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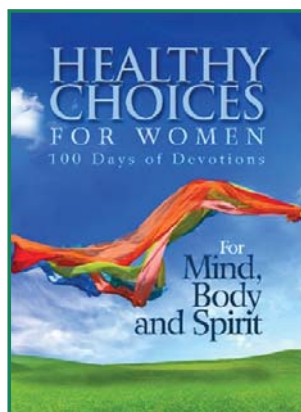
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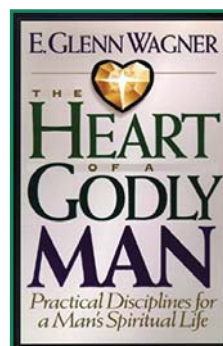
"A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call he blessed, her husband also, and he praises her; Honor her for all that her hands have done. (Proverbs 31 NIV)



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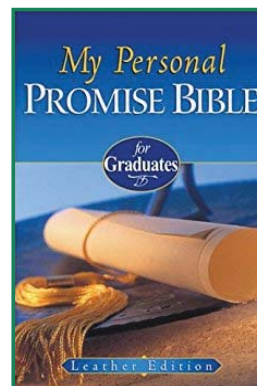
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# Commentary

## What a Great National Day of Prayer!

by John Fisco

The first Thursday of May is always the NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER and the Christian Courier Newspaper sponsors the Governor's Prayer Breakfast every year of this day. Needless to say, it was another banner day - with a full house in attendance, the Governor spoke from his heart and expressed himself and his personal feelings and experiences spiritually. A great line-up of program participants, and one was exceptional being Ken Sweet, 94 years old and told of seeing the first bomb being dropped on Pearl Harbor. He received a great standing ovation. And, so did our guest speaker Charlie Linville and his experiences in Iraq and being an amputee and scaling Mt. Everest. Comments after the event were more like "speechless" - "unbelievable", etc.

There were many other events of the day in Elkhorn Wisconsin with a large crowd, Racine, Muskego, and many other cities throughout Wisconsin.

A highlight for the nation, especially the religious sector that the IRS rules of all religious organizations and churches refrain from political



talk within has now been withdrawn by President Trump. Finally we now have more of our "religious freedom" that America was so well known for in past years, back again. IT PAYS TO PRAY!!!

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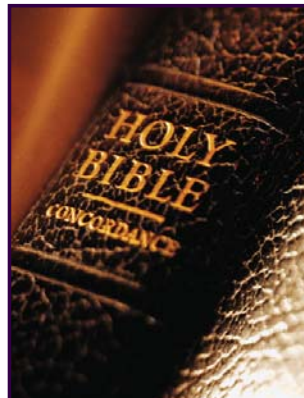


## A Word From the Heart

By John Duckhorn

2016 is past. Good riddance! What a year, we are out of breath. We've just gone through 600 hundred days of political promises; finger pointing, political Facts checking, stuffed mail boxes, unfriending, fake news and voter fatigue. Add to that the 100 days the newspapers assign to any new president as an indicator of his future administration. Evangelical's believers took a beating. They are the so called ((Voting block" that rankles those who believe they alone can enlighten the simple multitudes. Pastors are asked to turn in sermons so they can be scrutinized by experts as to whether they hold political correct views on moral issues.

What is our responsibility as citizens and Christians? I do believe Christians put up with a lot of unjust criticism as well as different ways of entrapment and I expect that to continue. We need to purge our minds and set our hearts on things that matter. The Bible contains phrases that point us forward with a clear Christian purpose. 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 reminds us of our new birth and purpose in life. Verse 16 says-((From now on" a clear statement as to how we should live. Is it the love of Christ that compels us in living, in our decisions, and life style? Ephesians 4:14 tells us ((that we should no longer be children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine." of course this is referring to our foundational beliefs and church life. It does show however we can be easily led astray by cunning and deceiving beliefs. The criticisms Christians hear ought not hinder us from living an open Christian life. All we can do with cheap shots is to be open enough to consider if there is any truth to them and ask the Lord to help us to understand what we must do. The same chapter of Ephesians verse 17 urges us to no longer walk as the world walks and then gives us a description of how the world thinks and lives. We are not to be ignorant of the affect it has on us. We are in the world but not of the world.



Coming to Jesus Christ as our personal Savior from sins guilt and power, we know He wants our lives to be lived for Him. Our former conduct was strongly influenced by our thinking. The apostle Paul speaks clearly and is unapologetic regarding our need to keep our mind on the things that matter. Ephesians 4:20-24. He continues with clear examples of sinful conduct that is common even among God's children.

We are told to put away lying, not mislead our neighbor, beware of dealing in anger; in the home, in the office, and in church fellowship, do not let anger become an attitude of life. It does no one any good. Stealing shows our disrespect for others and our need to work. Notice how Paul shows us what

we need to be concerned about. Giving to others and not taking from others. Verse 29 strikes even closer to the conduct of this distinct worldly attitude.

Reading and listening to all of the things people said to one another; the put downs, the harsh way things were said, the innuendoes and outright lies, made last year's political campaign an embarrassment.

Anger, bitterness, out bursts, and loud quarreling abounded. But bear in mind these exhortations are written to believers and are not to be part of our life style. The Church has other priorities. Those we learn by reading God's word and carrying them out. Because we live in this world and make our living here, we have legitimate political concerns. However, we are redeemed by the precious blood of our Savior and must carry out His purposes. Keep your life balanced, strong in our Lord's grace and submissive to Him in every happening in this year. 2017 is predicted to be a disaster by many political and intellectual pundits. While we may vote with our pocket books, let us keep our hearts rich and full of His grace.

## Pastor from San Diego, CA Pulls up Stakes and Moves to West Allis, WI

The conversation goes like this: "Nice to meet you. Where'd you move from?" "San Diego, California." Without fail the reaction is, "WHAT? AND YOU MOVED HERE?!" At this point I begin sharing how my family and I ended up in West Allis, Wisconsin.

About a year and a half ago I received a letter in the mail that radically changed my life. It was from claimed to be my half-sister! She shared that her dad - our dad - told her a few years ago that out there somewhere she had a half-brother from a previous marriage of his. She decided that it was the right time in her life to look for me.

