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# **PULSE Sponsors Together 2016!**

**OVER ONE MILLION EXPECTED!** 

Jesus prayed that we might be together. In these last few months, we have seen thousands of people setting aside their differences and making every effort to be part of Together 2016.

Families, individuals, communities, churches, and ministries from all over have signed up, booked hotels, purchased plane tickets, and reserved buses. The momentum is building!

We have been blown away by the 350 organizations that are partnering with PULSE for Together 2016. Ministries are laying aside their own agendas to push toward the National Mall. Notable partnerships include: Cru, InterVarsity, World Vision, YWAM, Alpha, Billy Graham Evangelical Association, and IF:Gathering.

Major church denominations and more than 1,000 churches from 40 states are partnering as well. Denominational endorsements include Southern Baptist Convention, Evangelical Free Church of America, Assemblies of God, Pentecostal Charismatic Church of North America National Hispanic Church Leadership Council, and Grace Communion International.

American Bible Society is building a state-of-the-art app that will provide follow-up, next step opportunities, and enhanced Scripture engagement. Additionally, YouVersion is partnering with Together to provide seven and 30-day reading plans that will be available for download.



Together 2016 is to take place at the National Mall on 07.16.16!

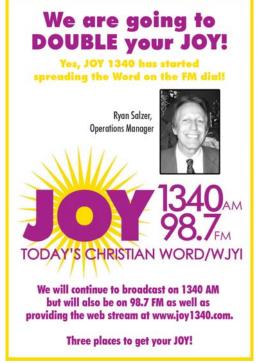


Nick Hall, founder and chief communicator of PULSE

Some notable partners are planning special gatherings to coincide with Together such as a ional Association of Evangelicals as they encourage all their churches to be praying for Together. Also, the National Day of Prayer Task Force moved their annual prayer summit from Colorado in October to D.C. in July so that they can be part of it.

There will be many events leading up to July 16 that will be put on by some of our partners. Events such as evangelism training with Reid Saunders and Greg Stier, conversations around the future of evangelism with Luis Palau, worship with Sammy Wanyonyi, and dinner with IF:Gathering leadership.

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## BATHROOM DOORS NOW OPEN??? OUCH!

by John Fisco

It is shocking the trend that America is taking. In the 60's the Bible and Prayer was banned schools and many other public places; abortion became a way of life - "murder in the womb" - and now the full scale sex desire of who or what you decide to be from one day to the next? May God save America before it's too late.

TARGET where is your thinking. Opening the restrooms to whomever and whatever to any and all. How stupid can this be, especially from a corporation that was so highly respected as a retailer in America. You have now just opened the doors (no pun intended) to sex offenders who can get just a little closer to their victims like never before. These people have their ways to do what they want and to whom they want. This is just another open door policy you gave them. Happily over one million (and maybe many more by the time of this printing) signed pledges to boycott TARGET and they should.

Then we have PayPal refusing to open new offices in Charlotte because of the bill that was signed there to keep its public bathrooms and locker rooms safe. Now here is the HYPOCRISY of PayPal. They announced in March that it would explore business opportunities in the communist nation of Cuba, where homosexuals and transgenders are tortured, jailed and executed. Yet they object to North Carolina legislature of keeping men's and bathrooms women's



separate, and PayPal wants to defend the "rights" of the gender-confused male rather than protect the more than 99% of the population that does not identify as transgender. In short, the HB2 bill in South Carolina, a man cannot claim to be a woman and walk into the woman's locker room of the local YWCA where women and girls are showering and changing. PayPal - Target - and others, is that your agenda? Robert Jeffress stated it best... "It's not that confusing. In Matthew 19:4 God's Words are applicable. The Bible says 'God made them from the beginning male and female.' Not male, female and question mark. God has determined how many sexes there are - there are two, not three," Jeffress said.

It's only when you grow up and step back from him - or leave him for your own home it's only then that you can measure his greatness and fully appreciate it. ~ Margaret Truman regarding her father President Harry S. Truman

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## A Word from the Heart

by John Duckhorn

Believers are to become fully mature and transformed through feeding on the solid food found in scripture. Jeremiah the prophet was asked to deliver a message from God to the people of Judah regarding the 70 year coming captivity in the nation of Babylon. Being faithful to speak God's word was hard among a nation that was convinced he was a traitor.

Jeremiah said "Your words were found, and I ate them; and your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart." Jeremiah 15:16. The word of God is milk, bread, and meat. We are nourished and strengthened by reading and believing it. The word of God is said to be alive and powerful and abides forever. Today many see the Bible as irrelevant and for instructing us regarding the current moral sinful nonsense of our times. The world has even made our outspoken biblical views punishable by a foolish twisting of our constitution principles.

The Word of God shows its life by its perennial freshness. In every generation and to every person that picks it up, the Bible is alive, living, and fresh. One needs only to read church history and the testimony of many wayward people of our so called enlightened era. Besides its freshness the word of God is never obsolete. The fast pace of our modern advancements have made some things obsolete before they capture the market. Science books have become obsolete and can be found in the back of libraries or school storage rooms.

