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For over 20 years, Operation Christmas Child has been packing shoe boxes for children in over 100 countries. The expected goal this year alone is 548,080. The boxes from the Midwest area will go to the following countries: Barbados, Burundi, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Suriname, Tanzania, Togo, and Trinidad & Tobago.

Many Volunteers have been working for months to gather items together for these boxes, planning packing parties and gathering it all together for the collection week of November 16 ending on Monday November 23. Your help is needed in three important ways. Pray for this ministry. Operation Christmas Child is a division of Samaritan's Purse/ The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Pack a box or two to donate to this project and join the millions that are doing the same. And, most important of all, pray for this ministry. Pray for workers, boxes being donated, delivery, and God's great blessing – as usual. A donation of \$7.00 is asked for each box to help with the transportation if possible. Here is a story that needs repeating, as told by Mark Harrison, an OCC staff member.

Grace Baptist Church in Wild Peach, Texas is a congregation of about 40 people. Two years ago they packed 42 boxes. In that time the pastor's wife, Cherry, became a community relations coordinator and her and her husband volunteered at the PC in Dallas. While there, the Lord put it on Mark's heart that their church should increase their involvement. As he prayed about it the Lord led him to tell the church their goal for 2014 should be 500 boxes as well as all the shipping costs.

After the initial shock of his announcement, the church went to work and packed 560 boxes as well as coming up with the \$7/box shipping. This is the equivalent of one month operating income.

The spiritual impact of this story is in what happened to the church in that year. While they did not grow dramatically. The church, according to the pastor, also gave twice as much as ever before to their Lottie Moon foreign mission offering. They had nearly 3 times as much in their general fund as anytime in their history. A history where the bi-vocational pastor did not take a salary some months because the money just wasn't there.

"It changed our church." Declared the pastor. It continues to do so. When I asked him what was one thing about that year that really stood out, he told me of a packing party, one of many his church held. As he was watching young and old, he noticed his 4 year-old grand-daughter, whose job was to move the packed boxes from the packing tables to another table. As he watched, each box she took she set on the table, opened it, and prayed. Then she would shut the box and stack it. At that point, the pastor knew what they were doing was far more than packing boxes.

This year, Mark told his church he believed that this year the Lord wanted them to pack 2000 boxes. Mark shared with me that their church doesn't necessarily meet the criteria many are looking for in a place to worship. People often tell them, we really like it but we want more opportunities for the kids. He understands that, but as he told his church, that doesn't mean we aren't supposed to be fulfilling the Great Commission. He said, "If our church packs 2000 boxes it's the equivalent of having a crusade in the Astrodome with the number of people that will eventually hear the gospel." The reaction of his church was different this time. As one older lady stood up and said, "Won't it be amazing to see how God brings 2000 boxes to us this year."



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Commentary

Returning Christ in Christmas?? Keeping Christ in Christmas??

by John Fisco



Another year, another big bucks Christmas shopping, another year of who is in and who is out as far as CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. I thought it was a great statement when Donald Trump (and this is NOT a political endorsement), stated he wants to

bring back CHRISTMAS. Enough with the "holiday" stuff – it is CHRISTMAS and CHRISTMAS only. POLITICALLY CORRECT? It's politically incorrect to change Christmas to HOLIDAY. To the garbage can with "politically correct" trash. SAY WHAT IT IS AND HOW IT HAS ALWAYS

BEEN. Finally many nationally known retailers are bringing CHRISTMAS back and dumping HOLIDAY greetings. Throw your support with what you believe – actions speak louder than words.

Talk about action, there is a great need every Christmas Eve for blankets and sleeping bags for those less fortunate. Mission Possible is heading up a big collection of these items for distribution on Christmas Eve on the upper Southside of Milwaukee. Have been doing this for many years, and greatly needed and received. No matter the weather – cold, snow, etc. they start gathering OUTSIDE mid-afternoon waiting for the truck to pull up for distribution about 7 pm. Sleeping bags for the homeless and blankets for those without or very little heat in the home. Three to four hundred people have shown up in the past.

Do we need to get out of our comfort zone (temp. at 70 degrees), heat always working, plenty of food, water, etc. and set aside some of our "bounty" as small as it might be, or larger for some to get up and out to find some blankets, sleeping bags, etc. One church takes an offering so that Mission Possible can go out and secure new sleeping bags at a discounted price to hand out. Something to think about under your cozy comforter. The Bible teaches more about helping others than it does about stocking up for you. Trust you'll give this some thought and a heavy dose of prayer.

ProBuColls Books and Gifts has offered to be a collection site for the blankets and sleeping bags, 98th and Greenfield Ave (info: 414-344-7300)

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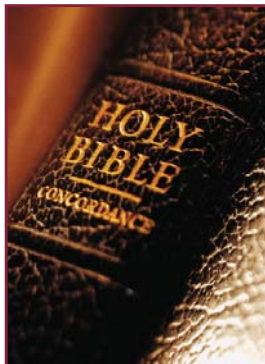


A Word From the Heart

by John Duckhorn

Soon we will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day. It is now known as the first day of the biggest shopping weekend of the year. Many will bow their heads in humble Thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for His mercy and grace to us as a Nation. Others, as the wise guy on T.V., will mock it by saying "we thank you for nothing because we did it ourselves." How have we sunk so low that we will pass laws that declare immoral life-styles to be respected yet continually mock a personal holy God?