She asked what it was like growing up as an adopted child. The crazy thing is that, well, she assumed that I knew I was adopted when, in fact, I didn't know. My parents kept it a secret.

Needless to say I was perplexed. I couldn't make sense of what was written so I handed it to my wife Danica. "What does this mean?" I asked her. She replied rather slowly and timidly, "Oh ... umm, this means that Joe isn't your biological father." A whole new chapter in my life began to unfold.

I began corresponding with my half-sister Vanessa and we hit it off like old friends! Soon thereafter, her and her family flew out to visit us. She had a gift for me: a DNA test. "You would like to be 100% sure, right?" "Of course! Thank you!" Lo and behold, Joe isn't my biological father after all.

Before Vanessa and her family left for the airport she told me that she had been conversing with Ken (my real father) about me, and that he would love to meet me and my family. So, we made plans to vacation in the Chicago area that summer which, by the way, was just last summer.

While vacationing there, Ken and I had a great time! He fell in love with Danica and his grandkids. We went on long drives and he shared these wonderful stories about his growing-up years and my grandparents and whatnot.

On one particular evening Dad said, "Maybe I'm moving too fast here, but I'd like to buy a church property outright and donate it to your nonprofit corporation." Danica and I were stunned ... in a good way though. We thought, "Why not? Let's play along and see what happens." It seemed that the Lord was

moving us on anyway. Could this be the very reason why the church we were pastoring at the time was

dwindling? Sure enough, it was!

I had been inquiring as to where our next pastorate would be and I never would've dreamed in a million years I would find out like this! We found the right church building to invest in and it happened to be in West Allis. We moved here last January and just had our first formal service on Easter. We'd love to have you visit! Sundays at 10:00 AM.

-- - Pastor Paul and Danica Bartelme have been married for 22 years and have three children; Jacob (13), Lily (12), and Luke (10). They love Harley motorcycles and good music too. They pastor West Allis' brand new church called "New Vintage Church".

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# News & More



## 'Today's Billy Graham' Nick Hall on How to Reach Millennials for Christ: 'We're Seeing a Real Hunger'

Dubbed "this generation's Billy Graham", Hall has shared the Gospel in person to nearly three million students and seen hundreds of thousands come to Christ. In 2006, he launched the PULSE MOVEMENT while studying at North Dakota State University, which soon became one of the largest student outreach movements in American history.

"PULSE exists to awaken culture to the reality of Jesus," Hall told The Gospel Herald during a sit-down interview in Orlando, Florida. "We really believe that the message of Jesus is needed, and we want to bring it to the center of culture and conversations through prayer events, training, gatherings, and large scale outreach events."

Last year, the North Dakota native gathered hundreds of thousands of young people for Together 2016 for the purpose of unified prayer and worship. The July event was the largest faith-based gathering on the National Mall of the last 20 years, and Hall believes it was a "generation-defining moment."

"Together 2016 was really a catalytic moment where we saw a real glimpse of what God is doing in our day," he said. "They weren't there to judge people or to go against issues, but to stand for Jesus and lift Him up. We believe God really gave faith to a generation of those that were there or that watched it. When you see something that was bigger than you anticipated, it raises your perspective and you believe God can do anything. We hope to have future Together gatherings around the world."

Recently, the husband and father-of-two released his latest book - Reset: Jesus Changes Everything. In his book, the evangelist shares the timely message of "reset", or the idea that through Jesus, everyone is given a second chance.

"Reset basically is a modern day expression of the Gospel," Hall said. "I think it's a way to communicate what Jesus has done and what He offers to a Biblically illiterate generation. It's a language that makes sense to a culture that's full of technology. 'Reset' means to clear the errors and to get it working for its created purpose."

He added, "As it pertains to the Gospel, we believe that's what Jesus offers - He offers a chance to deal with the errors that we all have - sin. We need that second chance, that new beginning, and that's where Jesus comes in. He offers a supernatural reset."

In a culture driven by perfectionism and Instagram likes, Hall believes Millennials value authenticity more than ever before. That's why, he says, it's so important to return to the basics of the Gospel.

"Superficial Christianity is becoming less common - you have to be authentic," he told GH. "They're looking for something that's not sugar-coated, they want to deal with real issues and struggles of life. If faith doesn't address those things, it's not a faith that's worth diving into. There's no desire to be part of a clique or club - they want a faith that matter and that matters in the way they live. We need to come back to that central message of hope, the idea that Jesus came to bring life and save people who are lost and hurting. Jesus is the answer."

While research shows that Millennials are significantly less religious than previous generations of young Americans, Hall said there's nevertheless a strong interest in spirituality among young people - whether they're in church or not.

"We're seeing a real hunger among Millennials," he said. "Unfortunately, a lot of kids associate Christianity with negatives, and so instead of thinking about Jesus, they think about politics and social issues and picket signs. It's become a movement that's defined by negatives and what we're against as opposed to what Jesus is for. For Millennials, whether you come from a church background or not,



that's never a good thing. We need to engage them so that the conversation turns to Jesus."

The evangelist also rejected the notion that the current generation is the least spiritually-minded in the nation's history - in fact, he believes a revival is happening among young people today.

"We see God moving all over the place, we feel like this is revival, but a lot of people don't see that - they only see what's in their church," he said. "We believe there are these pockets of wildfires happening all over. I believe that in 20 years, we'll look at this time and we'll say, 'That was the beginning of a revival.'"

He added, "There really is a significant movement happening now, and I think we're seeing it more and more as we go from campus to campus and city to city. We're seeing hundreds of kids on fire, just going for it. It feels like God's doing something that's not connected to any one group, nobody can take credit for it - it's the work of the Spirit."



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# News & More



## Christian Mom Whose Son Was Born Without Eyes Shares Story of Faith, Hope

Lacey Buchanan shares her story of hope and resilience in the book "Through the Eyes of Hope" Lovell-Fairchild

Lacey Buchanan doesn't believe God makes mistakes.

"God's promises are true even when things don't turn out the way we think they should," she told The Gospel Herald. "God has a plan that is so much bigger than we can ever see in our limited scope and vision. God is trustworthy and He is good on His promises. God is good, and He takes care of His children."

