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PASTOR & CHRISTIAN WORKER'S APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

The month of October is considered Pastor Appreciation Month each year. As in years past, the Christian Courier Newspaper and ProBuColls Books & Gifts sponsor a breakfast for all Pastors and Christian Workers. This year the date is October 16th, 9 am to 11:30 am at the Italian Conference Center, 631 E. Chicago Street (next to the Summerfest grounds) in Milwaukee. The breakfast is free and also ample free parking for those who attend. You must register by calling 414-344-7300 or by e-mailing at pbcbooks@christianproducts.org. Do so as soon as possible as the event is limited to 300 people.

Also speaking is **Pastor Brian Kluth**, formerly from Milwaukee and co-founder of Harvest Church... Pastor Brian is a Christian speaker and writer on generosity, God's provisions, and legacy living. His books and materials have over 650,000 copies in print and have been translated into over 40 languages. His ministry travels have taken him across the country and to more than 50 countries. His work has been featured on TV, radio, newspapers, and magazines. In 2009 he was called and commissioned by his church to become a Generosity Minister-at-Large to the world. You will receive free copies of his books:

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Grant-funded online training courses for pastors/spouses on Personal Finances and pastors/leaders

All the way from Puerto Rico you will hear first hand from **Pastor Bert Pizarro** who was featured in the USA TODAY Newspaper how he helped resurrect Puerto Rico after hurricane Maria. For years, Pastor Humberto "Bert" Pizarro supplied mostly spiritual guidance and prayer to his congregants. After Hurricane Maria tore through his adopted island, his focus shifted to a more practical calling; Delivering food, water, medicine and teams of volunteers to locals after witnessing the scope of the devastation and the sluggishness of the federal response. Today, Pizarro, a New Your native, runs an

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From Rwanda, **Yves Dushime** who grew up in Togo will be in the area for the breakfast and telling you how important your Christmas Shoe Box is to the thousands overseas. A very heart-warming story, enough to make you start packing your shoe box very soon. Free shoe boxes will be given out.

AND **Tim Throckmorton** FROM WATCHMEN ON THE WALL / Family Research Council will bring you up to date as the importance you play in your community and church being a Watchman on the wall.

Tim Throckmorton has served as Lead Pastor of Crossroads Church in Circleville, Ohio since 2011. Tim writes a weekly column for a number of newspapers including the Washington Times, as well as working in Christian Radio for 10 years. Tim has published three books and one DVD project on America's Godly Heritage.

informal disaster response network that stretches across the island, supplying volunteer doctors, medicine, water, roofers, food and other resources and, in some instances, outpacing federal recovery efforts. "I never thought I could impact an entire island," Pizarro, 42, said. "We've done so much. And it's only the beginning." In those first few days after the storm, Pizarro said he saw teams of FEMA and U.S. military clearing roads and debris. But no one seemed to be bringing in supplies. Through church contacts in the U.S., Pizarro raised money and bought \$200,000 worth of groceries from island wholesalers

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Commentary

It's Time To Give Again

by John Fisco



Yes, it's that time of the year again to gather the shoe boxes together and pack on or more for children in foreign countries who never receive gifts like all those in America do. And, it's never too early to start shopping for the gift items and getting them packed. The EMPTY SHOW BOXES ARE IN AND FREE FOR YOUR TAKING. Get yours early as we have a good supply right now. Stop at ProBuColls Books and Gifts for as many as you need. They are free when you pick them up. Saves time and money from ordering them over the internet. If you need more than 100, bring someone with you to help carry the boxes. You can get a few or hundreds. They are packed in 100's so plan accordingly. Talk about being blessed? As anyone who has been involved in this ministry and you will see real joy and being

blessed, let alone what a GREAT blessing you will be to a child in a foreign land. It's unspeakable but very heart warming. There will be a 53 foot semi truck in the parking lot to be filled, and we trust you will have one or more boxes on that truck.

We are also looking for more groups, churches and businesses to be involved. Can you help in this area? A local company who has been doing this for a few years has a goal of 300 shoe boxes for this year. If you are a church or ministry leader, hear Yves Dushime speak at the upcoming Pastors Appreciation Breakfast October 16 (a free event see page 1 of this newspaper for details) and a hearty "thank you" from Serena Butler of Operation Christmas Child. For all the information mentioned above, contact us at 414-344-7300 or e-mail us at pbcbooks@christianproducts.org. Our address is 9733 W. Greenfield Ave. (easy exits NOW OPEN from the freeway at the Greenfield Ave. exit. We are just over the freeway bridge heading east from freeway)

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and trucked them directly into neighborhoods. Days into the disaster, bags full of rice, beans, oil, salt, water, tomato sauce and other supplies began arriving in some of the hardest-hit areas of Puerto Rico. When he heard the main hospital in Bayamon was running low on surgical supplies, he tapped more sources and bused in eight duffel bags full of surgical gauge, bandages, antibiotics and other supplies, which were running low after the storm. Pizarro picked up the group of volunteer doctors and nurses and shuttled them to clinics in San Juan, To Baja, and Ultuado. In four days, the team worked with nearly 200 patients. After Pizarro posted a Facebook video asking for

more help, volunteer teams reached out - from Chicago New York, Texas. He houses the incoming teams at the district headquarters of the Assemblies of God or at the San Juan YMCA. One of his greatest needs: more cargo vans to shuttle teams around the island. So far, Pizarro has brought help to 72 of Puerto Rico's 78 Municipalities.



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A Word From the Heart

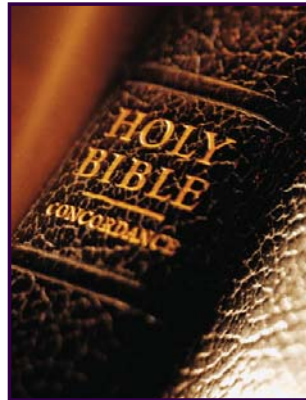
by John Duckhorn

The Epistle of James has a variety of illustrations taken from every day life; truths to live by to press home to our hearts. James was perceptive and able to use examples from nature, the animal kingdom, and human affairs to teach us how to live with one another. He understood that Salvation is by faith alone and was concerned for living that new life in a practical way. By doing this it would demonstrate to others the reality of the Christian message. James had a wonderful gift of making things simple. We all admire those teachers who can explain Biblical truths in a way that makes it easy to understand.

In chapter four, James speaks about warfare. The warfare idea actually began in chapter 3 with the subject of two kinds of wisdom. The focus is on the wisdom that is earthly, and the wisdom from heaven. Simply said, we can conduct our lives on the basis of principles that are part of the world system, or we can live as those who are born from above.

The warfare He talks about in chapter 4 is easy to understand. The chapter begins with war with each other. "It is a condition where a group has come to a state of war. Sides have been chosen, positions have been dug in and anyone seeking to be neutral is looked upon with suspicion by both sides".* James is speaking to the Church although this can easily be applied to the world of politics today. The question is whether a persons aim in life is to submit to God's will, or to gratify their own desires for the pleasures of the world. The frantic search for pleasure leads to long-drawn out resentments which are like war. The root cause is nothing more then our own desires. We want something and can't get it. We covet what others have and it often leads to their hurt.