But the timeless truths of the word never become obsolete. They are as up to date as the coming generations of men and women who will need its message. The word of God is a discerner of the heart. Through the Bible the Holy Spirit is able to work in our inner man exposing our needs and pointing us to the gospel of Salvation.

Why is God's word so important? Because it contains God's will for our lives. (2 Timothy 3:15-17) The Bible is the only source of absolute, divine authority for you as a servant of Jesus Christ. The one ingredient a person must



have to believe and grow is God's word. Naturally, it is the one ingredient that Satan wants to take away. If Satan fails to take God's word away from us, growth results.

One reason so many Christians suffer spiritual malnutrition is that they live on a diet of junk food as far as building spiritual character is concerned. 1 Peter 2:1 mentions the word of God was preached to them and then mentions some spir-

itual junk food. Hatred, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and all evil speaking are part of our inner life and when these are not corrected by the Spirit of God using His living word, we do not grow as we ought.

If you are not growing as you ought to grow, see if Satan has fed you with the junk food listed by Peter. Bread, milk, and meat of the word help us grow strong and faithful. What attitudes in your life might be classified as "spiritual junk food?"

From day one,

we've been going

after the impossi-

ble with Together;

but we serve a God of the impossible.

#### **PULSE TOGETHER 2016. FROM PAGE 1**



Kirk Franklin

We want Together 2016 to be a blessing for attendees and the city of Washington, D.C. We're working with Awaken Movement and various



Jeremy Camp

organizations to offer service project opportunities in and around the D.C. area the week before and the week after Together. We already have 5,000 service project opportunities available on our website.



**Matthew West** 

Both the D.C. mayor's office and the National Parks Department are eager to be part of our service project initiative. The parks department has already committed to provide 2,000 opportunities to serve.



**Casting Crowns** 



Josh McDowell

In these final months before Together 2016, we are clinging to the truth that this event is His. We continue to seek Him in prayer and follow his call for the PULSE team . God is on the move. Revival is coming . At the end of the day, all glory, honor, and credit is His.

- 49 States A National Movement: Together has seen individuals, churches, organizations from 49 states link arms and join. We have also heard from people joining us from Canada, Australia and the Philippines.
- "We Believe Video", 1,505,578 views in 5 months
- Together 2016 social media platforms have more than 155,000 followers and are growing daily @Jesusisthereset
- Unique website users. Hundreds of thousands all over the nation are viewing, planning and sharing from the reset2016.com website
- 500,000 connected to the Together 2016 **Praver Network**
- More than 18,000,000 IMPRESSIONS, through TV, radio and online ads in the past 2 months.

# Book Reviews

#### How Should Christians Vote? by Tony Evans



"Many, if not most, Christians begin with the wrong question of who they should vote for rather than the more important question of how they should vote. Asking the correct question is fundamental to knowing how to arrive at the correct answer."

Scriptural principles exist for both our personal and our political quandaries. We should be willing to dig deep to find them and move beyond voting based on tradition or mere preferences. Dr. Tony Evans takes on foundational questions of a Christian approach to politics. Evans won't pressure you to check this box or that, but he will equip you with solid biblical principles that will

or that, but rie will equip you wint soil a binical principles that will challenge you to vote with a "kingdom perspective" – informed, compassionate, and aware of who is really in charge. \$6.99 Moody Press

#### We Will Pray for Election Day by Thomas Freiling & Michael Klassen



There have been many critical moments in America's history. From the first Continental congress in 1774 to Lincoln's emancipation proclamation in 1863; and now the election of November 2, 2004. Once again, forces of evil threaten our country. From attacks on our home-lane to assaults on our morals and Godgiven values, people are wondering what we can do to protect and restore our country.

As the future of America hangs in the balance, the time has come to pray and take action. We can be observers, and just watch and hope. Or we can make a difference by getting involved.

This guide to the upcoming election gives you 40 prayers to change our nation, an election timeline, guide to the Electoral College, a voter registration guide, summaries of key races, and dozens of effective ways for

you, your family, and your friends to make a difference. Will you join in this national movement of prayer and political action? \$9.99 Allegiance Press

#### God's Not Dead: The Evidence Behind The Movie by Rice Broocks



"Faith in God is rising, yet so is skepticism. The evidence for the existence of God must be grasped and clearly articulated to answer this challenge," says author Rice Brooks. "The success of the atheistic agenda is mostly due to the fact that the theistic responses to atheists' claims have not been widely circulated."

God's Not Dead guides seekers and reminds believers that...

Real faith is not blind - it is based on evidence

Life is no accident - there is meaning and purpose in the universe

Good and evil are no illusions.

The God who exists has revealed Himself in history through Jesus Christ.

