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& National Day of Prayer

The annual Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast will be held once again on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday May 5th, 7:30 am to 9:30 am at the Italian Conference Center, 631 E. Chicago Street in Milwaukee. The event is open to the public, however we suggest that you obtain your tickets early as the Breakfast is usually sold out. Ticket prices and the order form can be found on page 14. We are happy to announce that our speaker will



Governor Scott Walker



Redskins QB Colt McCoy
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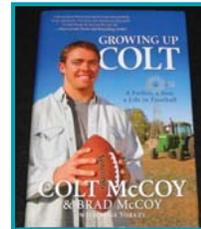
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Speaker of the House Paul Ryan will make a video appearance



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Commentary



BE IN MADISON JUNE 15TH!!!

by John Fisco

The DECISION AMERICA TOUR 2016 with FRANKLIN GRAHAM will be in MADISON, Wisconsin on Wednesday June 15th, 2016. This event will be held on the Capitol steps and thousands are expected to attend.

Decision America is traveling to every state and on the Capitol steps to encourage people to PRAY for AMERICA. This being an election year for President and other offices, Christians are encouraged to PRAY like they have never prayed before. AMERICA is in trouble, drifted far away from its founding belief in God and in many areas rejected the Bible and for what it states. We need to bring AMERICA back to GOD. Christians across the country are trusting and praying that the DECISION AMERICA will do just that – bring AMERICA back to GOD. Visit www.decisionamericatour.com for all the details.

For local information and offering to help with the tour in Madison, contact the State director for DECISION AMERICA John Kieffer at 920-202-1390 or jkieffer@billygraham.org

Madison needs this impact probably more than any other city in America.



BE THERE! E-mail your friends about it! Call everyone you know! Do whatever it takes to BE THERE!

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A Word From the Heart

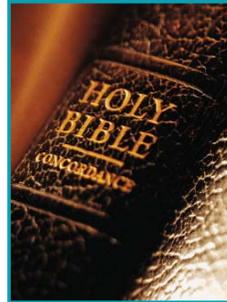
by John Duckhorn

During 1965 to 1979 my work in Columbia was focused on church planting. In the fall of 1979 we arrived back in the United States as a result of my growing deafness. Our first impression was that Christianity had gone bonkers. We discovered new Christian fads, concerns and nonsense. It was a circus. The internet was growing at the speed of light and books, new and very old could be bought from practically anywhere around the world. I spend less time in book stores and more on a computer. My personal library was not growing but my computer one was. Mega churches were the expected result of successful outreach. Sunday floor shows, with big bands and attractive young ladies were the norm. Repetitive choruses were the new Sunday morning hymnal and caused a hypnotic spell over our minds.

Morals changed. Divorce became more acceptable; engaged Christian couples thought it was ok to live together because engagement was like being married. At least that is what the Word taught, right?

The proliferation of Bible paraphrases was impossible to keep up with. Were people looking for a more accurate version or one to back up their personal moral or doctrinal preference?

There was plenty of panic. The Y2K folds thought that our computers were not able to handle a new century; some people believed the world might be entering into a Stone Age era. Christians bought homes in the mountains of the US, grew and canned their food, bought generators and bottles water, enough to survive for years to come but not enough to share with dying neighbors. The only things I prepared were enough snacks to enjoy the Badger Rose Bowl victory on January first of the year of doom. One can't forget the prophecy panic of 1984. Millions of pamphlets containing Bible prophecy carefully organized but often contextually misapplied many were waiting for the Lord to return. What a great disappointment



it was for some who sold their houses and church building only to find out it was wrong. Then the lawsuits began.

There were more missionary deaths then in many other decades and they kept on increasing. Our new enemy, trying to punish us, for our cruel, behavior during the Crusades tried selling us a bill of goods that their religion was peaceful. While there are peaceful people among them, as in all religions, the media had exposed its ignorance by emphasizing this one feature of this new madness. How

can we possible forget what is now known as 9/11.

But there have been some laughs. Our Wisconsin politicians, with nothing to do, came up with a Potluck Wisconsin law discussion by the legislator. I wrote on this inane and humorous waste of time. If they can't think of anything to really chew on maybe regular work would help them contribute to our state taxes.

Last but not lease was the "Emerging Church" excitement. Many of us watched to see if the movement would offer any real substance and help jump start many moribund churches. Instead we had strange ideas about Christianity. Evangelism was mocked. The importance of inerrancy of scripture was down played. "Cussing" pastors were applauded and serious Bible study slighted.

So what is next? Who can say? I'll miss a lot of the future but somehow I couldn't care less.

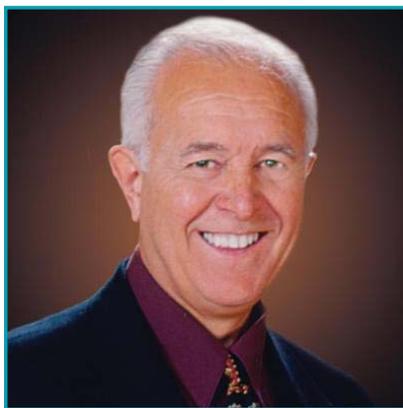
Gary Smalley, Renowned Christian Marriage Counselor, Dies at 75; Leaves Legacy of Intact Families

By Leonardo Blair

Gary Smalley, a world renowned Christian marriage counselor who championed marriage by comfortably highlighting his own struggles as a husband and father, died Sunday night leaving a legacy of thankful families behind. He was 75.

"It is with heavy hearts that we announce Dr. Gary Smalley, at age 75, graduated to heaven last night. The family gathered and surrounded him, his loving wife Norma kissed his forehead gently and sang to him," began an announcement on Smalley's Facebook page Monday. "This beautiful transition came to an end as these words were spoke[n] over him 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;' Numbers 6:24-25."