James use of the word "murder" in 4:2 is a strong way of saying what our desires can lead to. In chapter 1:18-21 he says that these desires



choke out the good seed. Our spiritual life is then damaged. Envy and selfish ambition create much disorder in Churches. Hate and the desire for recognition and power can lead to trying to demolish our opponents opinions. Our selfish ambition thrusts us to strive to get what we want. This leads us to shameful deeds. We can kill, in a spiritual sense. By little comments and spiteful attitudes we can take the life out of someone. Obedience to God draws people together. The believers in Corinth were competing with each other in public meetings. They thought they were using their gifts to honor God but were honoring self at the expense of harm to other people.

The real cause of this warfare with each other is the "war within". James uses the word "desires" (verse 1) to show the source of the problem. The desires disturb the peace in our lives as well as in the lives of other believers. What really happens? In verse 2 James says that when our desire is frustrated we are disappointed. There is no peace or joy. In the next verse James goes a bit further by saying that we have wrong motives. Our real desire is to spend on our own pleasure. It is easy to veil our religious quarrels under the disguise of spirituality. We often complain about the leadership in our church but we really envy their position. These kind of people are unhappy people, not thankful but complaining. As a result they can't get along with others. The desires within shuts the door to prayer. A selfish person can hardly ever pray right.

James makes one more point that brings everything into focus it is that our real war is with God. The battle within is rebellion against God. There are two rivals for the human heart; the world or God. "God opposed the proud but gives grace to the humble"

* Life Application Bible Commentary

Jack Phillips, the Colorado cake artist who recently won a big victory at the U.S. Supreme Court, is being targeted . . . AGAIN.

I wanted to forward you the message to make sure you didn't miss it.

The government's actions against Jack are simply outrageous.

Here's what happened . . .

On the very day that the Supreme Court of the United States agreed to hear the Masterpiece Cakeshop case in June 2017, an attorney from Denver called Jack's shop asking for a custom cake.

The attorney wanted a cake that would be blue on the outside and pink on the inside in order to celebrate what the attorney described as his transition from male to female.

It's not hard to figure out what happened next: Jack's shop politely declined the request. The attorney filed a complaint. Government with anti-religious bias took action against Jack.

The State of Colorado has obviously learned nothing.

Just a few months ago, the U.S. Supreme Court condemned the government's treatment of Jack. The anti-religious bigotry, unequal treatment, and egregious violation of Jack's religious freedom were all rebuked by the high court.

And yet, the state has now doubled down on its unconstitutional effort to punish people of faith! They want to make an example out of Jack.

Jack has been incredibly patient. He and his family have endured a lot at the hands of the government. But they've had enough.

The bullies must not win.



We've filed a lawsuit on Jack's behalf to put an end to the harassment.

We are challenging the anti-religious bias of the government agency that is targeting Jack. And we are challenging the state's war against the First Amendment.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Matthew 5:11



New Movies



2 Faith-Based, Military-Themed Films Coming to Theaters

'Unbroken: Path to Redemption' and 'Indivisible' spotlight war's consequences on families

Two faith-based, true-to-life films spotlighting the consequences of war on those who serve will debut in theaters this fall.



The first movie, Unbroken: Path to Redemption, will open Sept. 14 and tells the story of how Olympian and World War II hero Louis Zamperini struggled to cope with post-war life until he found Christ at the 1949 Los Angeles Billy Graham Crusade. Rated PG-13, the film picks up where the 2014 movie Unbroken stopped.

The second faith film, Indivisible, will open Oct. 26 and follows the story of Army Chaplain Darren Turner, who returned home from Iraq in 2008 with mental and emotional scars from what he had experienced. It is not yet rated.

Both movies tackle similar issues: post-traumatic stress and the pressures that military life and war can place on a marriage.

Filmmaker Matthew Baer, who produced the 2014 Unbroken film and the newest one, said little was known about post-traumatic stress when Zamperini came home.

"One of the most tragic aspects of what happened after World War II was the lack of proper psychiatric care," Baer said. "If you look at some of the actual World War II medical videos, the expectation from the psychiatric community was basically that this would be something that they would just be able to get over by trying to move forward. So there was a fundamental lack of understanding about what PTSD actually was. And so many of the vets suffered an endless amount of difficulties."



1,800 SOLDIERS HAVE PROFESSED FAITH IN CHRIST AT MISSOURI ARMY BASE IN LAST 6 MONTHS

Over 1,800 soldiers have made professions of faith in the last six months at an Army base in Missouri, a chaplain says.

On Sunday, U.S. Army Chaplain Capt. Jose Rondon took to Facebook to rejoice in the fact that nearly 400 soldiers came to faith in Christ that day. And that total is only a small part of a broader revival that has been occurring on at Fort Leonard Wood.

In his Facebook post, Rondon shared a video that showed the Main Post Chapel at Fort Leonard Wood packed with soldiers singing along to worship music.

"God's doing an unbelievable work through our military at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.," Rondon added in his post. "May God bring the same powerful conviction of sin and love for Him that we are experiencing at Main Post Chapel all throughout our Nation and His world. Thanks for your love and prayers!"



"Thank you
Jesus for being
mine."

*Margaret Anna
Morales*



Born September 1, 1932,
Born to Heaven July 3, 2017
Happy Birthday Mama!



News & More



Monday October 29, Mike Huckabee will be the featured speaker for the 2018 Adult & Teen Challenge Banquet & Auction at the Italian Conference Center. For tickets call 414-748-HOPE or visit teenchallengeonline.com

Evangelical Church to Give Teen Free Hummer for Attending Services, Bringing Newcomers

An evangelical church in Florida will give one lucky teenager a free Hummer at the end of August as part of a giveaway designed to boost youth ministry attendance.



The Source Church in Bradenton will hand over the keys to a 2006 Hummer H3 to one high school student who has proven to be one of the most actively involved students in the church's Wednesday night youth group services and has also worked to grow the group by inviting others.

That new car owner will have won a point-based contest that began this January as a promotion to help grow the the high school youth group.

Dew, who was hired as the church's first full-time youth pastor in May, explained that the contest was the idea of church staff and leaders who were looking for a way to do something different to market to their students.

"The whole idea behind it is incentivize them to get in there on Wednesday nights. *Really in essence to us, this is just a vehicle," Dew said. "We know the real investment occurs when kids encounter the Gospel.* That is what our main goal is — to do something that hasn't been done."

Dew said that the funding for the car was donated to the church by prominent individuals and different organizations in the area who were looking for a way to invest in today's youth to be sure they are "healthy spiritually."

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Church In Turmoil



OPINION BY JOHN FISCO, PUBLISHER: The Church in Turmoil

Remember the countryside church? The small neighborhood church where everyone knew everyone? Great gatherings, fellowship, prayer meetings, Sunday school, boy's and girl's clubs, ladies and men's meetings, etc., etc. There was a time where Sunday was very important. Sunday morning and evening services, and Wednesday evening prayer and Bible study. Great voices joined a choir and support for local and foreign missions.

How much of the above do you see today. Not effective? Or are we just too busy for "church". Today it's not what it used to be. Sunday evening services and Wednesday (midweek) are poorly attended (canceled). Choir and hymnals are retired and replaced by pep-bands singing 7-11 songs (seven words repeated eleven times).

