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Milwaukee's Convergence Resource Center Launches Solace Support Line to Help Human Trafficking Survivors

Human trafficking is one of the biggest issues facing the Milwaukee area, according to the FBI, which is why the Convergence Resource Center launched its Solace Support Line to provide support to human trafficking survivors. The Solace Support Line phone number is 414.393.9970 or text 414.797.3047.

The Solace Support Line is a warm line where live operators will listen, as well as provide support and important resources to help those in need. The vision for the Solace Support Line is that it will serve as a safe place, without judgment or condemnation, for those impacted by sex trafficking. However, the Solace Support Line is not a hotline like 911, which responds to life-threatening emergencies or 211, which provides city resources.

"The Solace Support Line is one tool to help address Milwaukee's growing sex trafficking problem. The line is a safe place to connect with people who care and who also have access to the resources that can help them escape this dangerous lifestyle," said Debbie Lassiter, CEO and co-founder of the Convergence Resource Center. "This is such a powerful opportunity for our organization to help those who have lived or are living in this situation."

The line is open to anyone who has been a victim of human trafficking and is in need of help. By calling into the SSL, survivors will be connected to someone who will listen and provide support to them during their difficult time. The



Debbie Lassiter, CEO



Beverly Taylor of Channel 6 has done a phenomenal job of interviewing Debbie and addressing the subject of Human Trafficking. It was very informative. She has also reported on the Convergence center and its ministries.

trained operators are available to help from 11pm to 7am Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"Many survivors of human trafficking suffer the negative effects from the experience including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Stockholm Syndrome, and much more," said Carla McKiver, co-founder of the Convergence Resource Center. "As this issue of human trafficking continues to grow in the city of Milwaukee, the Convergence Resource Center has recognized the need for providing ongoing support to survivors as they deal with the aftermath. We think this is a great start."

ABOUT THE CONVERGENCE RESOURCE CENTER

The Convergence Resource Center (CRC) is a not-for-profit, 501 (C) 3 faith based, community service organization, established in April 2004. Guided by the belief that many of the challenges facing our community can best be corrected when those who live in the central city and urban communities assume greater personal responsibility for their quality of life. For more information about the Convergence Resource Center, visit www.convergenceresource.org.

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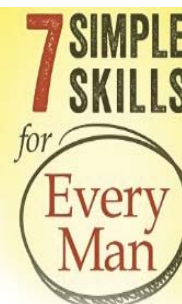
Pray Like a Man!

by Bill Farrel

"During my years as a lead pastor, I looked for ways to help men shine. I believe men have everything they need inside to be successful in their purpose and influential in their families. I also find many men get bored with prayer. The main reason is that we don't know how to listen to God in prayer. Any man who hears from the God of creation, author of salvation and inventor of risk will look at prayer as an adventure rather than a boring duty. So, how do we learn to listen to the God who created

us as relational beings? Here is one skill that has transformed my prayer life, as well as men I have mentored.

Listening Skill: God, you go first. Often men feel their minds wander when they try to pray. Periodically, begin your time of prayer with the statement, "God, you go first today." Then assume any thought that comes to mind is something God wants to talk with you about. Don't worry about whether the thoughts are positive, negative or neutral.



"Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing." (1 Timothy 2:8)

In Bill's new book, **Simple Skills for Every Man: Success in Relationships, Work and Walk with God**, he shares the true secret of success in life and love, including talking with the God who created men!

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Commentary



Christian Events in Full Bloom!

by John Fisco

If you are out and about by the many Christian events as listed many times in this newspaper, you'll be greatly blessed by the experience...**Oak Creek Assembly of God Church** once again had a great Easter production. Their staff is equal to anything happening in Hollywood. The Gospel message is clear and effective. Pastor Brooks makes a great presentation to the many audiences that attend, along with materials to take with. Amen!!

This summer as in past years, **Spring Creek Church** will once again hold its annual Patriotic events at the Church in Pewaukee on Sunday June 28th. Amerifest starts with a concert at 8 am and another at 9:30 am and 11:00 am. You must register for this event even though it is free. This registration will include a free lunch and activities for all ages including inflatables,

climbing wall, kid's games, classic car show and more. Go to www.springcreekonline.com to register. Make it a point to have this on your calendar.

The Clausons of Coloma, Wisconsin is a great experience at the Clauson Barn Theatre. A recent Gospel production with toe-tapping country-style music was overwhelming. They are one of the best kept secrets in the state of Wisconsin. See their schedule on their website www.clausonfamily-musicshows.com or call 715-228-2951 for more information. They have a number of events scheduled for the rest of the year, and maybe in Milwaukee in 2016 if plans succeed.



Returning to the Wisconsin State Fair this year, after their inspirational performance in 2011, will be **Casting Crowns**. They will take center stage on Monday August 10. Tickets are on sale now at the Fair Ticket Office, located at 7722 W. Greenfield Ave. They are open Monday through Friday 9 am – 3 pm.

These and many, many more happenings each month. Keep informed through this newspaper in the events section. Also by visiting the K-Love website at www.klove.com and Life 102.5 at www.life102.5

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Romans 10:9

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."



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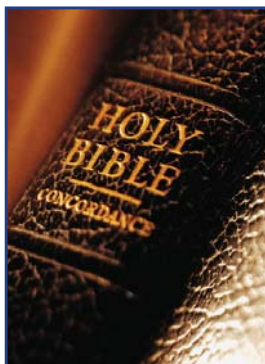
A Word From The Heart

by John Duckhorn

During the past two summers, my wife and I have returned to Columbia South America to celebrate the founding of our first church in the city of Bucaramanga. Last year we returned during the World Cup competition and enjoyed watching the games with Colombian friends. I am thankful to the Lord for what has been accomplished and recorded some things that were important to my Christian service both then and now. These qualities are not only needed for missionaries and Christian workers but for all believers and at all times.