Drawing from the areas of philosophy, science, history, and theology, we can form persuasive arguments for God's existence and His presence in our lives. This book equips us with the tools, providing clear, easy-to-follow explanations of the key concepts and controversies. God's Not Dear is apologetics for the twenty-first century. \$19.99 W Publishing Group

# **Don't go to Bed Angry: Stay Up and Fight** by Deb DeArmond & Ron DeArmond



A practical handbook on how to fight better – together – for your marriage.

In every marriage, there is conflict. And with every conflict, there is a choice for resolution. Will you ignore the issue until it seemingly goes away? Or will you work together to find peace?

In Don't Go to Bed Angry, Deb and Ron DeArmond give you permission to fight. Conflict isn't the problem, after all; the real issue is how we deal with the conflict. Deb and Ron demonstrate how communication through conflict can safeguard – even strength-

en – your relationship. Immensely practical features including worksheets and discussion questions make this a definitive go-to-resource to help you start fighting – together – for your marriage. \$14.99 Abingdon Press

#### PRAYER FOR THE NATION



ear God,

You have said in your word that whenever we know we need wisdom, we should ask for it, and that you will give it generously. As we take the extraordinary steps to select and support our local, regional, and national leaders, we pray for your wisdom from above.

Grant us wisdom to know the way you look on the affairs of our nation.

Grant us wisdom to understand how you view our world today.

Grant us wisdom to know what an ordered and just and compassionate society looks like.

Grant us wisdom to know what to do with the reality of evil.

Grant us wisdom to uphold the defenseless.

Grant us wisdom to love you and love our neighbor as ourselves.

Lord, we pray that our leaders will personally understand that you are a dynamic reality in the world and in our lives.

May we be a nation which depends on you, acknowledges your blessings, and values what you value.

And in the days to come, Lord, help us to be faithful members of your kingdom and responsible citizens of the nation we inhabit.

In Christ's name and for his sake, Amen.

James 1:5

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# FORMER ROCK STAR JASON FOWLER TRADES DRUGS AND FAME FOR JESUS CHRIST

With the release of Jason Fowler's new album I Fall In, the former rocker-turned-worshipper explains his journey to sobriety and the impact his relationship with God has made on his life.

Fowler's life can be heard in his music. Living a rock-n-roll lifestyle for years eventually caused him to hit rock bottom. After being kicked out of a drug dealer's house in downtown Atlanta and being homeless, he cried out to God and eventually was able to put the broken pieces of his life back together.





# Family Research Council





# **Family Research Council Banquet**

### **AUGUST 17TH AT THE WISCONSIN CLUB**

FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL BANQUET to be held in Milwaukee on Wednesday evening, August 17th at the WISCONSIN CLUB, 900 W. Wisconsin Ave. Two featured speakers - Ret. Three Star General Jerry Boykin, one of the original members of the U.S. Army's Delta Force. Also Bishop E. W. Jackson from Virginia who spoke last year in Milwaukee to a packed house of Christian leaders with a resounding impact. More information by calling 414-344-7300 or see the July issue of this newspaper.



# \$158K Raised for Family of Muslim Shopkeeper Killed for Wishing Christians 'Happy Easter'

By Samuel Smith

An online crowdfunding page that was set up to support the family of a moderate Muslim man who was stabbed and killed in Scotland for wishing Christians a happy Easter has surpassed over \$150,000 in donations in just over a week.

Asad Shah, a 40-year old shopkeeper who was a member of the peaceful Ahmadiyya sect of Islam, was stabbed to death outside his store in the Shawlands area of Glasgow last Thursday. Shah had posted a Facebook message wishing "beloved" Christians a "very happy Easter" just hours before he was murdered by a fellow Muslim.

After Shah's murder, a number of local residents who were frequent customers in his store set up an online donations page on GoFundMe.com in order to help support the family Shah leaves behind

Although the original goal of the page was to raise about £1,500, the fundraising surpassed £111,396, or the equivalent of about \$158,394.

"We are raising funds for his family to use in whatever way they see most fitting — whether that be to contribute toward funeral expenses, provide financial security for his family in the coming months, or simply to do something in his memory," the organizers explained. "We know money will never make up for his loss but this is our way of showing our support for him, and showing his family how much he was cared for in our commnity [sic]."

"The support we've received so far has been absolutely incredible and we would like to say a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has donated and left messages of support already," the organizers added.

# Steph Curry Reveals Why He Doesn't Publicly Quote More Bible Verses

By Christine Thomasos

Steph Curry has never been shy about his Christian faith as an NBA star, but that doesn't mean he will quote Bible verses in every interview either.

While gracing the cover of the new May/June 2016 issue of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes FCA Magazine, Curry explains that he won't always have a Bible verse to share publicly.

"I'm not a guy who's going to be trying to bash people over the head with the Bible," he said in the magazine. "I want people to know when they see me play that something is different, that I play for something different, and whether I'm talking about it [or not], I just hope by the way I carry myself and by the way I play the game, they can see there's something different about that guy. And they find out what it is and then they know. It's part of who I am."