Gatherings (church) are replaced with hip pastors. Little knowledge of the Bible, headline type sermons. Keep everyone happy, do not preach about sin as you want to be very, very "seeker friendly" - yes, without a true Gospel message. Then they flock. One pastor stated that if the number didn't increase, he'd bring in a band and that would bring in the people. Probably take the Cross down so as not to offend anyone. Really? How cheap has the Gospel gotten.

MEGA CHURCHES seem to have thrived. Not just numbers attending, but how many Campus (churches) do we count in our fold? BIG! Better! Most are independent, no one overseeing the pastor, congregation, etc. Controlling by one individual, cult-type ministry.

Accountability is a forbidden word in mega-churches. WE RULE, and we also fall, title of a book "Why Great Men Fail" Here are the headlines of the past few month that are alarming.....

- "5 pastors gone, elders say fired lead pastor wanted 'complete control'"
- "Illinois mega church paid \$3.25 million in lawsuits over sex abuse of disabled boys"
- "Growing fraud sucks billions from churches annually (pastor and wife in California)"
- "Entire elder board and lead pastors resign in wake of revelations"
- "Time of reckoning for all leaders" Opinion by Mel Lawrenz
- "Every Leader needs accountability"
- "Celebrity pastors falling hard; Evangelicals must be more suspicious"
- "We must stop making excuses, we must make things right" Graig Groeschel at Leadership Summit
- "Church pastor dies of suicide after battling depression and anxiety"

The above best said: If we move away from Biblical teaching and have the emphasis on the individual.

When did all this start happening? Probably when the church's mid-week PRAYER MEETING got canceled, due to lack of attendance.

5 Things Pastors Need to Stop Doing Immediately

by Shane Idleman

Pastors, we are not just cheerleaders, we are game changers. We are called to stir and to convict so that change takes place. Granted, there are many wonderful pastors and churches—I appreciate their ministry, but, as a whole, the church has drifted off course. They have lost the compass of truth - many are more concerned about wine tasting and craft beers than truly seeking the heart of God.



The pulpit regulates the spiritual condition of God's people which affects the nation. A lukewarm, sex-saturated culture (and church) simply reflects the lack of conviction in the pulpit as well as the pew.

Pastors, and Christian leaders alike, must take responsibility for the spiritual health of today's church, and the nation. We don't need more marketing plans, demographic studies, or giving campaigns; we need men filled with the Spirit of God.

This is not a letter of rebuke (I'm in no position to do that) - it's a tear stained plea that we once again seek the heart of God. Here are five issues we need to overcome:

1. Stop watering down the gospel. The truth is often watered-down in the hope of not offending members and building a large audience. Judgment is never mentioned and repentance is rarely sought. We want to build a church rather than break a heart; be politically correct rather than biblically correct; coddle and comfort rather than stir and convict. The power of the gospel is found in the truth about the gospel - the edited version does not change lives.

2. Stop focusing only on encouragement. We all need encouragement, that's a given, but most people feel beaten down because they're not hearing more about repentance - "repent and experience times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord" (cf. Acts 3:19). To truly help people, we must preach the difficult truths as well as the joyful ones; preach the cross and the new life; preach hell and preach heaven; preach damnation and preach salvation; preach sin and preach grace; preach wrath and preach love; preach judgment and preach mercy; preach obedience and preach forgiveness; preach that God "is love," but don't forget that God is just. It is the love of God that compels us to share all of His truth.

3. Stop getting your message from pop-psychology or the latest fad. All of us must return to the prayer closet where brokenness, humil-

ity, and full surrender take place. God prepares the messenger before we prepare the message. Without prayer, "the church becomes a graveyard, not an embattled army. Praise and prayer are stifled; worship is dead. The preacher and the preaching encourage sin, not holiness...preaching which kills is prayerless preaching. Without prayer, the preacher creates death, and not life" (E.M. Bounds). "Without the heartbeat of prayer, the body of Christ will resemble a corpse. The church is dying on her feet because she is not living on her knees" (Al Whittinghill).

4. Stop trying to be like the world. If a pastor fills his mind with the world all week and expects the Spirit of God to speak boldly through him from the pulpit, he will be gravely mistaken. "The sermon cannot rise in its life-giving forces above the man. Dead men give out dead sermons, and dead sermons kill. Everything depends on the spiritual character of the preacher" (E.M. Bounds). Who he is all week is who he will be when he steps to the pulpit. We are called to the separated life guided by the Holy Spirit not Hollywood.

When God brings change, separation and prayer has been the catalyst. The dry, dead lethargic condition of the church simply reflects our lack of being filled with the Spirit. While 5-minute devotionals and prayers are good, they aren't going to cut it in these dire times. We need powerful times of prayer, devotion, and worship. Again, God prepares the messenger before we prepare the message. It takes broken men to break men. Unplug the tv, turn off Facebook, and get back into the Word, prayer, and worship.

5. Stop asking, "Will this topic offend my audience?" and start asking, "Will my silence offend God?" A paraphrase that is often attributed to Alexis De Tocqueville—a Frenchman who authored Democracy in America in the early 1800s, helps to better understand this point: "I looked throughout America to find where her greatness originated. I looked for it in her harbors and on her shorelines, in her fertile fields and boundless prairie s, and in her gold mines and vast world commerce, but it was not there...It was not until I went to the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her success. America is great because she is good, and if America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Is your pulpit aflame with righteousness - it all begins here.

Church News

James MacDonald Reflects on 30 Years in Ministry, #MeToo, Millennials and Future of Faith in the US

Christians must return to the hard work of making disciples, abandon the less-is-more approach to church, and examine our own failures when considering the ongoing #MeToo fallout, says Pastor James MacDonald.

In an interview with The Christian Post, the longtime pastor of the multicampus Harvest Bible Chapel in Illinois, candidly shared what he's learned and continues to learn about the heart of Jesus, and where he sees the Body of Christ going amid profound cultural changes.

Back in the late '80s I think we were kind of enamored with the idea that if we would make less of the message and strip it down to essentials that we could reach more people. That less would reach more. And now I don't know anyone who isn't convinced that that actually isn't the case.

Less is more does not reach more people, it doesn't make better disciples. Only more [substance] makes better disciples. And it's really hard work. Jesus was more gifted than any person on Earth and He spent three-and-a-half full years on 12 people and didn't get all of them to the finish line.

So it's really a time consuming, exhausting thing making disciples, and I think I've seen the church swing back toward a focus on quality. We've said for years in our church "not a quantity of disciples, but quality of discipleship." And more and more, I hear pastors leaning in that direction.

The primary type of evangelism that we see in the Scriptures is one-on-one. Jesus with Nicodemus, Jesus with the woman at the well, Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch.

And that does not in any way negate mass evangelism. In Acts Chapter 2 we see a mass evangelism situation with the coming of the Holy Spirit. But was that normative or an exception? I think typically we see one-on-one evangelism and to subjugate the Sunday morning, which is so needed for infusion of spiritual strength through proclamation [of the Word], through worship, through fellowship, from giving and serving.

All of those things stoke the fire of a Christ follower's vertical relationship [with God]. And to subjugate Sunday morning to passive participation in drawing out the net horizontally [to other people] is, I think, increasingly seen as not adequate to sustain in a strong, growing church. That's the reason why in 2012 I wrote the book Vertical Church. We have to come back to that as our primary focus.



