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## Warning To The U.S. Supreme Court: DON'T MESS WITH GOD!

BIBLICAL VALUES – The Bible, God's Holy Word written more than 2,000 years ago, IS NOT subject to AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS! The Lord is our Lawgiver; the Lord is our King..." (Isaiah 33:22, NKJV)

### FRANKLIN GRAHAM WROTE:

The U. S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage is legal in all 50 states. This is a defining moment for our nation.

Long before our government came into existence, marriage was created by Almighty God – the One who created man and woman. He is clear about the definition of marriage in His Holy Word:

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24, ESV). In the New Testament, Jesus reiterated God's definition of marriage: "From the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife' (Mark 10:6-7). ***The court did not define marriage, and therefore it is not entitled to redefine it.***



### TONY PERKINS OF THE FAMILY RESEARCH WRITES:

In what may be one of the most horrendous decisions ever forced on the American people, the U.S. Supreme Court has made same-sex "marriage" the law of the land.



As I have said for years, same-sex "marriage" is but the tip of the iceberg in an attempt to fundamentally alter the cultural and moral landscape of the nation. It is part of an unrelenting war on

Christianity and the family by the Left, liberal media, ruling elites and especially the Obama administration. And now, because of the Court's ruling, our religious freedom is more in danger than ever before.

Now is NOT the time to give up and retreat. It is critical that Christians pray more fervently than ever, stand more resolutely for truth than ever.

The Supreme Court decision to redefine marriage will force Americans like you and me, who believe that it is God who determines what is morally right or wrong, to stand against the oppressive power of the government.

Now that the historic definition of marriage has been "re-defined" by judicial fiat, we will see an almost cataclysmic confrontation between religious freedom and sexual license.

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# Commentary



## THE CHURCH – Yesterday – Today – Tomorrow??

by John Fisco

It seems like the Evangelical Church (and some others) are changing by leaps and bounds these past number of years. For the longest time the traditional church appeared to be the “worship” place for every Sunday, and, not only AM but an evening service also. Then too, a Wednesday evening Bible study and prayer service. Slowly the evening service got dropped, oh yes, a Saturday service was added (for those far too busy for taking time out on Sunday to worship – so be it). Then the mid-week service got dropped due to lack of interest. So now the multi-million dollar edifices are used for a few hours on Sunday (and maybe some activities during the week; however the main emphasis for the Evangelical church’s “worship” time is Sunday. Someone suggested everyone do a ‘time study’ on how much they devote to GOD on a weekly basis, remembering they depend on GOD 100% 24/7. Interesting idea.

CHURCHES FOR SALE – signs are cropping up all over the city and country side for buyers to buy church buildings. Why? A new movement is to buy warehouses, theaters, etc. to start a church. Interesting! Record numbers of new congregants are meeting in public buildings, especially schools. Hmm? Can we revive the original church or is that really too old fashion. Is God’s Word too old fashion? Many refer to it as little as possible and preach their own “life journey”, etc. Oh yes, by all means throw the organ out, keyboards are in (yet, even the most famous rock bands use an organ within their instruments.) And heaven



forbid you’d use a hymnal – how boring! God inspired songs written by solid faithful to the Word authors are ‘out for today’. Recently the words Holy, Holy, Holy were sung just that way for thirty minutes. Wow! There are some great newer song writers that have great words of biblical wisdom that are coming on the scene – trust they get the screen attention that is needed in the Evangelical church of today.

FUTURE CHURCH? It’s scary. History shows us what happens in Europe, slowly seeps into America. Here’s the latest. Churches in London are closing fast. Empty building? Not so. They turn them into pubs (taverns), taking the hymnals and making them into menus for the customers.

UTTERLY REVOLTING: Latest Bible translations available...The Queen James Bible, the Gay Bible; the New Testament for Lesbians & Gays; and, The Queen Jane’s Bible. Reference: Matt Slick (matt/slick) is the President and Founder of the Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry).

SUGGESTION: Read the book (as reviewed in this edition) FIRESTORM, written fifteen years ago as if today. Many churches are one week away from starting a decline, and Mega churches are most vulnerable.

Something to think about

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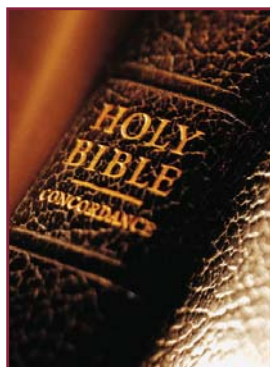


# Viewpoints



## A Word From the Heart

by John Duckhorn



The recent “home” going of Elizabeth Elliot was not unexpected but the void her life has left will not be easily filled. Her understanding of devotion to Christ and Christian service will not soon be replaced by someone else. She wrote 24 books and gave to us a rich source of reading material on the lives of dedicated Christian servants. One of her most impressive books was “Through Gates of Splendor”. This was a book that made a deep lasting impact in the lives of young missionary enthusiasts, who were challenged by the unwavering dedication of five highly qualified young men. These men were just beginning what they

thought of as a lifelong work among primitive people. Bitterness was restrained by Elizabeth, and a life of faith was held up as a normal life of dedication to Christian service rather than that of just a few people who had excessive zeal to risk all for Jesus Christ. The following years, she continued to write books on God’s work among the then called Aucas of Ecuador. Because of her experience and her writings she was often invited to address conferences of young people eager to hear about how they too might know God’s calling and its cost. Her remarkable ability to address missions in changing times did cause some to reject her ideas on discipline, purity and the missionary calling. Her views on short term mission trips were not the accepted view of a more modern idea of testing our calling to lifelong service among people in a distant and hostile environment. She

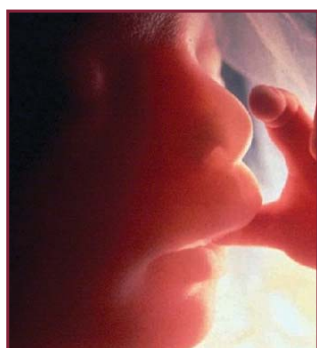
handled the question and answer sessions with ease and in consideration of the new influences on missionary thinking. She was neither an inflexible nor an unchanging old school missionary. Her books on purity, women, and marriage could upset notions on current biblical understanding. Was she old fashioned in these so called enlightened times? Or was it that she realized current thought was more influenced by the changing attitude of a more self-centered way of thinking?

Here are a few examples of current thoughts that she understood were more a hindrance to a lifelong dedication to missionary service.

1. One should visit a foreign mission station to see if they might like it.
2. Only do what I am trained to do and refuse to be flexible and do the task at hand.
3. It is not a life time commitment but is ok until I no longer feel fulfilled.
4. Fulfillment and success is to be the only goal of Christian service.

I am sure that I did not read all of her 24 books but was influenced by those I read. I enjoyed “A chance to Die” and was moved to memorize many of Amy Carmichael’s poems that challenged us to serve, endure, and always prefer God’s will. “No Graven Image” was, I believe, her only novel. It was controversial and most likely her least popular book. It seems one either loves or hates it. Had I read it before going to Colombia, I might have thought Margret Sparhawk, the main character, was bitter and doubting God’s love and leading. I was fortunate to have read it while on my first leave and thought it a precise description of missionary life and the discouragement it could ultimately produce. Thanks to Elizabeth Elliot for her legacy of a life of dedication and uncompromising faith.

