

Former Milwaukee County X-Ray Vehicle Turned into Gospel Multi-Media Van



After arriving back in Milwaukee from Vietnam with a purple heart, John Jones happened across a youth pastor who he played pool with and found out that this gentleman was very good at what he did. His name was Dwayne McDonough who invited him to a Bible Study that Dwayne lead. Why? Only because he was so good at pool, John wanted to get to know him better. After becoming a Christian through this ministry, John attended and graduated from MSOE and went on to be a news photographer with WTMJ-TV. Being disciplined by Dwayne and friends John felt a calling to the ministry.

years gave his time and talent to make this mobile-media van what it is today (Rick was recently taken home to be with the Lord due to a sudden illness, and will be sorely missed by all.)



Then it all happened one day when he was driving around and saw a former Milwaukee County X-Ray vehicle for sale. The thought hit him after having many experiences as a TV camera man in some of Milwaukee's worst neighborhoods that these kids needed the Gospel message.

Configuring and installing a fourth screen and replacing the standard engine with a diesel engine, etc. is ongoing. Pray for direction, insight and finances for this continuing unusual ministry.

The adventure began and after much negotiating, the renovations started. Extreme amount of work was needed to overhaul the inside and then install video screens along the sides. Estimated costs were extremely high, however with much prayer, dedication and helping hands, the van is now seen throughout South-eastern Wisconsin at many events. The was a sixteen year labor of love.

To be a part of this ministry, or see more about the outreach that is taking place this summer, you may visit their blog at mediavan.org If you are interested in the media van for an outreach, contact BASICS in Milwaukee at 414-372-7200. And for a tax deductible donation you may also contact BASICS.

Tell your friends - and try to visit and see the Gospel Media-Van in action. You will be thrilled by this ministry which reaches thousands on the outside who prefer not to go into a church or building.



Rick Puza on left and John Jones on the right

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Commentary



Pennies from Heaven Needed, Not Buckets to Catch the Water

by John Fisco

There is a church in the central city of Milwaukee – not far from the Marquette University campus, and a block west of City on a Hill ministry. This has been an outreach church for a number of years, and has had quite an impact on the neighborhood more recently. However, there is one great problem they have been facing for sometime now—ROOF LEAKS !!! Now, you want to believe as a Christian ministry that Pennies from Heaven would not be a problem to fix this roof, however no one wants to help this ministry out and pitch in.

The church is Manna Ministries pastored by Rev. Wilfredo Mendez. He has been trying for years to patch it up, but water comes faster than repairs can be done. He has had estimates of close to \$20,000 to really fix

it up, but all they have received from their pleas is \$500. Certainly there is someone with the ability to see a project like this to completion, or fundraising to have the professionals to do it rather than emptying buckets week after week rather than to be about spreading the Gospel. Just think, the



less mopping up to be done, the more the Gospel can be proclaimed.

Is there someone, company, or organization that can come to the rescue of this church? They need to be about our Father's business of preaching and reaching out to others. The Christian community loses too many pastors and Christian workers due to the fact that they have to do too much "other than the Gospel" than give their utmost time to what God has called them to.

They have received many answers over the years to "Keep praying." Now it's time for people to really pray for them (also) and seek out God's will for everyone to do.

Pastor Mendez can be reached at or (414) 467-9808.

It is the glory of the true religion that it inculcates and inspires a spirit of benevolence. It is a religion of charity, which none other ever was. Christ went about doing good; he set the example to his disciples, and they abounded in it.

~ Thomas Fuller

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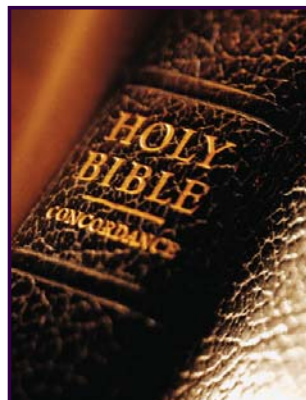


A Word From the Heart

by John Duckhorn

The current political and religious scene is unsettling. We have always known that the gospel message of salvation, in Jesus Christ, is seen as exclusive and narrow minded. The gospel message has emphasized "One way salvation" as well as living a life that honors our Savior. We have gone about our daily lives knowing that we can face hostility or rejection from Employers, education institutes, or political parties. Those who venture into the messy world of politics and the field of education understand they will face opposition because of their beliefs and personal convictions.

Their conscience can remain sensitive, although those who dislike what Christians believe will not allow them to even hold biblical convictions. The Apostles warned us of allowing our conscience to grow insensitive to moral issues, as well as being molded into the dishonest and corrupt power grab of self interested people. The last few years have begun to clearly define what those in powers actually believe about men in office who hold biblical standards of living. Recent occurrences of this very issue have been troubling. A politician in England and leader of his party has been ousted by party members because he holds homosexuality is a sin. During a TV interview he was pressed to explain himself. The pressure became relentless when a news paper found an interview from 2007 that suggested he believed that abortion is wrong although this man was in agreement with many other views of his party. He stepped down as party leader saying "To be a political leader, in 2017, and to live as a committed Christian, to hold faithfully to the Bible's teaching has felt impossible" He added "I seem to have been the subject of suspicion because of what I believe and who my faith is in" (Wall Street Journal June 15, 2017) The party welcomes believers insofar as religion can be useful to their political agenda. Meanwhile in the "land of the free and the home of the brave" a senator, who has been around Washington for years and has become popular and powerful, has relentlessly questioned a presidential nominee about his own Christian convictions. According to



the nominee, people who do know Jesus Christ as God's son and redeemer "do not know God". This is a basic Christian Doctrine teaching that faith in the God-Man is essential to salvation. The senator went further arguing that the nominee's views were Islamophobic and hateful. The implication is that a devout Christian can't hold his faith's basic belief and serve in public office. Read the Constitution's Article VI. This important Article makes it clear that there is never to be a test of one's religion to hold a position in government. In England and here it appears that these men are asked not to live by their conscience. To disagree with someone's theology means that you hate them. Nonsense! What ought to be our answer to this destruction of our founding fathers document?

The answer to this is found in Paul's writing and especially in First Peter. Christians are not to give up their beliefs to Rome or any other ideas contrary to the Word of God they have learned and put to practice in their lives. The recipients of Peter's epistle would need to be reminded of the work of God through the "precious blood of Christ." Peter reminds them that the new birth came to them through the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. They must grow in the faith through the Word of God. That will mean allowing the bible to give them discernment regarding the world around them and the need for Christians not to change their lives and convictions.