PERSEVERANCE:

There is neither formula nor method that will instantaneously bring results. What might work in one place didn't work in another place. Planting the seed of God's word in sinful hearts is hard work. Only the Holy Spirit can make the heart of sinful man soft and ready to receive the Word of God. Paul planted but God gives the increase. Any results are of God and we are nothing. We mistakenly thought that style was as important as substance. How quickly one learns. We learned to keep working with a sense that we are always triumphant in Christ. A phrase given to me by a former mentor was continually on my mind. He said "Never doubt in the Dark what you knew to be true in the light".



SUCCESS:

Who can really judge the lasting effectiveness of their work? The apostle Paul worked hard, used the right lasting materials and left the judgment up to Jesus Christ. Our early days were hard and wearisome. To me they appeared as much wasted effort. We decided to stay put and keep planting the seed of God's word and be patient. Those were the times when we might have thought that we were not fit for His work and retreat to the good old US of A. I'm glad I learned to work and be patient. It has been a lifelong lesson.

GOD'S ORDER IN THE HAPHAZARD.

The best laid plans can go wrong because there is always something we don't know. A carefully planned trip or outreach can end up frustrated. It might be the rejection of the gospel message, refusal to give us permission to do what we planned, mud slides or jeep troubles. Regardless of the reason many efforts ended up a dead end street. Do not become a slave to a plan. "If instead of arranging our own programs we will trust to the wisdom of God and concentrate all our efforts on the duty that lies nearest, we shall find that we meet God in that way and no other" Oswald Chambers.

When we look for God he does not appear; where we do not look for Him, he is there. Bad weather or a "real good contact" comes to nothing, and suddenly we are face to face with the best that God has for us. He is faithful to take care of what we have deposited into His hands.

Crystal Cathedral Founder Robert Schuller Dies

By Leigh Jones

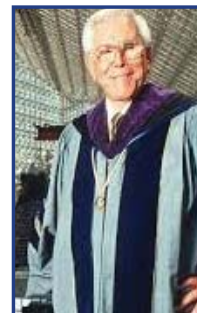
(WNS)--The Rev. Robert H. Schuller, known for rousing sermons broadcast around the world on The Hour of Power from the iconic glass Crystal Cathedral in Southern California, has died. He was 88.

Schuller began his ministry, part of the Reformed Church in America, in 1955 at a drive-in movie theater. He soared to fame as a megachurch pastor and televangelist during the next few decades. But his empire came crashing down amid family strife and a dwindling congregation in the mid 2000s. The ministry filed for bankruptcy and sold the Crystal Cathedral to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange in 2011.

But Schuller's legacy continues with his grandson, Bobby, who has taken over The Hour of Power and pastors at least some of his grandfather's congregants in a new church.

"Everybody thinks the Crystal Cathedral is the greatest thing my grandparents built, but it wasn't," Bobby Schuller recently told WORLD. "It was The Hour of Power. The huge reach of that ministry is amazing. The fact that God kept it intact is such a great thing."

The family patriarch quickly moved his ministry from its drive-in pulpit to a brick-and-mortar location in 1961. The Hour of Power began broadcasting in 1970. At the height of its popularity in the 1990s, the program drew 20 million viewers from 180 countries. The ministry built the Crystal Cathedral in 1980.



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I fought this for a long time. I would set aside time to pray and then I would get flooded with thoughts that were ugly, dark and focused on areas of my life I wanted to ignore. I assumed this was Satan or his cadre of demons trying to distract me from praying as I should. Then I became a dad. I noticed that when my kids approached me, I was eager to bring up issues I knew were holding them back that they were trying to ignore. I started a habit with them that went something like this:

"Dad, can I talk with you?"

"Sure, I'd love to."

"Can I spend go to dinner at my friend Bob's Friday?"

"Well, I've noticed you have been lazy about cleaning your room lately and you've been mean

to your brothers. Are you going to act that way at Bob's house?"

"No, Dad. I wouldn't do that."

"Is there a reason you act that way at our house but wouldn't act that way at their house?"

"I see your point Dad. I am sorry and I will work hard this week at being better at home. If I do that, would it be okay if I go to Bob's?"

"If you follow through, I don't see a problem."

God is a much better Dad than I am. If I can figure out as a Dad that there are issues I need to bring up with my kids, certainly God wants to bring up issues with us. It makes sense then to willingly open ourselves up to the process.

Once you pray, "God you go first," use the thoughts that come to mind to form points of conversation with God. Confess the sins that

come to mind. Talk over the decisions that confront you. Admit to the fears that are holding you back. Agonize over the people you love who have real needs. Celebrate the victories. Report the areas that make you angry. Let every thought become a reason to talk with God as it gives God the opportunity to be in charge of your prayer time. Keep this going until things go silent. At that point, you can bring up whatever you would like and see where that conversation leads. By letting God go first, you forge a friendship with the powerful God who created you and wants the best for you and you are giving Him permission to speak wisdom into your life.

Bill and Pam Farrel are the authors of 40 books including two newest: *Simple Skills of Every Man: Success in Relationships, Work, and Your Walk with God* and *Simple Skills for Every Woman: Keeping It All Together*. www.Love-Wise.com



Prayer Breakfast



AWESOME PRAYER BREAKFAST!