Lacey speaks from experience. At just 23 years old, the Tennessee native was enjoying her second year of marriage to her high-school sweetheart, anticipating her first year of law school, and pregnant with her first child. However, what should have been the happiest time of her life suddenly took a turn.

At the 18-week ultrasound, Lacey and her husband, Chris, were told their unborn baby, Christian, had a birth defect - but doctors weren't sure just how severe it would be.

"We went into that appointment very happy and excited to find out that we were having a boy, and within just a few days, our whole world came crashing down around us," Lacey recalled. "We were devastated to learn his diagnosis. It was a hard blow for us."

On Feb. 18, 2011, Christian was born with a rare syndrome known as Tessier cleft lip and palate, leaving him with a severely cleft palate and missing eyes. While they were overcome with love the moment they laid eyes on him, Lacey and Chris were also heartbroken for their son.

"Our faith was definitely challenged," Lacey said. "We asked all the questions that anybody would ask in that situation; we asked, 'why isn't God fixing it the way we think He should?'"

For the first month of his life, Christian remained in the neonatal intensive care unit. When he was finally able to come home, the physical, financial, and emotional challenges Lacey and Chris were met with took a toll on their marriage. During this time, the couple prayed tirelessly over their little boy.

"There were times when I thought the promises of God just weren't meant for us," Lacey admitted. "But, looking back, I see how God walked with us the whole way and how He was fulfilling His promises for us and for Christian. They didn't always look like I wanted them to look; I would have chosen a totally different path for Christian."

Only making matters worse were the horrible comments people would make to Lacey via social media. "When Christian was three months old, I had an acquaintance private message me on social media, and she told

me I should have aborted Christian and that it would have been the compassionate thing to do, because he'd have a miserable and pathetic life. She went on and on about how selfish I was for not aborting him," Lacey said.

She added, "I didn't realize that people would look at my child and make a snap judgement that he should be dead because of his birth defect. I knew the truth about the beauty of his soul despite how he looked."

That particular comment stirred something in Lacey and prompted her to make a video in which she describes the joy Christian brings her, the love she and Chris have for their little boy, and the triumph she feels when he giggles in the face of unfriendly glances from strangers.

"I just wanted to share who Christian really is and my heart for my child," she said of the 7-minute video.

Lacey posted the video to social media, and within a short period of time, it had racked up millions of views. Instantly, hundreds of people began messaging her on Facebook, thanking her for sharing her story: "I never expected the video to go viral," she said. "God took that and did something amazing with it."

Her video resonated with so many people, Lacey said, because it's about love.

"It's about the love of a mother and a child, but it's so much more than that," she told GH. "It's about the love of the Father for His children. We're all sinful, but God sees His children because of Jesus and I feel like people resonate with that real, true, love. I



think the world is hungry for love, and they were able to see that in that video for just a few minutes."

Thanks to the work of skilled doctors and surgeons, Christian is today a thriving little boy of 6. He takes karate, thrives at the Tennessee School for the Blind, and inspires all who meet him. Lacey, now a mother of two little boys, documents her story of faith and resilience in the face of tremendous odds in a new book titled "Through the Eyes of Hope".

"In the book, I share about Christian and our journey, but also about our God and how good He is," she said. "I would tell others who find themselves in a similar situation, that the journey that you are embarking on, you're probably scared and unsure and wondering if you are going to be able to handle it. You can handle it, and you will handle it, and we don't have to be strong in ourselves, because God makes us strong in our weakness. It was Christ in me that made me strong."

She added, "It's not a journey anybody chooses, but it's amazing nonetheless. You will learn and grow and be so thankful that you were on it."

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**May 20 from 8am to 11:30am**

Elmbrook church is partnering with Exploit No More in the fight against local child human trafficking. You can run, walk or cheer...and maybe even get a high-five from one of the Milwaukee Brewers Famous Racing Sausages as you cross home plate. Adults \$32.00. Questions? Call Tami at 262-780-1869 or at tclark@elmbrook.org. Three locations this year: Frame Park, Waukesha; Brooklife, Mukwonago or Greenfield Park hosted by Brew City Church.

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Elmbrook Church  
777 S. Barker Road  
Brookfield, WI 53045

Young Adult Gathering in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30 - 1:45

All young adults are invited to the Fellowship Hall after the 11 am service for a free lunch. Enjoy the company of other Christian young adults, take in God's word and enjoy some free food. Invite your friends! No registration is necessary. Questions? Contact Kyle at [kfrier@elmbrook.org](mailto:kfrier@elmbrook.org)

### Citizen Way video preview

**June 9 at 7:30pm**

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Green Bay, WI  
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### Lind Union Video Preview

**June 10 at 7:30pm**

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### Dorothy Zerbe with Meg Proper

**June 16 at 7:30pm**

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232 S. Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
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### Bible Smugglers Weekends, June 16-25

Wooded Hills Church  
777 W. Hwy 164  
Richfield, WI

"Bible Smugglers" Be a part of the actions sponsored by Morning Star Productions. Questions or more info visit [www.morningstarproductions.org](http://www.morningstarproductions.org) or call at 414-228-5220 X119.

### Open Mic

**June 17 at 7pm**

Cup O Joy  
232 S. Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
Doors open at 6:30. Share you talents. Call 920-435-3269 to register.

### High School Devil's Lake Adventure Trip

**June 18 through June 22**

High School Devil's Lake Adventure Trip sponsored by Elmbrook Church. Prepare for a week of unforgettable experiences in the Devil's Lake Area. This adventure includes rock climbing out at the Expeditions Unlimited Christian Camp. Students build relationships with one another as they explore God's Work and participate in memory-making activities together. For students entering grades 9-12 in fall 2017 Cost: \$320. Through June 1, \$359 after June 1

### Women's Connection Brunch

**June 19 at 9:30am**

Davians Catering & Events  
16300 W. Silver Spring Dr.  
Menomonee Falls, WI  
Milwaukee Suburban Christian Women's Connection invites you to brunch. Back On The Rack Consignment of Brookfield featured. Speaker is Kathy Bishop of Lodi WI speaking on Matters of the Heart. \$15.00. Contact Lois by June 10 at 262-251-3841 for reservations.