Jeremiah's first sermon is in Chapter two. It begins with a reminder of Israel's early days of devotion as a nation eagerly wanting to please God just as a young bride loves her husband. In those days Israel was a holy people. They were not near to being perfect or always obedient, but were ardent in their love for God, just as our Pilgrims had been. In Chapter two, verse five, Jehovah speaks through Jeremiah and asks a disturbing question. "Why did your fathers desert me? What sin did they find in Me that turned them away and change them into fools who worship idols? They ignore the fact that it was I, the Lord, who brought them safely out of Egypt and led them through the barren wilderness" Romans Chapter one gives these same thoughts. "Yes they knew about Him alright, but wouldn't admit it or worship Him or even thank Him for His daily care. And after a while they began to think up silly ideas of what God was like and what He wanted them to do. The result was that their fool-



ish minds became dark and confused. Claiming themselves to be wise without God, they became utter fools instead." (Living Bible)

I am not an alarmist. Yet I have become more and more restless with government leaders who want to push God completely out of our Nation's history.

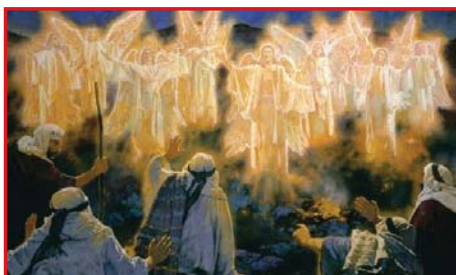
God is personal. He is holy and righteous. He has blessed us beyond what other generations and Nations could ever imagine. He is love and sent His only begotten Son into the world to show us that love. His death on the cross is foolishness to man. But it is really a demonstration of God's wisdom in saving a sinful people and remaining who He is without any change of character. Isaiah forty seven has a poignant message. listen to these words – Hear this you who are given to pleasures, who dwell securely, who say in your heart "I am and there is no one else besides me"....For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, 'no one sees me'. Your wisdom and knowledge have warped you: And you have said in your heart, 'I am and there is no one else besides me', therefore evil shall come upon you ..."

This Thanksgiving bow your head and heart in gratitude to our God who has abundantly blessed us! Oh yeah, and enjoy shopping and football games too.

The First Christmas Carol

by Charles H. Spurgeon

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men. ~ Luke 2:14



IT IS SUPERSTITIOUS to worship angels; it is but proper to love them. Although it would be a high sin, and an act of misdemeanor against the Sovereign Court of Heaven to pay the slightest adoration to the mightiest angel, yet it would be unkind and unseemly, if we did not give to holy angels a place in our heart's warmest love. In fact, he that contemplates the character of angels, and marks their many deeds of sympathy with men, and kindness towards them, cannot resist the impulse of his nature—the impulse of love towards them. The one incident in angelic history, to which our text refers, is enough to weld our hearts to them for ever. How free from envy the angels were! Christ did not come from heaven to save their compeers when they fell. When Satan, the mighty angel, dragged with him a third part of the stars of heaven, Christ did not stoop from his throne to die for them; but he left them to be reserved in chains and darkness until the last great day. Yet angels did not envy men. Though they remembered that he took not up angels, yet they did not murmur when he took up the seed of Abraham; and though the blessed Master had never condescended to take the angel's form, they did not think it beneath them to express their joy when they found him arrayed in the body of an infant. How free, too, they were from pride! They were not ashamed to come and tell the news to humble shepherds. Methinks they had as much joy in pouring out their songs that night before the shepherds, who were watching with their flocks, as they would have had if they had been commanded by their Master to sing their hymn in the halls of Caesar. Mere men—men possessed with pride, think it a fine thing to preach before kings and princes; and think it great condescension now and then to have to minister to the

humble crowd. Not so the angels. They stretched their willing wings, and gladly sped from their bright seats above, to tell the shepherds on the plain by night, the marvelous story of an Incarnate God. And mark how well they told the story, and surely you will love them! Not with the stammering tongue of him that tells a tale in which he hath no interest; nor even with the feigned interest of a man that would move the passions of others, when he feelth no emotion himself; but with joy and gladness, such as angels only can know. They sang the story out, for they could not stay to tell it in heavy prose. They sang, "Glory to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men." Methinks they sang it with gladness in their eyes; with their hearts burning with love, and with breasts as full of joy as if the good news to man had been good news to themselves. And, verily, it was good news to them, for the heart of sympathy makes good news to others, good news to itself. Do you not love the angels? Ye will not bow before them, and there ye are right; but will ye not love them? Doth it not make one part of your anticipation of heaven, that in heaven you shall dwell with the holy angels, as well as with the spirits of the just made perfect? Oh, how sweet to think that these holy and lovely beings are our guardians every hour! They keep watch and ward about us, both in the burning noon-tide, and in the darkness of the night. They keep us in all our ways; they bear us up in their hands, lest at any time we dash our feet against stones. They unceasingly minister unto us who are the heirs of salvation; both by day and night they are our watchers and our guardians, for know ye not, that "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him."



Let us turn aside, having just thought of angels for a moment, to think rather of this song, than of the angels themselves. Their song was brief, but as Kitto excellently remarks, it was "well worthy of angels expressing the greatest and most blessed truths, in words so few, that they become to an acute apprehension, almost oppressive by the pregnant fullness of their meaning"—"Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men."