If the above illustrations are of any importance to us it appears that the parties involved want to silence our voice and control our conscience. They want us to agree with them or stay out of the way. It seems to me they are asking godly moral people to stay out of the public square. As certain laws are added to the books of law we, as followers of Christ, might someday be held as law breakers. The wedding cake and flower store owners have already suffered under the weight of laws that ought not to have been written. Be strong in His Grace and the power of His might.

Queen Elizabeth Honors 'In Christ Alone' Author Keith Getty for 'Music and Modern Hymn Writing'

Nashville-based music artist, Keith Getty was honored as an "Officer of the Order of the British Empire" (OBE) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The award, which commemorates Getty's contribution to "Music and Modern Hymn Writing," marks the first occasion that the award has been given to an individual involved in the world of contemporary church music.

Getty, along with collaborators including his wife, Kristyn, as well as Stuart Townend, has written over 60 of the most popular 2,000 hymns sung in the U.S. and United Kingdom, according to Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI). The Getty-Townend hymn, "In Christ Alone," is the #1 most popular hymn sung in the UK for the past nine years and is also among the top 10 in the USA. According to their publishers, it is estimated that over 100 million people sang this one hymn in the last 12 months. Getty-penned hymns are popular across all Christian denominations and their music has been performed at national celebrations in several countries as well as recorded by well-known artists.

Keith Getty says, "When I first received the call, I was shocked. As a Brit living in Amer-

ica it is an incredible gift to receive from home especially given the long history of the award and the legacy of individuals who have received it. It is also wonderful to see hymnody and the great hymn-writing heritage I am from in the U.K. be recognized in this way. I am very grateful to her Majesty the Queen for this honor."

Beyond just their work as hymn writers, Keith and Kristyn Getty have spent the last decade as ambassadors of the genre, leading a worldwide revival of congregational hymn singing.

Together with their band, the Gettys have performed at such notable venues as Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, and London's Royal Albert Hall. With performances for world leaders such as former US President George W. Bush and former South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, some 200,000 people have also seen their annual Irish Christmas concert, which was also aired on American public television to more than 45 million homes.

Getty continues, "I'm so grateful to my wife Kristyn and also profoundly thankful for Stuart Townend, whose hymn writing part-



nership gave us both this opportunity. It has been thrilling to see the impact of these hymns around the world. Kristyn and I feel utterly privileged to be able to serve the church in such a way and will continue to write and lead people in singing as we have breath to."

On June 25, the Gettys led their second Global Hymn Sing (www.globallyhymnsing.com). The Gettys' 2016 hymn sing resulted in more than 1.1 million congregants in 5400-plus churches in 100 countries around the world joining together in song.

Later this year, Keith and Kristyn launch their Sing! campaign with their first book, Sing! How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family, and Church, will be published internationally and first Sing! conference in Nashville. (www.gettymusicworshipconference.com).



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Justin Bieber Shares Rich Wilkerson Sermon, Says 'This is What I Believe'

by Leah Marieann Klett



Justin Bieber has once again proclaimed his Christian faith by sharing a sermon from Rich Wilkerson, Jr. on the importance of trusting in God and not in man, fame, or earthly riches.

Over the weekend, the 23-year-old "Despacito" singer shared a screenshot of Wilkerson, lead pastor of VOU Church, Miami, FL, and a link to a sermon, entitled "Life in the Wheelbarrow."

"If anyone wishes to check out what I believe the link is in my bio," the singer captioned the photo.

In the sermon, Wilkerson, lead pastor of VOUS Church, Miami, FL, said, "Sometime, we get seduced by success...and think it'll lead to a place of contentment. But, can I remind you...contentment is not found in a place; it's only found in a person, and his name is Jesus Christ. What is it today that you keep putting your trust in that keeps leaving you in trouble?"

The "Rich in Faith" star said that when he looks at the world today, it's "riddled with doubt and insecurity and fear."

"I believe that Jesus gives you the answer," he said. "Jesus said, 'Don't let your hearts be troubled - in fact, he's commanding us here - do not worry. That sounds like a direct command from Jesus.'"

"Worry doesn't change anything," he added. "What if trust is the remedy to your trouble? What if trusting in Jesus is the answer to every one of your problems? Trust. What is it you're putting your confidence in today? What is it you're putting your trust in?"

The pastor said that people will never bring true satisfaction: "You can think it's your job and your money and your status and your Instagram account. I'm telling you, that stuff will go away," he said. "You need to have something bigger, something deeper - you need a firm foundation, a solid rock. His name is Jesus."

The sermon was part of VOU's annual conference, this year titled "In God We Trust."

"Trusting God doesn't always feel sturdy and safe," reads the sermon description. "At times, we might even wonder what we got ourselves into, but when we place our trust in Jesus, he gives us a vision, direction, and constant companionship. These things allow us to go on the journey with a sense of confidence and peace, knowing that while we aren't exactly sure how, we're going to safely cross to the other side of any trial we may face."

Wilkerson's sermon mirrors a sentiment Bieber made back in 2015, when the singer opened up about the dangers of worshiping people like himself instead of the One who truly deserves praise.

"I would really suggest to people, 'Don't put your faith in me,'" Bieber said. "Because I'm gonna disappoint you every time. Yeah. It's scary. But I want them to know that I'm not going to be able to solve their problems... I'm not that higher power. I'll never be. I'm not perfect. I've made so many mistakes. I just want to get to a place where... I just want people to know humans aren't meant to be worshiped. We're just not. So when a human is being worshiped, this is dangerous. 'Cause it does nothing but give you pride."

Along with Wilkerson, Bieber has made friendships with other well-known Evangelical pastors, including Judah Smith of The City Church in Seattle, Washington, and Carl Lentz of Hillsong Church in New York City, New York.

NRB APPLAUDS DECISIVE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM VICTORY AT SUPREME COURT

The U.S. Supreme Court delivered a decisive 7-2 ruling in favor of religious freedom recently. In a much anticipated decision to resolve *Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia v. Comer*, the justices did not disappoint. Writing for the court, Chief Justice John Roberts said "the exclusion of Trinity Lutheran from a public benefit for which it is otherwise qualified, solely because it is a church, is odious to our Constitution."



Dr. Jerry A. Johnson, NRB President & CEO, praised the ruling and called it "yet another breath of fresh air for those who value faith and freedom." He hopes it will strengthen the message to government officials that they "must respect, not bully, people of faith."

This case featured a Missouri church-run preschool that was discriminated against in a public playground re-surfacing program by the state of Missouri solely because it is a religious entity. Even though the preschool ranked as a highly qualified candidate for a grant under the program's rules, the state cited a provision in its constitution - known as a Blaine Amendment - that prohibited it from supplying aid to a religion.