Bethel Church to Give \$1,000 to Every Family Whose Home Burned in Carr Fire

An influential charismatic church is giving \$1,000 to every household that lost their home in the Carr Fire, a move it says is a "God-sized step of faith."

Bethel Church, which has several thousand members and is home to Bethel Music, announced that it would be giving the money to those whose primary residence was destroyed in the fire that began raging near Redding, California, two weeks ago.

"We are incredibly blessed as a church by people all around the world praying for us, donating and supporting our community here in Redding. The generosity of gifts coming towards us is both humbling and much needed.



Christians around the world are coming together and supporting a cause that is bigger than any one individual alone can carry," the church explained.

"When we first made the decision to give a financial gift for the people in our city who had lost their home, the numbers being reported were 150-200 homes. Within just three days, that number had climbed to over 1000 homes, and the amount we had expected to raise and give went from \$200,000 to over \$1,000,000 dollars."

Bethel's original plan to give \$200,000 "was a challenge, but doable in our own strength and resources," the church said.

Appeals Court Upholds 'In God We Trust' on Currency, Rejects Atheist Suit

A U.S. federal appeals court Tuesday upheld the inscription of "In God We Trust" on the nation's currency, ruling that America's founding was full of examples of "official acknowledgements" of religion.

In rejecting a lawsuit by 27 atheists and two atheist organizations, the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the motto violates neither the U.S. Constitution's prohibition of an establishment of religion nor the guarantee of free exercise of it.

Judge Raymond Gruender, who wrote the court's opinion, pointed to instances from the nation's founding in which the Founding Fathers referenced God or religion.



We cannot always trace God's hand, but we can always trust God's heart. ~ Charles Spurgeon



News Shorts



5 CHRISTIAN MOVIES COMING OUT IN THEATERS NATIONWIDE THIS FALL

The success of faith-based films in the last several years has led to a resurgence of Christian movies being made in Hollywood. This fall, a number of motion pictures will be hitting theaters once again, this time telling the true stories of military families, war heroes, missionaries, and a world renowned evangelist.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW PRIME MINISTER IS AN EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN

Australia's newest prime minister is a church-going evangelical Christian who isn't afraid to stand up for his faith in a country largely viewed as secular. Scott Morrison became prime minister Friday when the Liberal Party voted him in as its leader after ousting Malcolm Turnbull, the former prime minister and party leader. The Liberals are a center-right party in Australia, while the Labor Party is more center-left. Morrison is a member of Horizon Church, a Pentecostal congregation in Sydney where he and his family are involved in ministries.

CHRISTIANS IN CHICAGO RESPOND TO RECENT SPIKE IN GUN VIOLENCE

Christians in Chicago took part in 40 days of outreach and ministry this summer to help the city recover from a spike in deadly gun violence in Chicago. "Jesus Summer" started on July 14 after Chicago saw an increase in gun violence. During one weekend in the summer, at least 72 people were shot and 13 were killed in the city.

"Jesus Summer" started with a gathering of pastors, churches and city leaders praying on street corners. Groups then hosted other ministry events, such as a tent revival, meals for the homeless and children's activities.

"We're empowering the churches with millions of dollars worth of merchandise to make sure we can try to hit every home in Chicago with the gospel," said Pastor Dimas Salaberrios, of Concerts of Prayer Greater New York. He helped launch "Jesus Summer."

FRANKLIN GRAHAM BLASTS CHELSEA CLINTON'S CLAIM 60 MILLION ABORTIONS ADDED \$3.5 TRILLION TO ECONOMY

Evangelist Franklin Graham and other pro-life conservatives are denouncing Chelsea Clinton's claim that abortion has led to economic growth in the U.S. Clinton's comments were condemned as being like those who defend slavery or the killing of Jews by the Nazis.

"Chelsea Clinton claims that legalizing abortion added trillions of dollars to the economy. What a lie," Graham wrote on Facebook. "Hitler probably also claimed that killing the Jews would be good for their economy. Legalizing abortion hasn't added anything to our country, it has only taken away. It has cost this nation more than 60 million lives - lives precious to God."

"Just think of the contribution these people would have made. There will be another high cost. I believe God will judge America for allowing the heinous murder of our own children in the womb," he added before assuring women who've had abortions that God will forgive them and help to alleviate their guilt. "Not only will He forgive you, He will save you for eternity - and you will be reunited one day in Heaven with that child," Graham added.

TRUMP CABINET MEETING BEGINS WITH PRAYER BY SECRETARY OF STATE MIKE POMPEO

In a move that sparked division on social media, President Trump opened his cabinet meeting Thursday by asking Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to pray.

GEORGIA TEACHER DONATES HIS KIDNEY TO HIS SIXTH GRADE STUDENT

Sixth grader Kaden Koebeke received a gift from his Technology teacher that can save his life; a kidney. According to Fox News, Koebeke's teacher, William Wilkinson, teaches technology at Grace Christian Academy in Powder Springs, Georgia and has opted to serve as a living donor to his student.

The 12-year-old was diagnosed with kidney disease when he was only two years old and has already had to have one transplant. The organ for the first surgery came from Koebeke's father who is the only donor match for Koebeke in his family. Unfortunately, Koebeke's first kidney transplant, which was performed when he was five years old, did not work.

NETFLIX CANCELS SERIES BY COMEDIAN WHO SAID 'GOD BLESS ABORTIONS'

Netflix has opted not to renew the comedy talk show The Break with Michelle Wolf, which sparked controversy this summer when the host threw a celebration for abortion and even said, "God bless abortions and God bless America." She joked that at \$300, abortion was a "great deal." "Women, remember: You have the power to give life, and men will try to control that," she said. "Don't let them. ...God bless abortions and God bless America."

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES TASK FORCE TO ADVANCE, DEFEND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

US Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Monday, criticized recent attacks on religious freedom and announced the creation of a Religious Liberty Task Force that will work to "fully implement" the department's religious liberty guidance.

The task force will be chaired by the associate attorney general and the assistant attorney general for the office of legal policy. The department issued religious liberty guidelines in October. In remarks applauded by Christian leaders and religious liberty groups, Sessions bemoaned the hostility toward religious liberty.

"We have gotten to the point where courts have held that morality cannot be a basis for law, where ministers are fearful to affirm, as they understand it, holy writ from the pulpit, and where one group can actively target religious groups by labeling them a hate group on the basis of their sincerely held religious beliefs," Sessions said. "This president and this Department of Justice are determined to protect and even advance this magnificent heritage."

TENNESSEE SCHOOLS MUST DISPLAY 'IN GOD WE TRUST,' ACCORDING TO NEW LAW

Students heading back to school in Tennessee in the coming weeks will be greeted by more than new teachers and old friends. They'll also see "In God We Trust" displayed prominently in their schools. A bill requiring the national motto to be displayed in a prominent place was signed into law in April, meaning the 2018-19 school year is the first one to be impacted by the new rule.

Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you. 1 Corinthians 15:1,2



Social Justice



Evangelicalism's 'Newfound Obsession' With Social Justice Is Threat to Gospel, John MacArthur Says

Pastor John MacArthur argued that evangelicalism's "newfound obsession" with social justice is a threat to the Gospel.