Read further at www.spurgeon.org/sermons/0168.htm



News & More



“Prayer is our essential lifeline to God's throne and heart.” ~ Franklin Graham

The trailer for the powerful new My Hope program Value of a Soul is now available and you can pre-order your copy of the full-length film today. God has called us to intercede for others through prayer. As you continue to pray and build relationships with lost people, ask God to give them a yearning for Him and a desire to receive the Good News. Then when Value of a Soul is released this fall, invite them to watch the new film, featuring life-changing testimonies and a Gospel message from Franklin Graham.

www.myhopewithbillygraham.org

WINNER AT PASTOR'S BREAKFAST

It was a full house on October 6th for the Annual Pastor & Christian Worker's Breakfast. Bishop E. W. Jackson got everyone off of their seats and gave a message they will never forget. You can hear this at www.mpproductions.org. Also, J.B. Hixon challenged the crowd as he has in the past, and had a great presentation of LOGOS Software. Many pastors have been interested in LOGOS since introduced and there was a door prize winner to a LOGOS software package valued at \$7,000 that was given to the winner pictured in this article, PHILIP UNTI pastor of Blessed Hope BIC Church in Franksville, Wisconsin. Congratulations Phillip. Mark your calendar for next year - Tuesday October 18, 2016. Each person in attendance received a bag full of materials, samples, etc. including a new “Proper Name Bible”. Everyone went home definitely blessed!!



The private and personal blessings we enjoy – the blessings of immunity, safeguard, liberty and integrity – deserve the thanksgiving of a whole life. ~ Jeremy Taylor, clergyman in the Church of England

Billy Graham ‘Thankful’ for Christian’s Friendship With Atheist

BY VINCENT FUNARO

Billy Graham recently told a Christian eager to bring his atheist friend to faith that he was “thankful” for their friendship and that he should continue to pray for and love his non-believing friend, no matter how much he rejected God.

In a Q&A published in the Kansas City Star on Tuesday, the 96-year-old evangelist helped ease the frustrations of a Christian reader, by the name of A.F., over the fact that his atheist friend still does not believe in God — even after surviving a near fatal car accident.

A.F. shared the details of his dilemma with the publication.

“Recently an atheist friend of mine was in a serious car accident, but escaped with only minor injuries. I’d hoped it would make him stop and think about God, but instead he only laughs and congratulates himself on his good luck. Why won’t he admit that it was God who spared his life?”

Graham responded with words of encouragement.

“I’m thankful for your friendship with this individual; some Christians, I’m afraid, don’t want anything to do with people who are different from them. But God loves them, and so should we!” said Graham.

“Yes, it would make sense for your friend to stop and think about his escape from harm. And you’re right: God is the one who spared his life — and I believe he did this so your friend would have another opportunity to turn to Christ and discover the hope and peace He alone can give,” added Graham.

The pastor explained that the most important thing he can do for his atheist friend is to pray, and that “logic alone won’t change him.” He also told him to ask God to help him be an example to the friend and show how his life has been transformed by Jesus Christ.



“Right now he wants to run his own life, but that is a dead-end road. Ask God to use you to show him there is another way, the way is Christ,” concluded Graham.

Such Q&A’s between Graham and readers have been published in the Kansas City Star before.

In August, Graham discussed the deity of Jesus Christ with a reader who wanted to know the true meaning of Christ being divine.

“On one hand, the Bible makes it clear that Jesus was fully human. He was born a baby, grew up as a child and worked much of his adult life as a carpenter,” said Graham. “But the Bible also tells us that Jesus was fully God.”

He described Christ’s deity as a profound mystery and stressed the importance of Him being fully man and fully God, saying, “Only a divine savior could save us from our sins.”

Graham turns 97. He’s made very few public appearances due to physical complications related to Parkinson’s disease.

However, his son, Franklin, president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, told Fox News anchor Greta Van Susteren last month that his father’s health is the best it has been in awhile, during an interview about the senior Graham’s new book, *Where I am: Heaven, Eternity and Our Life Beyond*.

“I think he’s probably doing better now than he has in months. He’s just got energy,” Graham said. “... This Sunday I walked in and I said, ‘Daddy, this is Franklin,’ and he said, ‘Oh son, where have you been? It’s good to see you.’ He’ll want to talk about different things, so he’s doing pretty good.”



Family Research Council



Back to the Future of Planned Parenthood

To most people, the word "reconciliation" means settling a fight. In Congress, it means starting one! This seldom-used budget process has become the center of attention for weeks, as GOP leaders try to tackle two of the most controversial uses of government money: Planned Parenthood and ObamaCare. Although reconciliation isn't used often, it is a powerful tool for the majority party to jump some of the procedural hurdles in the Senate on budgetary issues.

Unlike regular order, reconciliation fast-tracks the debate by setting a lower threshold for passing a measure in the Senate: 51 votes versus the 60 normally required. Since Republicans don't have enough votes to single-handedly topple the President's health care law or pull the plug on the half-billion taxpayer dollars for Planned Parenthood, reconciliation is the GOP's best shot. While reconciliation can't be used to repeal all of ObamaCare or completely end sever ties with Cecile Richards's group, it'll go a long way to accomplishing both. Even if President Obama vetoes the measure, a majority of Congress will have spoken. For once, the White House will stand alone in its extreme support of the health care law and Planned Parenthood.

As early as tomorrow morning, the House will be taking the first pass at this strategy when a floor vote is held on the "Restoring Americans' Health Care Freedom Reconciliation Act" (or H.R. 3762). Unfortunately, not everyone is on board with the plan, including some outside conservative groups. They argue that reconciliation doesn't go far enough. Letting the perfect be the enemy of the good, they claim that nothing but a full repeal of ObamaCare should even be considered. Polling shows that a majority of Americans dislike the government takeover of health and would like nothing more than to say good riddance. Right now,



there aren't enough votes to make that happen -- which leaves reconciliation as the best and most viable option. Congressional Quarterly explains it this way:

"A Senate rule named for the late Robert Byrd (D-W. Va.) permits challenges to reconciliation bills on several grounds, including if they could add to the deficit in the years outside the 10-year budget window. A separate concern, Rep. Tom Price (R-Ga.) said, is the parliamentarian's interpretation as to whether certain language in the reconciliation bill makes it lose its privileged status, which sets a simple majority vote threshold for consideration rather than the customary 60."