### BadgerGrass in concert

**June 23 at 7:30pm**

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### Michael Joiner Comedy

**June 24**

Cup O Joy  
232 S. Broadway  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
2 shows video. Call 920-435-3269 for more info.

### Amerifest

**June 25**

Spring Creek Church  
N35W22000 Capitol Dr.  
Pewaukee, WI 53072  
Free outdoor activities; inflatables, climbing wall, kids games classic car show and more! Free concerts 8 am, 9:30 am, and 11 am. Free lunch available following the concerts for all who attend. Over 200 vehicles for the car show. Registration is required. Call 262-695-2211.

### Fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child

**June 25**

Brat Shack at Piggly Wiggly Hartland, WI  
Please e-mail Terry at [terrywilliams100@hotmail.com](mailto:terrywilliams100@hotmail.com) for more information

### Middle School Summer Camp

**June 25 through June 30**

Sponsored by Elmbrook Church  
This overnight camp offers tubing, swimming, paintball, awesome fields games, and much more. This is the camp kids talk about all year long! Register before June 11 for early bird pricing (\$399) after June 11 regular pricing is \$429. For more info call 262-786-7051

### Living River Quartet in concert

**June 30 at 7:30pm**

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

## July

### Holly Starr show in video preview

**July 1 at 7:30pm**

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## Hartland Fourth of July Parade July 2

Operation Christmas Child will be a part of the parade. If you would like to help with this project contact Terry Williams at [terrywilliams100@hotmail.com](mailto:terrywilliams100@hotmail.com)

## Lifest 2017 July 6 through 9

Sunnyview Expo Center Oshkosh, WI  
Coming to Lifest this year are Newsboys, Skillet, Matthew West, Matt Maher, Michael W. Smith, Tenth Avenue North and many more. Please visit [www.lifest.com](http://www.lifest.com) for details and ticket prices. They are also looking for volunteers. They are looking for Security, Artist Merchandise, Parking, Activities, Set up & Tear Down and more.

## Remnant Bluegrass with Matt Voigt in concert July 7

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## Peguero Sisters in concert July 8 at 7:30pm

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Green Bay, WI 54303  
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## Relentless and Amy Marie in concert July 14 at 7:30pm

Cup O Joy  
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Green Bay, WI 54303  
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## Open Mic July 15 at 7pm

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Green Bay, WI 54303  
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## Good News Across America July 17-28

Sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship  
Child Evangelism Fellowship is bringing the national Good News Across America program to Milwaukee July 17-28, 2017. CEF is partnering with more than 20 local churches to share the Gospel with kids of all ages around Southeast Wisconsin for the event. More than one hundred volunteers from across the country will be traveling to Milwaukee to participate. Over 75 evangelistic outreaches in various locations will be held July 24-28, with hopes of reaching 2000+ children and their parents with the Gospel. Contact the local CEF office at 262-373-1780 for more information. Please pray that many will accept Jesus Through Good News Across America! For more information contact Child Evangelism Fellowship at 262-442-1426.

## Lindley Creek Family Band video preview July 21 at 7:30pm

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## The Hollands in concert July 22 at 7:30pm

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## Carrollton video preview July 28 at 7:30pm

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## Seigmann Family video preview July 29

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

## Tales from Shakespeare July 31-August 3 from 1-4pm

Eastbrook Church  
5385 N. Green Bay Ave  
Milwaukee, WI  
Morning Star Productions Youth Theater presents Classes and Rehearsal/Performance for "Tales from Shakespeare". Monday - Thursday July 31-Aug 3, 1-4pm (performances on August 2 and 3rd) at St. Regis House, 3266 N. Lake Dr. in Milwaukee. \$100.00 per student, \$75.00 for sibling. Contact Mary Ellen Atwood at 262-781-1235

## Big Daddy Weave July 30 at 7pm

Crystal Grand Music Theatre  
560 Wisconsin Dells Parkway  
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Big Daddy Weave is going to be in Wisconsin Dells. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$20.95 each. Call the Box Office at the Crystal Grand Music Theatre at 1-877-987-6487

## August

### Global Leadership Summit

August 10 & 11

Lake Country Campus  
1100 - WI Hwy 83  
Hartland, WI 53029  
Global Leadership Summit at Elm Brook Church - Lake Country Campus. This is a two-day conference bringing fresh, actionable and inspiring leadership content from a world-class faculty via live HD simulcast. Faculty consists of Andy Stanley, Bill Hybels, Sheryl Sandberg, Marcus Lemons, Fredrik Haren, Gary Haugen and many more. \$89.00 on or before July 11, \$119 after. Registration is through the Willow Creek GLS website. Call 262 796-5752

### Larry DeLawder music and comedy

August 18 at 7:30pm

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

### Ryan Stevenson in concert

August 25 at 7:30pm

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

## 70th Annual Midwest Men's Retreat

September 22-24, 2017

### Green Lake Conference Center

Green Lake, Wisconsin

Info: 414-344-7300 / [www.midwestmensretreat.com](http://www.midwestmensretreat.com)



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## Boy's Club 2017 Crystal River Canoe Trip



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# News & More



## Christian Student Told to Leave Class for Reading Bible Before Class Started

According to Campus Reform, in February, Mark Holden, a 22-year-old history major at Northern Arizona University, was told by one of his history professors, Heather Martel, that he had to leave the lecture hall when he refused to put his Bible away before the class had begun.

The professor then called the department head, Derek Heng, to speak with Holden, a conversation which he recorded.

"So Prof. Martel says that she doesn't want you sitting in front of her because you put, you know, a Bible out, right?" Heng said to Holden.

Even as Heng admitted he did not know what was going on in the classroom, he suggested that the "real key is to make sure that, you know, the class is able to go on and that you are in the classroom."

"So she doesn't want me in the front because I have my Bible out?" Holden inquired to clarify. Holden said that he arrives to class early and uses the extra time to read his Bible.