In a blog post on his Grace to You ministry website, MacArthur, leader of Grace Community Church of Sun Valley, California, and president of The Master's College and Seminary, promised to tackle the notion of "social justice" in a series over the next weeks.

The focus on social justice by evangelicals is shifting focus away from the Gospel, he claimed.

"Evangelicalism's newfound obsession with the notion of 'social justice' is a significant shift — and I'm convinced it's a shift that is moving many people (including some key evangelical leaders) off message, and onto a trajectory that many other movements and denominations have taken before, always with spiritually disastrous results," he wrote.

"Over the years, I've fought a number of polemical battles against ideas that threaten the gospel. This recent (and surprisingly sudden) detour in quest of 'social justice' is, I believe, the most subtle and dangerous threat so far," he said.

MacArthur who opened the discussion by first establishing his bonafides as supporter of racial equality said Christian should be pursuing biblical justice which has "little in common with the secular, liberal idea of 'social justice.'"

"I deplore racism and all the cruelty and strife it breeds. I am convinced the only long-term solution to every brand of ethnic animus is the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Christ alone are the barriers and dividing walls between people groups broken down, the enmity abolished, and differing cultures and ethnic groups bound together in one new people (Ephesians 2:14–15). The black leaders with whom I ministered during the civil rights movement shared that conviction," he said.

He argued without highlighting any specific names that the talking points of the most vocal evangelicals on social justice are too worldly.

"The evangelicals who are saying the most and talking the loudest these days about what's referred to as 'social justice' seem to have a very different perspective. Their rhetoric certainly points a different direction, demanding repentance and reparations from one ethnic group for the sins of its ancestors against another," he said. "It's the

language of law, not gospel — and worse, it mirrors the jargon of worldly politics, not the message of Christ. It is a startling irony that believers from different ethnic groups, now one in Christ, have chosen to divide over ethnicity. They have a true spiritual unity in Christ, which they seem to disdain in favor of fleshly factions."

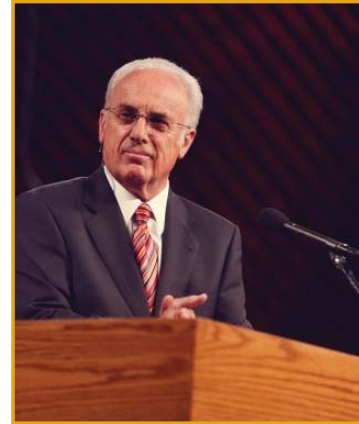
Anthony Bradley, chairman of the program in religious and theological studies and associate professor of religious studies at King's College in New York City, called MacArthur's analysis "a pile of ideological conservative rubbish."

"This. John MacArthur face plants in a pile of ideological conservative rubbish. If evangelicalism is going to have a future that reflects the Bible's teachings, nearly everything about this post must be in its past. Terrible," he wrote.

MacArthur's concern mirrors that of a certain faction of Southern Baptists who asked the SBC to denounce social justice activism earlier this year.

"Social justice is deceptive, in that well-meaning Christians become unwittingly drawn into such ideology under the false assumption that social justice equates to standing up for people's rights and compassion," argued Pastor Grady Arnold of Calvary Baptist Church in Cuero, Texas, in a resolution submitted to the SBC.

"Social justice is based on Marxism and Postmodernism, and should be opposed because of its antibiblical stance and worldview, but still Christians are attempting to blend social justice with Christianity, however they must realize that to accept social justice ideology is to invite liberal theology and liberation theology into our churches, schools, and institutions," he added.



Southern Evangelical Seminary: U.S. Sent Strong Message That Religious Liberty Will Be Defended

Dr. Richard Land: Religious Freedom is a Far-Reaching, Universal and Profound Human Right That All Nations of Good Will Must Defend

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Southern Evangelical Seminary (SES, www.SES.edu) President Dr. Richard Land, a member of President Donald Trump's advisory board on faith issues, says the U.S. is sending a strong message that religious freedom will be defended—both at home and abroad.

Land recorded a series of his daily "Bringing Every Thought Captive" radio features on the recent historic meeting in Washington, D.C., where the Trump administration and state department hosted government and civic leaders from more than 80 countries to discuss the tremendous threats to religious freedom across the globe.

The "Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom" will now be an annual event—a welcome sign that religious freedom is paramount to current leadership.

"This unprecedented meeting highlighted, condemned and sought remedies for religious persecution of any and all religious beliefs around the world," Land said. "Secretary of State Mike Pompeo de-

clared, 'Religious freedom is something that is very important to me personally. It is very important to President Trump. And the state department is going to lead the world in opening up religious freedom to every citizen.' This conference sent the strongest possible message that America will once again be the champion of religious freedom around the world. We do not believe this is merely an American right; it is a universal human right. Every human being has the right to worship as they please without coercion from government or from anyone else."

Land added that the event was held on the 20th anniversary of the signing into law the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, which requires the president and Congress to take religious freedom issues into account when conducting U.S. foreign policy.

"The national media gave shamefully little coverage to this enormously significant event, which has the real potential to impact literally tens of millions of people's lives in an extraordinarily and extremely positive way," Land continued. "It is also one of those rare issues in today's culture on which the overwhelming majority of Americans agree: freedom of conscience and religion."



Calendar



September

Yoked

September 14 at 7 pm

New Testament Church
10201 W. Bradley Road
Milwaukee, WI

The stage play entitled "Yoked" will be performed. It is a fast moving comedy about love and marriage, written by brothers Brian and Jeremy Kenner, that explores the questions: "Does God's word apply to life in this modern world?" "Is there such a thing as true love?" Or "Are we all doomed to be 'Yoked'?" Questions or tickets can be obtained by contacting Kenner & Kenner Productions and e-mail at branc@kennerandkenner.com

Living proof Simulcast with Beth Moore

September 15 from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Real Hope Community Church
1345 Stonehedge Lane
Lake Mills, WI

Ladies, join us for the Living Proof Simulcast with Beth Moore. Cost is only \$15.00 and includes workbook, snack and beverage. Lunch is on your own. Seating is limited. Call 920-648-3500 for more information.

Underground Railroad

September 15-October 28

Wooded Hills Church
777 Hwy 164
Colgate, WI

Morning Star Productions presents the Interactive Experience, 'Underground Railroad' this fall at Wooded Hills Church. Patrons have one hour to help a fugitive from slavery escape to freedom on a wooded trail to "Canada". Audience members travel back in time to 1815 as they encounter costumed characters who can help or hinder them on their journey. For tickets or more information please visit www.morning-starproductions.org or call at 414-228-5220 x 119

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Women's Brunch

September 17

Davians Banquet & Catering
16300 W. Silver Spring Dr.
Menomonee Falls, WI

The Christian Women's Connection will sponsor a brunch featuring special speaker Kitty Chappell from Chandler Arizona. Her topic will be "Soaring Above The Ashes". \$15.00 per ticket. Please call Lois for tickets at 262-251-3841

Church and Culture Conference

September 20 from 8:30 am - 3 pm

Fox River Christian Church
S46W24130 Lawnsdale Rd
Waukesha, WI 53189

The Church & Culture Conference in Milwaukee Wisconsin will be held at Fox River Christian Church, and it includes 3 sessions. Please call the church at 262-544-6000 for pricing or more information.