Still, Curry insists that his faith plays a vital role in his professional career where he just made history with a second consecutive NBA MVP honor, achieved by a unanimous vote.

"I've always been a believer that the Lord has put whatever talent in you, [and] whatever gift He has put in you, He wants you to get the most out of that. He wants you to succeed," Curry says. "He wants you to pursue and work and be passionate about it. It's not about getting any of the glory for yourself; it's all for His [glory]. That's where you have to keep perspective. Work at it and do all you can so you get the most out of yourself, but do it for His will."

FCA magazine editor Clay Meyer spoke about how proud the organization is of Curry's accomplishments.

"We at Fellowship of Christian Athletes couldn't be happier for Stephen Curry on his second straight NBA MVP honor. It's especially heartwarming to know that a basketball star as powerful as Curry can also be grounded in his faith and in his commitment as a teammate, father and community leader," Meyer wrote. "Here at FCA, we love to tell the amazing stories of those who have put Christ first in their lives and have kept biblical principles and FCA values at the forefronts of their careers. Stephen Curry is a tremendous example to kids and gives them a godly and positive role model to follow. We couldn't agree more that he is the 'new

face of the NBA,' and we're honored once again to feature one of the biggest names in all of sports in FCA magazine and tell his awesome story to fans around the world."



Curry built his spiritual foundation at a young age. According to the Christian athlete, his relationship with Jesus Christ started around middle school.

"My parents had us in church every Sunday, every Wednesday. It was more of a tradition at that point; I didn't have a personal relationship with the Lord until I went to the altar call one Sunday and the youth pastor told us to make a decision for ourselves," Curry previously told Active Faith. "The youth pastor told us we had to make a decision for ourselves, we couldn't rely on our parents. It had to be a decision on our own, and that's when I made it."



# Calendar



#### June

# House Tours June 10-12 and 17-19 Fridays and Saturdays 7-10 pm and Sundays 1-4

Return with us to 1916 at our June fundraiser. Morning Star is hosting HOUSE TOURS and a 1916 REENACTMENT of a Gala event that happened at a Lake Drive mansion 100 years ago. Contact Morning Star Productions at 414-228-5220 X119 for more information or tickets. Prices are \$25.00, \$10.00 for children 12 and under. 3266 N. Lake Dr. in Milwaukee.

#### An Evening of Worship and Prayer June 14, July 12 & August 9 at 7pm

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

Join us for monthly worship and prayer gathering on the 2nd Tuesday of each month with an extended time of worship and prayer for each other, the city, and the world.

#### Decision America Tour with Franklin Graham June 15 at 12pm

Capitol Plaza Area Madison, WI Meet with other Christians and pray for our country. Go to www.decisiontouramericatour. com/tour/madison for more information

#### Senior Lunch June 17 at 11:30am

Spring Creek Church N35 W22000 Capitol Dr. Pewaukee, WI

Following lunch will be a musical concert. This month will be Stas Venglevski and his bayan (concert accordion). He is a native to the Republic of Moldova. Tickets are \$12.00 each and reservations can be made by calling 262-695-2211.

#### Jordan Feliz in concert June 17 at 7pm

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

# The Haining Family in concert June 18 at 7pm

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

#### **Church rummage** June 18 from 8am to 2pm

West Allis Wesleyan Church 2465 S. 108<sup>th</sup> Street West Allis, WI

Church rummage to benefit "KidFest". Call 414-541-2866 for more details.

# Celebrate Fathers and Graduates

**June 19 at 10am** West Allis Wesleyan 2465 S. 108<sup>th</sup> Street

West Allis, WI Celebrate Fathers and graduates during the service at 10 am

#### Getting to Know the Church class June 19 at 8:45am

West Allis Wesleyan Church 2465 S. 108<sup>th</sup> Street West Allis, WI

Classes available for every age. Also June 26. Call 414-541-2866 for more details.

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#### "Week of Hope" June 19 – August 4

Sponsored by Journey Church 10700 75<sup>th</sup> St. Kenosha, WI 53142

The "Week of Hope" will be hosted at Journey Church and campers will enjoy inspirational morning and evening programs. This is a unique program that helps kids mature in Christian faith through volunteer community service. With interdenominational devotions for the volunteers and contemporary morning and evening programming, the Week of Hope strives to establish character-building qualities, including an attitude of servanthood and an appreciation for the value of sacrifice. For more information about the Week of Hope experience, please contact Bob Griffith at 262-684-3300.

#### Brunch June 20 at 9:30am

Davians Banquet and Conference Center 16300 Silver Spring Dr. Menomonee Falls, WI

The Milwaukee West Suburban Christian Women's Club invites you to our brunch from 9:30 am – 11:00 am. Our speaker will be Charmel Jacobs and her talk is entitles "Where's My Rainbow?" Our special featured guest will be Karen Meyer-Hootch, author of children's books. All for \$15.00 including tax and tip. Please make reservations with Lois at 262-251-3841.