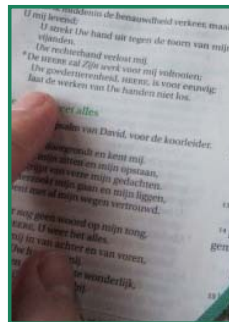
Martel's official bio on the university's website notes that she is currently writing an essay titled "The Gender Amazon: Indig-

enous Female Masculinity in Early Modern European Representations of Contact," and was recently invited to revise and resubmit for publication her article "Colonial Allure: Normal Homoeroticism and Sodomy in Sixteenth-Century French-Timucuan Encounters in Florida" in the *Journal of the History of Sexuality*.

According to the Arizona Daily Independent Sunday, NAU "has developed a reputation for offering mostly non-rigorous degrees, it has become a haven for educators and students with too much time on their hands and little of substance on their minds."

The dispute between Martel and Holden over his reading the Bible before class was apparently not the first negative exchange, as noted by Fox News' Todd Starnes Monday.

During a class discussion about assimilation, Holden brought up negative aspects to it, citing news reports where two Muslim men in California justified raping women using the Koran as their defense.



Holden told Starnes that Martel called him a "racist" and that she would not tolerate what he was espousing in class.

"I told her Islam was not a race and I was only talking about what the two Muslim men as individuals said — I was not making broad claims about Islam or my interpretation of the Koran," Holden said.

Martel later sent out the following email to the entire class.

"I want this to be clear: hate speech does not meet the definition of respectful discussion and will not be tolerated," she wrote. "In law, hate speech is any speech, gesture or conduct, writing, or display which is forbidden because it may incite violence or prejudicial action against or by a protected individual or group, or because it disparages or intimidates a protected individual or group."

Holden has reportedly withdrawn from Martel's class.

**The most important Christian Education institution is not the pulpit or the school, important as those institutions are; but it is the Christian family. ~ John Gresham Machen**

### EVANGELICAL PASTORS, LEADERS JOIN CALL FOR CHRISTIANS TO MAKE 2017 'THE YEAR OF GOOD NEWS'

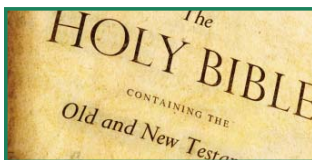
A cross-denominational group of some of America's most influential Evangelical pastors and leaders has come together to call on Christians to make 2017 "The Year of Good News."

NRB member and Harvest Crusades Founder Greg Laurie, who developed the motivational letter at the heart of the call, is joined by Billy Graham Evangelistic Association President Franklin Graham, Southern Baptist Convention President Steve Gaines, Family Talk Founder Dr. James Dobson, and Salem Radio Network Host Eric Metaxas, among others, in signing and publishing the letter urging American Christians to make 2017 the year they "share the message of Jesus with everyone they can at every opportunity they can."

"In a time of bad news, distracting news, divisive news, disorderly news, and, sometimes, depressing news we — as Christians and as leaders — want to recommit ourselves to making sure that the Good News of Jesus cuts through it all," states the letter.

Christians everywhere are invited to join the "Year of Good News" with the hashtag #YearOfGoodNews, and to add their names at [goodnews.harvestamerica.com](http://goodnews.harvestamerica.com).

"We need a national miracle to heal our political, racial and cultural divisions, and that miracle is found in the power of Jesus to change our hearts," state the Evangelical leaders. "Therefore, we commit to preach louder than our nation's politics, and we aim to make the message of Jesus Christ transcend the monopoly of our media."



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## On a West Wing and a Prayer

Since President Trump took office, he's encouraged more than a few faith-based initiatives. But this one involves his own team! On a weekly basis, members of the Trump cabinet are meeting for a time of prayer and devotions. Together with Vice President Mike Pence, the group holds the sessions under the leadership of the Capitol Ministries' Ralph Drollinger. "In terms of a country's health and direction, when its leaders are seeking God, the nation is in a position to be blessed by God in ways that are 'far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think,'" Drollinger told CBN.

Throwing open the door to Capitol Ministries, which also hosts weekly Bible studies in the House and Senate, is just one of the signs that the White House is under new management. After eight years of the most hostile attacks on faith in America, the simple fact that the administration is encouraging its people to live out their beliefs is a powerful example of the change taking root. And if anyone needs spiritual encouragement, it's the men and women in the most influential seats in Washington. Although the

president hasn't attended yet, he has an open invitation. "This has been a wonderful time of prayer and fellowship as I am presently teaching through the Sermon on the Mount -- as well as handing out my weekly written Bible study as a homework assignment on a particular topic," Drollinger said.

Of course, the Trump administration isn't the first to host Bible studies. George W. Bush, Jimmy Carter, and Richard Nixon all took time out of their days for prayer and devotions. For so many, though, this simple show of faith is a breath of fresh air for leaders whose beliefs were suffocated under Barack Obama. Fortunately, Donald Trump and Mike Pence recognize that our government shouldn't fear faith, but welcome it. And joining in office prayer is some on-the-job training we could all use!



## PLANNED PARENTHOOD: NO PATIENCE FOR PATIENTS

There's probably no horror on earth that compares to being sexually abused. For women like the one who wrote into the atheist website Sheeologians, it was a nightmare that will take a lifetime of healing. And in a heart-wrenching email, she says that healing didn't start at Planned Parenthood. After realizing she was pregnant from the rape, she went to the place she "had been told all her life to go when seeking help with an unplanned pregnancy." In the message, read in a powerful video by Summer White, she said she was certain Planned Parenthood would give her all the help she needed to give her baby up for adoption. "That's not what I found," she writes.

After she turned in the paperwork explaining her intent, "everything changed." She was left for an hour in the waiting room and ignored by staff. When the clinic workers finally got around to seeing her, she was strongly pressured to abort. "She kept telling me about my rights. About how empowered I would feel. How I would be taking control of my own body, and taking back what had been taken from me," reads White. "They wouldn't offer me an ultrasound," she continued. "Counseling was only for those getting an abortion." When the woman tried to get information on adoption, she was told "her baby would likely grow up to be a drug user, or a rapist. She was told that her baby, having been conceived from rape would be harder to adopt. That no one would want her baby."