In a blog post on Smalley's death, Focus on the Family President Jim Daly offered a summary of Smalley's public life.



through his books, films and conferences," he wrote.

It was Smalley's role as confidante to troubled couples, however, that helped them find answers and healing that Daly cited as a key part of the counselor's enduring legacy.

"Gary was also a trusted counselor in whom people confided their deepest longings, hurts and dreams. The practical advice and coaching he gave helped countless husbands and wives stave off divorce. How many children grew up

"Gary was a best-selling author of more than 60 books, a world-renowned marriage and relationship expert, and a sought-after speaker with more than 40 years of experience. He regularly appeared on national programs including Fox and Friends, Oprah Winfrey and NBC's Today show. Over his extraordinary career in ministry, he helped hundreds of thousands of couples

with both their mom and their dad because God used Gary to repair and restore their marriages? More than you would imagine," wrote Daly.

One of Smalley's sons, Greg, who works alongside Daly at Focus on the Family, also praised his father's "authenticity and transparency" in the post.

"I loved my dad's authenticity and transparency," Daly recalled Greg writing. "He made a living telling people how he messed up as a husband and father. He was humble enough to admit he made mistakes and driven to learn how to grow as a follower of Christ, husband and father."

Greg further noted: "He was passionately committed to living out the greatest commandment: to love God with all his heart, soul, mind and strength and to love others as himself. He built his ministry on the concept of honor — treating others as priceless treasures. His favorite verse was Romans 12:10, 'Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor' (ESV). What I loved best is that who my dad was up on stage was exactly who he was at home. He spent his life honoring his wife and family and helping others have an intimate relationship with the Lord and a thriving marriage and family."

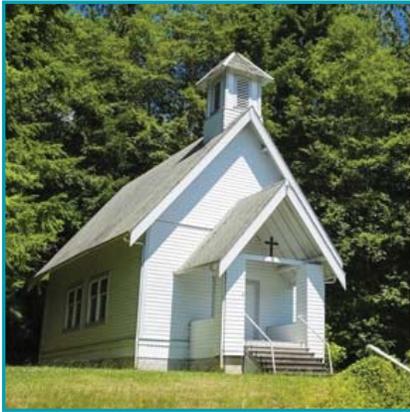


News & More



A Pastor's Opinion: Is My Small Church a Failure?

by Kevin Shrum



According to Andy Stanley, Pastor of North Point Community Fellowship in Atlanta, GA (the Buckhead area) and the PK born with a “spiritual-silver-spoon” in his mouth, I am a pastoral failure (selfish to be exact), along with the vast majority of pastors both here and abroad.

I do not begrudge Stanley's PK-spiritual-silver-spoon upbringing, for I too am a PK raised in a good, godly, and joyous home. I only wish he would eat from that spoon with a bit more humility.

What's the fuss all about? In a sermon dated February 28th, 2016, Stanley stated that if you, your family, and especially your children attend a small church you are being selfish and robbing your children of the best. You must get your kids out of those situations, lest they grow up to hate God and His church. Why? Because they won't be able to make friends. It doesn't matter what the church teaches, so long as your children make friends. Stanley argues that this is why we “build big” churches.

The reaction to Stanley's comments were so immediate and incendiary that he offered a Twitter apology the following day.

I'm reluctant to buy Stanley's apology because I've hung out with enough of these mega-church pastors to know how the vast majority of them think — smaller churches are ungodly, insignificant, unimportant, ‘less-than’ churches. Bigger churches are godly, significant, important, and “better-than” churches.

Stanley is the same guy who told Ed Stetzer in a 2009 interview that pastors who preach exegetically, verse-by-verse, are mistaken, uncreative (that all-encompassing biblical standard for preaching, right? — we MUST BE creative if we're to reach the populations), and are “cheating” our kids and our people of a legitimate ministry. He is also the same pastor who demurred when asked about the issue of homosexuality and all things related.

I hold no grudge against large churches. What pastor doesn't want their church to grow? But I also know that God never purposes for every

church to be a “mega-church,” that size is not the measure of spiritual maturity, and that God is doing great work through medium and smaller sized churches.

In fact, the vast majority of the churches in America and abroad are small churches. According to Stanley, these churches and their pastors are failures.

Yes, there are plenty of small churches that are small because they are disobedient to the Great Commission and plenty of pastors who are failing because they are lazy and slothful. I offer no excuses for these churches. None. Zip.

But to paint all non-mega-churches as such with a broad brush is both ignorant and demonstrates that Stanley and his ilk live in an ecclesiastical bubble where he generally gets to “cast vision,” spend most of the week preparing “creative” messages with the assistance of researchers and a full compliment of a creative staff members, rather than in the real world of what it is like to pastor an average, local church where staff is minimal, money is often recessionary, and volunteers are mercurial.

After having attended dozens and dozens of pastor, church-growth conferences, I'm tired of hearing only mega-church pastors preach, peddling their books, and scolding the rest of us on our failures and imploring us on what we should be doing.

I used to be into all of that. My book shelves are filled with such books that are now out of date and inconsequential. More often than not, I leave these conferences discouraged. I would much rather hear a good preacher teach God's Word and talk about how he is “slugging it out” in the trenches of local church ministry, talking about the successes and failures he is experiencing; to hear about faithfulness in the face of great challenges, etc.

I would argue that God is at work in many of these, according to Stanley, “failing” churches. Take the church I have pastored for 21 years. Founded in 1924 in a home on Shelton Avenue in East Nashville, TN, Inglewood reached its peak in the 1960's when a couple of thousand people joined and attended the church, just as the community was developing as well. The church grew as the community grew. Many were saved, others were called out to ministry, missions and evangelism were the focal points. The church did not fail.