#### Week-long Summer Camps for kids June 20-24 and June 27-July 1

Two weeks of camp (June 20-24 and June 27-July 1) for kids of all ages. Find the full description online at www.eastbrook. org/summercamps

#### Leadership Luncheon June 21 at 12pm

Wisconsin Club 9th and Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee

Leadership Luncheon with special speaker Ben Mohns of Mohns Construction, Inc. \$20.00 donation. Advance reservations can be made by calling 414-344-7300 or e-mail at info@leadershipluncheon. info

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#### Mike Mangione & the Union in concert June 24

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

#### **Musical** June 24, 25 & 26

Oak Creek Assembly of God 7311 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street Oak Creek, WI 53154 414-762-2010

Join us for this all new musical featuring American classics, current hits, and the gold age music of WWII. Every performance will conclude with a special tribute to all veterans attending. Performance times are 6-24, 7 pm, 6-25, 2 pm and 6-26, 5 pm. Call 414-762-2010 for free tickets.

#### Steve Austin & Guests in concert June 25 at 7:30pm

Cup O Joy 232 S. Broadway Green Bay, WI 54303 For more information call 920-435-3969

# Amerifest June 26 from 10am to 2pm

Spring Creek Church N35 W22000 Capitol Dr. Pewaukee, WI

Free concerts at 8 am, 9:30 am and 11 am. Free picnic lunch following concerts, free activities for all ages from 10 am – 2 pm and free classic car show. You must register for each event. Call 262-695-2211 for tickets or info

#### **Worship** June 28, July 26 and August 23 at 7pm

Holy Grounds Coffee House Deck 5409 N. Green Bay Ave Milwaukee, WI 53209 Worship outside on the deck of Holy Grounds Coffee House.

#### July

#### Ryanhoos with Haley in concert July 1 at 7:30pm

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#### Family Movie Night at the Cup July 2 at 7pm

Cup O Joy 232 S. Broadway Green Bay, WI 54303 Free Popcorn. Movie to be announced. For more information call920-435-3269.

I watched a small man with thick calluses on both hands work fifteen and sixteen hours a day. I saw him once literally bleed from the bottoms of his feet, a man who came here uneducated, alone, unable to speak the language, who taught me all I needed to know about faith and hard work by the simple eloquence of his example. - Mario Cuomo

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# **Leadership Luncheon**

Tuesday, June 21, 2016 12 noon to 1:15 p.m.

Speaker: Ben Mohns
President of Mohns Construction



Location: Wisconsin Club, 900 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Parking on the premises

\$20 donation ~ Make reservations by calling (414) 344-7300 or by emailing leaderluncheon@juno.com

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#### Lifest 2016 July 7 – 10

Sunnyview Fairgrounds & Expo Center 625 E. County Rd Y Oshkosh, WI

Ostricost, Wi Your favorite party with a purpose is back in Oshkosh. Catch some of your favorites like MercyMe, Casting Crown, For King & Country, Matt Maher, Jeremy Camp and more! There is a type of music for everyone. The festival starts on Thursday July 7 and goes all the way through Sunday July 10. Ticket cost is \$66.00

#### Armouraires Quartet in concert

July 8 at 7:30pm

Cup O Joy 232 S. Broadway Green Bay, WI 54303 For more information call 920-

#### Burlap to Cashmere in concer July 9 at 7:30pm

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#### NHRA Drag Race/ Racers for Christ July 10 at 8am & 9am

Route 66 Raceway 3200 S. Chicago Street Joliet, IL 60433 Cheryl McCrary will be in concert át their chápel services

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#### Seniors Lunch July 15 at 11:30am

Spring Creek Church N35 W22000 Capitol Dr. Pewaukee, WI

You are invited to join area seniors for a homemade lunch followed by a musical concert. Special musician is Ann Lobotzke "traveling with my harp" and her entertaining program of hap music and amusing anecdotes of musical adventures and brushes with celebrities. Tickets are \$12.00 each and reservations must be made in advance by calling 262-695-2211

#### Open Mic July 15 at 7pm

Cup O Joy 232 S. Broadway Green Bay, WI 54303 Come in and take the stage Please call 920-435-3269 and sian up.

#### "I do! I do!" July 15 - July 24

Acacia Theatre presents "I do!