## Body Parts for Sale: I Shudder to think what happened to my babies, says Alveda King



As the scandalous saga of Planned Parenthood’s harvesting of baby body parts continues, see [www.babybodyparts.com](http://www.babybodyparts.com). I shudder to think what happened to three of my babies.

As a post abortive mother, I wonder what happened to the bodies of three of my babies. My two abortions and a subsequent miscarriage in the 1970s, all due to wrong thinking and misinformation from Planned Parenthood and the anti-life industry at large are all part of

a dark season of my life. I write about these experiences in my books *KING RULES*, *HOW CAN THE DREAM SURVIVE* and *SONS OF THUNDER*.

I remember the hours in the abortion facilities; the pain, the stress and duress of procedures that left my womb empty and my heart broken; having papers pushed before me for signature with minimal if any explanation. Like many women, I was there with conflicting thoughts and feelings. All that time not knowing that my babies would share in my pain.

As one woman explains: “I went for a procedure. Upon arrival, I was given two antibiotics and three sedatives. While waiting for the pills to take effect, I was given papers to sign. I was distracted, the duress was debilitating. The staff urged me to quickly finish my paperwork so that the procedure could take place.”

This is a common scenario. There is little time to consider what is happening; what will happen to the bodies of the mother and her baby. This is why a 48 hour waiting period between the consultation and procedure can be so key.

The Silent No More Awareness Campaign shares important details regarding the lack of disclosure a woman experiences during the “procedure” that can result in having her baby’s body parts harvested.

The issue of abortion is being danced around by media as this body part debacle unfolds. As all unravels, we will discover that there are heinous tentacles from a Three Headed Monster that are at the core of the assault on humanity.

It won’t be the media who helps heal the hearts and wombs of women. It will be prayer; as we see in this impassioned plea from a young woman.

Let us pray for strength as truth crushed to earth rises again.

PRAY FOR AMERICA

## Legislative Conference Touts Greater Need for Religious Liberty

With the passing of several state laws protecting religious liberty and the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court decision on gay marriage, three Republican presidential candidates had one central theme at a Thursday conference organized by the Faith and Freedom Coalition.

“Religious liberty has never been more threatened in America,” said Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, amid assertive hums from the audience. “I believe 2016 will be the religious liberty election.”

Cruz recalled how men and women fleeing religious oppression founded America: “If people of faith show up, if we stand up for our faith and liberty in the constitution, we will win and turn the country around.”

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., touched on every American’s right to live out his or her faith. He also talked about helping the government transition to the 21st century.



# News & More



## Federal Government Agency Continues to Illegally Fund Abortion; Receives Golden Fleece

Office of Population Affairs funds Planned Parenthood despite the gruesome video of PP's staff

ALEXANDRIA, VA - Citizens for the Republic today announced that this week's Golden Fleece Award is presented to the Office of Population Affairs for sending hundreds of millions of dollars to Planned Parenthood as the group's sale of aborted baby parts is revealed in a revolting video.

As reported by The Washington Post, a video released Tuesday shows a Planned Parenthood official discussing the trade of fetal tissue from aborted babies. The official featured, Mary Gatter, Medical Director for Planned Parenthood Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley, joked that she "want(s) a Lamborghini," implying the organs of dead babies will fund this expenditure. While delivering this fetal tissue is (shockingly) federally sanctioned, the sale of this tissue is illegal. With the revelations presented in this video, it is absurd that the Office of Population Affairs is still funding these amoral procedures, and likely bankrolling illegal acts.

"This horrifying video should provide a much needed wakeup call to the faction of Americans who still believe Planned Parenthood is in any way connected to women's 'health'," said Diana Banister, Executive Di-

rector of Citizens for the Republic.

"This heinous organization is about profit, and the Faustian federal government has made Americans complicit in this immoral activity. It's absolutely abhorrent that the Office of Population Affairs has and continues to fund these illicit, felonious acts.

"Several governors across the country have defunded Planned Parenthood in their respective states. It's time for the federal government to step-up, retUlll a modicum of morality to our country, and completely defund this malevolent group."

The Golden Fleece Award was first established by former Sen. William Proxmire (D-WI) in 1973 to call attention to a government official or agency that egregiously wastes the taxpayers' money. CFTR announces a new winner each week.



## TV-4 Anchor Joins Oak Creek Church



Tom Murray joins the pastoral staff at Oak Assembly of God on August 30. Tom and his wife have been active members at the church for many years. They live in Greendale with their daughters, Savannah and Dahlia.

Tom has done missions video projects in Panama, Russia and Vanuatu.

Tom joined TODAY'S TMJ4 in 2007 as a reporter. Currently, he anchors "Live

at Daybreak" weekend editions. Tom previously worked at KAAL-TV in Rochester, Minnesota.

A graduate of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Tom's college reporting won top national awards from the Broadcast Education Association and Hearst Foundation.

Tom is native of Portage, Michigan. He got his start in broadcasting on WKZO-AM as a teenager. Tom attended Portage Central High School and The Gagie School.

**While fear tries to keep us up at night, faith makes a great pillow.**  
~ C.H. Spurgeon

## Kansas governor protects pastors from lawsuits over gay weddings

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback issued an executive order today protecting clergy and churches from lawsuits over their refusal to participate in same-sex marriages.

"We have a duty to govern and to govern in accordance with the Constitution as it has been determined by the Supreme Court decision," Brownback said in a prepared statement. "We also recognize that religious liberty is at the heart of who we are as Kansans and Americans, and should be protected. The Kansas Bill of Rights affirms the right to worship according to 'dictates of conscience'

and further protects against any infringement of that right. Today's Executive Order protects

Kansas clergy and religious organizations from being forced to participate in activities that violate their sincerely and deeply held beliefs."



Kansas isn't the only state to adopt protections for clergy after the Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage. Last week, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed a bill passed by the legislature at the end of its session to shield pastors from lawsuits. Oklahoma enacted a similar measure May 1, and Tennessee legislators are considering one. And Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal issued his own executive order providing protections to pastors after lawmakers in his state failed to pass a proposed bill.



### HERITAGE GETS NEW HOME

Heritage Christian Schools has a new home in New Berlin! With the endorsement of the surrounding neighbors, the excellent plans of Christopher Kidd & Associates, the services of a local bank, and God's faithfulness, HCS closed on the sale of the former Glen Park Middle School on November 15. The new facility will be ready for middle and high school students in the fall, 2015.



# Watchmen on the Wall

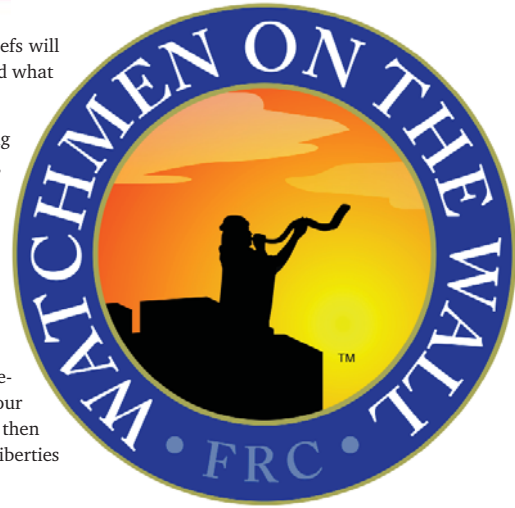


The Court's demand is clear; your ability to live your life according to historic Christian beliefs will be limited to your church and your home. But the truth is even how you live in your home and what you teach your children is going to be impacted.