But as the 60's morphed into the 70's and 80's the community and the church began to change and decline. Yet, Inglewood remained true to the gospel and weathered the storm of social deconstruction. Faithful laypeople and long-term pastors held the church together. Rather than move to the ‘burbs’ where most mega-churches escaped to, Inglewood stayed put, worked, prayed, and served. The church did not fail.

Now, roughly 450 people will go in and out of our doors in any given month. We are on the mend. We feed and cloth the poor, we teach musical lessons through the Allegro School of Music, along with many other ministries. God continues to save people through this “failing church.” We don't have enough youth to have multiple levels of student ministry (which is God's will according to Stanley), but they are a tight-knit group of students who are learning to love God. This church is not failing.

And, believe it or not, we believe in an all-sufficient, inspired, inerrant Bible that is preached consistently, verse-by-verse, week in and week out. In fact, it has been the single greatest factor in holding us together and reviving God's work in this part of Nashville. We do not preach topical sermons, but exciting, practical, but always expository and exegetical sermons.

By the way Andy, my wife and I raised our three children in this “failing” church. Result? All three walk faithfully with God, love the church, and are smart, fun, and joyous Christians who, in turn, are attending some of these “failing” churches. The work has been hard, difficult, frustrating, rewarding, joyous, sad, all rolled into a ball of spiritually-minded and warm-hearted service. This church is not failing.

I have even had a friend tell me, “Shrum, why do you stay down there in that church? You are committing ‘ministerial suicide’ by staying there. Get out so you can pastor one of these mega-churches in the ‘burbs.’”

Have I committed ministerial suicide? Have I? Maybe Stanley would agree with this assessment.

Why do I stay? Because God has called us to this place. Because an inner-city, transitional neighborhood and church like Inglewood deserves to have a viable, successful, Christ-centered, Bible-driven ministry. And God is rewarding our commitment and faithfulness. This church is not failing.

And the same could be said of thousands of other churches our same size and/or smaller. These churches are not failing.

Normally, I do not respond to the asinine statements akin to what Stanley said. (By the way, is this the kind of creative preaching that results from a non-exegetical style of preaching?) However, I know that many mega-church pastors think and feel this way. Ironically, all the data tells us that while the mega-church won't ever go away, a new generation of millennials prefer smaller groups and smaller churches.

Believe it or not, I hold no specific grudge toward mega-churches and their pastors. I know many great mega-churches and pastors. God give us more, yet with humble, expository preaching pastors.



Family Research Council



Genocide Declaration Must Now be Backed up with Actions says Family Research Council

WASHINGTON, D.C. - TODAY, SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN KERRY DECLARED ISIS' ATROCITIES AGAINST CHRISTIANS AND OTHER RELIGIOUS MINORITIES AS GENOCIDE.

Family Research Council President Tony Perkins commented:

"The House of Representatives, and now the Obama administration, join most of the Western world, including the European Parliament, in condemning ISIS' atrocities against Christians and others as genocide. Now after growing pressure, the Administration has rightly decided to call these atrocities what they are and has formally designated this to constitute genocide.

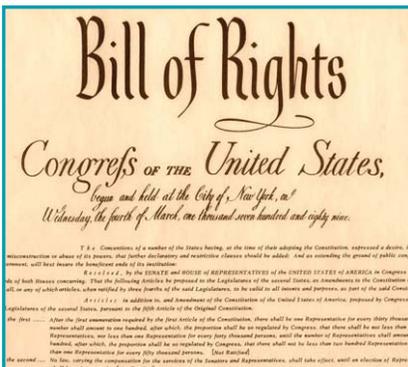
"Now words need to be backed up with actions so that the international community not only speaks with one voice but works to isolate ISIS and those facilitating their reign of terror.

"Additionally, we call upon Christians to support those non-governmental organizations that are working to provide sanctuary and relief to our brothers and sisters in Christ as well as other religious minorities," concluded Perkins.



Religion in Public Life

Family Research Council supports the First Amendment to the Constitution, which begins, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . ." The Founders' intention in this was clear--that Congress should not name an official national church or denomination. However, they did not intend a "wall of separation" between all expressions of faith in God and all aspects of public life. Government has no obligation to ignore or deny, and has every right to acknowledge, that the United States was founded, primarily, by Christians, and that our laws and government are rooted in a Judeo-Christian worldview. Citizens, churches, private organizations, and public officials have every right to proclaim their faith in public settings and to bring their religiously-informed moral values to bear in election campaigns and public policy decisions. FRC will continue to speak out when bigotry against people of faith, especially Christians (who are the most frequent target), is expressed in the media and in the political sphere.



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Through Life Today TV, James and Betty minister God's love through programs such as *Wednesday's with Beth Moore* and with special guests. The Robisons are grateful that God has allowed them to be part of His Great Commission to share His life and love with people around the globe.

Recently, James invited author, teacher, *Women of Faith* speaker and former co-host of *The 200 Club*, **Sheila Walsh**, to join Life Outreach International. We are delighted that both of them will bring challenging and encouraging words at Watchmen on the Wall 2016.

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- Tour the U.S. Capitol and hear about our Judeo-Christian heritage (pending U.S. Capitol approval)
- Be informed, inspired and equipped to engage issues such as the erosion of religious liberty, ascendance of the LGBT agenda and the disregard for the dignity of human life
- Attend breakout targeting specific action steps that you can take toward increasing your influence as Salt and Light in your community
- Network with other pastors from across America who share a common burden for our nation
- Discuss issues pertinent to your state with other pastors from your state

WHAT PASTORS ARE SAYING ABOUT THE BRIEFING

"The Briefing was...truly life changing! It really has given me a whole new perspective on the relationship between the church and our culture!"

"Having attended hundreds of events, the Watchmen on the Wall is, alone, the most encouraging."

"The marching orders we receive here are found nowhere else. Thanks 1,000 times!"

"I'm leaving with renewed vision to see God's kingdom come to this world."

"Wow! Thanks so much for the informative, inspiring, Spirit-led kick in the pants."