All performances will take place at Concordia University Wisconsin's Todd Wehr Auditorium, 12800 North Lake Shore Dr. in Mequon. Tickets are \$16. Or \$13 for senior citizens, full-time

students and full-time clergy. More info available by calling 414-744-5995 or visiting www. acaciatheatre com

#### **Fish Stick Improv** Comedy in concert July 16at 6:30pm & 8:30pm

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

#### Church Rummage Sale July 28 from 10am to 7pm July 29 from 8am to 4pm July 30 from 8am to 12pm

Woodridge Community Church 13800 W. Howard Ave New Berlin, WI

#### Disciple & Random Hero in concert July 22 at 7:30pm

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

## Waukesha Friday Night July 22 at 6pm

Allo Chocolate 234 Main St. Waukesha, WI

Cheryl McCrary will be in con-

#### **Link Union in concert** July 23 at 7:30pm

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# New York Chick-fil-A Stores Bustling With Business Despite Mayor De Blasio's Boycott Call

By Kevin Porter

When it comes to swaying New Yorkers to boycott Chick-fil-A restaurants within the city because of the company's Christian-owners' stance on homosexuality and gay marriage, it appears that Mayor Bill de Blasio's goose is cooked.

Despite the mayor urging New Yorkers to avoid Chick-fil-A restaurants in the city last week, the popular fast-food chain's two Manhattan locations are bustling with business and are seeing long lines that snake around the block, reports FoxNews Insider.

The Christian-owned chicken chain has been so successful in the Empire State that it plans to open 12 new locations over the next year.

Recent efforts by de Blasio and Councilman Danny Dromm to hamper the company's business with a boycott failed miserably after the two men condemned the chain because its President, Dan Cathy, supports traditional marriage. Dromm also made outlandish claims that Chickfil-A's policies prohibit employees and volunteers from "same-sex love."

A majority of the restaurant's New York patrons, however, appear to be undeterred in their support.

In response to the recent controversy, Chick-fil-A issued a statement: "The Chick-fil-A culture and service tradition in our restaurants is to treat every person with honor, dignity and respect — regardless of their beliefs, race, creed, sexual orientation or gender. We are a restaurant company comprised of 80,000 individuals who represent different backgrounds and beliefs, and we are all focused on offering great food, service and hospitality."

De Blasio spoke out about his distaste for the chicken chain during an unrelated press conference last week, urging New Yorkers not to support the restaurant.



"What the ownership of Chick-fil-A has said is wrong," de Blasio asserted. "I'm certainly not going to patronize them and I wouldn't urge any other New Yorker to patronize them."

The comments to which de Blasio referred were made by Cathy in 2012 in which he affirmed the company's stance in supporting traditional marriage.

Saying that he was "guilty as charged" in his support of traditional marriage, Cathy added, "We know that it might not be popular with everyone, but thank the Lord, we live in a country where we can share our values and operate on biblical principles," according to Forbes.

# **National Day of Prayer, Milwaukee Governor's Prayer Breakfast**



Over 47,00 events like this were held across America on May 5th, including many in Wisconsin. Above pictures show a full house at the Italian Conference Center: John Anderson as speaker filling in for Colt McCoy shown via video due to NFL constraints. Needless to say Governor Scott Walker was welcomed with a standing ovation. The entire breakfast can be seen by going to www.wisconsineye.com. Plan ahead to 2017, Thursday May 4th. To be added to the invitation list e-mail us at info@wisconsingovernorsprayerbreakfast.com



# Church 'Seems to Be of Little Help' in **Answering Real Life Problems. Savs Pastor Tony Evans**

By Leonardo Blair



Despite an increased availability of Christian media and other resources, the Church "seems to be of little help" in providing "real answers to real problems," says Pastor Tony Evans of the 11,000-member Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship church in Dallas, Texas.

In an extended post to his more than 1 million followers on Facebook, the prominent evangelical leader lamented what he sees as the "devolution" of America as a nation and the loss of the American dream before knocking the ability of "God's Church" to provide "real answers to real problems."

"America is in serious trouble. From sea to shining sea we are witnessing the devolution of a nation. Regardless on which side of the political isle you sit, it is clear that things are unraveling at warp speed. The United States is quickly becoming the divided states as disunity and conflicts abound," Evans began.

"We are as a nation sliding south fast," Evans emphasized.

"As people gather unofficially around the water cooler at work, or officially around government sanctioned summits, seeking to find solutions to the myriad of issues that plague us, real long term answers continue to elude us," he continued before delivering his warning bell to the Church.

"In the midst of all of this, God's Church seems to be of little help in giving real answers to real problems in spite of the proliferation of Christian literature, programing, and facilities. In fact, the Christian faith and its symbols are more marginalized than ever," he continued. "The American dream is quickly becoming the American nightmare as more and more citizens become disillusioned with the direction things seem to be going."

"They, the church think it's for the church. That's not God's purpose. God's purpose is for the Church to exist for the world and for the advancement of His Kingdom," Evans said.

"And when the church becomes ingrown then it does not become effective. And what we've done is we've emphasized church membership more than we've emphasized developing people to be public visible and verbal followers of Jesus Christ, impacting the world in which they live by being salt and light in the culture," he explained.

"We are asking the culture to come to us when we should be preparing people to enter into the culture — every realm in the culture to represent the value system of Heaven in the chaos that is taking place in history, both individually and corporately," he said.