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Full house at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast at the ICC, on the National Day of Prayer (Photos by Steve Bruss of TBN)

GREAT BREAKFAST

The annual Governor's Prayer Breakfast held this past May on the National Day of Prayer at the ICC in downtown Milwaukee. As in past years, the event was sold out and a great line-up of speakers, including our Governor was well received. Mr Ken Sweet, now in his 90's and a WWII vet had a great impact on the crowd along with our featured speaker Charlie Linville shown at right. Our hats off to Church Mutual for being the major sponsor for this event. Plan ahead for next year, the first Thursday in May, the National Day of Prayer. (for info call 414-344-7300)



Featured speaker Charlie Linville, wounded amputee veteran, who climbed Mount Everest.

A REPORT ON THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - USA

Another National Day of Prayer has come and gone, and we have so much to be thankful to God for! On Thursday, May 4th, from early morning until late in the evening, a common cry was heard throughout our nation, as millions lifted their voices and cried out "Hear us! Forgive us! Heal us!"

Coast to coast, from New England to the west, from the mid-west to our southern borders, God's people gathered to pray. From prayer flights over all 50 state capitols to thousands meeting in churches, parks, city halls, and stadiums, intercession was made and the God of heaven and earth heard! Because of God's faithfulness, and for "His name's sake" the National Day of Prayer was once again center stage in our nation's capital! From the morning's reception at the White House to the evening's congressionally sponsored gathering in historic Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol Building. God and prayer were once again given honor by our nation's leaders.



Gov. Scott Walker addressing the crowd. On his right, WWII Veteran Ken Sweet and his left program MC George Petak, former Wisconsin Senator

July

Hillside Summer Camp

Weekly through August 4
Hillside Community Church
S93W30580 County Road NN
Mukwonago, WI 53149
Hillside Summer Camp for children in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. Activities are fun while children learn about God, and camp runs from 8 am - 4pm, with before and after care available. Cost for each week is \$75.00. All campers need to bring a bagged lunch and a water bottle. For more information please call 262-363-8025 or e-mail office@hillsidemukwonago.com

Summer in the City July 10 - July 14

New Vintage Church
6626 W. Beloit Rd
West Allis, WI 5219
Looking for something for your kids to do this summer? Register them in our program. Arts and Crafts, music and more. 9 am - 12 pm with a recital night on Friday at 7 pm. \$10 per child. Contact us at 414-855-3867 for details or registration

Art to Die For July 13 at 6:30pm and July 15 at 7pm

Oak Creek Assembly of God Church
7311 S. 13th Street
Oak Creek, WI 53154
Mysteries with a message "Art to Die For" with a cast of characters in this family friendly who-dun-it. Catering for the performances is provided by DiCarlo's Italian Restaurant

The Mystery at Montley Mansion July 14 at 6:30pm and July 16 at 1pm

Oak Creek Assembly of God
7311 S. 13th Street
Oak Creek, WI 53154
Mysteries with a message presents "The mystery at Montley Mansion". It appears old Montley was murdered. Or was he? Join a hilarious cast of characters in the friendly who-dun-it. Catering for this performance is provided by El Fuego's Mexican Restaurant. Call 414-762-2010 for more information.

The Case of the Disappearing Youth Choir

July 15 at 4:30pm and July 16 at 4:30pm
Oak Creek Assembly of God
7311 S. 13th Street
Oak Creek, WI 53154
Mysteries with a message presents "The Case of the Disappearing Youth Choir". The church bus breaks down, and the south choir goes missing. Coincidence? I think not. Join the cast of characters in this family friendly who-dun-it. Catering for this performance is provided by Boston Market. Ca.. 414-762-2010 for more information.

This Other Love July 14 - 23

Acacia theatre presents "This Other Love" a play fusing events from the life of Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Workers movement. The performances will be given in Concordia University Wisconsin's Todd Where Auditorium, 12800 N. Lake Shore Dr. in Mequon. Single ticket prices for the season are \$16. for adults, and \$13 for seniors, full-time students, and full-time clergy. More information is available by calling 414-744-5995 or visiting www.acaciatheatre.com

Victorious Women in Christ Networking event July 15

Gateway Technical College
1001 Main St. Room 109
Racine, WI
Free event but must register in advance by calling 262-344-3605

Family Outdoor Event July 16 from 4pm to 7pm

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield, WI 53045
Join us at the Brookfield campus for an event for the whole family! We will have lots of free activities, including archery, rock climbing, inflatables and fishing in the Elmbrook pond. Concessions will be available at a nominal price. Everyone is welcome to this FREE event! Bring your kids or grandkids...invite your neighbors...and enjoy a night of having fun and making memories. No registration necessary. Call 262-786-7051 for more information.

Praise Celebration Service July 16 at 11am

Full Gospel Living Word Church
703 Washington Ave
Racine, WI
music by Cheryl McCrary. A portion of her CD proceeds will be donated to help stop human trafficking. Other musical guests including recording artist Stephanie Mayfield. Free. Food & refreshment following the concert.

Women's Brunch July 17 at 9:30am

Davian's Catering & Events
16300 W. Silver Spring Dr.
Menomonee Falls, WI
The Milwaukee Suburban Christian Women's Connection invites you to brunch with guest speaker the Menomonee Falls Fire Chief. Cost \$15.00. Please call 262-251-3841 for reservations.

Senior Lunch July 21

Spring Creek Church
N35W22000 Capitol Drive
Pewaukee, WI 53072
Make your calendar to join area seniors for a scrumptious, homemade lunch at Spring Creek. Lunch is followed by a delightful musical concert by Lyric Tenor R. Stuart Mitchell. Please call 262-695-2211 for reservations.

Victorious Women in Christ Networking event

July 22 at 6pm
Community Room
6000-31st St.
Somers, WI
Free- RSVP is required by calling 262-344-3605

At Jesus Feet Women's Retreat July 28-30

The Sanctuary of the First Born
921 W. Main St
Whitewater, WI
1 night \$80, 2 nights \$160. Contact Retreat Coordinator Simone Love at 262-344-3605

Galactic Starveyors VBS

July 31 - August 4
Grace Lutheran Church
W196N9525 Cross View Way
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
VBS. Come join us for Galactic Starveyors VBS at Grace this summer. One to all children going into 3K through 5th grade for the 2017-2018 school year. Cost after July 16th is \$15.00 or child. Please call 262-251-0670 for more info or registration.