"I'm a changed man. I'm getting three to pray with for our nation, community and churches."

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Calendar



March

International Women's Fashion Tea

March 12 from 12:30pm - 7:30pm

The Excellence Center
22000 W. Bluemound Rd
Waukesha, WI 53186
Open shopping, vendors 12:30 - 5 pm. International food, tea and show. \$2.00 ticket reserves seat. Food 5 pm, fashion show 5:30 - 6:30 and final vendor sales 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Please RSVP to Mary at 262-844-3932

Unveiling the Book of Revelation

Beginning March 13 at 10:15am

Lake Country Bible Church
N45W342481 Watertown Plank Road
Nashotah, WI 53058
Lake Country Bible Church is starting an all new sermon series: Unveiling the Book of Revelation, presented by Pastor Sal Massa, Sundays at 10:15 am. The book of Revelation is much more than a teaching regarding the end times. It is a book for all times. Many think the descriptions of how the end of the age occurs is scary and hard to understand. Pastor Sal will bring the chapters of Revelation to life as we explore its true intention - to give encouragement and hope for all Christians to continue watching for the return and triumph of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn Sing

March 18

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield, WI 53045

Join us in the Elmbrook Chapel for a time of fellowship, worship and hymns (classic and new!) All ages and stages are welcome...singing gifts not required. Hosted by the Elmbrook Arts Ministry. Walk ins welcome. No registration necessary.

Sportsman Breakfast

March 19 at 8am

The Columbian
3245 Lighthouse Lane
West Bend, WI 53090
Sportsman Breakfast with Randy McPherson from 8 am - 10:30 am. Our guest inspiration speaker will be avid outdoorsman, Randy McPherson with Matthew Bows. Ticket includes Breakfast Buffet and \$3,500 door prizes. Ticket must be purchased ahead of time at www.west-bendchurch.org. Doors open at 7:30 am.

Men's Breakfast

March 19 at 8am

Fox River Christian Church - Waukesha
S46W24130 Lawnsdale Road
Waukesha, WI 53189
A great meal and time of connection just for men. Contact Pastor Rob Warnell at 4warnell@foxriverchristian.org for more information or to register.

The Family Easter Egg Hunt

March 19 at 10am

Fox River Christian Church - Waukesha
S46W24130 Lawnsdale Road
Waukesha, WI 53189
Free family Easter Egg hunt hosted at all campuses. Stay for a family raffle drawing and refreshments to follow. For information please contact Ida Kempen at jkempen@foxriverchristian.org

Men's Breakfast

March 19 at 8am

Brooklife Church
857 S. Rochester St. #300
Mukwonago, WI 53149

Nueske's Bacon, AYCE (All you can eat) eggs and pancakes... need we say more? Get to know other men here at Brooklife Church on Saturday March 19 at 8 am - 10 am. Tickets are \$5.00 online or in the lobby of the church. \$6.00 at the door.

Mitch McVicker in Concert

March 20

Faith Presbyterian Church
3800 W. Rawson Ave
Franklin, WI 53132
Dove-award winning singer-songwriter, Mitch McVicker, will present a concert at Faith Presbyterian Church, Franklin, WI. His song "My Deliverance" was written with Rich Mullins and received a Dove award. Tickets are \$5.00 and 2 non-perishable food items. Call 414-421-3860.

Annual Health Fair

March 20 from 9am - 2pm

New Testament Church of Milwaukee
10201 W. Bradley Road
Milwaukee, WI 53224
Vendors will provide you with information on how to maintain your temple for the glory of God. For more information call 414-365-1690 or e-mail at newchurch@bizwi.rr.com

Women's Club Brunch

March 21 at 9:30am

Davians Banquet & Conference Center
16300 W. Silver Spring Dr.
Menomonee Falls, WI
The Milwaukee West Suburban Christian Women's Club invites you to a brunch with featured speaker Barb Hoffer from Madison, Wisconsin and Irish music by George Hunke. Tickets are \$15.00. For reservations call Lois at 262-251-3841

"This Day" a Dramatical Musical

March 24 - March 27

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March 25 at 12pm

Italian Conference Center
631 E. Chicago Street
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Easter Egg Hunt

March 27 at 10am

True Life Church
1615 Silvernail Road
Pewaukee, WI 53072
All children welcome to join us Easter morning for a fun egg hunt as we search for treats. Adults can enjoy Easter morning service as their children remain in good hands to experience ultimate Easter fun. Call 262-542-7538 for more details.

April

All Pro Dad Breakfast

April 2 at 8:30am

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
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Toby Mac

April 9 at 7pm

UW- Milwaukee Panther Arena
400 W. Kilbourn Ave
Milwaukee, WI
K-Love welcomes Toby Mac; Hits Deep Tour to Milwaukee! Featuring Toby Mac, Britt Nicole, Building 429, Colton Dixon, Capitol Kings, Finding Favor & Hollyn.

Titus Tea Banquet

April 14 at 6:30pm

Country Springs Hotel
2810 Golf Road
Pewaukee, WI 53072
Lake Country Bible Church of Nashotah would like to invite all women to our exciting annual event, Titus Tea Banquet. Speaker and vocalist will be Damaris Carrough. Tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$250.00 for a table of 10 people. Ticket sales begin at 8 am on March 21st. Call Dell at 262-968-1762.

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Calendar



The Biblical story of Joseph

April 15-24

Eastbrook Church – Morning Star Productions
5385 N. Green Bay Ave
Milwaukee, WI
"Okie Joe" gives the classic story of Joseph's betrayal by his brothers a new treatment. The play is staged as a film set shooting the story of Okie Joe, son of an Oklahoma farmer, who ends up as governor of California. Fridays, April 15, 22; Saturdays, April 16, 23; Thursday April 21 all at 7:30 pm. Sundays, April 17, 24 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$13.00 - \$19.00; Seniors, students, groups; \$10.00 - \$16.00. Call 414-228-5220 Ext. 119 for details or tickets.