With a sold out crowd of close to one thousand, the packed house was in awe as they heard from each of the program participants. Especially from Nancy Writebol who gave her experiences after contacting Ebola while in Monrovia, Liberia. A tremendous testimony how prayer was so important to her and all those around her, as the word spread throughout the world. Governor Scott Walker also expressed his be-

lief in prayer and his personal belief in God. Read some of the comments received after the event. Reserve the date for 2016, May 5th, 2016. **HEAR THE ENTIRE PROGRAM OF THE PRAYER BREAKFAST AT <https://youtu.be/eiCYMjxSdMU> or go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for "2015 Wisconsin Governors Prayer Breakfast"**



Featured speaker American Ebola Survivor, Nancy Writebol speaking with Governor Walker looking on. Governor Walker's wife Tonette to his left.

Breakfast Receives Wonderful Reviews!

"It was a great way to start the day."

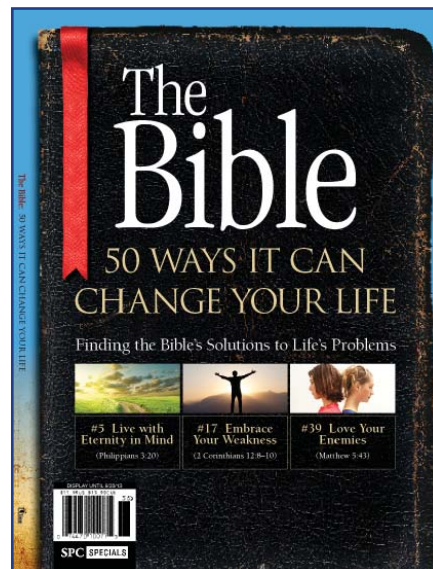
"The Prayer Breakfast was very inspirational."

"It was great having the room full - table to table."

"It was a great blessing to us! We were moved by the messages and prayers given by godly people who take prayer seriously. Thank you for helping make events like this take place!"

"Wow!! is about all I can say. Absolutely fantastic from start to finish. I cannot remember the last time I attended something this moving. Very well done! Thank you again for a remarkable experience. I definitely want to attend next year."

"The Breakfast was an inspiring moment in my life, it truly reinforced the thought that prayer changes things."



The book **"50 Ways the Bible Can Change Your Life"** was given out to all in attendance. Approximately five hours after the Breakfast was over with, we received a phone call from a man telling us how much he is enjoying the book. He said, "I'm already on number 15 just since I got back to my office, thirty five more to go - it's tremendous!"



National Day of Prayer Event



Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast Photos

Jack Roper, Photographer



Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker bringing greetings at the Breakfast



Tribute to our Troops featuring Stu Kuehl SFC, US Army, Retired Corps of Engineers, Afghanistan



A portion of the crowd of close to 1,000 people at the sold out event



Emcee for the event Dr. Mark Bruce with Wheaton Franciscan



Queens of Harmony – Internationally known Queens of Harmony from Milwaukee



Calendar



May

All you can eat fish fry

May 29 from 4:30pm – 7pm
Oak Creek Assembly of God
7311 S. 13th Street
Oak Creek
Enjoy fried or baked Atlantic Cod, potato pancakes or baked potato, coleslaw, bread & a fountain drink. Advanced tickets are \$9.25 for adults and \$4.50 for kids 12 and under are available in the Food Café or online at oakcreek.org/fish-fry. Also available \$3.00 desserts and packaged beverages at regular prices.

Married Couple Game Night

May 29 from 6pm to 9pm
Oak Creek Assembly of God
7311 S. 13th Street
Oak Creek, WI
Married couples in the 30's/40's age range are invited to join us on Friday May 29 for a game night at the home of Richie and Sonia Lopez, 9822 Dana Drive in Franksville. We will meet from 6-9 pm for food, fun and fellowship. Contact Mike and Christine Jacobs at mcjacobs@wi.rr.com or 414-766-9479.

College-Age Summer Kickoff

May 29 from 4pm to 7pm
Marx Park, across from Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Rd
Brookfield, WI 53045
2015 high school grads are welcome to come. Summer kickoff is a great way for students to reconnect with their friends and college-age ministry staff. We will be at Marx Park in Brookfield, across the street from Elmbrook Church from 4-7 pm. There is no schedule or agenda, just show up for corn, burgers, hot dogs, volleyball, spike ball, soccer, Frisbee and MORE. Call 262-786-7051 for more information.

**SPACE RESERVED
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Healing and Deliverance Conference

May 29 at 6pm
May 30 at 8:30am
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
470 N. Oak Crest Dr.
Wales, WI 53181
Truth and the Fear of the Lord, healing and deliverance conference.
We will talk about Seduction and Witchcraft, Vain Imaginations, the Validation of Deliverance, Jesus as Savior, Deliverer and Healer. Speakers include Rev. Frank Zenobia, Rev. William Senobia, Rev. Anthony Zenobia and Rev. Ricki Goral. Registration is required. You may register by calling 414-861-3385 or 414-870-5349. Cost is \$20.00 per person (lunch included on Saturday)

High school golden age ball

May 29 from 7:30pm to 11pm
Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield, WI 53045
Cost \$10.00 and \$15.00 at the door. The evening includes photographs, awesome refreshments, and a chance to brush up on your dancing skills. Call 262-786-7051 for more information

Spoken in concert along with The Price of Sanity

May 29 at 7:30pm
Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway
Green Bay, WI 54303

Men's Golf

May 30 at 1pm
Sponsored by Oak Creek Assembly of God.
Go to oakcreek.org/mens-ministry for all dates, costs and locations.