Senior Lunch

September 21 at 11:30 am

Spring Creek Church
N35W22000 Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Senior Lunch with entertainment by Gino De Luca. A life-long singer, pianist, and improvisational artist, Gino performs a wide variety of repertoire styles including Cabaret, Musical Theatre, Jazz Standards, Popular Songs, Operetta, and Opera. \$12.00 per person and reservations must be made ahead of time by calling 262-695-2211.

GENESIS AGLOW LIGHTHOUSE

September 21 at 9:30am

Zion united Church of Christ
3301 S. 76th St
Milwaukee, WI

Milwaukee GENESIS AGLOW LIGHTHOUSE meeting. Join other women and men as we gather this month to enjoy one of AGLOW'S interactive small group sessions. This month: What's holding you back? Leave your past in the past, including old wounds that God has already healed! Don't let your past hold you back from the vast riches of your inheritance in Jesus. For more information contact Mary Shoda at 312-636-2262.

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Free Event

September 21 from 4-8 pm

Windsor Village
Kenosha, WI

Free event. Come out and enjoy healthy snacks, pedicures, nail painting, fellowship and prayer. Beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news. RSVP www.victoriouswomenmag.com

Musicfest

September 23 at 10:30 am

Regner Park
800 North Main Street
West Bend, WI
St. Luke's Church is sponsoring a Musicfest at Regner Park on September 23rd. It is a community outreach festival providing a Worship Service at 10:30 and Christian Music from noon to 5pm. There will be food, drinks, vendors, children's games and raffle. For more info call 262-573-0164

Man Camp

September 28-30

Camp Forest Springs
Westboro, WI

Spring Creek Church is sponsoring Men of Spring Creek, Man Camp.

Special speaker is New York Times best-selling author Stephen Mansfield. Cost \$149.00 for standard Cabin or \$185.00 for Lodge Room. Contact Spring Church for more info or to register. Please call 262-695-2211.

Milwaukee Heart Stroke Walk & 5k Run September 29 from 8 am - 12 pm

National anthem will be performed by vocalist Cheryl McCrary. No registration fee for 1 & 3 Milwaukee walks. Kid zone, kids heart challenge, health screenings. 5k run \$35.00 fee with finishers medal. For more information and to register visit www.milwaukeeheartwalk.org.

October

Danny Gokey

October 3 at 7 pm

Pabst Theatre
144 E. Wells St
Milwaukee, WI

Danny Gokey "The Hope Encounter Tour" with special guests Tauren Wells & Riley Clemmons. K-Love welcomes Danny back to his hometown. Tickets may be purchased through www.k-love.com

Middle and High School Fall Retreats

October 5-7

Lake Geneva Youth Camp
Sponsored by Fox River Christian Church, S46W24130 Lawnsdale Rd in Waukesha. Fall retreat is an awesome chance to set yourself up for the best school year yet. Join us for messages about overcoming obstacles, incredible worship, games, tons of food and memories that will last a lifetime. Cost is \$110.00. Please call 262-544-6000 for more information or to register.

Mercy Me

October 5 at 7:30 pm

Miller High Life Theatre
500 W. Kilbourn Ave
Milwaukee, WI
Mercy Me's 'Imagine' nation tour 2018 with Tenth Avenue North. For tickets call 414-908-6000. Sponsored by Psalm 96 productions.

FALL kickoff

October 12 from 6pm - midnight

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield, WI

Come experience the area's largest FALL kickoff event for middle school students grades 6-8! It's an evening full of action and adventure. What makes it ultimate? How about GIANT inflatables and tasty pizza at Elmbrook. Then we hit the road for Action Territory in Kenosha, where students launch themselves into laser tag, mini golf, arcade action, bumper cars, go-carting, and redeeming all those hard won tickets for a fist full of prizes before heading back to Elmbrook Church. Cost is \$50.00. For questions or more info contact Ben at bkelm@elmbrook.org

The Bible Tour

October 14 at 7 pm

Fox River Christian Church
S46W24130 Lawnsdale Rd
Waukesha, WI

The Bible Tour; A worship experience with many popular artists. Tickets are available at www.bibletour2018.com Sponsored by Psalm 96 productions

Becoming an Author wasn't my Plan

October 15

Davians Banquet & Catering
16300 W. Silver Spring Dr.
Menomonee Falls, WI

The Christian Women's Connection will be presenting a brunch featuring guest speaker Linda Berg speaking on "Becoming an Author wasn't my Plan" \$15.00 per ticket and can be obtained by calling Lois at 262-251-3841

Senior Lunch

October 19 at 11:30 am

Spring Creek Church
N35W22000 W. Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee, WI

Senior Lunch with special entertainment by R. Stuart Mitchell with a rich, captivating sound and a gifted performer. His repertoire and performances encompass Concert Oratorio, Opera, Celtic Folk & Traditional, and Contemporary Sacred & Worship music. Cost is \$12.00 per person and reservations must be made in advance by calling 262-695-2211.

Who is the REAL you?

October 19 from 9:30am - noon

Zion United Church of Christ
3301 S. 76th St
Milwaukee, WI

Milwaukee Genesis AGLOW LIGHTHOUSE Meeting. The subject will be "Who is the REAL you?" As women and men we gather this month, and invite you to enjoy one of Aglow's interactive small group sessions. This month we will get up close and as personal as you desire, as we look at the big picture of your identity as God sees you. Our thinking is small, while God's big plans for us encompass kingdom living and eternity. For more information contact Mary Shoda at 312-636-2262.

Homecoming at Elmbrook Church October 20- November 4

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield, WI 53045

This event will be combined with Harvestfest and Vision Weekend. Please visit Elmbrook's website for details on these 3 events or call the church at 262-786-7051 for more information.

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Email your event to: administration@christiancouriernews-paper.com by the 20th of the preceding month.

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THE STORY OF THE CRACKED POT -

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by

the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.'

The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?' 'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and





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Francesca Battistelli

October 21 at 7 pm

Hales Corners Lutheran Church
12300 W. Janesville Rd
Hales Corners, WI

Francesca Battistelli presenting 'The Breakup Tour' with special guest Stars Go Dim. Sponsored by Psalm 96 Productions.

Art Event

October 26 at 5pm

1001 S. Main St.
Racine, WI

Free event. Come out and enjoy a creative & inspirational time of art with other sisters in Christ. Themed artwork is "Be still and know that I am God." Supplies are included. Please RSVP to www.victoriouswomensmag.com

Russ Taff: I still Believe

October 30 at 7pm

Coming to theaters on October 30 for one night only. "Russ Taff: I still Believe" with Bart Millard, Amy Grant, Chondra Pierce, Bir Gaither, Michael W. Smith and Stephen Curtis Chapman. For tickets please visit fathemevents.com

Local theaters showing this film are Ridge Cinemas 20, 5200 S. Moorland Rd in New Berlin; South Shore Cinemas 16, 7261 S. 13th St in Oak Creek; and Majestic Brookfield, 770 N. Springdale Rd in Waukesha. All shows are 7pm.

