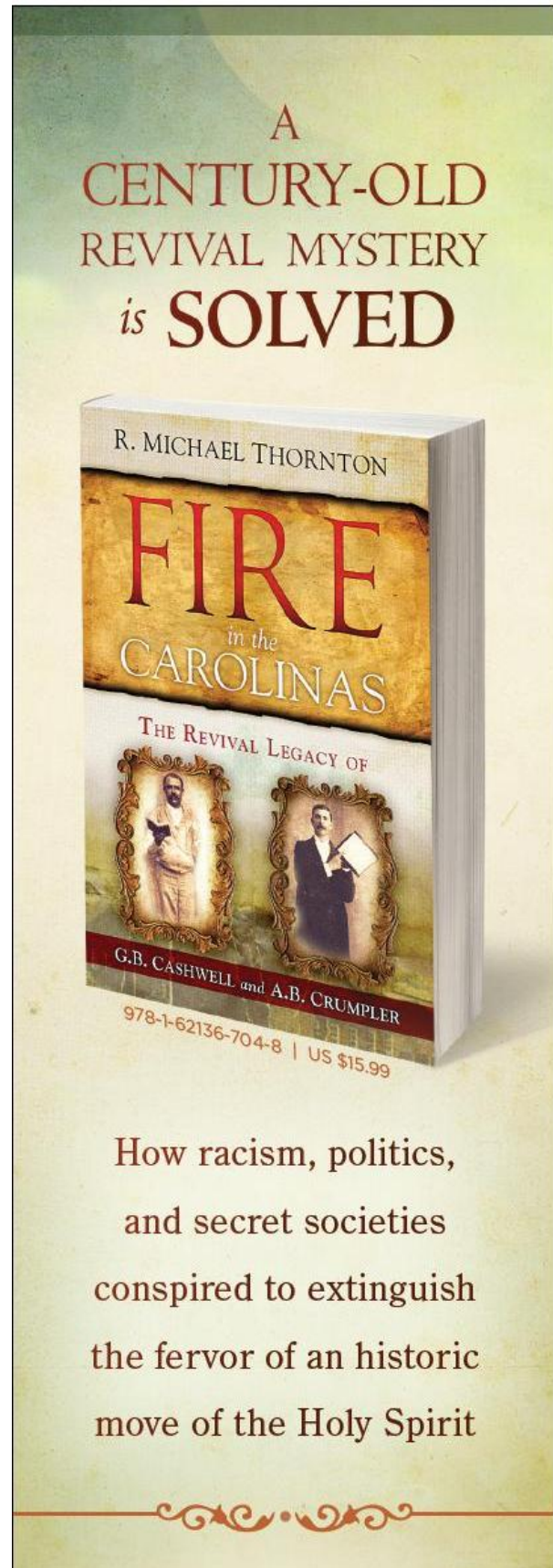


Author Michael Thornton will read from his new book *Fire in the Carolinas: The Revival Legacy of G. B. Cashwell and A. B. Crumpler* Thursday April 17th at 7:00pm. Thornton traces the factors that precipitated the fall into obscurity of these influential evangelists.

Preface

It is estimated that there are over 600 million Pentecostal Christians living in the earth today. With the exception of the Roman Catholic Church, global Pentecostalism has exploded to become the largest



Christian church in the world. It is a world-wide movement that is still evolving and impacting every race, nation, and culture. Approximately 70 million of those believers can trace their Pentecostal roots back to one extraordinary meeting, held by Rev. G.B. Cashwell on December 31, 1906, in Dunn, North Carolina. Dubbed "Azusa East" by authors, G.B. Cashwell's historic Carolina meeting is known as the Azusa Street of the East Coast. Under Cashwell's leading, this revival phenomenon ripped through the entire southern regions of the United States during the turn of the twentieth century. In less than three years, G.B. Cashwell personally spread the Holiness-Pentecostal Movement to over a dozen states, and brought some twelve denominations into the Pentecostal Movement including: The Assemblies of God, Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee), Church of God of Prophecy, International Pentecostal Church of Christ, International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Pentecostal Free Will-Baptist, and several others.

Cashwell's predecessor and close friend, Rev. Abner Blackmon Crumpler of Clinton, North Carolina, was also a powerful revivalist who roved the Carolina country side with Cashwell. Ten years before the outbreak at Azusa Street in Los Angeles (1896), A.B. Crumpler was

trailblazing North Carolina with the fires of Holiness during the late 1890's. Tens of thousands were converted and national interest was stirred as a result of his legendary tent meetings. In their own ways, both G.B. Cashwell and A.B. Crumpler sought to establish the Holiness-Pentecostal Movement everywhere they traveled. With this message burning in their bones, these two Tar Heel revivalists even set their sights on tearing down one of the South's biggest strongholds, racism.

Regrettably, just as fast as Cashwells and Crumpler's historic ministries began, they would mysteriously end. For over 100 years, researchers have been baffled and unable to come up with a solid answer as to what happened to these revival pioneers. Their thundering voices were silenced, and their impact on Christianity has largely been forgotten. In recent years however, there has been a growing hunger to know the truth about Cashwell, Crumpler, and why their ministries ended so abruptly. Thus, this book will attempt to unravel an ancient old mystery while bringing honor to the revival legacy of G.B. Cashwell and A.B. Crumpler; two of the South's greatest revivalists.

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