All Pro Dad Breakfast

May 30 at 8:30am
Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Rd
Brookfield, WI 53045
Free. Dads are you looking for a way to connect with your kids? Check out All Pro Dad is an opportunity for you to bring your elementary age kids to Elmbrook to chat with them over breakfast, hear a short message, and walk away better equipped to ban an All Pro Dad!

Open Mic

May 30 at 7pm
Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway
Green Bay, WI 54303
Doors open at 6:30 pm

Wisconsin 2015 Lantern Walk

May 30 at 6:30pm
Frame Park
Waukesha, WI
A collaboration between 5-stones, Redeem and Restore Center for the purpose of mobilizing our communities into prevention, intervention and restoration for victims of sex trafficking. Family friendly, Register by going to www.classy.org/WisconsinLanternWalk

Sons of Korah Concert

May 31 at 6pm
Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield, WI 53045
Call church to purchase tickets. 262-786-7051

June

72 Hours of Prayer

June 5 - 7
Wisconsin State Fair
There is a need for people with a heart for prayer to show up and pray during their chosen time slot. To sign up, contact Richard Brown at 414-771-6000 or jesus4ramaa@gmail.com. You can also contact BASICS in Milwaukee for details

Jason Gray in concert

June 6 at 6:30pm & 8:45pm
Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway
Green Bay, WI
For more info call 920-435-3269

Big Cedar Bluegrass in concert

June 6 at 7:30pm
Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway
Green Bay, WI 54303
Call 920-435-3269 for more information

Shiloh 5K Run/Walk

June 6 at 9am
Destiny Christian Church
500 Bay View Road
Mukwonago, WI
Shiloh 5K Run/Walk at Destiny Christian Church funds for Shiloh Children's Center in Uganda. Call 262-617-4879 for details.

Dad's Fishing Day

June 6 from 7am to 11am
Sponsored by Spring Creek Church
Meet at Pewaukee Lake, renting boats at Smokey's Bait Shop 129 Park Avenue, Pewaukee, WI. \$15.00 per person, includes boat rental and cookout lunch afterward. Call 262-695-2211 for more details.

Church Dedication

June 7 at 11am
Divine Covenant Church
9220 W. Howard Ave
Milwaukee, WI
Join us for the dedication of the new church. Worship lead by CD recording artist Cheryl McCrary. Her new CD's will be available, as well. A light lunch will follow the service. Please RSVP by calling 414-231-7303

It's Time Conference

June 11 - 14
Lakeshore Tabernacle
8900 - 34th Ave
Kenosha, WI
Hosted by Faithlife Victory International and Lakeshore Tabernacle June 11th at 7 pm, June 12 at 7 pm, June 13th at 6:30, and June 14th at 10:15. For more information call 262-914-0725. Faithlifevictory.org or lakeshoretatab.org

Hand Picked Bluegrass in concert

June 12 at 7:30pm
Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway
Green Bay, WI 54303
Call 920-435-3269 for more information

Cheryl McCrary

June 12 at 7pm
Divine Destinations presents CD recording artist Cheryl McCrary to perform at the "Nights of Praise & Worship" on Friday June 12 at 7 pm. The church is located at 3116 75th Street in Kenosha, WI 53142. Her new cd's "Inspirations" will be available for sale at the event. There will also be other guest choirs and praise dance teams. Everyone is welcome to attend the event.

Worship Concert

June 12 at 7pm
Salvation Army Church
3116 75th Street
Kenosha, WI
Worship concert with special music by CD Recording artist Cheryl McCrary

The Sweet Sorrows along with Sammy-Kylie Horner in concert

June 13 at 7:30pm
Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway
Green Bay, WI 54303
Call 920-435-3269 for more information

Relay for Charity

June 13 at noon
Hoyt Park, Milwaukee. Relay for Charity to benefit "Just One More Ministry", a terrific Christian non-profit that rescues food that would otherwise be thrown away, and the repackaging it into meals for the needy. For more info call 262-781-4750

Women's Club Brunch

June 15 at 9:30am
Davians Banquet & Conference Center
16300 Silver Spring Dr.
The Milwaukee West Suburban Christian Women's Club invites you to join us for brunch. Our special feature will be Gail Sweet, author of the book "Desert First" Our speaker will be Kay Grudem from Winneconne, WI. Her talk will be "From Castles to Mansions" \$15.00 per ticket. Please call 262-251-3841 for your reservation.

James Kocian in concert

June 19 at 7:30pm
Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway
Green Bay, WI 54303
Call 920-435-3269 for more information

Senior Lunch

June 19
Spring Creek Church
N35 Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee, WI
Entertainment provided by Kim Robertson, Celtic Harpist. Reservations must be made by Friday, the week before the luncheon. \$12.00 per person. Questions? Call Spring Creek Church at 262-695-2211

Open Mic

June 20
Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway
Green Bay, WI 54303
Call 920-435-3269 for more information and sign up

Christian League for the Handicapped

June 20 at 6pm
Hawley Road Ridge Apartments
920 Hawley Road
Christian League for the Handicapped will have their monthly meeting in the lobby of the apartments. Meetings include special music and speaker plus refreshments. Open to handicapped and non-handicapped alike. For more information please call 414-861-2909 or 414-453-8438

High School Devil's Lake Trip

June 21 to June 25
Elmbrook Church is sponsoring a High School Devil's Lake Trip. Cost \$300.00. A week long adventure trip includes rock climbing, canoeing, caving, high ropes and camping out in Devil's Lake State Park. Students build relationships with one another as they explore God's word and participate in incredible activities together. For more information contact Jacquelyn at jmolitor@elmbrook.org or call 262-786-7051 x791

PROVERBS 17:27

**A man of knowledge uses words with restraint,
and a man of understanding is even-tempered.**



Calendar



Soul'd Out in concert June 23 & 24 at 1pm and 7:30pm

Fireside Theatre
1131 Janesville Ave
Fort Atkinson, WI
Gospel group Soul'd Out will be in concert. Tickets are \$37.93 and include their Buffet before each performance. Call 1-800-477-9505 for more information or purchase of tickets.