November

Senior Lunch

November 16

Spring Creek Church
N35W22000 Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Senior lunch with special music by Kay Stiefel and Jack Forbes Wilson. Sit back and enjoy songs by well-known composers such as Irving Berlin, Stephen Sondheim, Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein. A celebration of gratitude, optimism, and humor, in a show called COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 262-695-2211. Tickets are \$12.00 each.

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Inaugural Benefit Auction

November 16 at 5:30 pm

Sheraton Milwaukee
Brookfield, WI

Inaugural Benefit Auction - Live & Silent Items. This event is being sponsored by Evangelical Child & Family Agency. Please contact Evangelical Child & Family Agency at 262-789-1881 for more information.

Genesis AGLOW LIGHTHOUSE

November 16 at 9:30am

Zion United Church of Christ
3301 S. 76th St
Milwaukee, WI

Milwaukee Genesis AGLOW LIGHTHOUSE meeting. Join other women and men as we gather this month to honor and celebrate our local lighthouse ministry teams. As a special treat we will be viewing via DVD, select segments from recent outstanding speakers including Dutch Sheets, Chuck Pierce, Graham Cooke & Lance Wallnau. For more information contact Mary Shoda at 312-636-2262.

Acacia Theatre Company


November 17-December 2

Acacia Theatre Company announces it's 2018-2019 season starting in November with "Sanders Family Christmas" This sequel to the much-loved bluegrass gospel musical "Smoke on the Mountain". "The Potting Shed" will be March 1-10 and "The Endurance of Light" July 19-28. for ticket information please call 414-744-5995 or visit www.acaciatheatre.com


The performances will be given in Corcordia University Wisconsin's Todd Wehr Auditorium, 12800 N. Lake Shore Drive in Mequon WI

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every day while we walk back, you water them.'

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- Author Unknown

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves" 2 Corinthians 4:7

"And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.'" 2 Corinthians 12:9



News & More



Churchgoers Stay for the Theology, Not the Music or the Pastor

American Pastors Network: New Survey Is an Encouragement to Churches to Return to the Gospel Message from the Pulpit

The results of a new survey from Lifeway Research may come as a surprise to pastors and worship leaders.

The study found that most churchgoers will put up with a change in music style or a different preacher, but they will choose to leave a church if the foundational beliefs are tampered with.

These findings can serve as a wake-up call, says the American Pastors Network's, to pastors who may be trying to reach people through music, programs or style rather than the substance of the Gospel.

"It is crucial that American churches return to the core of the Gospel—the true focus of who and what the church should be," said APN President Sam Rohrer. "Today's pastors can get caught up in the style of music, programs offered, the environment and even how leaders dress. While these things may deserve some attention, they should not be the focus. The foundation of the church must be its theological position and how strongly it is rooted in the Word of God. Rightfully so, the people in the pews realize this."

According to the survey, most churchgoers are committed to staying at their current church for the long haul, but more than half of re-



spondents (54 percent) said they would strongly consider leaving if the church's core beliefs or doctrine changed.

Perhaps the reasoning for staying at a current church is that, for the most part, churchgoers say they agree with their church's teaching. About half (52 percent) say their beliefs are completely aligned with those of the church; 42 percent say their beliefs are mostly aligned.

"We see many churches today wrestling with what should be foundational beliefs for any church, such as God's definition of marriage, his design for sexuality and gender, and many other cultural and societal issues," Rohrer added. "While churches must maintain biblical positions on these matters and address them from the pulpit, it is a grave mistake for them to change their foundational beliefs in order to welcome more people, appease more members or otherwise engage the culture."

Of the 1,000-plus surveyed, 35 percent have been at their church between 10 and 24 years, and 27 percent have been there for 25 years or more—meaning that most church members have been at their church longer than the pastor. Just under 40 percent have been at their current church for nine years or fewer. Overall, 15 percent of churchgoers say they have thought about going to another church in the past six months.

Billboards Removed After Image of Pastor Holding a Bible Was Called 'Offensive'

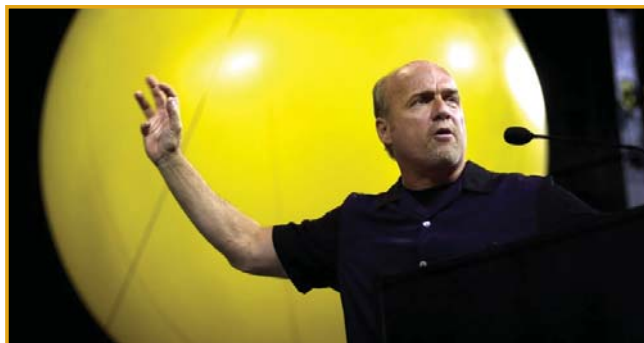
If ever you needed proof that Christianity is under attack, this Bible billboard controversy is it. Pastor Greg Laurie of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Southern California was forced to remove his billboard ads at local malls, all because he was shown holding a Bible!

Each year, for nearly 30 years, SoCal Harvest hosts a crusade. And Pastor Greg Laurie wanted to get the word out about the church's free, 3-night event. So, he contacted a local billboard company to buy some advertising space in malls around the area.

The ads were up for about two weeks when the billboard company asked Pastor Greg to revise them.

"There was nothing overtly religious about it [the billboard image]," said John Collins, Harvest executive director.

In fact, with no markings on the Bible Greg held in the ad, it could really be any book. Yet, the billboard company reportedly received multiple complaints and one "serious threat" from folks finding the Bible "offensive."

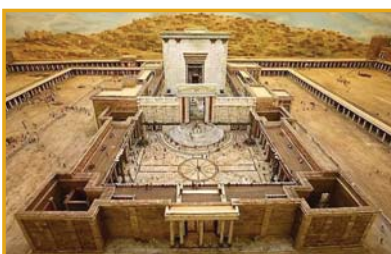


The Harvest team wanted to be good sports, so they changed the ad. They removed the Bible completely and simplified the billboard, so it just listed the dates and musical acts appearing. But apparently, the complaints continued. The company wound up removing the billboards completely and refunding Harvest their money.

Despite the trouble, Harvest church took it all in stride.

"We're certainly not upset with The Irvine Company. Obviously, they're catching heat for allowing us to run these ads. We feel it is just unfortunate that people are complaining. It's sad that our culture is at this degree of intolerance," John Collins said. "There's such intolerance against Christianity that we aren't allowed to state that or to publicly advertise this event. That's amazing."

Rather than get upset, Greg Laurie decided to respond to the Bible billboard controversy with the two "secret weapons" of the Church — prayer and preaching.



PATH OF JESUS VS THE MOON

When Neil Armstrong—said to be a devout Christian—was visiting the Holy Land, he asked his guide if it was certain that Jesus had walked these very steps up to the Temple Mount. Assured that He surely must have, Armstrong said, "Then I have to tell you, I am more excited stepping on these stones than I was stepping on the moon."





News & More

The Business of Fake Hate

In New Book, 'RISE,' Out on Sept. 11, NYT Best-Selling Author Brigitte Gabriel Says the SPLC Smears and Silences Organizations and Individuals Who Dare to Stray from Their Politically Correct Worldview

The term “fake news” is now part of the American vernacular. But what about “fake hate?”