August

Annual Rock on the Rock August 5 at 6pm

Jones Pavilion in Riverside Park
103401098 S. Riverside Dr.
Beloit, WI 53511
Annual Rock on the Rock with Cheryl McCrary performing. A portion of her CD proceeds will be donated to help stop Human Trafficking. Free admission, food, other music, family activities and more! Everyone welcome.

SplashKosh: Summer Festival August 5

Red Arrow Park
Oshkosh, WI
SplashKosh combines the best things about summer. Water and concerts. So come roar down our 200-foot slip n slide, listen to awesome live bands and compete in water games with your friends and family. Text "splash" to 88202 for deals and giveaways. Call 920-216-1827 for more info.

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FOR KING & COUNTRY with Britt Nicole

August 7 at 7:30pm
State Fair Park
Christian-pop duo for KING & COUNTRY will rock the Main Stage on Monday August 7 at 7:30 pm. Comprised of brothers Joel and Luke Smallbone, the two-time Grammy-winning band is known for hits like "Busted Heart (Hold On To Me)" and "The Proof of Your Love." Grammy-nominated Christian-pop artist Britt Nicole, known for singles like "Gold" and "Ready or Not" will open the show at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$39.00 and \$29.00 and are on sale now online and at the Fair Ticket Office. All seating is reserved. The ticket Office is located at 7722 W. Greenfield Ave in West Allis. All Main Stage tickets include Fair Admission if purchased prior to entering the Fair Park.

Joyce Meyer Conference August 11 at 6pm & Aug 12 at 9am

BMO Harris Bradley Center
1001 N. 4th Street
Milwaukee, WI
K-Love welcomes Joyce Meyer Conference Tour to Milwaukee. Each session is unique and will include a powerful message from Joyce as well as music with Kari Jobe. Admission is free. No registration is required.

Father-Son Retreat August 11 & 12

Camp Awana in Fredonia
The annual Father-Son Retreat will be held. This can't miss event is open to fathers and father figures and sons at Spring Creek Church. This overnight event involves bonding time through many fun activities including archery, archery gold, mini golf, biking, camp fire, waterfront activities, fishing, and the ever popular "blob". Cost is \$68.00, children 8-13 \$58, children 5-7 \$38. Contact the church at 262-695-2211 for more info.

Women's Brunch

August 17 at 9:30am
Davian's Catering & Events
16300 W. Silver Spring Dr.
Menomonee Falls, WI
The Milwaukee Suburban Christian Women's Connection invites you to brunch with guest speaker Lori Oliere from Brookfield. Everything including brunch is only \$15.00. Call Lois at 262-251-3841 for reservations.

Senior Lunch August 18

Spring Creek Church
N35W22000 Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee, WI 53072
Please join us for lunch and long-time friends and talented musicians getting together to cover blues, folk, rock & roll... and everything in between. "Acoustic Blu" is primarily an acoustic group, often joined by friends looking to play some great music! Cost is \$12.00 per person. Call 262-695-2211 for reservations.

September

International Antique & Classic Boat Show September 9 at 10am

Reefpoint Marina
2 Christopher Columbus Causeway
Racine, WI
National Anthem sung by CD recording artist Cheryl McCrary during opening ceremony & presentation of colors. Free admission, vendors and more! Come early for parking.

Annual Art Walk September 15 at 6:30pm

River House of Prayer
815 Genessee St.
Delafield
Cheryl McCrary will be performing. A portion of her CD proceeds will be d donated to help stop human trafficking.

Senior Lunch September 15

Spring Creek Church
N35W22000 Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee, WI 53072
Senior Lunch with special music by Xeno & Joe. Please make reservations by calling 262-695-2211

Funfest

September 16 at 2pm
First United Methodist Church
745 Main Street
Racine, WI
Cheryl McCrary will be in concert and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to stop human trafficking.

October

Matthew West, Jordan Feliz and Leanna Crawford

October 20 at 7pm
River Glen Christian Church
S31W30601 Sunset Dr.
Waukesha, WI 53189
the "All In Tour" with Matthew West, Jordan Feliz and Leanna Crawford. Tickets can be ordered at calling 1-800-965-9394. \$25.00 VIP package which includes early entry, choice of seat and more. \$75.00 includes the VIP package along with a pre-show party at 5:30 pm, swag bag, roped off reserved seating and a private meet & greet. For more information call 262-968-5252. Organized by Psalm 96 and tickets provided by iTickets.com

I have This Hope Tour October 27 at 7:30pm

Wisconsin Lutheran College
8800 W. Blue Mound Road
Milwaukee, WI 53226
"I have This Hope Tour" featuring Tenth Avenue North with Brandon Heath and Joh McLaughlin. Admission is \$27.00 for artist circle reserved and General admission is \$15.00. Deluxe add-on ticket (\$12.00) starts at 5:30 pm which includes early entry, reserved premium seating, pre-show acoustic set, questions & answer session, a signed exclusive commemorative tour pass and lanyard which does not include your ticket price. This is an additional fee. Organized by Psalm 96 and ticket by iTickets.com



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Bible Smugglers

What is an escape game, a video game, and a play, at the same time? Answer - Bible Smugglers, an interactive Theater event in September and October 2017. The woods behind Wooded Hills Church, 777 Hwy 164, Colgate, will be transformed into 1526 A.D.



When you enter into this world, you'll be given a secret mission - to find pamphlets by Martin Luther and a Tyn-dale New Testament and then smuggle them out without getting caught by the authorities. The drama in the woods comes alive with costumed actors. The King's spies lurk behind trees. At the sight of a book burning, a "searcher" warns smugglers that they could be burned at the stake. Patrons will be given a map of the woods, a contact name, and a code word to help them find the items. 10 - 15 people work together as a team on the hour long adventure.

The experience is especially valuable for youth, since along the way "smugglers" will learn a lot about faith, history, and why it was so important to have the Bible in a language people

could understand. Because of the 500 year anniversary of the 95 theses, the October events will have a special emphasis on the story and influence of Martin Luther. Youth, School, and Church Groups will be accommodated with special days and times by appointment.

Artistic Director, Alan Atwood was inspired to produce the interactive theater in the woods concept last winter while on vacation in the north woods. "I was thinking, wouldn't it be wonderful to stick a lamp post in the middle of the forest and bring my grandchildren out there and have a character playing Mr. Tumnus happen to come along."

When explaining the impact this kind of experience can have, Atwood quotes a proverb that says: I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand."

In this living history experience, kids of any age can learn by doing." This is the first of Morning Star Productions' Interactive Outdoor Theater events. In December, they'll offer Christmas Alive!, a similar interactive experience where patrons have to get Mary, Joseph and the baby to safety away from Herod's henchmen.