The sexual revolutionaries will become even more aggressive to advance their agenda by going after the tax-exempt status of religious nonprofits and the accreditation of religious schools, colleges and universities. They will also redouble their efforts to make the workplace a place of persecution for those who adhere to a biblically-based, historically-supported view of marriage.

"Despite the challenges we now face, let me assure you: I believe we can win. But to win, by God's grace, we must stand against all that these enemies of faith will throw at us. This is our moment in our nation's history for courage.

Our first freedom – religious freedom – is essential and must be preserved. All the other freedoms that ALL Americans enjoy hinge on religious freedom. If we are not courageous in our defense of the First Amendment's guarantee of the freedom to live according to our beliefs, then the freedom of speech, freedom of association, freedom to keep and bear arms, and all the liberties we take for granted are in danger of also being taken away by the federal government.



## Preachers of Habit

Redefining marriage in the courts may not have been difficult, but persuading Americans to accept it is another story entirely. Their supporters may be cheering the Supreme Court now, but those five blackrobed lawyers may also be responsible for something else: America's spiritual revival. In church after church, the story is the same -- pastors preaching powerful sermons on God's design for marriage and urging their Rev. Mil. lel., MI:. Hebron Missionally Baptist Church, Houston congregations to accept no substitutes.

If what's happening in the pews of America is any indication, the Supreme Court didn't weaken people's resolve -- it strengthened it. And if liberals truly believe that evangelicals are the "only cultural holdouts" on marriage, they're about to find out how wrong they are. Across denominations, ethnicities, and political parties, there's a growing outrage over the Court's presumption -- and the President's betrayal.

In African-American churches, the White House's anti-marriage campaign is particularly infuriating. "Ask me if I regret it," Daryl Fisher told a Los Angeles Times reporter about voting for Obama. "I do. If I could take it back, I would -- on this issue alone. We expect him to rule this nation based on the beliefs in this book," he said holding up the Bible. Like most of the congregation at Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, he was appalled by the President's rainbow light show on the people's house. "It's painful as a Christian," Fisher shook his head, "to see the leadership -- our President -- has not taken God into consideration."

They also resent the fact that this White House continues to link marriage to the civil rights debate. There is "no connection whatsoever," Fisher pointed out. Others, like church administrator Sylvia Sims, says she used to be a straight-ticket Democratic voter. Not anymore. "It's going to make us more diligent as Christian voters," the group agreed. "[We'll have] to know where you stand on this issue." Unfortunately, Sims explains, the church has no one to blame but itself for the culture's decline. "We should have spoken up sooner." But, like a growing number of congregations, they're speaking up now. "We stand now joined with a unified voice as watchmen on the wall of history," Rev. Miller made clear, "to call for a redirection and recommitment to Christian virtues and Christian morals."

Unified is right. From Catholic parishes to Jewish synagogues, the faith community is showing liberals what true diversity looks like. In Brentwood, Tennessee, Pastor Mike Easley isn't known for wading into politics. But yesterday, he preached from Genesis 19 and said that if lawsuits come for their views on sexuality and marriage -- so be it. The people in the pews stood up in thunderous applause.

In Tyler, Texas, the local diocese was put on notice: no Catholic facility or employee of the church would participate "in any way" in same-sex marriage. Bishop Joseph Strickland left no doubt where he stands after a Supreme Court ruling that he calls "unjust and immoral." It is our "duty," he informed his parishes, "to clearly and emphatically oppose it ... In spite of the decision by the Supreme Court, there are absolutely no grounds for considering unions between two persons of the same sex to be in any way similar to God's plan for marriage and the family."

## On Freedom, Democrats or Democritics?

The same party that kicked God out of their platform wants to kick Him out of U.S. insurance policies too. Everyone from Barry Lynn to Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.) is deploying their troops to a new battlefield: the church. Already, congregations are trying to prepare themselves for the storms ahead -- with many, National Review points out, frantically calling insurance companies to see what kind of coverage they have if they're sued for not performing same-sex "weddings."

The answer is: not much. "Churches, like virtually every functioning corporation, protect against liability risks and the potentially ruinous costs of litigation through liability insurance. With same-sex marriage now recognized as a constitutional right -- and with news of [the Kleins' \$135,000 punishment]... pastors are reaching out to insurance companies to make sure they're covered." Unfortunately for them, David French writes, they aren't. "In other words: churches, you're on your own."



On one hand, the Left is trying to cripple churches' ability to fight back, and on the other, they're trying to strip away protections for the everyday believer. Like most liberals, DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman-Schultz isn't hiding the fact that religious liberty is next on her kill list, especially for individual Americans. "I think [our country] made the distinction between protecting the First Amendment rights for religious organizations or religiously-affiliated organizations and being able to discriminate, broadly, simply because of one individual who owns a business and their own values and their being able to impose those values on either their employers or their customers," she told CBN's David Brody.

Once again, liberals are setting up the faulty argument that religious exercise must be confined to institutions -- not individuals. As any constitutional scholar would tell you, that's a deliberate distortion of the First Amendment! It's like saying the Second Amendment only applies in gun clubs. The reality is, and the Founders understood, religious liberty is a fundamental human freedom. In fact, it was Eleanor Roosevelt -- from Wasserman-Schultz's own party -- who chaired the drafting committee of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. And it could not be more clear: "[E]veryone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance."

What's happened to the Democratic Party? After 70 years, there's nothing "democratic" about it!



# Calendar



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### "Fairland Bluegrass" in concert

**August 1 at 7:30pm**  
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Friday

### LaHermose Church August 1 at 1pm

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This event is free and will include food, games & other family activities. Her new CD's will be available for sale at the event.

### Family Fun Street Picnic

**August 2 from 10am to 3pm**  
Salem Lutheran MKE  
2400 N. Cramer Street  
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Bring your friends and family to Salem Lutheran's annual Street Picnic, there will be all kinds of activities for the whole family. Christian authors will also be visiting. Everything is FREE.

### FREE Tuition Dinner & Open House

**August 4 at 6pm**  
St. Paul's Lutheran School  
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### "Uoby Saad - Comedy" (The Village Idiot)

**August 7 at 6:30 & 8:30 pm**  
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232 S. Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
For more information call 920-435-3269

### Father-Son Retreat August 8 & 9

Camp Awana (Fredonia, WI)  
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For questions contact Mike Poelzer at mpoelzer@spring-creekonline.com

### 4th Annual MEACH Used Book Sale

**August 8 from 9am to 12pm**  
Hillside Community Church  
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Looking for some great deals on used curriculum and/or other homeschooling materials? Come check out this huge sale.

### Kingdom Woman Summit August 8

Renaissance Chicago North-shore Hotel  
933 Skokie Blvd.  
Northbrook, IL  
CD recording artist Cheryl McCrary will be performing at the Kingdom Woman Summit. The event will also include other various national speakers and vendors.