FlipOut Kids Conference

April 16 at 9am

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield, WI 53045
Cost \$10.00 per kid (\$15.00 after March 31). Kids in grades 3-5 will have an awesome opportunity to attend this day-long event designed especially for them. This conference for kids will provide an opportunity to dig deeper into topics that interest them. The day will begin and end with large group worship and teaching. They will be challenged to live out their faith or simply encourage them to begin their faith journey. As the day progresses, a variety of interactive workshops and experiences will equip them with the tools and information needed to stand firm on their beliefs and gain a better understanding of their faith. Please call the church at 262-786-7051 for more details or to register.

Men's Breakfast

April 16 at 8am

Fox River Christian Church
S46W24130 Lawnsdale Rd
Waukesha, WI 53189
A great meal and time of connection just for men. For more information contact Pastor Rob Warnell at rwarnell@foxriver-christian.org

Aglow International – Southern Wisconsin Area Team Spring Retreat

April 22 at 2pm – April 23 at 4pm

Green Lake Conference Center
W2511 Hwy 23
Green Lake, WI 54941
Annual trans-denominational Christin retreat. Guest speakers: Shelly Morales, Central Region Director, Aglow International, Worship Leader: Damon Stuart and Break-out session on Saturday with Amy Volkert for "Generations Group" (ages 13-35)

Admission Cost: A variety of retreat packages are available: \$60.00 early bird, \$70 after 3-21. Rooms and meal package reserved by calling Green Lake (920-294-3323) See printable brochure on website www.wisconsinaglow.wordpress.com/ events or call Marlene Paprocki at 262-789-7161 for more details

Run for Home 5k run/walk

April 30 at 8am

2 locations. Frame park, Waukesha and Brooklife Church, Mukwonago
Be a superhero. Help fight against child human trafficking. Elmbrook Church is partnering with Exploit No More in the fight against child sex trafficking. This 5k run/walk will help raise awareness and funds to help create a new home for these young victims of sex trafficking. Adults \$32.00, Students \$25.00 and children 12 and under \$20.00. Registration includes a dry fit shirt and a post-race party. Questions? Contact Tami at tclark@elmbrook.org or call 262-780-1869.

Schools for Haiti Fundraiser

April 30 at 5:30pm

Madison Marriott West
1313 John Q Hammons Dr.
Middleton, WI
Social & Auction Preview, 5:30 – 6:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, Program 7:30 pm. \$75.00 per Person/\$135.00 per Couple
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May

2016 Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast

May 5 at 7:30am

Italian Conference Center
631 E. Chicago Street
Milwaukee, WI
2016 Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on the National Day of Prayer. Special speaker NFL Quarterback Colt McCoy, of the Washington Redskins. Order tickets early as this event usually sells out. For more information go to www.wisconsin-governors-prayer-breakfast.com or call 414-344-7300, fax 414-344-7375, e-mail at prayerbreakfast@christian-couriernewspaper.com

Muskego Prayer Event

May 5 at 6:30pm

Muskego City Hall
W182 S8200 Racine Ave
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Unleashed Conference

May 14 at 8:30am

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield, WI 53045
At the Unleashed Conference, we'll explore practical, meaningful ways to live out our faith at work. This one-day conference includes five speakers, table discussions, resources, networking opportunities and more. Our theme this year is "Re-Frame". Cost is \$45.00 per person which includes lunch, refreshments and conference materials. Questions? Contact Sylvia at sjeronimo@elmbrook.org for more information.

30th Annual Bike & Hike

May 14 at 9am

Bethesda Park
Waukesha, WI
30th Annual Bike & Hike sponsored by Evangelical Child & Family Agency. This year's theme is "Rather in humility value others above yourselves". The registration at Bethesda Park is the perfect setting with a playground, kid's games, music by Gene & Anne Schmidt, Yogi, the balloon artist, fabulous lunch courtesy of Cousins Subs, homemade cookies from Spring Creek Church bakers, Water Doctor water bottles and other surprises, too. Contact Evangelical Child & Family Agency 1617 S. 124th Street in New Berlin. Call 262-789-1881 or e-mail at info@ecfawisc.org



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News & More



Anne Graham Lotz: I'm an 'Evangelical Feminist;' 'No Billy Graham Without Ruth'

By Stoyan Zaimov

"If 'evangelical feminism,' means women who know what they believe, who are strong in their convictions, who are bold in their actions, who are courageous to stand up and speak out for Jesus Christ while being godly wives and mothers, then I celebrate them today," Lotz wrote on Tuesday, which was International Women's Day.

"And I would be honored to be counted in their number," she added.

Observed around the world, IWD has been recognized since the early 1990s, and focuses on celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

Lotz admitted that she was not sure what "evangelical feminism" meant when she first heard about it years ago, but now offers a definition of the term on her website:

"An evangelical feminist is a woman who is a strong, bold, free-spirited leader inside and outside of her home, unashamed of her faith in God, His Word, His Son, and His Gospel. With that definition, I would identify myself as an evangelical feminist."

She reflected that she was raised in an evangelical home where "women were respected, honored, and who held significant positions of leadership," sharing with readers various accounts of the achievements of the women in her family.



Lotz also said that her mother, Ruth Graham, could also have been considered an evangelical feminist.

"I am convinced there would not be a Billy Graham as we have known him, if there hadn't been a Ruth Graham beside him. She never felt staying home to raise five children a demeaning burden. Instead, she considered it the highest privilege she could be given," Lotz continued.

"She was an artist, a pianist, an intellect who read everything available, and an authority on early American log cabins. She

cared for sick neighbors, stayed in touch with missionary friends, helped my father write his many best-selling books, supervised the running of a large, unique household so that my father was free to give full attention to his preaching, learned to ride a Harley-Davidson and to hang-glide."