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AFRAID OF THE DARK

A little boy was afraid of the dark. One night his mother told him to go out to the back porch and bring her the broom. The little boy turned to his mother and said, "Mama, I don't want to go out there. It's dark."

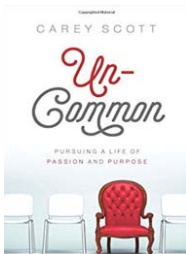
The mother smiled reassuringly at her son. "You don't have to be afraid of the dark," she explained. "Jesus is out there. He'll look after you and protect you."

The little boy looked at his mother real hard and asked, "Are you sure he's out there?" "Yes, I 'm sure. He is everywhere, and he is always ready to help you when you need him," she said.

The little boy thought about that for a minute and then went to the back door and cracked it a little. Peering out into the darkness, he called, "Jesus? If you're out there, would you please hand me the broom?"

God Honoring Books

Un-Common by Carey Scott



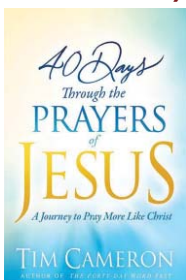
Un-Common is a battle cry for women to step out of the ordinary and live differently. It's a blueprint for a life full of passion and purpose. And it has the power to change everything. Author Carey Scott invites you to journey alongside her as she introduces you to women from the Word who chose to live uncommon lives even in the toughest circumstances. From stepping in scandalous situations to breaking cultural norms to risking the departure of a comfortable life, you will discover hope and motivation to live God's way in a world that screams, "Tuck your faith away! Just be normal like everyone else!"

Now more than ever, it's time to step into something new...something life-changing and life-giving. God is asking you to shine His light into a world that needs to know there is a better way to live. And when you say yes to becoming uncommon, it's a radical act of obedience to the One who created you to be extraordinary.

With authenticity, vulnerability, humor, and refreshing boldness, "Uncommon" will empower you to rise up...to reject the common...to embrace your calling...and to live in a way that points others to God. Buckle up friend. It's time to be uncommon.

Carey Scott is an author, speaker, and certified Biblical Life Coach who loves to have honest conversations about real life. She discusses the issues women struggle with the most, always reminding that perfection is not the goal. Through her ministry, she sets the challenge to stop living a mediocre, risk-free life and instead step onto the battlefield of life and engage! Cary lives in Northern Colorado with her family. Learn more CareyScott.org. **Shiloh Run Press (A Division of Barbour Publishing) \$14.99**

40 Days Through the Prayers of Jesus (A Journey to Pray More Like Christ) by Tim Cameron



Look directly into Jesus's Prayer Life, and Let Him Tutor You.

He wants prayer to be your life's passion.

Jesus prayed about all things as He navigated life, and He stole away often to pray and listen to the Father. Prayer is how Jesus began His public life, and it is how He wants us to begin all things in our lives.

In "40 Days Through the Prayers of Jesus" you will discover many of the secrets, mysteries, and provoking lessons that Jesus's prayer life teaches. You will read real-life stories that support the truth that we can know Him intimately and receive daily answers to prayer. These awesome answers to our

prayers can be the testimonies of our lives.

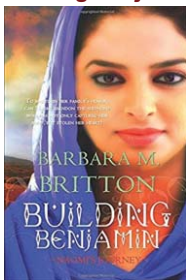
As you examine the times Jesus prayed in Scripture, you will learn how to avoid the hindrances to prayer and how to pray so you get answers. Through this forty-day journey you also will discover:

How God reveals His character to you in prayer

How prayer opens your eyes to see the miraculous in the mundane

Tim Cameron is a passionate follower of Jesus. He is a graduate of Oral Roberts University (ORU), where he earned a bachelor's in education and was a Division 1 basketball player. After Cameron earned a master's in teaching arts from the University of Tulsa, he served ORU as a director of admissions and financial aid. He later worked as a senior high principal in public schools, then became headmaster at Metro Christian Academy, one of the largest private schools in Oklahoma. Today he gives himself to the Word and intercession. A speaker and the author of "The Forty-Day Word Fast", he serves in prayer ministry and as an elder at Believers Church in Tulsa Oklahoma. **Charisma House Publishers \$15.99**

Building Benjamin: Naomi's Journey by Barbara M. Britton



Love Grows Where God Grafts The Tender Shoot

Naomi desired to dance well enough to catch the eye of a wealthy landowner. Her father needs a substantial bride price due to the deaths of her brothers at the hands of the tribe of Benjamin. But when Benjamites raid the Ephraimite feast and capture young girls, Naomi is bound and carried from her home by Eliab, a troubled shepherd who needs a wife.

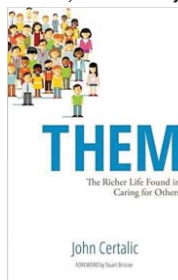
As Naomi awaits rescue, she finds Eliab has a strong faith in God and a just reason for abducting her. A reason that affects all the tribes of Israel. The future of the tribe of Benjamin hangs in the balance,

but if Naomi follows her heart and stays with Eliab to rebuild his lineage, she must forfeit her family and become a traitor to her own tribe.

Barbara M. Britton was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, but currently lives in Wisconsin and loves the snow - when it accumulates under three inches. She writes romantic adventures for teens and adults. Barb

has a nutrition degree from Baylor University but loves to dip healthy strawberries in chocolate. **Harbourlight Books, a division of Pelican Ventures, LLC \$15.99**

Them: The Richer Life Found in Caring for Others by John Certalic, forwarded by Stuart Briscoe



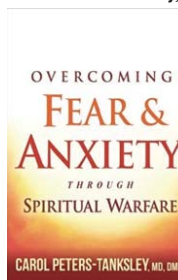
"Them" is a story of developing richer relationships by caring for others. You'll read real-life stories of people giving of themselves, expecting nothing, yet who gain everything in return that matters most. John Certalic weaves his deeply personal story with the stories of others, to show how we can all become part of a much larger, more meaningful story than our own.

You'll be drawn into life-giving narratives of forgiveness and reconciliation, honoring others, resolving conflict, listening well, and more. It's a story of hope found in viewing our past through the lens of grace. And it's a story that encourages us to recognize that when we focus on them, it leads to a better

me, resulting in a more fulfilling us.

John Certalic is the executive director of Caring for Others, a missionary care ministry whose purpose is to strengthen and encourage missionaries, and those who send them. (caringforothers.org) **Henschel Haus Publishing, Inc. \$15.99**

Overcoming Fear & Anxiety Through Spiritual Warfare by Carol Peters-Tanksley, MD, DMIN



Discover the source of your fear and anxiety, and break their hold!