### Blessed Hope - Flea Market and Rummage August 8 from 8am to 3pm

Blessed Hope BIC Church  
4949 State Highway 38  
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Rain or Shine - Limited indoor space is available on a first come first served basis - \$20.00 per 8 foot space (tables not provided) info call 262-822-4673

### Dr. Martin L. King Jr., Back to School Festival August 8 at 11:30am

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### Bobby Converston and Travis Voigt in concert August 14 at 7:30pm

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Girls, powerful author and Bible teacher Beth Moore is coming our way. Grab some friends and worship with Travis Cottrell and be encouraged by the message Beth Moore is preparing just for us. Lives will be touch in the name of Jesus - don't miss this!

### Friday Night Fire August 14 at 7pm

Rockwood Church  
S271 S2929 Merrill Hill Road  
Waukesha, WI  
Friday Night Fire is a powerful evening of worship and prayer. We come to see God and pray for the community surrounding us. All are welcome.

### "Regrets"

**August 14, 15, 16 at 7pm**

Poplar Creek Church  
17770 W. Cleveland Ave  
New Berlin, WI  
"Regrets" is a dramatic, multi-media production. After surviving a school shooting that nearly takes her life, Cara Lunn returns to her High School to face the past tragedy she ran from. Come see this powerful message on bullying, faith through trials, and sacrifice. For more info call 414-313-7444

### "His Mercies" in Concert

**August 15 at 7:30pm**  
Cup O Joy  
232 S. Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
For further information please call 920-435-3269

### "It is Well Summer Tour"

**August 15 at 6pm**  
Ebenezer Church of God  
3132 N. Milk Drive  
Milwaukee, WI  
Featuring CD recording artist Joshua Miller, and CD recording artist Cheryl McCrary & Heir-born Praise Band. Tickets can be obtained in advance online for only \$10.00 at [www.without-distractionrelationship.com](http://www.without-distractionrelationship.com) or at the door for \$15.00 and free for ages 17 and under

### Voices of Peace- 11th Annual Gospel Music Fest

**August 21 from 1pm to 9pm**  
**August 22 from 10am to 8pm**  
Peace Church  
Hwy 57  
Hilbert, WI  
Free admission, food available. Bring your lawn chairs & your family. Please no carry-ins! Free will offerings will be taken. 100% given to bands

### "Without Excuse and Clear Pioneer" in concert

**August 22 at 7:30pm**  
Cup O Joy  
232 S. Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
For further information please call 920-435-3269

### Special Baptismal Service

**August 23 at 10am**  
Franksville United Methodist Church  
10402 Northwestern Ave  
Franksville, WI  
The worship service is at 10 am with an inspiration message by Rev. Patrick Schultz, and feature special music by CD recording artist Cheryl McCrary. Her new CD's will also be available at the event.

### "David Ashley with Alicia Johnston" in concert

**August 28 at 7:30pm**  
Cup O Joy  
232 S. Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
For more information please call 920-435-3269

### Open Mic night August 29 at 7pm

Cup O Joy  
232 S. Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
Show off your creative talents. Please call 920-435-3269 to sign up to be a performer and for more information.

## September

### Power Breakfast September 1 at 6:45am

Al's Steakhouse  
19990 W. Jefferson St.  
Joliet, IL  
Special speaker Mark Whitacre. Mark Whitacre is the highest ranked executive of any Fortune 500 company to become a whistle blower in US history. With an Ivy League Ph.D. in biochemistry, Mark was responsible for uncovering the ADM price-fixing scandal in the 1990's. The scandal was the inspiration for the motion picture "The Informant" with Matt Damon. His message "When Good Leaders Lost Their Way" is a story of Hope, Family, Commitment, and Second Chances. Registration is required. Phone 815-725-4630 or e-mail at [patyeggen@riversonefa.com](mailto:patyeggen@riversonefa.com)

### Leadership Luncheon, CBMC Illinois

**September 1 at Noon**  
Holiday Inn  
150 S. Gary Street  
Carol Stream, IL.  
Please e-mail Joe MacDonald at [joe\\_macdonald@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joe_macdonald@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

### "Pixtrum" in concert September 4 at 7:30pm

Cup O Joy  
232 S. Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
A bluegrass group. For more information call 920-435-3269

### "The Juggler with the Yellow Shoes - Dan Kirk" in concert

**September 5 at 7:30pm**  
Cup O Joy  
232 S. Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
For more information call 920-435-3269

### Men's Breakfast September 5 at 8am

New Testament Church of Milwaukee  
10201 W. Bradley Road  
Milwaukee, WI 53224  
Please call 414-365-1690 for more information.

### Hungry Man Breakfast September 5 at 7:30am

Elmbrook Church  
777 S. Barker Road  
Brookfield, WI 53045  
Hungry for truth, conversation, and bacon? Come to the Hungry Man Breakfast! After a hearty breakfast we'll enjoy an inspirational message and discussion time. This event is open to men of all ages, and is designed to be invitation-friendly, with walk-in registration and a low cost of just \$5.00 per man. So invite a friend or two. Located in the fellowship hall.

### "Chuck Wagon Gang" September 12 at 4pm

Presented by the Men of Harmony  
For tickets and concert information call The Weill Center at 920-208-3243 or order tickets online at [www.weillcenter.com](http://www.weillcenter.com). All concerts are performed at the Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts, 826 N. 8th Street, Sheboygan, WI 53081

### JJ Heller-Cloverton for Cup O Joy Benefit at Meyer Theater

**September 12 at 7pm**  
117 S. Washington Street  
Green Bay, WI 54301  
Tickets are \$15.00 for balcony and back floor seats. \$20.00 for Gold Circle and Grand Tier Seats. Tickets for sale at Cup O Joy on weekend nights or online at [itickets.com](http://itickets.com)

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## Midwest Men's Retreat

**October 16-18, 2015** Friday evening through Sunday lunch

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While men look for better methods,  
God looks for better men.



# Calendar



## Word of Truth Bible Conference

September 12 & 13

Milwaukee Holiday Inn Express Hotel

1400 W. Zeilman Court  
Milwaukee, WI

The conference theme is "What is Man?" "What is his Destiny?" Six speakers will be giving 10 presentations. For more information contact Andy Brown at 262-309-8523 or Rusty Hancock of the Word of Truth Ministries, 661-713-6644

## Cloverton Concert

September 13

New Berlin First Church of the Nazarene

1535 W. Beloit Rd.  
New Berlin, WI 53151

Begin with a celebration church service at 9:30 am where Cloverton will be leading worship. Then return for a Family Fun Fest from 4-6 pm. There will be bouncy houses, games, prizes, and food. At 6 pm they'll perform an outdoor concert.