Elaborating on the "evangelical feminists" term, she pointed to numerous important female figures in the Bible, from Eve all the way to the Virgin Mary.

Lotz reminded readers that Mary was "singled out by God for her purity, integrity, piety, and humility to be the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ," and noted also the story of Mary Magdalene, a woman with a "sinful past, who was commissioned by the risen Lord Jesus Christ Himself to be the first evangelist to the world."

Lotz shares daily devotionals and reflections on her website and her Facebook page, offering Bible-based advice for Christians in their daily lives.

Thousands March for Life in Washington Despite Arrival of Winter Storm Jonas

By Samuel Smith

Thousands of devoted pro-lifers braved through the threat of Winter Storm Jonas and marched down to the United States Supreme Court Building Friday to demand an end to abortion by participating in the 2016 March for Life on the 43rd anniversary of the court's decision in Roe v. Wade.

The march, which was preceded by a rally featuring a number of prominent pro-life speakers including Republican presidential candidate

Carly Fiorina, began in front of the Washington Monument right as the snow began to fall. But, the early arrival of the winter storm could not deter the participants from continuing their 2-mile trek down Constitution Avenue. "The world may think that we are a little bit crazy to be here on a day like today but those of us standing here know that there is no sacrifice too great to fight the hu-

man rights abuse of abortion," March for Life President Jeanne Mancini told participants before the march.

This year's theme for the march, "pro-life and pro-woman go hand in hand," combats the rhetoric used commonly by the abortion proponents that those who are against abortion are against women or orchestrating a "war on women."



A Small Box in a Large World With a Big God

Rick Cox, Regional Manager in the Upper Midwest, and his wife Sue traveled to Trinidad with OCC in February in celebration of his 10 years of service. The participants were organized into several teams to attend outreach events and programs.

As one team was at an outreach event, they met 8-year-old Jaydon. When Jaydon opened his shoebox, a team member noticed a small note card and photo, and recognized the couple in the photo. The shoebox Jaydon received was packed by Rick and Sue!

Can you believe it?! Out of 11.2 million shoebox gifts, the Cox's box was loaded onto one of three

sea containers bound for Trinidad and, out of those 19,558 shoeboxes, and the hundreds of outreach events held in Trinidad annually, this box happened to be handed out on the exact day that Rick and Sue were in the country. The team member at the distribution called to FaceTime Rick and Sue, who were at an outreach event across town and they were able to greet Jaydon!

Rick told him how much he loves him, how much Jesus loves him, and that he wants him to grow up to be a Godly man. When



they asked Jaydon what his favorite item in the box was, he said the pens. He will be able to use these in his favorite class which is writing! Rick and Sue ended the conversation by praying with Jaydon.

Rick summed up the experience this way, "This is the first time that Sue and I have ever had a response from a child who received our shoeboxes. Our word from devotions that day was "Awestruck" and we are in awe that we were there in Trinidad together and that we could talk with and pray for Jaydon."



Sports



Franklin Graham Praises Christian Faith of 4 Super Bowl 50 Players

by Jeannie Law

While everyone flooded social media with posts about which team they were rooting for during Super Bowl 50, evangelist Franklin Graham took the opportunity to share the strong Christian faith of some of the players from both the Broncos and Panthers.

Franklin, who is following in the footsteps of his legendary father, Billy Graham, often uses social media to address mainstream topics through the lens of Christianity. While a fan of football himself and admittedly rooting for his home team the North Carolina Panthers, the minister took a moment to reflect on the faith of some of the men that he respects from both teams competing in Super Bowl 50.



“Did you know that Carolina Panthers Pro Bowl running back Jonathan Stewart puts on more than his shoulder pads, helmet, and uniform before playing football?” Graham wrote on Facebook on Super Bowl Sunday. “Every day he said he puts on the armor of God after he wakes up. Now that’s real protection, and we all need it! The Bible says, ‘Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.’”

Graham also highlighted Panthers’ wide receiver Jerricho Cotchery and his answer to a question he was asked: what comes to mind when he hears the name of Jesus? He had responded, “Savior, Redeemer, the One who purchased me with His blood, King of kings, Lord of lords, my only way — the Way and the Truth and the Life.”

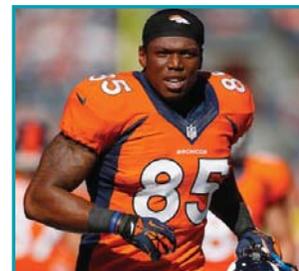
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The Christian Post previously spotlighted the faith of Cotchery as he joined CP contributor Bryce Johnson on his syndicated UNPACKIN’ it radio show to talk about faith. Cotchery maintained that at the end of the day, “being a Christian” was his “agenda.”



The evangelist and humanitarian leader also spotlighted Broncos’ tight end Virgil Green and a quote he shared during pre game interviews.

“The Lord means everything to me. I like to work with kids and tell them you don’t have to follow what the world wants you to do. Christ has everything you need. That’s what I stand firm on,” the quote read.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes Magazine reported that Green intentionally brings Jesus into his games with him by praying before every game and writing on his right wrist tape “Faith” and “Psalm 91.”



Another football player featured on the president of Samaritan’s Purse Facebook post was Panthers player Graham Gano, the NFL’s second-leading scorer this season. In a recent interview Gano told reporters that he had been given his talents and abilities by God. “He made the ultimate sacrifice for everyone. He means everything to me,” the Carolina kicker told reporters.

In a past interview with CBN, Gano stated that being a professional football player gives him a platform to tell others about God’s love.

Graham made sure to end his post by asking others to give their lives to Jesus like the above mentioned Super Bowl athletes. He said their quotes about their faith “might not make it on ESPN, but many of the guys playing on the field today know that they’ve got something far more valuable than even a Super Bowl ring — they know Jesus Christ as their Savior and the Lord of their lives.”