Most believers will acknowledge that as Christians we are not immune to the evil in the world - and that includes stress and the fear and anxiety we often experience as a result. But it is not God's plan for you to remain in bondage to them! He wants to set you free from everything the enemy brings against you so that you can fulfill His purpose for your life. He has created you for big things!

"Overcoming Fear and Anxiety Through Spiritual Warfare" provides you with the tools you need to appropriate God's freedom. You will learn to:

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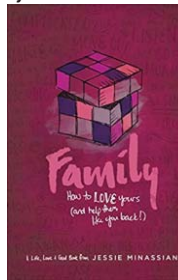
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As both a medical doctor and minister, Dr. Carol has the knowledge and experience to help you gain complete liberty from fear and anxiety and realize your full potential. She will help you see that through Jesus, you are an overcomer!

Carol Peters-Tanksley, MD, DMin is an ob-gyn, ordained Christian minister, author, and speaker. She has practiced medicine for twenty-five years and is board certified in obstetrics-gynecology and reproductive endocrinology. Dr. Carol received her medical degree from Loma Linda University, where she also completed an ob-gyn residency. She also obtained a Doctor of Ministry degree from Oral Roberts University, Tulsa Oklahoma. She makes her home in Austin, Texas, where she enjoys being Grandma Carol to four wonderful grandchildren. **Siloam Publishers \$15.99**

Family: How to love yours and help them like you back! by Jessie Minassian



"Why don't my parents trust me?"

"How can my little brother or sister get me so crazy mad?"

"Why do I treat my mom mean when I really don't want to?"

Our families have the ability to make us feel safe and wanted...and they have an uncanny knack for driving us completely crazy! The good news is that - if you're willing to let God show you how - there is a way to love your family despite all the potential unfairness, meanness, and just plain weirdness. And it's also possible to be the kind of daughter and sister that your family not only loves, but also likes

to be around

Whether your family is broken, blended, stable, or just plain annoying, God wants to use your home base to make you more than who you are today. Ready to find out how? Together, let's dive into the messy, beautiful, infuriating, and comforting world of family life.

Jessie Minassian loves Jesus, sunshine, and sand between her toes. She's a speaker at churches and events across the country, an author of twelve books. **NavPress Publishers, a division of Tyndale House publishers \$15.99**



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Faith Journey of Praise - To Sing & Speak Again

by Mrs. Cheryl McCrary – CD Recording Vocalist/Worship Leader

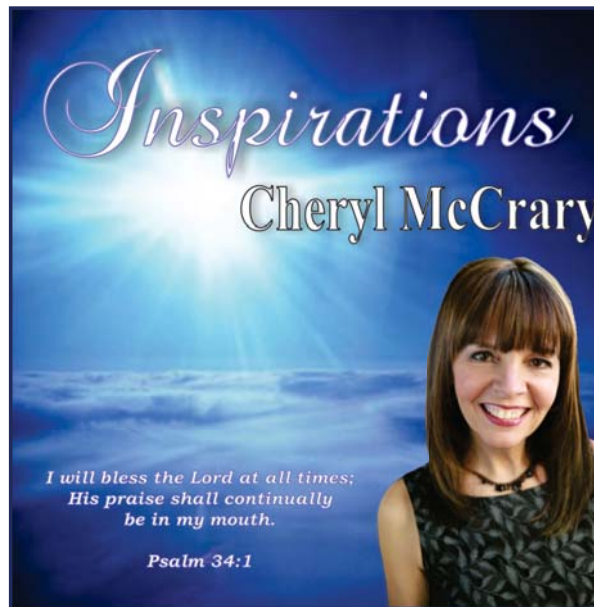
Did you ever imagine what it would be like if you completely lost your voice? To one who loves to sing in music ministry, the thought of it was unthinkable. However several years ago, I noticed some throat irritation and limited vocal range prior to warming up for a concert. Examination revealed throat inflammation and positive H. Pylori test. My doctor said I most likely infected while honeymooning with my husband in Hawaii 15 years prior. It lead to stomach ulcers and blood blisters on my vocal chords. After unsuccessful use of medications and conservative steroid therapy, the surgeon recommended laser surgery.

Even though I had a healthy diet and proper vocal hygiene, I found myself questioning why the Lord allowed this infirmity. This was one of the most difficult seasons in my life, contemplating the thought of possibly never speaking or singing again. Little did I know, God was allowing a “set-back” to prepare for a divine “set-up”. With prayer and support from my loving husband, family, friends, I had the surgery. In faith, I trusted in the Lord! Proverbs 3:5.

After surgery I was placed on COMPLETE voice rest. I communicated through an online (TTS) text to speech interpreter, carried a white board, wore a button that said “I cannot speak”, and lead worship with hand signals. Through prayer, daily devotions and tears, I sang silent songs of praise within my heart during this difficult faith journey. I felt Lord’s overwhelming peace and His loving arms carrying me throughout weeks of silence”.

During my quest in research, homeopathic remedies recommended to increase my digestive enzymes, probiotics and add ACV (Apple Cider Vinegar). I am thankful to the Lord, I have had no reoccurrences and increased my vocal range tremendously. I desire to share this vital information to enable vocalists to help maintain their voice in optimum condition. God has used this “faith journey” experience as a unique platform through various periodicals to share about vocal health to those who may be experiencing vocal problems. I am grateful for the opportunities to testify and sing on various TV stations including TBN, CBS, and it will also be featured on a special broadcast series on the National TBN station.

It was a blessing to graduate from Actors Models Talent for Christ. God also provided an opportunity to release another CD featuring blends of worship, gospel, holiday favorites and love songs. A portion of the proceeds are donated to ministries to help stop Human



Trafficking. I have been offered a National recording contract, and praying for the Lord’s divine timing. It’s a blessing ministering locally and throughout the Midwest at weddings, outreaches, churches, holiday venues and even National charities featuring the Packers. It has been honor to sing the National Anthem at the State Capitol, Professional sporting events, military venues, and privileged to grace the stage with various National artists including Damaris Carbaugh, Chicago Mass Choir, Joy Williams, Salvador, Jana Kramer, Brian B. Haley-Toby Mac’s drummer, and Bob Carlisle. The Lord has provided a new chapter in my life to launch out and begin writing a book to my share my testimony. I am grateful to my husband, family & friends for their love and prayers during my faith journey. Singing His Praises!

Ps 34:1 NIV, “I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.”