Manafest, Illia & Clear Pioneer in concert

June 26 at 7:30pm
Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway
Green Bay, WI 54303
Call 920-435-3269 for more information.

FMSC

June 26 and 27

Mukwonago High School
605 W. School Rd (NN)
Mukwonago, WI 53149
FMSC is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's hungry children. Adults & children hand-pack meals specially formulated for malnourished children and shipped to nearly 70 countries. Call 414-881-0943 for more details.

College-Age Summer Retreat

June 26 through June 28

College-Age Summer Retreat sponsored by Elmbrook Church Retreat will take place at Barack Obama School in Milwaukee. We will be carpooling from Elmbrook to the school and staying overnight with families from a local church.

Amerifest

June 28 from 10am to 3pm

Spring Creek Church
N35 Capitol Drive
Pewaukee, WI 53072
The 27th Annual Community Event at Spring Creek Church. Registration is required. Free concerts at 8, 9:30 and 11 am. Free picnic lunch following the concerts. Free activities for all ages; inflatables, climbing wall, kid's games, classic car show and more! Please contact the church at 262-695-2211 to register.

July

Burlap to Cashmere in concert

July 3 at 7:30pm

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July 4 at 8:30am

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Remnants & John Abbot & Friends

July 11 at 7:30pm

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NHRA US Drag Race Nationals

July 12 at 7am and 9am

Racers for Christ Chapel Services with Worship led by CD Recording Artist Cheryl McCrary & HeirBorn Band.
Route 66 Raceway
500 Speedway Blvd.
Joliet, IL 60433

VBS week July 13 - 17

New Testament Church
10201 W. Bradley
Milwaukee, WI 53224
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Mike Mangione and the Union with Hope and Patience

July 17 at 7:30pm

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Monthly Senior Lunch July 17 at 11:30am

Spring Creek Church
N35 Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee, WI 53072
This month's theme is The Beach. Wear your sun hats! This month's entertainment by Stas Venglevski. Pyrotechnical player, Stas Venglevski will wow you with his artistry and technical command of the bayan (concert accordion) \$12.00 per person. Questions? Call 262-695-2211

Annual Church picnic July 18

New Testament Church
10201 W. Bradley
Milwaukee, WI 53225
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Christian League for the Handicapped

July 18 at 6pm

Hawley Road Apartments
920 N. Hawley Road
Milwaukee, WI
Christian League for the Handicapped will hold their monthly meeting in the lobby of the apartment building. Meetings include special music and speaker, plus refreshments. Handicapped and non-handicapped are welcome. For more information call 414-861-2909 or 414-453-8438

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Baptism in the Pond July 19 at 12pm

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Rd
Brookfield, WI 53045
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Family Outdoor Event July 19 from 4pm to 7pm

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Rd
Brookfield, WI 53045
Beat the heat and the mid-summer doldrums! The fourth annual Family Outdoor Event at Elmbrook Church is FREE and open to all. So bring your kids or grandkids...Invite the neighbor from down the street...and be ready to bring home some happy, worn-out kids at the end of the evening. No registration necessary.

Josh Wilson in concert July 24 at 7:30pm

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Waukesha Friday Night Live

July 24

CD Recording artist Cheryl McCrary will be performing at Allo Chocolat, 232 Main Street in Downtown Waukesha

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August & September

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August 4 & 5

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The Men of Harmony September 12

The Men of Harmony present their gospel concert series. In September, the Chuck Wagon Gang will be in concert at the Weill Center, 826 N. 8th Street, Sheboygan, WI. For Ticket information call the Weill Center at 920-208-3243 or order tickets online at www.weillcenter.com. All concerts performed at the Stefanie H. Weill Center, 826 N. 8th Street in Sheboygan, WI

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."

"That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!"

A nurse says to the second guy, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!"

"That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!"

A nurse tells the third man, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!"

"That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!"

The last man is groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask.

"I work for 7 Up!"

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News & More



Non-Profit Discount Retailer and Second Chance Employer Welcomes New CEO

Nick Ringger's experience works well where neighborhood improvement meets the dignity of work.

The Community Warehouse has announced the hiring of their new CEO, Nick Ringger. Ringger replaces Neal Meitler who has served in that position for the last two years.

Most recently Ringger worked as CEO of Alaska Bible College and participated in an inner city church in Anchorage, Alaska which extensively served the homeless population. He has 33 years of business and ministry experience as a farmer, carpenter, pastor and business owner.

John Lesko, board president said, "I'm excited to have Nick on board as our new CEO and we're looking forward to seeing what God has planned for Community Warehouse in the future."

Ringger studied organizational management at Bethel College and earned a masters degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. He has been married to his wife Jeanette for 31 years. They have seven grown children.