## "Rally Day"

September 13

Franksville United Methodist Church

10402 Northwestern Ave  
Franksville, WI

Worship service will begin at 10 am and feature inspirational message and special music by CD recording artist/worship leader Cheryl McCrary. Her new cd's will also be available at the event. Following the service join in the celebration with festivities, games and family fun activities. For more information please call 262-886-0326 or visit [www.franksvilleumc.org](http://www.franksvilleumc.org)

## "The Burie Family Bluegrass" in concert.

September 18 at 7:30pm

Cup O Joy

232 S. Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303

For more information call 920-435-3269

## Senior Lunch and entertainment

Sept 18 at 11:30am

Spring Creek Church  
N35 W22000 Capitol Dr.  
Pewaukee, WI

\$12.00 due at time of reservation. Entertainment provided by Xeno & Joe. For further information please call 262-695-2211

## "The Epidemic and the Game"

September 19 at 9am (continental breakfast and check-in at 8:30 am)

The Family Life and Education Center (of New Testament Church of Milwaukee)

What does human trafficking look like in your neighborhood? For more info contact The Convergence Resource Center at 414-393-1325 or e-mail us at [hstsi@convergenceresource.org](mailto:hstsi@convergenceresource.org)

## "Open Mic"

September 19 at 7pm

Cup O Joy

232 S. Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303

Sign up by calling 920-435-3269

## Not Enough For the Journey

September 20 at

2pm or 6:30pm

First Congregational Church

31 W. Milwaukee Ave  
Fort Atkinson, WI

Inspirational speaker Jon Jorgenson. This is a free event who seek to learn how they can get through feeling they do not have enough.

## Bob Strombert Comedy

September 25 at

6:30 & 8:30pm

Cup O Joy

232 S. Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303

2 shows For more information contact Cup O Joy at 920-435-3269

## "Bent Grass" in concert

September 26 at 7:30pm

Cup O Joy

232 S. Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303

For more information call 920-435-3269

## Upcoming Months

### Teen Challenge

#### Banquet

October 9 at 6:30pm

Teen Challenge of Wisconsin will be having their annual banquet & auction with keynote speaker Nicky Cruz. E-mail [specialevents@teenchallengeonline.com](mailto:specialevents@teenchallengeonline.com) for more information

### TobyMac in concert with Colton Dixon, Britt Nicole and more

November 8 - Save the Date.

Alliant Energy Center  
Madison

## Leadership Luncheon

Thursday, September 24, 2015

12 noon to 1:15 p.m.

Speaker: Chris Kidd

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President, Christopher Kidd and Associates, LLC  
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[www.convergenceresource.org](http://www.convergenceresource.org)



# Pastors



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July 18-30

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**Good News Across America** will blitz the Milwaukee area with 105, 5-Day Cubs in July of 2016 and thousands of children will hear the Gospel message. CEF needs 35 church partners who are willing to help us change this city! Contact Melanie Pastor at 262-442-1426 or mpastor@cefsewi.com if you want participate in this historic event.

**Milwaukee '16**  
Child Evangelism Fellowship

## PASTORS, RESERVE THE DATE!

The Annual Pastor's Appreciation Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, October 6th, 2015 at the Italian Conference Center.

### OCTOBER is PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

This will once again be another great event, with a final drawing for a software package by Logos valued at \$7,000.00.

Also, a New Bible that no one has on their shelf yet – the Proper Name Bible. Many more details to be released, however reservations with e-mail are required ASAP to hold your spot. Seating limited to 300.

E-mail your reservations to  
administration@christiancouriernewspaper.com

## HOUSTON PASTOR FIGHTS MAYOR'S SERMON GRAB



After four years of forcing her extreme agenda on the city, Houston's Mayor Annise Parker may have finally picked a fight she's bound to regret. Five months after bullying her

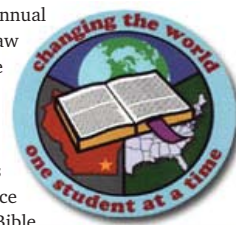
way into a Houston-wide "bathroom bill," Parker was furious that the city's voters wouldn't roll over and accept it. So she decided to get her revenge by ordering a crackdown on area churches.

The mayor subpoenaed pastors for their sermons, text messages, photographs, electronic files, calendars, and emails – "all communications with members of your congregation" on topics such as homosexuality and gender identity. Pastor Steve Riggle, founder of the Grace Community Church, boldly opposed this retribution, not only because it violated the First Amendment protections of religious freedom, but because the mayor's actions were a blatant abuse of power used to subvert Houston's referendum process.

*It is very important that we stand with Pastor Riggle and the other "Houston 5" today. If we don't, they may be coming after your pastor tomorrow.*

## MIDWEST BIBLE COLLEGE GRADUATION

Midwest Bible College celebrates its 12th annual graduation on Friday, June 5. The night saw twenty-seven students walk across the stage receiving their Associates, Bachelors, and Master's degrees in Biblical studies. This year's student body of forty students represented thirty three churches from across southeastern Wisconsin and Illinois. Since opening its doors twelve years ago, Midwest Bible College (MBC), has seen 411 students earn an Associates, Bachelors, Masters, or Doctoral degree in Biblical studies. Dr. R. L. Bowen, founder and President of MBC, said to the audience "We make every attempt to include all that want to learn the Bible. In whatever field they work, it is necessary".



If God be your Partner,  
make your plans  
**LARGE.**

~ D.L. Moody

## Charleston Pastors Pray for Lasting Unity

Across racial and denominational lines, clergy band together to move people past the 'stasis' of the city's history of division

More than two weeks after Rev. Clementa Pinckney and eight of his parishioners were shot to death in the basement of Emanuel AME Church in downtown Charleston, S.C., questions hang heavy in the humidity of this Southern coastal city: What will sustain the beautiful display of unity among races visible in the shooting's aftermath? How do churches keep racial reconciliation on the street and not cloistered behind church walls as a relic to be brought out after the next crisis?

"People want to engage and grieve, but there is a lot that works against lasting change," said Bishop Mark Lawrence of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. "People want to get back

to what they perceive as normal as quickly as possible."

It's that "stasis," as Lawrence calls it, that consumed the prayers of close to a hundred Charleston-area pastors who gathered June 30 next door to Mother Emanuel AME at Citadel Square Baptist Church. Clergy of various denominations and races—some in clerical attire and others in blue jeans, some women but mostly men—joined hands in small groups to pray for personal repentance and that the city would turn from divisions hindering the gospel message.

They prayed for revival and reconciliation, and for the Holy Spirit to refresh the churches to bring people together and communicate a "multi-ethnic" presentation of the gospel that speaks to all people.



"There's always the work of the Holy Spirit that has to sustain movements like this," said prayer gathering organizer Craig Tuck, a pastor of Centerpoint Church of North Charleston. "Our intentions are to come together at least in conversation and dialog," something he acknowledged has been happening in the community "in different ways, but not consistently."



# Missions



## Wycliffe - Tim Scanlon

MILWAUKEE, WI - I started out in college with the plan of getting a job in advertising, but one night while studying in the library I started rethinking my career path. I decided my plan was not big enough; making money was not something I could commit my whole life to. Through meeting Jesus Christ my life had been forever changed, and I wanted to be a part of what God was doing to reach others who were lost.

For years after this decision to serve Christ, I tried to start working as a missionary, but God always had something else for me—manage this store, get married, raise children. Together with my wife Sharon, the dream of becoming missionaries continued to grow, and as we grew our lives together the tug of missions work never left our hearts. We could never shake the sense that God had called us to be involved in missions in some way - someday. Then, in August 2014 that chance finally came through Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Wycliffe's founder, William C Townsend said, "The greatest missionary is the Bible in the mother tongue. It needs no furlough and is never considered a foreigner." In our world today there are approximately 1,860 language groups representing over 180 million people still waiting to receive a Bible they can understand. Wycliffe aims to have a Bible translation program for every language needing one by the year 2025. Now that's a goal worth giving your life to.