Because reconciliation is an expedited process, the provisions are subject to very strict rules. One of them is that trying to tackle anything beyond the budgetary aspects of these two proposals jeopardize the entire effort. The fact that conservative Senators may wish the House bill did more -- like repealing the premium subsidies in Obamacare -- shouldn't be used as an excuse to vote "no." Instead, it should embolden conservative senators to offer amendments during the reconciliation debate to improve the bill's ObamaCare repeal.

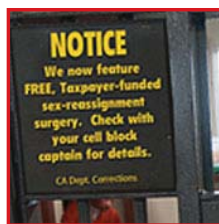
In the end, it's important to get these two issues -- a partial dismantling of ObamaCare and a partial end to taxpayer-funding of Planned Parenthood through the House and Senate and onto the President's desk. If it succeeds, Congress can go back when the next President arrives and eliminate the rest.



GET OUT OF JAIL (GENDER) FREE!

California doesn't have a Department of Corrections. It has a Department of GenderCorrections! Thanks to a new policy, the Golden State is actually rewarding people who don't just break the state's laws -- but nature's too. One of its many firsts, California just became the first state with a taxpayer-funded sex-reassignment surgery program for inmates.

After a legal tug-of-war, leaders announced that the state would fork over the money to cover reproductive organ reconstructions of convicted criminals -- setting a dangerous precedent that will almost certainly be pursued by radicals in other states. "California has set a model for the country," said one transgender activist. "This is care that, for too long, people have denied simply because of who they are. It's especially important because transgender people are incarcerated at six times the rate of the general population."



And it could be more -- once they know free surgery awaits! With a price tag of anywhere from \$50,000-\$100,000, there's no shortage of outrage over these criminals' special treatment. On one hand, California is forcing churches to fund elective abortions, and on the other, it's forcing taxpayers to finance an expensive surgery for lawbreakers! No wonder the Left wants to control health care! It's one powerful way to advance their radical agenda.

Meanwhile, the liberal extremists are proving exactly why health care should be left to individuals and the private sector. Left to its own devices, the market would never drive demand for something so illogical. As our own research confirms, the best thing we can do for people struggling with gender identity is to help them -- not enable them. Otherwise, we're only sentencing them to a life-term of misery.

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Did you know that FRC radio programming is heard on over 300 stations nationwide? Or that FRC staff is on Capitol Hill having weekly meetings that total over 200 per year with congressional members or their influential staffers providing the information and research they need to make principled decisions? How about the

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As the national, political, and cultural debates about our fundamental rights intensify in cities, states, and in Washington D.C., FRC is holding the line for the values that matter: your faith, your family, your freedom. Now would be a great time for you to stand with FRC and support our ongoing efforts.



Calendar



November

Marriage Restored

November 6-8 at 8pm

Country Inn & Suites
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November 6-8

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Hope and Healing Sessions

November 7 at 4pm

Faith Fellowship of the North Shore
2430 W. Cedar Lane
River Hills, WI

This group will meet every Saturday at the above address. The non-denominational gathering was recently formed in response to Milwaukee area residents concerned about the troubled communities and the chaotic world in which we live. Its purpose is to engender hope and healing. The power of prayer is a foundational part of each session. For reservations and additional information, please contact Bill Chapin at 414-352-4586 or bchapin2@wi.rr.com

Joe Castillo, Sand Artist

November 7 at 6:30 & 8:30 pm

Cup O Joy
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Green Bay, WI 54303

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Concert for Covenant Kids

November 8 from 6:30pm - 8pm

Milwaukee Evangelical Covenant Church
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Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Musicians Megumi Kanda & Dietrich Hemann invite you to a free concert to raise awareness & funds for Covenant Kids Congo. The concert includes classical & contemporary pieces, including a special piece composed for them. Call 414-453-3570 for more information.

MOPS Christmas Shopping Extravaganza

November 10 from 6pm-9pm

Calvary Community Church
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Over 40 vendors and crafters. Come for a Stress-Free Shopping experience. Free Admission, Hourly prize Drawings. Bake Sale to Benefit Teen MOPS.

"Open Mic" night

November 12 from 6pm-9pm

Pauline Haass Public Library
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Operation Christmas Child

November 13 from 5pm - 8:30pm

Christ Church
13460 Port Washington Rd
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Join the community to pack shoebox gifts for needy children for Operation Christmas Child. The packing party is free and open to the public. All are welcome including families, youth, adults, senior citizens and everyone else. Call 262-243-3093.

Marketplace Ministry Luncheon

November 13 at 11:30am

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Join us for a time of food, fellowship and an opportunity to network, plus relevant information and inspiration with guest speaker Marv Munyon. Cost only \$9.00. To register please e-mail Rick Hensel at normcall-er2@yahoo.com.

"We Are Leo" with Doozey in concert

November 13 at 7:30pm

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Bruce Carroll with Meg Proper in concert

November 14 at 7:30pm

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November 14 from 9am - 3pm

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Ken Ham Creation Science Presentations

November 16 at 6:30pm

Brookside Baptist Church
4470 N. Pilgrim Road
Brookfield, WI 53005
Ken Ham (Answers in Genesis) to present 3 talks; 9 am grades K-6, Dinosaurs for Kids. 11 am grades 7-12, Science Confirms the Bible. 6:30 pm Students & Adults. The 7C's of history. Seating is limited. Reserve your spot or watch live at Brooksidebc.org. Call 262-783-6180 for more information.