Since 2005, Community Warehouse has provided Milwaukee's Community Grant Block District neighborhoods with donated new building and home improvement materials sold at discounted prices. Along with their Milwaukee

Working division, the non-profit also employs background challenged individuals and offers on-the-job training and life skills development.

CBS News recently featured the friendship of the retail store manager, Ray Robakowski, former Milwaukee Police Department officer and Milwaukee Working manager and ex-offender Jacob Maclin. The story aired on April 17, 2015 in its series, On the Road with Steve Hartman.

The Community Warehouse was started by five Milwaukee businessmen with a desire to use their experience to advance the city of Milwaukee. With the help of over 700 donors, Community Warehouse opened its doors at 521 S. 9th Street. The Milwaukee Working division was started in 2010 and is located on 30th and North Avenue. These two non-profit organizations offer opportunity and mentorship to employees working in a full-time job with the dual purpose of improving Milwaukee neighborhoods, one household at a time and strengthening families through the dignity of work.

Ringger is the third CEO of the organization. George Bogdanovich was the first, and also one of the originators of Community Warehouse.



Milwaukee Community Block Grant district home and business owners can obtain membership to Community Warehouse for a small yearly fee. Exterior and interior discounted home improvement materials available include siding, flooring, paint, doors, windows, bathroom fixtures and much more. Kohler, Home

Depot, Lowes, Standard and other brand name companies donate new, unused materials which Community Warehouse discounts for Milwaukee customers. Visitors who want to explore the warehouse are welcome during business hours.

The Community Warehouse hours and information may be found at www.TheCommunitywarehouse.org. For details about the Milwaukee Working division, go to www.MilwaukeeWorking.org.

For more information contact:

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521 S. 9th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204

Teen in Foster Care Wins Miss Alabama Pageant -- And A New Family

by Sarah Padbury

(WNS)--A high school foster youth pulled off a surprise win at Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Pageant earlier this month. She not only won her first-ever pageant, but preparations for the event led her to a family who decided to take her in.

Kaitlynn Campbell, 17, attends Hayden High School in the small town of Hayden, Ala., located 30 miles north of Birmingham. Karron Standridge, a guidance counselor at the school, received a pamphlet about the pageant and felt led to give it to Campbell after the teenager received a standing ovation when she sang "Heaven Was Needing a Hero" at a school assembly. Standridge coordinated a community campaign to help Campbell get ready for the event.

"I call it 'Team Hayden.'" Standridge told AL.com. "It was a team effort to get her there."

At that time, Campbell had already been in foster care for eight months, moving between a group home and foster homes. Campbell's social worker helped Standridge solicit and organize area donations, including money to



pay the competition's various fees, borrowed formal gowns, make-up and manicures, photo sessions, and pageant preparation tips.

Campbell competed against 41 other young women from across the state. Five judges scored them on talent, evening wear, a private interview and onstage question, lifestyle and fitness, and scholastic achievement, according to AL.com. The popular state contest awarded Campbell the title of Miss Alabama's Outstanding

Teen 2015. In addition, she received \$5,000 cash and the offer of a four-year, full tuition scholarship at her choice of five universities: University of Alabama, Auburn University, Troy University, the University of Montevallo, and Jacksonville State University.

Campbell will advocate a platform focused on child abuse and neglect as she prepares to compete for Miss America's Outstanding Teen.

"This isn't about being a beauty queen," Shelly Roach, a stylist who helped Campbell fix a botched hair coloring job, told AL.com. "She has lived her platform for many years."

But Campbell doesn't want people to feel sorry for her, and views her story as one of success rather than sadness.

"It hasn't been easy, but it has been so worth it," Campbell told AL.com. "Things have fallen together perfectly, God has just been in this whole journey. ... I'm excited to be able to represent the state of Alabama and to be the voice for the kids that are going through hard times."

Campbell's "hard times" may be less difficult soon as she recently found what she needed most: a permanent home. Shelly Roach felt drawn to Campbell while helping her with her hair. Roach asked her husband, Bryan, if they could consider taking her in.

"After I met Kaitlynn, I saw what [Shelly] saw and an opportunity to help this young woman," Bryan Roach told AL.com. "After a period of prayer, we felt like we were led to do it."

With her new foster parents cheering her on, Campbell told AL.com she is looking forward to using her new position to encourage teens who are going through tough times.

"I want to give other kids the courage to overcome any type of adversity that they're facing ... because it is not easy being a teenager," Campbell said. "I know that first-hand."



Evangelism



Evangelist Will Graham Returns to the Philippines, Preaches to 74,630 in Tacloban and Cebu

Evangelist Will Graham, grandson of evangelist Billy Graham, returned to the Philippines in March to preach to audiences totaling 74,630 across two cities in the Visayas area of the country.

The Greater Tacloban Celebration of Life took place March 21-22 in the city that is best known for being "Ground Zero" for the devastating and deadly Super Typhoon Yolanda in November 2013. Thousands were killed, and the city is only now beginning to recover.

"Your city looks like it's being rebuilt, but in your heart you're struggling. God wants to come into your life tonight and make you whole," said Graham. "God wants to give you joy, purpose and peace. Despite your circumstances, God wants to work in your life tonight."

A total of 14,630 attended the two-day event, and 2,678 - nearly 20 percent of those in attendance - came forward at the invitation.

Among those who responded was a security guard who saw the banner outside and entered on his own. "He just felt led here, went inside,

and listened to the preaching of Will Graham," marveled Pastor Gamaliel Aliposa, whose church member counseled the man. "After that he came forward and surrendered his life to the Lord Jesus Christ. Simple as that!"