If that sickens you, it should. This is the kind of "care" you're funding as a U.S. taxpayer. And it's just one of \$550,000,000 reasons Congress is fighting to sever ties from America's biggest abortion business. For too long, the U.S. government has lined the pockets of Planned Parenthood under the guise of "women's health care" -- when, as we see from real-life stories like this one, the only "health" that matters to Cecile Richards is the group's financials. If a pregnant woman walked into a Planned Parenthood facility today, she'd be 160 times more likely to receive an abortion than an adoption referral. Why? Because to this organization, it's all about the money.

## Changing Times for Privacy

The media loves to talk about the trauma inflicted on gender-confused kids when they're using the bathroom or locker room of their biological sex. But what if the gym shoe is on the other foot? In Pennsylvania, one teenager was just as scarred by walking into his locker room and realizing a girl was half-naked inside it. Joel Doe, the suit calls him, is a high school junior who was minding his own business, undressing to put on his P.E. clothes, when "he suddenly realized there was a member of the opposite sex changing with him in the locker room, who was at the time wearing nothing but shorts and a bra." He was shocked. When he went to the office to complain that there was a girl in his locker room, the principal told him to deal with it. Exercise tolerance, he was told. But what about the tolerance for his privacy, he thought?



Like the girls in Palatine, Illinois, who were afraid to use the locker room with a boy inside, this junior is refusing to change for gym -- which, the lawsuit explains, has gotten him in trouble with the teacher. He "experienced embarrassment and humiliation, both in terms of being viewed and viewing a student of the opposite sex in a state of undress because of the stigmatization and criticism

he received from other students and adults." Now, his attorneys for Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) and Independence Law Center (ILC) point out, he even avoids using the restroom during the school day "because of the ongoing risk of having his privacy violated." This is exactly the kind of sexual harassment Title IX outlaws. And while the Left likes to twist the statute into a defense of people who identify as transgender, the reality is that Title IX "allows for sex-segregated facilities as a general matter."

No student should have to sue their school for the right to privacy -- but unfortunately, that's the uncomfortable -- and traumatic -- environment President Obama created. And while the Trump White House made quick work of the former president's bathroom mandates, it's taking a while for local communities to pull these policies up by the roots. "We trust that our children won't be forced into emotionally vulnerable situations like this when they are in the care of our schools, because it's the school's duty to protect and respect the bodily privacy and dignity of all students," ILC Chief Counsel Randall Wenger argued. Maybe it will take lawsuits like this one for schools to learn the lesson: privacy is for everyone.



# Sports



## Ben Watson on Encouraging Fathers in His 'New Dad's Playbook,' Asking Kids for Forgiveness (Interview)

by Christine Thomasos



When his cleats come off, Baltimore Ravens tight end Benjamin Watson is a husband and father of five who's more concerned about his household than winning a Super Bowl ring.

In an interview with The Christian Post, Watson spoke about the importance of trying to educate new fathers on their path to parenthood.

"I want men to be empowered to enter into this thing not just winging it, but having a plan on how to attack pregnancy by supporting the mother of their child through this process and then go out and execute the game plan. That's why I call it the playbook," he told CP.

"A lot of guys want to be good dads but we don't really know how because they don't give you directions about this whole pregnancy

thing and they definitely don't give you directions when you leave the hospital. When guys get done reading the book I want them to feel prepared and encouraged to be the best dad they can be."

Watson knows a thing or two about fatherhood after having his first child in 2008 with his wife, Kirsten, who he married in 2005. After being in the NFL for 13 years, Watson is now a veteran who teammates can look to in the locker room for advice.

"My main goal is just to encourage guys really to prepare for fatherhood and support the women who are having these babies," he said. "While [The New Dad's Playbook] is for the dads, it's also to help the women out as well so they can receive some of the support they need through this process."

There's a good reason why Watson doesn't take his role as a father lightly. He believes that his role in the home is the first example that his children will witness of God's relationship with His sons and daughters.

"As a husband, as a father, I am the initial entry idea to what our Heavenly Father is to my children. While I'm going to be flawed in my representation of their Heavenly Father and I'm going to screw this thing up royally, I have the great privilege of being their first introduction to the fact that they have a Heavenly Father," he said. "When I engage with them I want to be loving with them but also be merciful, just [and] I have to discipline them. It's a tremendous honor and responsibility to be a dad."

## The Jackie Robinson Story You Haven't Heard

By Eric Metaxas and Roberto Rivera

April 15th marked the seventieth anniversary of Jackie Robinson's breaking the color line in major league baseball. Very few, if any, sporting events have ramifications that transcend the playing field, but this one did.

As George Will wrote on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of Robinson's debut, "[Babe] Ruth reshaped baseball; Jackie Robinson's life still reverberates through all of American life."

Martin Luther King Jr. said of him, "Robinson was 'a sit-inner before sit-ins, a freedom rider before freedom rides.'"

It's a history-altering story — and one that has Christianity at its center.

Eric Metaxas is an Evangelical speaker and bestselling author.

I've told Robinson's story before, most notably in my book "Seven Men." But a new book "42 Faith: The Rest of the Jackie Robinson Story," by Ed Henry of Fox News, and more importantly, of Astoria, New York (which is where I'm from!), fills in the details in a way that reinforces the central role of Christian faith in this story.

As Henry told me on the "Eric Metaxas Show," the book had an unlikely origin involving an embassy dinner with terrible food and overly long after-dinner remarks. Having had enough, Henry excused himself to the woman seated next to him and told

her that he was going home to watch the World Series, to which she replied "my late father-in-law played a role in Jackie Robinson's breaking the color line."

Curious, Henry sat back down and listened as she told him that her father-in-law, a pastor in Brooklyn, heard a knock on the door late one night in 1945. A man walked in and paced back and forth not saying much. Finally, he announced "I'm going to sign Jackie Robinson."

The man, as Henry guessed, was Branch Rickey, the general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers. People familiar with the Robinson story know that Rickey, like Robinson, was a Christian. What Henry didn't know before he heard the woman's story was the extent of Rickey's doubts about signing Robinson.

This was the starting point of Ed Henry's journey to discover 1) if Robinson knew of these doubts, and 2) what role the Christian faith played in the Robinson story. The result is a portrait of two Christians who changed history precisely because they were Christians.

Through countless interviews, Henry learned, as the subtitle put it, "the rest of the story." One part of that story is the role that Robinson's mother, Mallie, played by instilling the faith that made it possible for her son, Jack Roosevelt Robinson, to become Jackie Robinson, American icon.