Many missionaries out on the field right now are nearing retirement. When you add to this the enormous task ahead in reaching these last language groups, the need for more workers - more missionaries—becomes clear. There is a great need for an entire new generation of

career missionaries who will carry the gospel to those who have never heard. We believe God is doing a special work on college campuses in the United States. The impact these college students can have on those around the world who have never heard of Jesus Christ is incalculable.

College students and other Christians today need a fresh vision for what God is doing to reach the world. As Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Today Bible translation work is progressing at a pace never before seen, and because of technology and the ability to leverage previous translation experience, the accuracy and quality is also improving.

The missionary Francis Xavier once declared, "Tell the students to give up their small ambitions and come eastward and preach the gospel of Christ." Like I was in my college days, today's college students are asking God how He can use them to make a difference and change the world. Sharon and I want to be a part of this by praying, encouraging and equipping other believers to find their place in the Great Commission.

The job assignment Wycliffe has given us is to work on their U.S. Mobilization Team. As a couple we could, of course, go overseas ourselves and fill one position on the mission field. Instead, Wycliffe has asked us to pray and to help mobilize as many people as we can to join the task of bringing God's Word to the Bibleless people of the world. When God puts it into the heart of a person to serve with Wycliffe as a missionary, Sharon and I come alongside them. We pray for, encourage and provide resources to help that missionary candidate move from here to there.



Really no one can recruit another person; it's God who calls missionaries. It will always be Him who puts it into the hearts of people to serve through Wycliffe, but it is a great joy to us to be a small link in the chain that God is using to bring the Word of God to those who need it. Translation work really does take a team.

There are, of course, Bible translators, linguists, literacy specialists but there is also a long chain of people involved in getting God's Word to those who have no access to it. There are those who encourage, pray and give financially. There are teachers, pilots, IT professionals and managers all playing a vital part in the ministry of carrying the Gospel to those who have never heard it. We have joined this team, and are so excited about helping others find their unique place with Wycliffe.

Currently, Sharon and I are still considered pre-field, which means we are trusting God to raise the finances necessary to make a full transition to the mobilization team. God wants to use all of us, let Him fit you into His plans for world missions. Find your place in Bible translation at [Wycliffe.org](http://Wycliffe.org). If you have any questions contact me at [Tim\\_Scanlon@Wycliffe.org](mailto:Tim_Scanlon@Wycliffe.org). In Christ, let's change the world together!

## Taking God at His Word: Graham Twins Lead Teams of International Missionaries with Cru

Local twins epitomize the vision of Cru: turning lost students into Christ-centered laborers.

Since its 1951 inception at UCLA, Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) has impacted college students worldwide. Two cases are recent UW grads Josh and Andrew Graham.

Coming into college, these brothers claimed to be a caring community passionate about Christians. Growing up, church attendance was the norm, but this cYinec:ting people to Jesus Christ hardly masked the brokenness of a drug addicted father, a quadriplegic grandpa, and years of artificial fulfillment. They excelled in church youth groups, school, and athletics, but simply had not experienced the true purpose of life; relationship with Almighty God.

While at Madison though, God brought them into contact with students and staff from Cru who challenged them to make Jesus not only their Savior, but also their Lord. This charge

led them to pursue evangelistic mission trips in Miami and East Asia, and lead with Cru at Madison, helping new believers grow through leading small group bible studies, discipleship (spiritually mentoring younger men) and leading peers to creatively and caringly share Christ with the Madison campus community.

Having graduated, they're now taking the Great Commission literally by exploring vocational ministry through Cru's international internship program known as STINT. In so doing, Andrew will be spending the next year with a team of 4 missionaries in Arusha, Tanzania and Josh will be with a team of 7 missionaries headed to a secure location in East Asia.



If you were to talk to them, it wouldn't take long for their missional hearts to surface. Specifically, they've developed a God-given vision for discipleship. As they purposed in their hearts to go, the Lord quickly led them to pray He would pro-

vide each STINTER 3-5 disciples that they could truly share their lives with, just like Jesus and Paul did with their followers. Subsequently, they have seen the Lord affirm His calling when they were asked by Cru's Global Missions Directors to lead their teams! The hope is that these disciples would be the foundation upon which God builds these self-sustaining spiritual movements.

Josh and Andrew are eager to be God's newest hands and feet, and are currently in the process of raising their financial support to see this vision realized. As they take steps of faith to follow the Lord, they would be delighted if you would contact them so they could share their story with you in person.

If you are interested in getting more information about their ministry and/or supporting them, here is their contact information: Josh Graham, East Asia STINT Team Leader 414-331-2412 [josh.graham@cru.org](mailto:josh.graham@cru.org) Andrew Graham, Tanzania STINT Team Leader 414-331-5038 [andrew.graham@cru.org](mailto:andrew.graham@cru.org)



# Book Reviews

## Book Reviews

### **Think Big** by Ben Carson, M.D.



Have you ever lost hope for your dreams? This book is for you if you want to close the gap between your dreams and reality. It's for you if you've bought the lie that you'll never amount to anything. Your life is BIG — far bigger than you've imagined.

In "Think Big", Dr. Ben Carson describes his personal philosophy for success and a rewarding sense of fulfillment in life. And who could better advise than one who transformed his own life from that of being an inner-city kid with problems in school to becoming the most celebrated pediatric neurosurgeon in the world?

Stop thinking small and start to "Think Big"! **Zondervan Publishers \$15.99**

### **Fruit of the Spirit** by Jack Kuhatschek



How can you experience the "peace which transcends all understanding"? How can you guard your heart and mind from the stress of everyday life? This Fruit of the Spirit Bible study explores God's prescription for peace. It helps you discover how you can live at peace with others. **Zondervan Publishers \$7.99**

### **Firestorm** by Ron Susek



A SPECIAL REVIEW this month of a book that has been in publication for about 15 years. A much needed and applicable book then and today!

Many churches are growing, new campuses, multiplying, along with serious problems developing. Everyone's happy in the beginning, then conflicts begin to crop up. Most recent a Mega church on the west coast shut its doors along with many branch congregations. Many today are losing their direction; many churches cropping up "for sale"; Why? Reading the book Firestorm is a must for every church leader. The author had one of

the largest Mega churches and saw it slowly go away. As quoted...A church is one week away from starting its downward trend no matter how large or small. Satan is a roaring lion devouring the body of Christ and their sanctuaries. Now the review...