From there, Graham continued on to the "Queen City of the South," Cebu, where he preached to 60,307 over three days at the Cebu Celebration of Life, March 27-29.

"How does an imperfect person have a relationship with a perfect God?" Graham asked the audience. "There's nothing we can do to save ourselves. Jesus came and took our place."

He continued, "It doesn't matter if you're Filipino or American. It doesn't matter if you're old or young. Every person has to answer this question. What will you do with Jesus?"

More than 8,000 responded to the Gospel message and began a new relationship with Jesus during the Cebu Celebration of Life



"It was almost like a magnet when the invitation was given," said Pastor Jo Alfafara. "It was like a slingshot and people couldn't wait to get out of their seats and they all just rushed forward. No hesitancy at all. It was like a flood of people running forward towards the stage."

The events in Tacloban and Cebu were Graham's second and third outreaches in the country. His first took place in 2011, when he held a four-day event in Bicol. Just prior to this trip, Graham visited China and preached the Gospel in two cities, including Huai'an, where his great-grandfather was a medical missionary and where his grandmother, Ruth Bell Graham, was born.

Graham's next event will be the Ohio Valley Will Graham Celebration in Owensboro, Kentucky, in April.

Follow Will on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/WillGraham4 and on Twitter at www.Twitter.com/TellaGraham.

BILLYGRAHAM.TV Releases New Special, "Fishers of Men"



"God has called all of us to be fishers of men," says Franklin Graham, President and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, "It doesn't matter who you are, God can use you." In the current Billy Graham television special - airing now on local and Christian stations and online - viewers can see how people are stepping out of their comfort zones, in faith, to share the hope and love of Christ, one life at a time.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is using every opportunity to touch people lives through its ongoing ministries. My Hope films utilize messages from Billy Graham -including the recent "Heaven," and "The Cross" programs - to make the Gospel accessible in any place from churches and theatres, to prisons and ball fields. Franklin Graham Festivals and Will Graham Celebrations bring the hope of Jesus Christ to stadiums and arenas around the world and stream online to thousands more. And the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team ministers to the spiritual and emotional needs of survivors in cities and towns recovering from disaster and tragedy.

In the current TV special, a woman, once incarcerated, shares how God reached her behind prison walls as she watched a message from Billy Graham through the My Hope program.

ing the earthquake that devastated the country in 2010. "He didn't just want to save me; He wants to use me," says Bombardieri. "I was leading people to Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit was using me." Bombardieri shares how his experience has led him to minister to others following tragedy.

Check your local listings and watch "Fishers of Men" to see how the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is proclaiming the Gospel around the world and learn more about My Hope, the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team, Franklin Graham Festivals and more at www.billygraham.tv.

About the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

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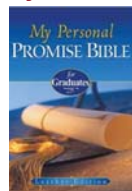


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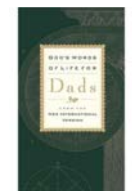


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The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." - Romans 8:15

The Secrets Men Keep by Stephen Arterburn



Every man has secrets. Whether they are sinful – or simply not in your best interest...whether you wall them off or stuff them down deep, you are not alone. But as author Stephen Arterburn warns, secrets are also the most dangerous force within a man, so finding a way to deal with the unspoken fears and questions that threaten to undo you is among your most important tasks. In this book, the author of the million-selling "Every Man's Battle" series courageously exposes what nearly 4,000 men like you said they think, feel and question – about themselves, their work, their marriage and family, their finances and their faith – but don't dare to talk about. He also affirms again and again that the strength it takes to keep your secrets safe can be redirected to make a better life and a stronger you. Throughout these pages. Throughout these pages, Arterburn not only fleshes out each of 25 secrets but gives perspective on where those secrets come from, why they feel so important and how to respond to them...to make life, love, work and leadership easier for you and to everyone who loves you.

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Unlikely path to the NFL and a Super Bowl Championship



Some athletes are born with great physical talents and rise to the heights of a particular sport with the ease of a hot-air balloon soaring skyward on a cold day. Some athletes are born with limited physical abilities and they have to work hard to reach the top of their sport. Don Beebe falls in the last category. Born with quickness and speed but not with a big-boned, muscular, tall body, he worked hard at being the best he could be in every sport he tackled. He wanted to be an NBA basketball player, but a lack of height prevented him from realizing that dream. Unwilling to give up, he turned to football.

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Diane Fechter, Author



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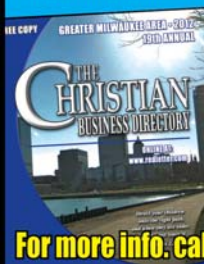
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60 Years Young, FCA Impacting Coaches and Athletes for Christ

As Successful Camp Programs Begins, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Focuses on Theme of 'Undeclared' at Hundreds of Camps Around the Globe

For more than six decades, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA, www.fca.org) has had one clear focus—to impact the world of sports for Jesus—building up and supporting coaches and athletes along the way, and showing Christ's love on courts and fields across the country.

FCA President and CEO Les Steckel says he's thankful for the clear vision of the world-renowned sports ministry today, which is due to a committed purpose of founder Don McClanen 60-plus years ago.

"In a world in which it is extremely easy to lose focus on the goal in front of us, I'm thankful to say FCA knows who we are and where we are going," Steckel said. "We have one concrete mission: maximizing our impact on coaches and athletes for Jesus Christ, and touching lives—one heart at a time. FCA also knows that a young athlete's involvement in sports and his or her interaction with a coach can play one of the

most crucial roles in life. We pray for that sports experience in which athletes are built up rather than torn down, faith can grow, and lives are changed forever. By God's grace, this model has worked for over 60 years, and we are ever-hopeful that it will continue for another 60 years, as we stay on mission."