Brunch

November 16 at 9:30am

Milwaukee West Suburban Christian Women's Club
Davians Banquet/Conference Center
16300 Silver Spring Dr.
Menomonee Falls, WI
Everyone invited to brunch \$15.00. Contact Lois for reservations at 262-251-3841. November 9th is the deadline for reservations. Special speaker is Mari Mayborn speaking about "Being Taken By Surprise"

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November 16 & 23

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Leadership Luncheon

November 17 at noon

Wisconsin Club
900 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI
Make plans to join us at the Wisconsin Club for our monthly Leadership Luncheon. This month our special speaker is Tyrone Williams, who is affiliated with the Precious Lives Matter Project, Entrepreneur and recently featured on the front page of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Newspaper. \$20.00 donation. Make reservations by calling 414-344-7300 or by e-mailing at info@leadershipluncheon.info.

Tim Hawkins Live!

November 20 at 7:30pm

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield, WI 53045
Please call church for ticket information.

"Ryanhood" with guests: Hope & Patience

November 20 at 7:30pm

Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway St.
Green Bay, WI 54303
Call 920-435-3269 for more information.

Taylor Mason Comedy show

November 21 at 6:30pm & 8:30pm

Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway St.
Green Bay, WI 54303
Call 920-435-3269 for more information.

Winter Warm-up Event

November 21 from 12pm - 2pm

Apostolic Missionary Church
2686 S. 12th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53215
We will be providing free winter coats along with winter accessories for the community. Our goal is to provide winter coats for both children and adults to ensure they stay warm as they walk to school or walk with their children to school. Call 414-921-8340 for more information.

Thanksgiving Food Giveaway

November 21 at 1pm

Shalom Church
8845 W. Lynx (in the Latvian House)
Milwaukee, WI 53210
We will be blessing families in need with non-perishable food items and turkeys (while supplies last) at our church location. The doors will open at 12:30 pm. We will have a short service providing "a meal from Heaven" starting at 1 pm, followed by giving away groceries and turkeys. Non-perishable food items will be sorted and bagged on Friday November 20th at 6 pm at the church.

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Open Mic night

November 27 at 7pm

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Jean Watson - Christmas with Violin in concert

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suffice.
~ Meister Eckhart,
German theologian*



Calendar



December

Bethlehem's Christmas Carol

December 4, 5, 6 and 11, 12, 13

Oak Creek Assembly of God
7311 S. 13th Street
Oak Creek, WI 53154

Tickets are now available. Go to tickets.oakcreekag.org or call 414-762-2010. This is a free event, but you must have tickets.

The Incarnation of the Full Gospel Unified Christmas Choir

December 4, 5, 10, 11, & 12 at 7:30 pm
Dec. 6 & 13 at 3 pm

Eastbrook Church
5385 N. Green Bay Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53209

"The Incarnation of the Full Gospel Unified Christmas Choir" is both a hilarious and heartwarming look at diversity in the church and in the city. Playwright Alan Atwood wrote this comedy in 2006 and is back by popular demand. Tickets are \$19/\$16-seniors, students, groups on weekends. Thursday Dec. 10 \$17/\$14-seniors, students and groups. For tickets and more information visit: www.morningstarproductions.org or call 414-228-5220 Ext. 119

Bristol School Craft and Vendor Fair

December 5 from 8am-1pm

Bristol Elementary School
20121 83rd St
Bristol, WI 53104

Get some Christmas shopping done and support our school. Bring your cameras and get your child's picture taken with Olaf, Elsa and Anna from the Disney movie "Frozen". Call 262-581-8888 for more details.

A Lake Country Christmas Holiday Fair

December 5 from 9am - 3pm

Lake Country Lutheran High School
401 Campus Dr.
Hartland, WI 53029

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"A Cloverton Christmas" in concert

December 5 at 7:30pm

Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway St
Green Bay, WI 54303
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Jason Gray's Christmas Stories Tour

December 6 at 7pm

Fox River Christian Church
S46W24130 Lawnsdale Rd
Waukesha, WI 53189

Doors open at 6 pm. Tickets are general admission. Artist Circle and VIP add-on available. Policy is that everyone needs a ticket, even children sitting on laps. Info at <http://bit.ly/1NH3geG>.

Holiday Concert

December 6 at 3:30pm

Italian Conference Center
631 E. Chicago Street
Milwaukee, WI

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For more info call Karen at 414-421-5292.

Christmas Coffee

December 10 & 11 at 7pm

Northbrook Church
4014 Hwy 167 West
Richfield, WI 53076

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Live Nativity

December 11 from 7:45pm - 8:30pm

Oak Vue Farm
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"The Brides of Christ" Women Preaching Symposium

December 11 at 7pm

Bethel Baptist Church
2030 W. North Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53210

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The Bethlehem Experience

December 11 from 5-9pm & December 12 from 4-8 pm

Christ Church
13460 N. Port Washington Rd
Mequon, WI

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Mark Smeby Hope of Christmas Tour

December 11 at 7:30pm

Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway St
Green Bay, WI 54303
Call 920-435-3269 for more details

Joy: The Christmas Tour with Steven Curtis Chapman

December 12 at 7pm

RiverGlen Christian Church
S31W30601 Sunset Dr.
Waukesha, WI 53189

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December 12 at 7:30pm

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December 16 at 7:30pm

Elmbrook Church
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Big Cedar Bluegrass, Christmas show

December 18 at 7:30pm

Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway St
Green Bay, WI 54303

For more info call 920-435-3269.