To contact Cheryl, purchase her CD’s or receive her itinerary call 262-884-7716 or email cmccrary@wi.rr.com

Online Ministry Celebrates 10 Million Indicated Decisions for Christ

Each one has a name—and a story.

Like Ruth, a suicidal woman and self-described former devil worshiper who felt unworthy of God’s love because of her past mistakes.

Or Aban, a 21-year-old Muslim man from Pakistan who wanted to know more about this Jesus who sacrificed His life for him.

“It’s humbling and overwhelming to realize that God has given us the opportunity to introduce the Gospel to so many,” said Search for Jesus Director Mark Appleton.

God has drawn people to PeaceWithGod.net all kinds of ways. Maybe it’s through an online ad or a Facebook post or a link on someone’s blog. However they get there, each one is exposed to the unchanging Gospel—how God’s love for us runs so deep that He wants to guide us through life and spend eternity with us. And how we must first re-

pair the broken relationship between us and Him by putting our faith in our mediator, Jesus Christ.

Each one of the 50 million visitors who have experienced the Gospel has had an opportunity to respond, and commitments to Christ came from places like Argentina, Hungary, Egypt, Cuba, India, Malaysia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and all over the U.S.—from Philadelphia to Detroit to Hermosa Beach, California.

It’s not lost on the ministry that in each of these locations is a real person with real needs. The goal with all of them is to share the hope offered by Jesus Christ, to disciple them in their faith and, when possible, to connect them with a local church.

One-on-one connections and follow-up have taken place with over 1.3 million of those online visitors so far—the ones who have passed along their contact info so someone



from the Search for Jesus team can be in touch.

“With the growth of our reach, God has also raised up a team of ministry partners all over the U.S., Canada and now Mexico to bring personal ministry to our online presence,” Appleton said. “It is this team of nearly 600 trained coaches that bring depth and value to Search for Jesus.”

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Sports



Pro-Basketball-Player-Turned-Pastor David Chadwick on How to Be Great In God's Eyes

By Leah Marieann Klett

Pro-basketball-player-turned-pastor David Chadwick is concerned about the way our culture defines greatness.

As a former member of the 1969 NCAA Final Four Basketball Team who played for legendary College Basketball Hall of Famer Coach Dean Smith at UNC-Chapel Hill from 1968-71, Chadwick is all too familiar with the damaging effects of buying into the world's idea of success.

"When I played basketball and I would make headlines and get a lot of attention, pride would fill my heart and make me feel like I was bullet proof," he shared in an exclusive interview with The Gospel Herald. "When you place yourself on those pedestals and accept the world's applause, you're very vulnerable to a heavy fall. That's what happened in my life. Once basketball was no longer a part of my life and that god was eliminated from me, I didn't know where to turn. That time of pride in my own efforts only set me up for the fall that soon happened thereafter."

Thankfully, God had bigger plans for Chadwick's life: "The Lord met me in my desperation, and that's when I discovered His grace, mercy and kindness," he said. "The best call of all was to play on God's team."

Today, Chadwick has MDiv and DMin degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary and pastors Forest Hill Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. In his latest book, *From Superficial To Significant: What It Means To Become Great In God's Eyes*, Chadwick uses stories from his time as a pro-basketball player to explore issues of faith, redemption, sin and grace.

"Coach Smith taught about the fundamentals being so important in basketball, and how practicing them over and over again is what leads to a successful individual and team," Chadwick told GH. "Similarly, throughout the Bible, there are fundamentals in the Christian faith that define greatness from God's standpoint."

The book is available for purchase. Below is the exclusive interview with David Chadwick.

GH: Tell us about your background as a pro basketball player and how coach Dean Smith influenced you.

DC: I had the privilege of playing for Coach Dean Smith, who is considered one of the world's greatest coaches ever; he won two national championships at UNC and an Olympic gold medal. I played three years in the European professional league after playing for Coach Smith, and then I felt God's call to the ministry. Oftentimes, I reflect on how Coach Smith taught me about how

the team is more important than the individual; how it's important that you persevere through difficult times; how you need to sacrifice for the sake of the whole team. All of those great principles he taught me are applicable to life, ministry, and biblical truth. He had a profound impact on my life and I'm greatly thankful to God for giving me the opportunity of playing under him.

GH: Where did the inspiration for this book come from?

DC: As a minister of a local church for 37 years in Charlotte NC - and I've seen it grow from 100 members to now over 6,000 - I've been very concerned with how our culture defines greatness. In many ways, we've become like world has in sporting events; we have the top 25 college football or basketball teams - that's where we've gone with the church. Far too often, we define greatness in numbers instead of defining greatness as God defines it, and that is in faithfulness.

Through this book, I want readers to see the superficiality of the Christian faith in our culture that many of us have fallen prey to; a "prosperity gospel" that believes it's all about us. That's not what the gospel is all about; it's all about the Lord. I want people to move from the superficiality of the spirituality of so many Christians in America to a depth of discipling under the Lord that will allow them to make disciples of other people. The Lord's call upon our lives is not just information, it's transformation.

GH: In your book, you lay out ten fundamentals in the Christian faith that define greatness from God's standpoint. Can you touch upon a few of these fundamentals and their importance in advancing the kingdom of God?

DC: Absolutely. Everything in the book is built on the gospel, because it does begin there.

The first one is the "Great Exchange" which is basically the gospel, it's the great trade that God has made with us; we give Him our sinfulness and unrighteousness, and He exchanges to us His perfect righteousness in Jesus and what He did on the cross.

Another one would be the "Great Reversal" - the last will be first and the first will be



last. God abhors pride; that's what makes people last in His eyes. But, He thinks people are great when we choose humility, when we choose to acknowledge that everything we have comes as a free gift from Him.

Finally, the "Great Commandment," which I divided into two chapters, the first one being that we're great in God's eyes when we

learn to place Him first. The second chapter is that we love God by loving that which He loves the most, which is our neighbor as ourselves. When we love God and love our neighbor, we are great in God's sight.

GH: What are some dangers associated with accepting the world's definition of greatness?

DC: It's a shallow understanding of greatness. The world says "I'm great when I possess, when I have, when I hoard, when I succeed and I get all that self-exaltation." That's the root to separation from God, the unwillingness to admit that I'm a sinner. It's saying, "I'm strong", so you're never weak to understand His sufficiency. When you realize true greatness in His eyes, that's when you say, "I'm nothing, He's everything." Then you can live as a servant, not a superstar. That's when you can ready yourself to hear the most precious words that God could ever speak to you, and that is - "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

GH: You talk a lot about the damaging effects of pride. How can one overcome pride?