Over the coming months, FCA will realize its mission to impact coaches and athletes in very tangible ways, reaching thousands through its successful Camps program. This year, under the "Undeclared" theme, FCA Camps will focus on 1 Corinthians 15:57: "But thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." As the FCA Camps web site reminds, "We serve a God who has never lost. His string of victories is unmatched. He has dominated the competition throughout history.... God is holy. God is mighty. He is UNDEFEATED!"

In 2014, FCA Camps saw record-setting numbers, with total attendance reaching 86,557 coaches and athletes at 516 camps in 40 states and 33 countries. Nearly 20,000 attendees chose to commit or recommit their lives to Jesus Christ. To find camps in specific areas or to in-

quire about volunteering at an FCA Camp, visit www.fcacamps.org.

FCA also impacts coaches, athletes and sports fans in general through its bi-monthly magazine. Highlights of the March/April issue include a cover story on New Orleans Pelicans coach Monty

Williams, a Q&A

with Charlotte

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center Cody Zeller,

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For more information about the Fellowship of

Christian Athletes, visit FCA's web site at www.fca.org,

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LifeWay Abandons "Heaven Visitation Resources"

By James Bruce

(WNS)--Heaven's not for sale, and books recounting people's journeys there won't be, either—at least not at LifeWay, the bookseller and publishing house established by the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in 1891.

LifeWay's Marty King told the Baptist Press "experiential testimonies about heaven would not be a part of our new direction." LifeWay stopped re-ordering the books—called "heaven visitation resources" in LifeWay's written statement—last summer. The SBC adopted a resolution in June that cautioned Christians not to get their beliefs about life after death from "the numerous books and movies purporting to explain or describe the afterlife experience." Though the resolution did not mention LifeWay specifically, King said the SBC's commitment to "the sufficiency of biblical revelation and affirming the truth about heaven and hell"

informed LifeWay's deliberations about whether to continue carrying the books.

The written statement does not mention any books by name, but several popular recent titles include Don Piper's *90 Minutes in Heaven* (2004), Kevin and Alex Malarkey's *The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven* (2010), and Todd Burpo's *Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back* (2010). The books have sold millions of copies worldwide. Sony Pictures released a film based on *Heaven is for Real* last year, and Giving Films finished filming a movie version of *90 Minutes in Heaven* this March.

Heaven visitation books have been the subject of recent controversy already. Tyndale House decided to pull one of the books in the genre—*The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven*—after the boy, Alex Malarkey, said he neither died nor went to heaven.

"They should read the Bible, which is enough," Malarkey said in a statement released by his

mother. "The Bible is the only source of truth. Anything written by man cannot be infallible."

LifeWay's own LifeWay Research recently found a healthy majority of Americans believe in heaven and hell already. What's missing is theological clarity found in the Bible: LifeWay Research's Bob Smietana reported that "just under half of Americans (45 percent) say there are many ways to heaven—which conflicts with traditional views about salvation being linked to faith in Jesus." The view of hell is no different: Though a majority believe in hell, "Americans don't seem too worried about sin or being sent to hell." And Americans may be unlikely to turn to Scripture for their beliefs, with less than half calling the Bible the Word of God.

But LifeWay's recent decision will leave at least one heaven visitation book untouched. As John Piper noted in a tweet, "LifeWay stores pull 'heaven visitation' books. ... Except one. The Bible."



Ambassador David Saperstein Says Religious Liberty Should Go Beyond Freedom of Worship

(WNS)--The new State Department ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom articulated a robust view of religious liberty in his first testimony before Congress. Rabbi David Saperstein's comments came at a U.S. Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing convened to discuss his office's budget and role in combating religious persecution. Saperstein's predecessor, Suzan Johnson Cook, served two-and-a-half ineffective years in the role and often only defended freedom of worship—limiting religious

practice to what happens inside a place of worship or at home. Saperstein denounced that limited view, noting freedom of worship leaves out a person's right to religious education, proselytizing, and generally live out one's faith in the public square: "It is important that that be the message going out to the world."



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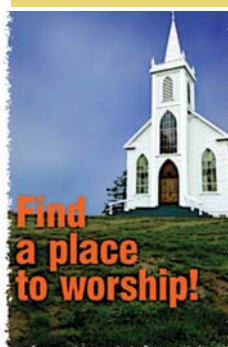
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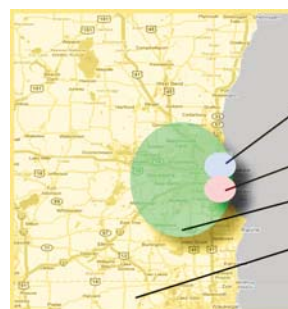


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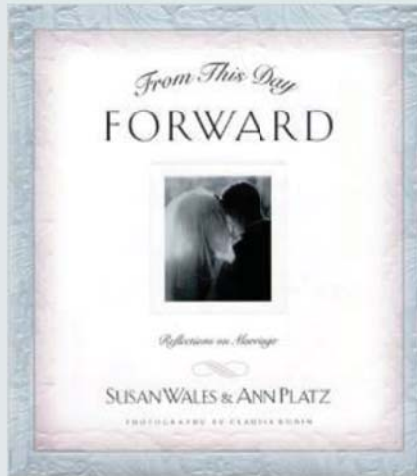


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