As Henry tells readers, she "taught her kids to get down on their knees and pray each night before bed, a habit Jackie would continue right through his days as a famous baseball player." She would tell them that "prayer is belief."

Then there was the Reverend Karl Downs, the pastor at the church Robinson's family attended. One day, while Robinson and his friends were hanging out on a Pasadena street corner, Downs pulled up in his car and asked "Is Jack here?"

When no one, including Robinson, answered, Downs said "Tell him I want to see him at junior church."

Thus began a relationship that, in Henry's words, led to "a spiritual awakening for Robinson." In the short term, the relationship gave him purpose and direction, and in the long term, it helped him to "figure out how to persevere over Jim Crow."

The rest, as they say, is history. More importantly, as Henry makes clear, it's history made possible by two very different men's shared Christian faith.



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6:30am	Truth for Life	Alistair Begg
7:00am	Focus on the Family	Jim Daly
7:30am	Telling the Truth	Stuart, Jill, and Pete Briscoe
8:00am	Turning Point	David Jeremiah
8:30am	Insight for Living	Chuck Swindoll
9:00am	Enjoying Everyday Life	Joyce Meyer



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Diane Fechter, Author



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1/2 c. black olives, sliced

1 c. real mayo—I like Hellmann's  
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1/2 c. mild salsa

1 1/2 tsp. ground cumin

Mix above together. Set aside.

#### Salad ingredients:

Shredded lettuce—your choice of mixed  
greens, enough to almost fill a 13 x 9 pan

2 large tomatoes, chopped

6-8 green onions, sliced

1 1/2 c. cooked, chopped chicken  
or turkey, optional

1 large red or yellow bell pepper, chopped

1 chopped avocado

1/2 c. additional chopped red or  
yellow pepper, optional

In a 13 x 9 pan, layer lettuce and remaining  
veggies. Top with dressing. Garnish with  
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## Franklin Graham: Mike Pence 'Smart' for Following Billy Graham Rule: 'No One is Immune' to Satan's Attacks on Marriage

Franklin Graham has praised Vice President Mike Pence for following the U.S. Vice President Mike Pence's practice of never eating a meal alone with a woman who isn't his wife has raised eyebrows, some from legal standards, considering Title VII parameters. In a recent Facebook post, Graham revealed that like Pence, he, too, adheres to the rule named after his 98-year-old father.

"I'm thankful we have a Vice President who respects and protects his marriage!" the leader of Samaritan's Purse wrote. "My parents had rules, as my wife Jane and I have, and as the Pences have."

As reported, while doing a profile of Indiana's former First Lady, a Washington Post reporter, Ashley Parker, cited a 2002 interview with Pence in The Hill in 2002. In it, he said he never ate alone with a woman other than his wife, Karen. Pence, a devout Catholic, also said he wouldn't attend an event

where alcohol would be served without her by his side.

The elder Graham followed a similar rule of not traveling, meeting or eating with another woman alone. Thus, the practice is often dubbed "The Billy Graham Rule" and is common among many evangelicals today, including Pastor Rick Warren, Fox News pundit Erick Erickson, and more.

Continuing his Facebook post, Franklin Graham said Pence has been unfairly derided for his stance.

"Satan is perpetually trying to destroy homes and marriages—we have to be alert and on guard," he said "Proactively setting boundaries for protection of your marriage is important to avoid Satan's traps. No one is immune or beyond failure."

The evangelist rejected the idea that the "Billy Graham rule" is sexist, as many have

suggested: "It's not sexist, as some in the media want to make it out—it's just smart," he said. "You protect and guard the things you cherish. Marriage should be one of those things."

Graham is not the only evangelist to come to Pence's defense; on the Family Talk radio program Monday, Christian author James Dobson called the attacks on the VP the "stupidest" he has ever heard.

"I have seen some crazy things, but this has got to be one of the stupidest that I have heard," Dobson said. "I have known Mike Pence for 25 years. He is a godly man, a good family man, husband and father. He lives by the highest standards of ethics."





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## Pastor John Hagee Breaks Ground on 'Sanctuary of Hope' to Save Unborn Babies

By Jeannie Law

Pastors John Hagee and his son, Matt, recently broke ground on a new facility named Sanctuary of Hope that will help save the lives of unborn babies.

The multi-purpose facility in Bulverde, Texas, is designed to provide a safe place for pregnant women and their unborn babies.

"As Christians, we are mandated to help those in need," best-selling author and Cornerstone Church Senior Pastor John Hagee said in a statement shared with The Christian Post. "This facility will not save every mother and every child from poverty, but as my Jewish friends have taught me, if you save one life it is as if you saved an entire world. We are going to do what we can for everyone we can."

Matt Hagee, fellow pastor of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, told local news station KSAT that those who go to Sanctuary of Hope will be given a home, and life-skills education with choices for both the mother and her child. That can include adoption or care at the facility in which the child will receive a fully-paid private school education.

"They'll receive education from Cornerstone Christian schools through the educational division of our ministry and have the chance to have a life there from the time they are born to the time they are 18," Matt explained.

The home for unwed mothers and orphaned children is still under construction and is expected to open in 2018. The 80-acre site in Bulverde is being built almost entirely from donations.

The Hagee family also released a new ballad on Friday, titled "I Chose Me," performed by Sandy Hagee Parker of the southern gospel acclaimed group The Hagees. All proceeds from the single will benefit John Hagee Ministries' Sanctuary of Hope.

The Zach Smith song was written from the perspective of a woman struggling with grief and guilt. "I Chose Me" sheds a light on the abortion epidemic in the United States and the Cornerstone Church worship leader hopes the song will help people realize that there are life-affirming alternatives to abortion.



"This song was a definite departure for me," Smith said in the statement shared with CP. "To write about the pain without portraying a 'happily ever after' closure makes for a very somber writing session. Trying to encapsulate the first-person perspective of a woman in this situation was a challenge I was honored to accept. The Sanctuary of Hope exists to prevent women from walking down this dark path of pain and regret, so that — in and of itself — is the happy ending of the song. This doesn't have to happen. There is help. There is hope, a Sanctuary of Hope."