#### **PAPA MATTERS**

Lucille Ball, shortly before her death, did  $\alpha$  remarkable TV interview with Merv Griffin. He asked her a very serious and pointed question: "Lucille, you've lived a long time on this earth and you are a wise person. What's happened



to our country? What's wrong with our children? Why are our families falling apart? What's missing?" Lucille Ball answered without hesitation: "Papa's missing. Things are falling apart because Papa's gone. If Papa were here he would fix it.'

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; ~ Psalm 103:13

# **Blake Shelton Releases New Single About His 'Savior' Jesus**

Country crooner and "The Voice" judge Blake Shelton takes a departure from mainstream radio to release what he calls a very "important" gospel song as he gears up to release his upcoming album, If I'm Honest.

His new single, "Savior's Shadow," is a heartfelt country hymn.

"Though the devil tried to break me, my sweet Jesus won't forsake me, when I'm in my savior's shadow where I'm supposed to be," he passionately sings.

Shelton first spoke of the song last year on Twitter pegging it an "important" co-write with writers Jessi Alexander and Jon Randall (JR). In March, his collaborator Alexander, who can be heard singing on the track under Shelton, gave Taste of Country some insight into the song.

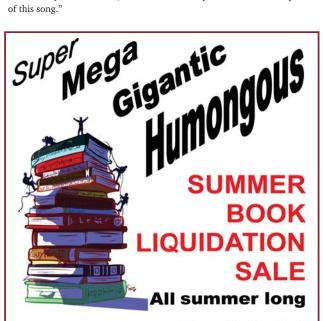
"He started an incredible song, a gospel song, and asked me and JR to help him finish," Alexander says. "It's beautiful and moving and I can't wait for him to tell the story. It's almost his 'Why Me Lord' - it's very deep to him and to us."

Shelton confirmed the origin and intimacy of the song on Twitter. "I dreamed the song last summer," he wrote. "I woke up and wrote down everything I could remember."

As floods of support began to pour in since its release, the Nashville native also tweeted how grateful he is.



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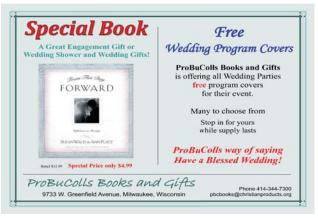






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# Florida Pastor and Wife Adopt Baby Brothers Found on Trash Bag Pile Outside Ministry Office

By Samuel Smith

A Florida pastor and his wife are in the process of adopting two homeless babies who were discovered by a ministry worker outside on a pile of trash bags wearing nothing but diapers.

With their own children aged 15, 13 and 8, Pastor Ronnie Stewart of Refuge Church in New Port Richey, Florida, and his wife, Krystal, thought they were finished raising toddlers and infants.

However, it became apparent last November that God had other plans.

Having planted the Church of God congregation over three years ago, Stewart told The Christian Post Monday that his goal for the church was for it to become a place of refuge for the troubled and underprivileged in the Tampa metropolitan area.

The church now serves as one of the largest Metropolitan Ministries feeding centers in the Tampa area, feeding around 200 to 300 people twice a week.

Metropolitan Ministries, an organization that provides clothing, food and housing for families and children in need in Tampa, came across a particular family that was discovered one night outside of the ministry's Pasco County office.

As reported by a local Fox affiliate, Mark Purcell, the organization's head chef, was leaving the office when he saw the two children — ages 6 months and 1 year-and-a-half — sitting on top of trash bags outside the office with their mother nearby.

The ministry discovered that the mother, father and the children were all homeless and living in a tent in the woods

Stewart explained that the family had been attending the Metropolitan Ministries dinner feedings at the Refuge Church for about three weeks before he and his wife opened up their home to the children in despair.

"We typically don't go to the church on a Friday but I was doing some tile in the church throughout the day," Stewart explained. "The family was kind of camped out under the awning by the front doors. One of the little boys just started putting his face on the glass by the doors and he was looking at me and I let them in and asked them if they would like to come in while I do the tile."

"A lot of concerns had come out with people in the congregation," Stewart said. "We took those babies in that night because it was going to storm. We told the parents we would meet them back at the church the very next day. We did that and said, 'if you ever need us again, just let us know. We would be more than willing to open our home."

Stewart said that his wife gave both the boys baths that night as they were pretty dirty and not in the best condition.

"The very next day, they were there for the feeding ministry. We brought the two boys Saturday morning, so we let them stay in the church with us through the day and prayed with them and really tried to talk with them about every option," Stewart said. "That night was the feeding at 5 o'clock. We were on the way out of the facility when they asked us to take the boys home because of the stormy conditions. Without hesitation, we agreed to it. Just thinking that it was another night of them off the street."

That night, the couple prayed and began to contemplate what the plans were for the children and what they could do to help the family.

"We went the very next day for Sunday service and our plan was for them to come to church and we would come to church and bring the boys. We brought the boys a bunch of clothing and loaded them up on food and formula," Stewart recalled. "After service, I went down to see my kids and my wife, and I was on my way out to my car and the family made their way to me and they said, 'Pastor, can you come over here?"