Randy Stonehill - Stories and Christmas

December 19 at 7:30pm

Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway St
Green Bay, WI 54303

Call 920-435-3269 for more details

Christmas Eve Services

December 24 at 3:30pm, 7pm, & 10pm

Christ Church
13460 N. Port Washington Rd
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Christmas Eve Meal

December 24 at 3pm

St. Vincent DePaul
931 W. Madison Street

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Open Mic night

December 26 at 7pm

Cup O Joy
232 S. Broadway St
Green Bay, WI 54303

Call 920-435-3269 for more information.

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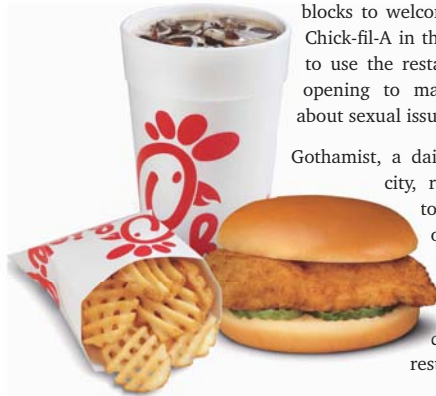


News & More



NYC Chick-fil-A Opens to Rousing Success Despite LGBT Protesters

by Ray Nothstine



While thousands of New Yorkers lined up for blocks to welcome the first stand-alone Chick-fil-A in the city, protesters sought to use the restaurant's Saturday grand opening to make cultural statements about sexual issues and animal rights.

Gothamist, a daily weblog covering the city, reported on demonstrators that included LGBT opponents of Chick-fil-A, Christian counter-protestors, and animal rights activists who descended on the packed restaurant.

Street evangelists got into a shouting match with animal rights activists from Collectively Free and LGBT protestors, who continually shouted "We're here! We're queer! Get used to it!" Christian enthusiasts shouted back at the group, telling them they were engaged in sinful behavior and called on them to "repent."

"We're here to protest violence toward animals and LGBTQ individuals" explained Raffaella Ciavatta of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn to Gothamist. "Chick-fil-A perpetuates the idea that some lives matter more than others, and that is the root of all that is wrong with the world."

Chick-fil-A received criticism from gay activists after CEO Dan Cathy made comments critical of same-sex marriage in 2012. Cathy's quote below led LGBT activists to call for boycotts and other financial penalties for the franchise:

"I think we are inviting God's judgment on our nation when we shake our fist at Him and say, 'We know better than you as to what constitutes a marriage.' I pray God's mercy on our generation that has such a prideful, arrogant attitude to think that we have the audacity to define what marriage is about."

Chick-fil-A has been heavily criticized, too, for financially supporting charities that hold traditional views about human sexuality and the family.

Currently, Chick-fil-A says the franchise takes no position on same-sex marriage, and one month after Cathy's remark said it would leave the debate over the issue to the "government and political arena."

The popular chain released a statement regarding protests at its new location in Manhattan: "Chick-fil-A is aware of demonstrators who gathered at our restaurant today. Our grand opening day activities continue as planned, and we are focused on serving customers delicious food with great service. We are excited to serve all of our guests in New York City!"

Some individuals who identified as gay had no problem embracing the popular chicken chain. "I don't stand with their values. But I do stand with their sandwiches," declared Jeremy McMahan.

"I'm gay and I'm obsessed with Chick-fil-A," Prospect Heights resident Courtney Kim told Gothamist. "My motto is that they'll never hate gay people as much as I love fried chicken."

Chick-fil-A, founded in 1946 by S. Truett Cathy, has almost 2,000 restaurants, with the vast majority of locations in the American Southeast. The company is strongly influenced by the Cathy's strong Southern Baptist faith.

The franchise, which is noted for being closed on Sundays, makes a decision to bypass Sunday's lucrative sales. "It's a silent witness to the Lord when people go into shopping malls, and everyone is bustling, and you see that Chick-fil-A is closed," said the late S. Truett Cathy.

Chick-fil-A founder Cathy, who died in 2014 at the age of 93, once said, "We live in a changing world, but we need to be reminded that the important things have not changed."

According to CBN, the Chick-fil-A location in New York City is its largest restaurant to date.

Supreme Court's Gay Marriage Ruling Must Be Rejected by States, 64 Legal Experts Say

By Michael Gryboski

A group of 64 legal experts and scholars have signed a statement calling on Americans to oppose the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision legalizing gay marriage nationwide.

The Washington, DC-based American Principles Project posted the legal experts' statement Thursday on their website in which they denounced the 5-4 ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.

"The Court's majority opinion eschewed reliance on the text, logic, structure, or original understanding of the Constitution, as well as the Court's own interpretative doctrines and precedents, and supplied no compelling reasoning to show why it is unjustified for the laws of the states to sustain marriage as it has been understood for millennia as the union of husband and wife," declared the statement.

"The opinion for the Court substituted for traditional- and sound - methods of constitutional interpretation a new and ill-defined jurisprudence of identity - one that abused the moral concept of human dignity. The four dissenting justices are right to reject the majority opinion in unsparing terms."

Quoting James Madison and Abraham Lincoln regarding their views on the Supreme Court, the legal experts argued that "all federal and state officeholders" should "refuse to accept *Obergefell* as binding precedent for all but the specific plaintiffs in that case."

"To recognize the authority of states to define marriage, and the right of federal and state officeholders to act in accordance with those definitions," continued the statement. "[All federal and state officeholders should] open forthwith a broad and honest conversation on the means by which Americans may constitutionally resist and overturn the judicial usurpations evident in *Obergefell*."