1 CORINTHIANS 9:25-27

Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a

boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.



First Pastor-Led Christian Team to Compete in Indy 500

by Katherine Weber

As the Indianapolis 500 race approaches this May, one Connecticut pastor and his Christian team are preparing to race and win the major competition.

Will Marotti, lead pastor of New Life Church in Wallingford, Connecticut, is leading the first-ever Christian team, Marotti Racing, to participate in the upcoming event, scheduled for May 29 in Speedway, Indiana.

“There has never been an Indy racing team



led by a minister,” Marotti said in a press release. “It may seem unusual that a pastor would lead a racing team, but I have been a racing fan since I was a young boy and it’s a prime missionary field.”

Marotti went on to say that while he has always held an interest in professional racing, he believes he can also incorporate his love for God into the event.

“My father took us to watch races at the Silver City Quarter Midjet Track in South Mer-

iden. And I listened to my first Indy 500 live, on the radio in 1969, the year Mario Andretti won. I attended the Skip Barber Racing School in 1979 and I attended my first 500 in 1982,” Marotti explained, adding, “The moment I walked into the speedway I totally fell in love with Indy Car racing and have been ever since.”

“Now, as a pastor, I see the race as a place to reach out with the Gospel as well – and that is what my team is praying we can do!” the pastor added.

Marotti and his team are now seeking prayers as they prepare to participate in the 100th year of the famous race, which has been labeled as “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”



News & More



Over 300,000 Churches in America; Do We Really Need More Church Plants?

by Greg Stier

Right now, there are over 300,000 Protestant churches in America. Just do the division (300,000 divided by 50 states) and that's an average of 6,000 churches per state. Wow! That's a lot of churches!

Think about it this way: There are 12,000(ish) Starbucks and well over 300,000 churches! So Starbucks can saturate the United States with caffeinated drinks, but almost 30 times more churches can't saturate the United States with the Living Water. Seriously???

According to church growth and discipleship multiplication expert Bill Hull, "It still takes 100 church attendees, a pastor and \$100,000.00 a year to win a convert. Among evangelicals it is a bit better, 1.7, this is an ugly fact that should grieve us all."

So our solution is planting more and more churches so that we can reach America for Jesus? Is that really the best solution, or is a revitalization of the current churches the best solution?

My answer is a resounding "YES!"

YES we need more churches planted and YES we need to revitalize the current ones.

When I was a 23-year-old part-time youth leader at a church in Arvada, Colorado, I wanted to revitalize the congregation when it came to

evangelism and outreach. This very traditional church was solid theologically, but not growing steadily due to disciples being made and multiplied.

I'll never forget presenting an 11-page document called "Operation Arvada" to the senior pastor and asking him to consider it. In those pages were ideas for infusing relational evangelism into the lifeblood of the church. He said, "Let me pray about it" (which is a pastor's way of buying time so that he can think of a nice way to say "no" to your idea). Days turned to weeks and I finally realized that it wasn't going to happen.

It was then that I remembered the words of a former pastor who gave up trying to revitalize that same church to plant a new one. He told me, "It's easier to give birth than to resurrect the dead."

That's when my best friend and I decided to start a church ourselves, Grace Church in Arvada, Colorado. Through prayer, tons of mistakes and sheer perseverance, we were blessed to plant a church that grew deep and wide in some powerful ways.

Today, Grace Church is a thriving congregation with over 60 percent of the 3,000 or so who go



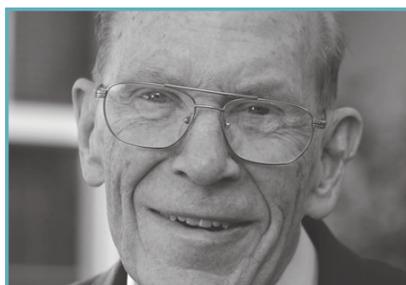
there having come to Jesus as a result of this church's focused outreach efforts. What about the other church I was involved in? The new pastor and youth pastor are working hard to revitalize it so that it can be more effective in the community where it's located.

We need already existing churches to drop an evangelistic engine into their church chassis. We need new churches planted that grow primarily through new believers being added (as opposed to transfer growth).

So the real question is not how many churches do we have in North America, but how many Gospel-Advancing churches do we have? We need to revitalize current ones and plant new ones until we reach everyone.

Theologian Jerry Bridges Dies at 86. Here Are 6 Biblical Truths He Once Shared

by Kevin Porter



Respected theologian Jerry Bridges, a longtime staff member of The Navigators Christian ministry and the best-selling author of 10 inspirational books, died Sunday. He was 86 years old.

In a 2011 interview with DesiringGod.org, a website devoted to glorifying God, Bridges shared six biblical truths he learned over the course of his walk with Christ:

1. The Bible Is Meant to Be Applied to Specific Issues in One's Daily Life

As a young officer in the Navy, Bridges learned firsthand the meaning of 1 Timothy 6:1 as he applied the scripture to a challenging relationship he once had with a superior officer. The theologian's commanding officer was difficult to

get along with and was resented by many of his subordinates. Nevertheless, Bridges learned that the officer was still "worthy of all honor," based on the Scriptures.

2. Believers Have a Union With Christ

Bridges said, "I am in Christ — as the vine and the branches have a living union, so Christ and I have that living union. I live in Him, He lives in me, and I depend upon Him for the power to live a Christian life."

3. Mankind Is Saved Through the Doctrine of Election

"I am a Christian because God chose me from before the foundation of the world." The theologian initially pushed back against that concept, but says God opened his eyes. "It just sort of hit me all of a sudden, and I just dropped to my knees and I thought of Romans 12:1: 'I appeal to you by the mercies of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice.'"

Bridges said he had never before understood God's mercy and grace as much as he did at that moment.