"From his wide experience in ministry and his clear understanding of Scripture, Ron Susek tells today's church who the real enemy is and how we can defeat him. Like John the Baptist, he gets to the root of church fights and splits, and his recommendations are biblical and doable. A courageous book that deserves wide distribution" -- Warren W. Wiersbe, author and pastor

"Simple mistakes, well-intentioned blunders, selfish ambition, power plays, dysfunctional ecclesiastical structures from his volatile mix, firestorms can result. This book shows how firestorms may be prevented and how to recover from them." -- Stuart Briscoe, former senior pastor, Elmbrook Church

"For many years I have respected, encouraged, and commended the preaching and counseling ministries of my colleague, Ron Susek. I am delighted that he has now distilled the wisdom and experience of his days in the 'trenches' in his new book Firestorm. It is a masterpiece of pastoralia. For seminary students—and even senior pastors—this book gives lessons, warnings, and insights rarely found in literature of this kind." -- Dr. Stephen F. Olford, founder and senior lecturer, The Stephen Olford Center for Biblical Preaching

"Some Christians believe that 'Onward Christian Soldiers' is a battle cry that allows them to firebomb their own troops. When churches split, the cause of Christ is hindered and the wounded bear the scars for the rest of their lives. How can a church keep that from happening? If it happens, can a congregation dig out from the debris and try it once more? There are no easy answers to those questions, but Ron Susek gives us a manual church leaders can follow to answer those questions and contain the damage" -- Haddon Robinson, Gordon-Conwell Seminary

"This book is a realistic analysis of the disagreements that often tear the fabric of the church from top to bottom. Best of all, it moves past analysis to understanding and reconciliation. Those who love the church will love this book" -- Erwin Lutzer, senior pastor, Moody Church

"In a recent two-week spiritual 'R&R' at the Steven Olford center in Memphis, TN, Steven gave me a copy of your book, Firestorm...I want you to know that God used your book to validate my pain and walk me through the process toward healing and personal revival"

"I Plan to distribute your book to as many of the people in our church from the pastor on down as fast as I possibly can. My goal in passing out your book is to hopefully head off any firestorm that may be coming our way...I hope that after many of our people have read your book, our church will take the steps necessary to protect our church"

"I have been here for seven years and we are currently going through a firestorm. Your book has been a wonderful aid in assisting many of us in this crisis."

Ron Susek is an ordained minister with the North American Baptist Conference. He has pastored three churches and is now director of the Susek Evangelistic Association in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Susek speaks extensively around the world.

"Susek speaks with the voice of experience, sharing lessons learned from guiding one large church through the raging fire of church conflict and consulting others on how to fight the flames of church leaders, as it saves them the pain of going through a firestorm while preparing them for one if it ever hits home." -- *Christian Retailing*

"Susek brings needed insight to the topic of strife within churches—what causes it and how to prevent it, fight it, or rebuild afterward. He analyzes the process of conflict, offering advice on pastoral responsibility, 'social pyromania' or trouble-making by those who feel abused by the church, the danger of rapid growth or marketing Jesus, and Satan's arsonist role. Unafraid of tough questions and answers, Susek discusses sin and godliness in pastors, church boards, and congregations. Most importantly, he eloquently unveils God's hand in the entire process. Laced with true stories and examples, Firestorm reveals an author who knows his subject from personal experience, extensive research, deep understanding of human nature, and Bible study. Recommend to leaders and anyone involved in church discord" -- *CBA Marketplace*

"...congregations that have been through the agony of a major conflict have a guide for recovery and healing. They also have a resource to help them deal with conflicts before they rage out of control. This insightful book is the result of personal research and the firsthand experiences the author had with churches burned by the hell fires of controversy" -- *Your Church*

**Baker Publishing \$20.00**

### **Dear Lois: Our Adoption Story** by Karen Schindwein & Amalie Bowling



Although Karen Schindwein and husband Tom went through an infertility journey resulting in miscarriage, they joyfully connected with Lois, who chose them to adopt Amalie Bowling. Two years later, a woman named Ruth chose them to raise Joseph, the Schindwein's second adoptive child. The couple wrote letters to both Lois and Ruth as their children grew. These letters inspired Schindwein and Bowling's new story of adoption, "Dear Lois: Our Adoption Journey"

"Dear Lois" shared personal experiences from painful loss to the joy of adoptive parenting – Joy Schindwein attributes to Christ.

Bowling's reflections as an adopted child emphasize her identity in Christ. Bowling and her husband, Jason, are planning a foster/adoption ministry.

"Dear Lois" highlights the positives of adoption and provides readers with hope," Schindwein says.

The authors hope their new book will show readers that through Christ, all things are possible. They chose to write "Dear Lois" to share the hope of their faith in Christ, to honor Lois and Ruth, to share a positive and unique perspective of adoption and to raise awareness of and funds for Chosen, Bowling's soon-to-be adoption ministry.

#### **About the Authors**

Karen Schindwein lives in Wisconsin and has been married to Tom for 28 years. Following the adoptions of Amalie and Joseph, the couple's newfound faith in Christ led Karen to co-lead an infertility and adoption ministry. She has since counseled many through their adoption journeys. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in management and is a regional claim manager. She enjoys her family, boating, volunteering at church and at Richard's Place – an HIV/Aids facility – and scrapbooking.

Amalie Bowling lives in Wisconsin with her husband, Jason, and has a deep passion for adoption and those who are adopted. She and Jason plan to open a foster/adoption ministry called Chosen, to show children that family comes in all shapes and sizes, but love is the most important thing. She earned biblical studies and youth ministry degrees from Emmaus Bible College in 2013. She works as a claim adjuster and co-leads a youth group with her husband. She enjoys crafting, painting, helping others, working with children and enjoying time with her family.

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3 Tbsp. sugar

3 Tbsp. butter, melted

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ice cream, slightly softened

8 oz. frozen whipped topping, thawed

1/2 c. chocolate syrup

Sprinkles, optional

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## GOD'S COFFEE -- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite -- telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all

the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we



drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups... And then you began eyeing each other's cups."

"Now consider this," he continued... "Life is the coffee. The jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us."

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## North Dakota High Schoolers Win Bid to Start Pro-Life Clubs

By Courtney Crandell (WNS)

Administrators for a North Dakota school district approved two Students for Life of America (SFLA) high school clubs this week after initially denying their applications.

The approval followed a demand letter sent by the Thomas Moore Society (TMS) on behalf of SFLA and high school students Katie McPherson and Brigid O'Keefe. TMS sent the letter to Superintendent Jeff Schatz, outlining how the denial violated the federal Equal Access Act and the First Amendment.

"We are glad that the district and high school administrators in Fargo have recognized the First Amendment rights of all students, including pro-life students," said Jocelyn Floyd, Thomas Moore Society associate counsel. "High-schoolers do not lose their right to form clubs and speak their message just because they are pro-life. Rather, they should be encouraged to add their voices to the marketplace of ideas."



McPherson attempted to found an SFLA club at Davies High School in September, and O'Keefe attempted to found a club at Fargo North High School in February. Both girls met administrative opposition. After they appealed, the district decided to classify pro-life clubs as "outside agencies" under a no-solicitation policy, meaning the clubs couldn't use the school name in club titles, host events, or meet on campus.

The Davies Teens for Life club has already held its first meeting, and the Spartans for Life club will meet next week.

SFLA president Kristan Hawkins hopes McPherson's and O'Keefe's success will encourage other high school students to found pro-life clubs.

"It is often in high school that the first fires of pro-life activism are kindled," she said. "Brigid and Katie are great examples of courage, standing up for their pro-life beliefs, and fighting to protect the rights of the pre-born."

## WINNING FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE STATES

The past months have seen a fierce "win some, lose some" contest for religious freedom in the states. A loss: Indiana's governor and legislature caved in to pressure by big business and left-wing activists and turned their Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) into a law that actually hurts the cause of religious freedom.

But the same week, Arkansas resisted similar pressure and passed a RFRA.

And Louisiana, which already has a RFRA, took additional measures to protect religious freedom when Gov. Bobby Jindal issued an executive order instituting the provisions of the Marriage and Religious Freedom Act which was blocked in a House Committee by Republicans and gay activists.

## PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT

On May 13, thanks to the hard work of Rep. Trent Franks (R-Ariz.), Chris Smith (R-N.J.) and others, the new Republican majority with overwhelming support (242-183) passed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H.R.36). This bill would prohibit abortions after the fifth month of pregnancy, when unborn babies feel excruciating pain, ending the suffering of more than 13,000 innocent children a year. FRC Action will continue to push this legislation forward in the Senate.



## Court Rejects Pharmacists' Right of Conscience

*Ninth Circuit rules that family-owned pharmacy must violate their faith*

Washington, D.C. - Today, in *Stormans v. Wiesman*, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld controversial Washington state regulations that require a family-owned pharmacy and two individual pharmacists to dispense the morning-after and week-after pills in violation of their religious beliefs. The Washington regulations go further than regulations in any other state in forcing pharmacists to violate their religious beliefs. "Today's decision is unfortunate," said Luke Godrich, Deputy General Counsel of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. "The government has no business punishing citizens solely because of their religious beliefs. The pharmacists in this case willingly refer patients to over 30 pharmacies that stock the morning-after pill within a five mile radius, and no patient has ever been denied timely access to any drug. The pharmacists' practices are also supported by the American Pharmacists Association and are legal in every other state."



**Every man must give an account of himself to God, and therefore every man ought to be at liberty to serve God in that way that he can best reconcile to his conscience . . . It would be sinful for a man to surrender that to man which is to be kept sacred for God.**

—John Leland, *The Rights of Conscience Inalienable*

## The Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins. - Matthew 9:6

By Charles H. Spurgeon

BEHOLD one of the great Physician's mightiest arts: He has power to forgive sin! While here He lived below, before the ransom had been paid, before the blood had been literally sprinkled on the mercy-seat, He had power to forgive sin. Hath He not power to do it now that He hath died? What power must dwell in Him who to the utmost farthing has faithfully discharged the debts of His people! He has boundless power now that He has finished transgression and made an end of sin. If ye doubt it, see Him rising from the dead! behold Him in ascending splendour raised to the right hand of God! Hear Him pleading before the eternal Father, pointing to His wounds, urging the merit of His sacred passion! What power to forgive is here! "He hath ascended on high, and received gifts for men." "He is exalted on high to give repentance and remission of sins." The most crimson sins are removed by the crimson of His blood. At this moment, dear reader, whatever thy sinfulness, Christ has power to pardon, power to pardon thee, and millions such as thou art. A word will speak it. He has nothing more to do to win thy pardon; all the atoning work is done. He can, in answer to thy tears, forgive thy sins today, and make thee know it. He can breathe into thy soul at this very moment a peace with God which passeth all understanding, which shall spring from perfect remission of thy manifold iniquities. Dost thou believe that? I trust thou believest it. Mayst thou experience now the power of Jesus to forgive sin! Waste no time in applying to the Physician of souls, but hasten to Him with words like these:—

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WauwatosaBibleChapel.org

**Weatherstone - A Life Giving Church**  
1500 S West Lane  
New Berlin 53146  
Sunday Service 8:45, 10:30AM  
262.754.1122

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## REGIONAL (AREA 4)

**Blessed Hope BIC Church**  
4949 State Highway 38  
Franksville, WI 53126  
Sunday at 9:00 am  
(262) 822-BOPE (4673)  
<http://www.blessedhopebic.org>

**Covenant Connection Fellowship Church**  
2841 Emslie Drive  
Waukesha, WI 53188  
Worship: Sunday at 10am &  
Wednesday at 7pm  
[www.covenant-connection.org](http://www.covenant-connection.org)

**Delavan Christian Reformed Church**  
850 Oak Street  
Sunday Worship 9:30AM 6PM  
262.728.6801

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
1200 Racine St.  
Racine 53403  
262.637-6220 or RacineFCF.org

**Foundational Biblical Baptist Church**  
6224 22nd Ave.  
Kenosha, WI 53143  
Sunday School 10am  
Morning Service 11am  
Main Service 6pm  
262-654-4665 [www.fbckkenosha.org](http://www.fbckkenosha.org)

**Family Chapel**  
N25 W23050 Paul Road  
Pewaukee 53072  
Sunday Worship 10AM  
FamilyChapel.org

**Grace Bible Chapel**  
3917 59th Street  
Kenosha 53144  
Sunday Lord's Supper 9AM  
Family Bible Hour & Sunday  
School 10:30AM  
Wednesday Prayer 7PM  
262.654.9631 GBC-Kenosha.org

**Hillside Community Church**  
593 W30580 County Rd NN  
Mukwonago 53149  
Sunday Worship 9AM  
Call for Bible Studies  
262.363.8025 or HillsideMuk.org

**Lake County Bible Church**  
1800 Vettelson Rd  
Hartland 53029  
Sunday Bible Study 9AM  
Worship 10:15AM  
262.244.7719 LakeCountyBible.org

**Northbrook Church**  
4014 Hwy 167 West  
Richfield 53076  
Saturday 5:30PM  
Sunday Worship 8AM, 9:30AM,  
11AM  
262.628.3142

**Oconomowoc Faith Bible Fellowship**  
25 McDowell Court  
Oconomowoc 53066  
Sunday Lord's Supper 10AM  
Family Bible Hour 11AM  
262.567.7234

**Orchard Hill Assembly of God**  
N9590 County Rd ES  
Mukwonago WI 53149  
Sunday Worship, 9:30am  
Wednesday, Family Night & Youth  
Ministry, 6:30pm  
(262) 363-5443  
<http://www.orchardhillag.com>

**Praise Fellowship Church**  
W1955912 Racine Avenue  
Muskego, WI 53150  
Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Service: 6:30 p.m.  
[www.praise-fellowship.org](http://www.praise-fellowship.org)

**Summit Harvest Church**  
888 Thackerway Trail #209  
Oconomowoc 53066  
Sunday Worship 10AM  
262.560.0765  
SummitHarvestChurch.org

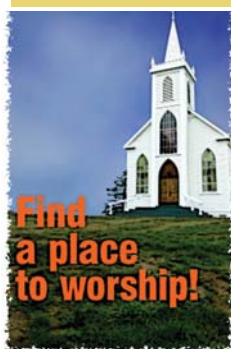
**Terrace Shores Ev Free Church**  
W3278 County Road K  
Markesan 53946  
Sunday Worship 7:45, 9:15,  
10:45AM  
920.398.2734

**Watertown Community Church**  
106 E Madison St  
Watertown 53094  
Sunday Worship 10AM  
Call for other meetings/studies  
920.206.0599 or  
WatertownCommunityChurch.org

**Zion Christian Assembly**  
Zion Chapel 319 Cedar Street  
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085  
Sunday Lord's Supper 9:30AM  
Bible Ministry 11:00AM & 6:30PM  
Wednesday 6:30PM  
920.458.4137  
920-889-7064  
believers@ZionChristianAssembly.org

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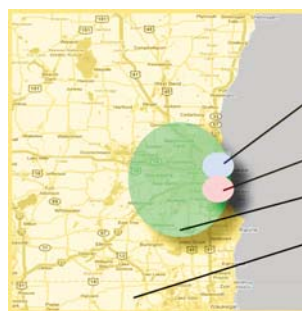
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Philip Alexander

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