Feeling as though there was no better option, the parents asked Stewart if he would take the children in until they could figure out a living scenario

As time passed and it became apparent that no better option was opening up for the boys, the



parents asked the Stewarts in February if they would take legal custody of the children.

Although the Stewarts were not quite sure how they were going to pay the tens of thousands of dollars it costs to adopt children, the Stewarts agreed to adopt the children as members of the Stewart family having faith that God will help them raise the funds needed.

"We just kept praying and knowing that God would support all of our needs," Stewart told CP. "We just kept believing in that and we never really had the worry of it."

In order to pay for the adoption costs, the Stewarts recently set up a GoFundMe online fundraising page. Within 24 hours, donations from around the globe surpassed the Stewart's initial \$10,000 goal. In just over six days, the page has raised over \$18,000.

"We didn't even know what GoFundMe was," Stewart admitted. "We check it periodically just to see what it was and then you see the \$500 gifts and the \$1,000 and the \$5 gifts, which are just as important, and people's prayer comments who couldn't give."

Although the Stewarts have surpassed their initial goal, they have decided to keep the GoFund-Me page open.

"I was going to take the GoFundMe down because we reached our goal but someone made a really good point to me that we have to raise them for the rest of their lives and we should keep it open to give someone an opportunity to pour into them," Stewart explained.

In looking back on how he and his family got involved in the lives of these two children, Stewart concludes that "its a God thing."

# Queen Elizabeth Celebrates 90th Birthday, Credits Strong Christian Faith for Remarkable Life

By Stoyan Zaimov



Crowds across Britain have gathered to celebrate the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, the oldest monarch in the world, who has often spoken out about her strong Christian faith and how central following Jesus Christ is in her life.

Prime Minister David Cameron called her "a rock of strength for our nation," Reuters reports. And close to 1,000 beacons will be lit later in the day to celebrate the occasion.

"All of us are here to respect the queen and to show her our affection and how much we appreciate all her years of service and to wish her a happy birthday," said Donna Werner who traveled to the queen's Windsor Castle home, west of London, all the way from Connecticut to pay her respects.

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WeatherStone Church 1500 S. West Lane New Berlin 53146 Sundays 9am & 10:45am weatherstonechurch.org

## **REGIONAL (AREA 4)**

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

Covenant Connection Covenant Connection Fellowship Church 2841 Emslie Drive Waukesha, WI 53188 Worship: Sunday at 10am & Wednesday at 7pm www.covenant-connection.org

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

Faith Christian Fellowship 262.637-6220 or RacineFCF.org Foundational Biblical Baptist

Church
6224 22nd Ave.
Kenosha, WI 53143
Sunday School 10am
Morning Service 11 am
Main Service 6pm
262-654-4665 www.fbbckenosha.org

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

Grace Bible Chapel 3917 59th Street Kenosha 53144 Sunday Lord's Supper 9AM Family Bible Hour & Sunday School 10:30AM Wednesday Prayer 7PM 262.654.9631 GBC-Kenosha.org Hillside Community Church S93 W30580 County Rd NN Mukwonago 53149 Sunday Worship 9AM Call for Bible Studies 262.363.8025 or Hillsidemuk.org

Lake Country Bible Church
N45W32481 Watertown Plank R
Nashotah, WI 53058
Sunday Bible Study 9AM
Worship 10:15AM
262-369-8777 LakeCountryBible.org

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

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

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

Praise Fellowship Church W195 S9912 Racine Avenue Muskego, WI 53150 Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Service: 6:30 p.m. www.praise-fellowship.org

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

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

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

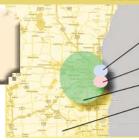
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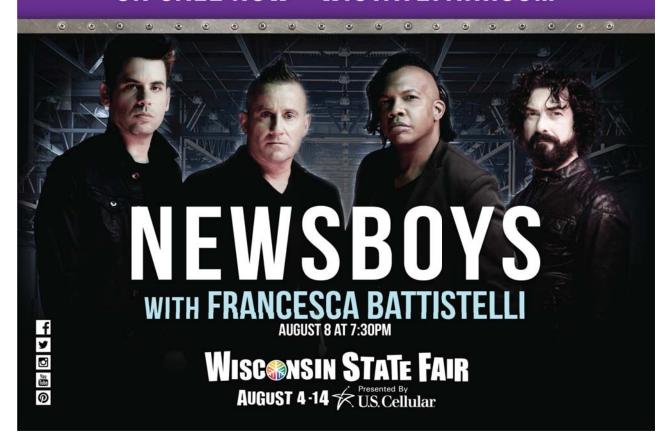
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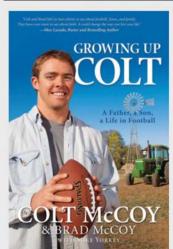
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