4. It's Necessary to Preach the Gospel to Oneself Daily

The author says he learned to look to Christ as his righteousness, rather than to his own performance.

5. Christians Have a 'Dependent Responsibility'

"I am responsible to deal with sin. I am responsible to grow in the fruit of the spirit, but I'm dependent on the enabling power of Christ, through the Holy Spirit, to enable me to do that," said Bridges.

6. Believers Should Have an Increased Awareness of a Dependence Upon the Holy Spirit

Bridges said: "Just as any team needs a coach, so we need the Holy Spirit to coach us to point out our weaknesses. He gives us direction, then He works monergistically, which means He works by Himself — apart from our input. Then He also works synergistically, which means He enables us to work."

The theologian hoped that Christians would benefit from his experiences. "Those are the great truths I learned, and I see no reason why a new Christian cannot at least begin to learn these right up front. There's no point in having to work through 50 years of difficult experience, like I had to do ..."



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7:30am	Telling the Truth	Stuart, Jill, and Pete Briscoe
8:00am	Turning Point	David Jeremiah
8:30am	Insight for Living	Chuck Swindoll
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In the Kitchen With Diane

Diane Fechter, Author



HASH BROWN CASSEROLE

This recipe can be cut in half and baked in an 8x8 pan.

12 eggs

1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. pepper

dash cayenne pepper

1 package (30 oz.) frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, thawed

2 c. shredded cheddar cheese

1 large onion, chopped

1 medium red bell pepper, chopped

1 1/2 - 2 c. fully cooked ham, chopped

Salsa, optional

In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, salt, pepper and cayenne. Stir in potatoes, cheese, onion, red pepper and ham. Pour into a greased 13 x 9 pan. Bake, uncovered 60-70 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Let rest 5 minutes before serving. Serves 8-10. Serve salsa on the side, if desired.

For more recipes and tips see

www.recipesforafulfilledlife.blogspot.com

A LITTLE HARMLESS HUMOR FOR THE ELECTION YEAR

When Bob Dole was serving in the U. S. Senate and his wife Elizabeth headed up the Department of Transportation in the Reagan administration, all the magazines ran articles about this powerful Washington marriage. A photo accompanying an article showed them making up the bed in the morning before heading to their respective jobs. Some man wrote Senator Dole to complain. "You've got to stop doing the work around the house. You're causing problems for men across the country." Bob Dole wrote back, "You don't know the half of it. The only reason she was helping was because they were taking pictures."



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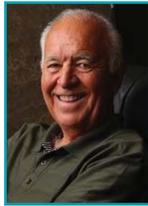


In Memoriam



Charles C. Ryrie, a scholar whose name abounds on Ryrie Study Bible editions with more than 2.6 million in print in multiple languages,

died Feb. 16 in Dallas at age 90.



Gary Smalley, who wrote more than 60 books on relationships and worked

closely with Focus on the Family, died March 6. The prolific author and speaker appeared on Focus on the Family's broadcasts more than 50 times. He was 75. (see article on page 3)

On December 23, 2015, Vonette Bright passed away due to complications from acute leukemia.



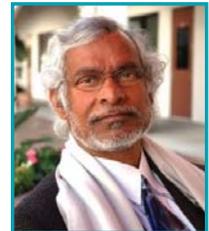
Vonette Bright is co-founder of Campus Crusade for Christ along with her late husband Dr. William R. Bright.

LAWSUIT ALLEGES GOSPEL FOR ASIA FRAUDULENTLY SOLICITED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS

Gospel for Asia, one of the largest missions agencies based in the U.S., was named in a class action lawsuit Monday alleging that it and several affiliates fraudulently solicited hundreds of millions of dollars in charitable donations, and misdirected the money into the personal empire of the

organization's leader, K.P. Yohannan.

The lawsuit initiated in the United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas by the Dallas-based Stanley Law Group, comes just four months after the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability cut ties with the organization last October for violating five of the ECFAs seven core standards.



In the 108-page document acquired by The Christian Post on Tuesday, plaintiffs allege that Gospel for Asia, Yohannan, and other GFA officials misrepresented to donors how, when, and where charitable donations would be spent, and funneled vast amounts of the hundreds of millions of dollars the organization has collected into for-profit businesses and an expensive headquarters.

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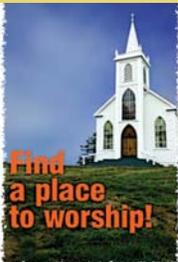
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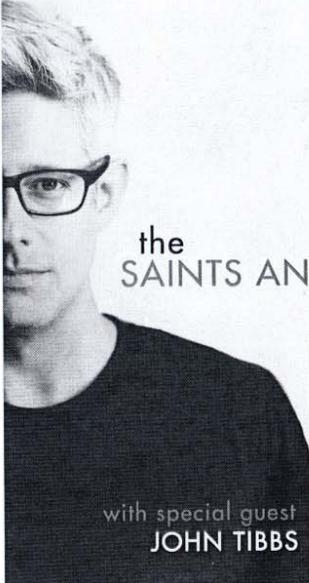
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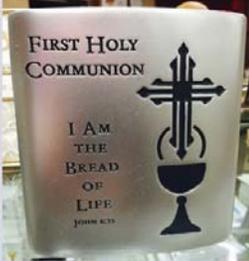


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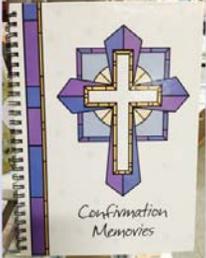
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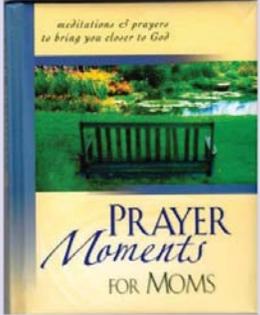




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