John Hagee has been a longtime pro-life advocate and the nondenominational evangelical leader said it was his teenage years working at an orphanage that inspired the vision for Sanctuary of Hope.

To learn more about Sanctuary of Hope, visit the website. To hear the single "I Chose Me," visit iTunes.



# News & More



## Franklin Graham Visits Iraqi Church Destroyed by ISIS, Finds Something Amazing in Rubble

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Franklin Graham has revealed that while visiting the charred remains of a church that had been burned and destroyed by ISIS, he found the pages of a Bible bearing a timely verse.

In a Facebook post shared on Sunday, Graham, the leader of the humanitarian organization Samaritan's Purse, revealed that he, along with his team, recently visited the city of Qaraqosh, in Iraq. The city used to be home to some 50,000 Christians; however, many of them were forced to flee when ISIS overtook the city in 2014. Today, just a handful of Christians remain.

The day before Easter Sunday, Graham visited a church that had been burned and destroyed by ISIS and met with the pastor. What he found in the rubble was incredible.

"[In] the ashes and debris, we discovered one of our Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes that had been given to a child there at some point," he said. "I couldn't help but wonder where the child who received this box is today."

The evangelist also discovered the charred pages from a Bible: "I picked up a section that contained John 20:27 - 'Then he [Jesus] said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe,'" Graham reflected. "He's still saying

that to the world today-this Easter Sunday-Believe!"

Billy Graham's son urged Christians to join him in praying for the pastors in Qaraqosh whose congregations are dispersed all over the world.

"As shepherds they want to be able to help their flocks," he said. "They want to be able to care for them and protect them, but until there's a political settlement there's no way this is going to happen."

On Easter Sunday, Graham revealed he brought the message at the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Erbil.

"Many members of this congregation have been persecuted. Some have had to flee their homes and towns in order to survive when ISIS took control of surrounding areas, and they haven't been able to return," he said.

"In spite of the tremendous difficulties, they have hope in Jesus Christ," he continued. "I told them, 'Today we celebrate Easter, when our Lord rose from the grave. He is alive-He is not dead. He's alive, and the only hope in this world is for God to change hearts, and the only way hearts can be changed is through Jesus Christ.'"

Iraqi forces pushed the group out of Qaraqosh in October, part of a six-month offen-



sive to retake Mosul. An April report from the Telegraph details the devastation Christians encountered upon returning home: "The initial jubilation at Isis's defeat was short-lived. Families returning to celebrate after more than two

years in exile were shocked by what they found," it reads "Almost every house was either burned or looted. Churches had been ransacked and anything the Islamists considered idolatrous desecrated. Five months later and Qaraqosh remains a ghost town. Just one food stall has reopened on what had once been its busiest thoroughfare."

Nevertheless, Reuters reports that Christians are slowly trickling back to the ransacked town. Many are simultaneously "beset by anxiety for their security" and "hopeful they can live in friendship with Muslims of all persuasions," says the outlet.

Army and police have reportedly tried to ease Christians' fears by stationing soldiers in front of churches, and even helping Christian volunteers to set up a massive cross at the town's entrance. On Palm Sunday, soldiers escorted a procession in preparation for Easter, provided chairs for worshippers during Mass, and even joined in singing "Hallelujah" with worshippers.

**Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake. – Martin Luther**

## Is Target's Policy Leaving the Door Open for Sexual Predators and Voyeurs to Gain Access to Victims?

The American Family Association (AFA, [www.aja.llet](http://www.aja.llet)) is nearing the one-year mark of its highly successful #BoycottTarget initiative, which has sent the strong message to the retailer that its misguided and potentially dangerous bathroom policy is the reason millions of families are no longer shopping there.

On its website, AFA points to the many incidents where an open-door bathroom policy has been-however much unwanted-an invitation to those with evil intentions to prey on others. The Family Research Council (FRC) also recently put together a list of 23 documented incidents in restrooms in the U.S. and Canada.

"We can look at incident after incident and wonder why Target isn't taking any action to reverse its terrible restroom policy that has

not only alienated shoppers, decreased foot traffic in stores and caused the stock price to plummet, but has also endangered women and children in restrooms and fitting rooms," said AFA President Tim Wildmon. "The number of sex offenders in the U.S. far outweighs the number of transgender Americans. So how many more incidents will it take for Target to wake up?"

Now, AFA is counting on concerned families to help take the #BoycottTarget signatures to 1.5 million. With just over 30,000 pledges needed, Wildmon will hand-deliver another 500,000 signatures to Target headquarters in Minneapolis once the important threshold is reached. Last spring, AFA representatives

delivered the first million signatures to Target, but the retailer has not budged on its controversial policy, other than stating it

will add single stall restrooms in stores not already equipped with them.

This resistance on Target's part is in spite of the fact that stock prices are at their lowest point in five years, hovering at 53.

"As AFA has stated many times, our worries do not stem from fear of the transgender community," added Wildmon, "but rather, from both the real and potential threat that predators and voyeurs would take advantage of the Target bathroom policy to harm women and children-and there are plenty of incidents to show that they have."





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4014 Hwy 167 West  
Richfield 53076  
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**Oconomowoc Faith Bible Fellowship**  
25 McDowell Court  
Oconomowoc 53066  
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262.567.7234

**Orchard Hill Assembly of God**  
N9590 County Rd ES  
Mukwonago WI 53149  
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**Praise Fellowship Church**  
W195 S9912 Racine Avenue  
Muskego, WI 53150  
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www.praise-fellowship.org

**Summit Harvest Church**  
888 Thackerway Trail #209  
Oconomowoc 53066  
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262.560.0765  
SummitHarvestChurch.org

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W3278 County Road K  
Markesan 53946  
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920.398.2734

**Watertown Community Church**  
106 E Madison St  
Watertown 53094  
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920.206.0599 or  
WatertownCommunityChurch.org

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609 Sandy Acre Drive  
West Bend, WI 53090  
262-334-7124  
www.wbncz.com

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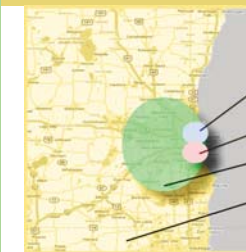
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