DC: The first thing to do is, when your feet hit the floor every morning, begin the day with this prayer: "Thank you, Lord, for another day. It's a total gift from you." Then, throughout the day think about your next breath, the food you eat, the clothes on your back, the car you drive, the family and friends - all of those are gifts from God. When you realize everything in life is a gift, you operate in humility and you live each day with a recognition of that giftedness.

Also, apologize to your spouse when you offend them - even though it's not easy. Before every meal, bow your head and give thanks to God and say, "I recognize that everything I have before me is a gift from You." When you continually practice these tips, they become habit. By expressing humility, you defeat the poison of pride.



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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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In the Kitchen With Diane

Diane Fechter, Author



ORIENTAL SALAD

Dressing:

6 Tbsp. honey

3 Tbsp. rice wine vinegar

1/2 c. real mayonnaise (light
is fine, but not low-fat)

2 tsp. Grey Poupon Dijon mustard

1/4 tsp. sesame oil

Whisk together and refrigerate.

Your choice of the following salad ingredients:

Romaine lettuce

Chopped or shredded purple cabbage

Chopped Napa cabbage

Carrots, julienned or shredded

Green onion, chopped

Sliced, toasted almonds

Chow mein noodles

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Evangelist to Launch 50,000 Teenagers to Share Gospel, Believes Great Revival Coming

By Brandon Showalter

Teens today face a host of challenges that were unimaginable to past generations, especially as the culture now even calls into question what it means to be male or female. But one Colorado evangelist is not deterred and is empowering tens of thousands of them with the Gospel.

“Henry David Thoreau said that ‘for every thousand hacking at the leaves of evil, one strikes at the root,’” Greg Stier, founder of Dare 2 Share, told *The Christian Post*. “What I tell people is that it really is a sin issue, and we need to attack that and the only thing that can attack that, just as in our lives, is the Gospel of Christ.”

“And so if I meet somebody who is transgender, I share the Gospel. I don’t deal with the transgender issue” right then, he said.

Stier believes Christians oftentimes “do it backwards” by dealing with and trying to fix the issues in trying to “win our culture back.” But it can’t be done through “polemic debate or through politics,” he stressed.

“The way we are going to win our culture back is we’re going reach the next generation, and we’re going to disciple the next generation, give them a renewed heart and renewed mind,” he said. “And then, guess what? That will filter down into the moral fiber of our nation and it will filter into our politics.”

And that’s what Stier has been doing for the last 25 years through Dare 2 Share. Thus far, through training events and resources for youth ministers, Dare 2 Share has empowered over a million teens to be bold in their faith.

Stier, who resides in Denver, started the youth organization with the belief that teenagers are powerful and can change the world. They just need to be unleashed.

Stier was raised in a troubled home in a rough urban environment, never knew his biological father, and had an extremely dysfunctional family. But a preacher from the Denver suburbs reached out to one of his toughest uncles and after that his family “fell like dominoes” in coming to Christ. Stier got involved with the youth ministry led by this pastor who saw it as essential to raise up teenagers to share the Gospel.

“They believed that teens came to Christ quicker and shared the Gospel faster,” he recalled, noting that even as a young teenager he felt equipped enough to navigate any Gospel question.

“And it wasn’t because I was exceptional, it was because we were all equipped and trained and inspired by this pastor and our youth leaders to share the Gospel now.”

That same vision and passion to evangelize would give birth to Dare 2 Share. Because he saw his local community transformed by the Gospel he dared to dream bigger, believing that this could happen all over the nation and the world.

On September 23, Dare 2 Share will host a simulcast event called Dare 2 Share LIVE and dozens of churches across the U.S. have already signed up to host local gatherings.

The day-long event will include local worship bands alongside recording artists Tenth Avenue North and rapper Propaganda.

In each city, teens will have outreach to do that day — including collecting food and sharing their faith with social media utilities — and will learn how to open discussion about their faith. Dare 2 Share LIVE will allow the organization to reach more teens in one day than they typically can in a whole year. They are aiming for 50,000 teens to begin at least 300,000 faith conversations, all while serving their communities in a practical way.

Already, Dare 2 Share LIVE is being saturated in prayer and Stier is asking as many people as possible to join in intercession “that God would strike the nation with revival on September 23.” He has his clock set for 9:23 a.m. and 9:23 p.m. every day to pray.

“What I tell people is that we can’t manufacture revival but we can put in the plumbing and ask God to turn on the faucet,” he said.

Stier’s efforts to raise up youth to minister has several precedents in American religious history.

He explained to CP that the First Great Awakening with George Whitefield and John Wesley, the Second Great Awakening with D.L. Moody, the YMCA, and The Salvation Army were all heavily comprised of young people.

In fact, young people being on the edge of great moves of God goes back even farther.

“If you look at Jesus, I’m convinced that most of his disciples were teenagers,” Stier said.

In Matthew 17:24-27, Peter, Jesus, and his disciples all go on to Capernaum but only Peter and Jesus pay the temple tax.

“If you cross-reference that with Exodus 30:14, the temple tax was for those 20 years old and older. So if I’m reading that right, Jesus was a youth leader with one adult sponsor.”

And once empowered by the Holy Spirit, that group of young people were unstoppable, he said, a theme he unpacks in his book *Gospelize Your Youth Ministry*.

When Stier speaks with postmodern teenagers who do not know Christ they find



the Gospel intriguing, especially when it is framed as a relationship with God and not a dry religion; it is a love story of God taking our sin upon Himself in Jesus that we might know Him, he says.

And when people come to the Lord and the Holy Spirit begins to dwell in them, they are regenerated and He begins a process of transformation, Stier explained. Followers of Jesus have to allow time for that process to unfold.

Stier added that it is vitally important for evangelistic efforts to be coupled with discipleship and the best person to disciple a new Christian is the one who led him or her to Christ.

“The one that leads them to Christ is the one who grows them in Christ,” he explained.

Yet he believes an even larger shift needs to take place.

“We’ve taken the onus of evangelism and discipleship from the people and we’ve put it on the professionals,” he said.

“And the work of youth ministry is evangelism and disciple-making.”

The Reformation transformed the world when the Word of God became more widely accessible and got into the hands of common people through the Gutenberg printing press, he said, and another reformation will occur when the work of God gets into the hands of His people.



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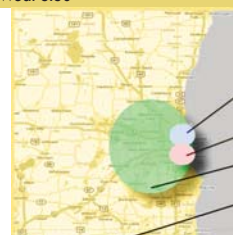
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