Signatories included Robert P. George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University and founder of the American Principles Project; Ralph A. Rossum, Salvatori Professor of American Constitutionalism at Claremont McKenna College; John Agresto, former president of St. John's College, Santa Fe, and the American University of Iraq; and Robert F. Sasse, president and professor of Politics Emeritus at the University of Dallas. On June 26, the highest court in the land ruled 5-4 that state level bans on gay marriage violated were unconstitutional, affirming several lower court decisions.





News & More



Pastor Greg Laurie: 3 Reasons 'Why You Need the Church and the Church Needs You'



Christians need to question if they are growing or going backwards, as there's no other alternative, said Pastor Greg Laurie of megachurch Harvest Christian Center in his explanation of why believers and the Church need each other.

"If you're not growing as a Christian, if you're not advancing in your faith, that would begin the process of you going backwards," Laurie said as he began his message last week, as part of a series called, "What Every Growing Christian Needs to Know."

A believer doesn't backslide overnight; it's a slow, but sure, process, he said. Things of the world gradually start looking more appealing than things of God.

To keep growing, at least three things are required, the pastor shared.

To be a successful Christian, you must read, study and love God's Word, he said. "Success or failure in the Christian life depends on how much of God's Word you get into your life on a regular basis, and how obedient you are to it."

You must pray without ceasing, Laurie said, in order to be a successful Christian.

To be a successful Christian, you must be actively involved in the Church, Laurie told the congregation, saying that's the focus of his message.

The Church doesn't mean a building per se, but believers need to be in a place where God's people gather on a regular basis for worship, teaching and other wonderful things that the church does, he clarified.

Laurie quoted Hebrews 10:24, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the day approaching."

"How can you love God whom you can't see, if you do not love His people whom you can see?" the pastor asked. "Not going to church is proof that something is wrong with you spiritually," he stated, referring to 1 John 2:19.

We go to church to serve others, if we are mature Christians, he said, adding that we don't choose a church based on its facilities, or how good the singing or music is.

The Church exists for three reasons, Laurie shared: the glorification of God, the edification of the saints and the evangelization of the world.

The pastor said when his son died seven years ago, it was a Sunday, and he came to church. People later told him how strong he was that he didn't miss church even when he was grieving. But the pastor said he came to church that day because he felt very weak and he needed the Church.

Laurie then read Acts 2:42-47: "They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to fel-

lowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the Apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

The first century Christians were **W.E.L.L.** — a **W**orshiping Church, an **E**vangelistic Church, a **L**earning Church and a **L**oving Church, Laurie said.

God inhabits the praises of His people, the pastor said, explaining the importance of corporate worship. We'll also be singing in Heaven, he added.

New believers are the lifeblood of the Church, the pastor said, speaking about the need for evangelism.

Bible exposition, or learning, is also an integral part of the Church, he added. People come to church to listen to the word of God. A church needs to teach well, and the congregation should learn to listen well, he stressed.

Fellowship is important too. We must not be in a hurry to leave the church right after the service is over, Pastor Laurie said, stressing the importance of loving fellow Christians.

We come to the church not like a consumer, but like a congregant who wants to glorify God, to serve and help other people out, he said in conclusion.

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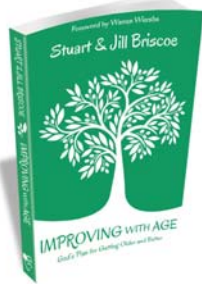
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Book Reviews



Improving with Age by Stuart & Jill Briscoe



Improving with Age addresses the triumphs and challenges of aging Christians and examines the uniqueness of skills and resources they bring to their church communities. Through Scripture and story, the Briscoes assert that aging is not only normal, but it is a joyful and productive life season. Improving with Age provides concrete strategies for mature Christians to embrace the now, renew their personalities and utilize their experience, wisdom and gifts for the building of God's kingdom.

Stuart and Jill Briscoe met each other in the context of youth ministry sixty years ago. Individually and together they have written scores of books, pastored a church in the United States for thirty years and founded a media ministry called "Telling The Truth" that broadcasts daily worldwide.

Contents

- Part 1: Aging – More Than Growing Old
- Part 2: Aging – What To Do While It Happens
- Part 3: Aging – Older People in the Contemporary Church

Forward By Warren Wiersbe

During many years of conference ministry, my wife and I have always rejoiced when the schedule teamed up with Stuart and Jill Briscoe. Why? Well, for one thing, they are fun to be with and there's always lots of laughter. But even more, they know how to blend biblical truth with practical counsel that has grown out of their own ministry experiences.

I like that. It's ministry fresh and alive and enlightening. This book was written just the way they minister in public. It's packed with lots of "church facts" and ideas that I wish I had known years ago when I was pastoring and trying to bridge the so-called "generation gap." Now I'm among the "old folks" and, believe me, I need all the help I can get. From their studies and personal experience, Stuart and Jill have keen insight into the dynamics of change, the unique problems of old folks, the goals of the younger crowd and the approaches we can take to minimize conflict and maintain unity and diversity in the church.

First and foremost, Improving with Age is for all the older folks who want to make the most of their senior years. But it's also ideal for church members and leaders who want to build bridges and not walls and enjoy the younger generation and encourage them without sounding like the wicked witch of the west. But I also strongly recommend this book to all ministers and church leaders who want unity, variety and maturity in the church family for young and old and those in between.

As I look back on my early years of pastoring, I thank God for the adults whose examples, prayers and mentoring skills helped make the congregation one happy family. Had I read this book sooner, they probably would have been happier!

But enough! Enjoyment and enrichment are awaiting you, so start reading!

Warren W. Wiersbe

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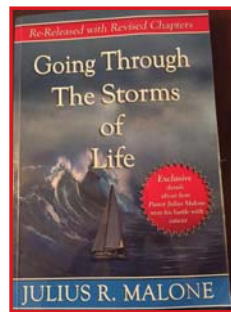
WHO CAN ADD TO CHRISTMAS?

Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life. ~ Corrie Ten Boom

Cornelia "Corrie" ten Boom was a Dutch Christian who, along with her father and other family members, helped many Jews escape the Nazi Holocaust during World War II. She was imprisoned for her actions.

Going Through The Storms of Life by Pastor Julius Malone

(Re-released with Revised Chapters)

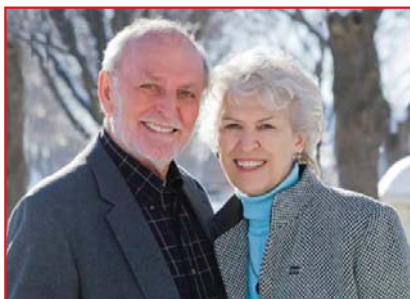
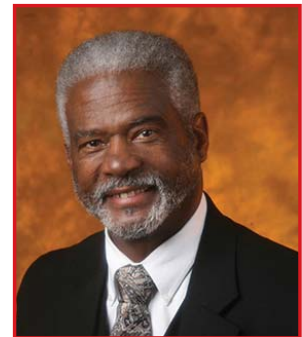


The Bible teaches that believers are not exempt from the storms of tribulations, trials, troubles, temptations, and tragedies of life. Jesus said "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33) David said "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all" (Ps. 34:19)

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). The Bible teaches that believers are not exempt from life's storms, troubles, temptations, and tragedies. But when devastated by storms, believers still seek desperately

to find a reason and seek comfort. Emotions of helplessness and despair come in like a flood, followed by questions like – "How could this happen to someone who is already washed in His blood?" In Going Through The Storms of Life, Pastor and Author Julius R. Malone shares his in-depth wisdom with believers who are dealing with unexpected turmoil and tragedy. In response to the leading of The Holy Spirit and witnessing tragedies in the lives of the members of the body of Christ, Pastor Malone delivered a message entitled Going Through The Storms of Life. The outcry of gratitude and relief from this sermon was enormous. Since then, Pastor Malone has had the opportunity to share this powerful message throughout the United States. As a result, requests for a book containing the information he shared started pouring in. This book contains that message, along with many tools to aid believers who are going through life's storms. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers him out of them all" (Ps 34:19).

The revised edition talks about his experience of having cancer and going through extensive treatments which have left him cancer-free. This was also on U-Tube and viewed by thousands. A must-read book for everyone. Copies are available for \$10.00 at New Testament Church, where he is pastor in Milwaukee or the Christian Courier Newspaper.



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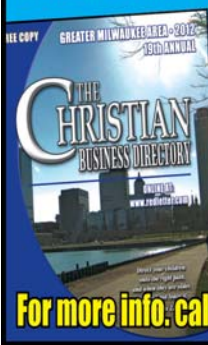
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Over 1,300 'Bikers With Boxes' Donate Thousands of Gifts for Children to Billy Graham Library

by Michael Gryboski

Over 1,300 motorcyclists descended upon the Billy Graham Library to donate thousands of presents for children overseas come Christmas. Known as the eighth annual "Bikers With Boxes," the motorcade of philanthropy came to North Carolina loaded with wrapped shoeboxes containing donations for Operation Christmas Child.

"We are amazed each year to see how God grows this event."

"To see the outpouring of love and support from these motorcycle enthusiasts in the form of gift filled shoeboxes shows how much they care for each child who will be on the receiving end."

A project of Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child seeks to provide gift-filled shoeboxes to disadvantaged children overseas.

Begun in 1993 and boasting over 100 million deliveries, Operation Christmas Child has provided not only toys but school supplies, hygiene items, and Christian evangelism.

"The children that these boxes go to are kids who live in poverty, who live in some of the most war-torn areas of the world. Kids who have nothing, who've never had a gift in their life. When you pray (for them), I know God hears those prayers," said Rev. Franklin Graham, CEO of both Samaritan's Purse and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, to the more than 1,300 motorcyclists present.

One major donor at this year's "Bikers With Boxes" event was the group Carolina Faith Riders, headed by John Rumley. This year the Riders brought a total of 1,175 boxes.

"It's for the love of children and sharing God's Word. It's all for God's glory. If we can reach a child anywhere in the world with a shoebox, that's all need."



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Sunday Worship 7:45, 9:15,
10:45AM
920.398.2734

Watertown Community Church

106 E Madison St
Watertown 53094
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Call for other meetings/studies
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Zion Christian Assembly

Zion Chapel 319 Cedar Street
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
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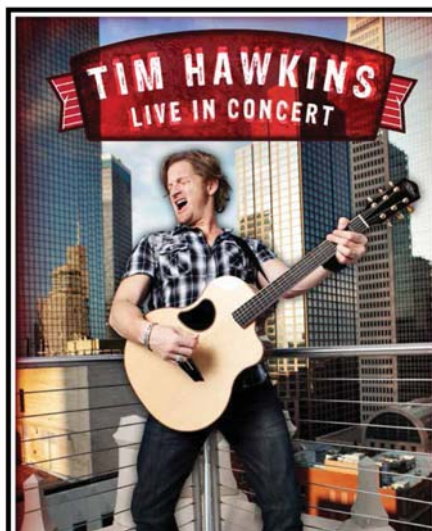


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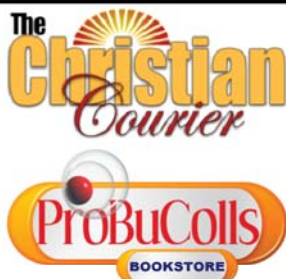
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