New York Times best-selling author Brigitte Gabriel talks about the “Business of Fake Hate” in her soon-to-be-released book, “RISE: In Defense of Judeo-Christian Values and Freedom,” namely how the Southern Poverty Law Center, which Gabriel calls one of the most pervasive and menacing leftist organizations aligning with our nation’s enemies in recent years. The SPLC, she says, is a group of terror enablers that specializes in smearing and silencing any organization or individual who dares to stray from their politically correct worldview, particularly when it comes to radical Islam.

“The SPLC has a ‘hate group list’ and ‘hate map’ that it puts out on a regular basis and that it uses to slander those it disagrees with from media to the halls of Congress,” Gabriel writes in “RISE.” “In doing this, the SPLC hopes to blacklist its enemies from legitimacy in the public forum of open ideas. The SPLC knows that the biggest threat to their agenda and that of their radical Islamic allies is information and ideas. Therefore, their only hope is to intimidate their enemies into silence or, if necessary, slander them into it. Essentially, the SPLC lives by the motto ‘By any means necessary’ when it comes to destroying their enemies. We’re not simply talking about notable conservatives here. The SPLC is willing to attack anyone, even those

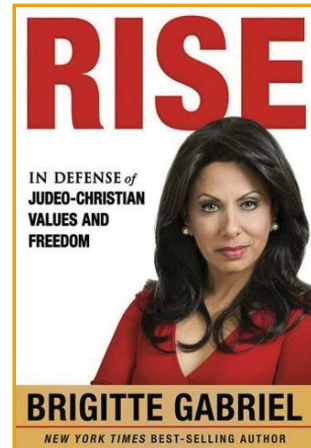
who claim to align with them on a majority of issues, if they stray far enough away on the most important ones.”

Many have called for government agencies, such as the FBI, to cease relying on the SPLC for information.

In “RISE,” out on Sept. 11, Gabriel arms readers with real data and compelling facts that will equip them to fight the efforts of America’s enemies to undermine the nation at every level of society. “RISE” will also motivate readers to unite with other patriots who wish to preserve America’s endangered Judeo-Christian values and freedom.

“RISE” also contains Gabriel’s most hard-hitting, explosive message yet. It’s not only a warning but also a rallying cry to unite Americans of all backgrounds in a fight for the survival of the nation, the protection of the Judeo-Christian values upon which it was built, and the preservation of the freedoms on which future generations depend.

For more information on Brigitte Gabriel, visit www.risetoact.com or follow her on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.



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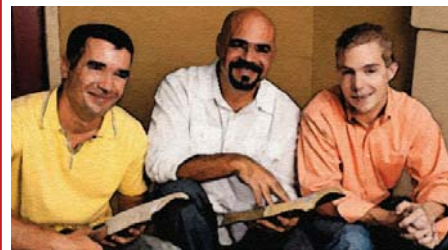
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Answers in Genesis Videos Now on PureFlix.com

Growing Online Streaming Service to Add Over 500 AiG Videos

This article was adapted from a news release that was recently distributed to the media.

Answers in Genesis (AiG) announced today that it has entered into an agreement with the online streaming service PureFlix.com to carry AiG's huge collection of videos.

A PureFlix.com subscriber will eventually have access to a digital library of more than 500 AiG teaching videos, documentaries, and children's videos, plus films shown at AiG's popular themed attractions, the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum near Cincinnati.

The 500-plus AiG titles (and all future titles) will be included in PureFlix.com's subscription of \$10.99 a month, which includes access to more than 10,000 other pieces of content. Several AiG videos are already available on PureFlix.com and can be watched on mobile phones, tablets, computers, and select smart TVs.

PureFlix.com, a faith-and-family streaming video on demand service, also offers a free one-month trial subscription.

The AiG selection will include recent award-winning films. Two AiG movies received major awards at the 2018 Christian Worldview Film Festival: "As in the Days of Noah," winner of Best Short Film (shown inside the Ark Encounter), and "Buddy Davis' Amazing Adventures: Ice Age," Best Children's Film. (See image to right.)

Ken Ham, CEO of AiG, declared that he's excited about the potential of so many more people being able to watch several hundred AiG videos through a fast-growing internet video service.

He stated: "At a time when we're increasingly seeing anti-Christian elements in the mainstream media and on social media platforms, with even the censoring of many Christian videos, we're highly encouraged to be a part of this great new opportunity to have many more people exposed to our teachings. It's easier than ever to watch



our films and videos, for AiG's large video content will be able to be viewed whenever and wherever a PureFlix.com customer desires."

Ham elaborated: "As a Christian organization that stands on the authority of God's Word in all areas, AiG must be realistic about the future of media. With so much uncertainty regarding the freedom to express the Christian worldview in our culture, we considered it important to use other platforms for our ongoing mission to reach the public with our video content. Therefore, AiG decided to pursue this agreement with PureFlix.com. Other ministries no doubt will do something similar."

"We're thrilled to add Answers in Genesis to our roster of partners," said PureFlix.com CEO Greg Gudorf. "Our subscribers are looking for content with a Christian worldview, and we and our partners strive to provide them exactly what they're seeking."

PureFlix.com is similar to Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime, but with very different content selection. While many shows on popular streaming services are becoming more and more perverse and even anti-Christian, PureFlix.com is careful in its content choices. Its programming is largely Christian in content.

Too often we fail to appreciate that (the) apprehension of God is not only the test of our worship, but also the test of our spiritual growth. A Christian's real development in spiritual life will always be revealed by how he or she thinks about God - how much he thinks about Him, and how highly he thinks about Him. ~ Sinclair B. Ferguson



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salt and pepper

Cook pasta in salted water. Cook bacon and set aside. Meanwhile, whisk together eggs, cheese and half and half. Set aside. Drain pasta, leaving some water clinging to it. Working quickly, add hot pasta to egg mixture. Add bacon; season with salt and pepper, and toss all to combine (heat from pasta will cook eggs). Sprinkle fresh parsley. Serve immediately.

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For more recipes and tips see www.recipesforafulfilledlife.blogspot.com

InterVarsity Sues University of Iowa After 38 Student Groups Are Expelled Over Policies

An InterVarsity Christian student group is suing the University of Iowa after the school kicked it and several other religious groups off campus over what has been deemed as discriminatory leadership policies.

InterVarsity Graduate Student Fellowship filed a federal lawsuit against the university after the club was de-recognized as an official campus student group last month because of its policy requiring that all group leaders be Christian and sign a statement of faith.

InterVarsity is not alone. The university also expelled 37 other student groups that upheld similar requirements last month, in-

cluding the Chinese Student Christian Fellowship, Young Life, the Latter-day Saint Student Association, the Imam Mahdi Organization, and the Sikh Awareness Club.

InterVarsity, which has been on the Iowa City campus for over two decades, has a history of being welcoming to all students but requiring those who want to lead the group to comply and uphold the faith.

Throughout the spring semester of last year, the school administration pressured student groups to change their leadership policies so that they are in compliance with the university's human rights and discrimination policy.

The student group told the university that it wanted to have policies that reflect the importance of Christian leadership. According to the lawsuit, the school administration warned that it could not allow the group to have "a restriction on leadership related to religious beliefs," and that the group could not encourage its leaders to agree with the InterVarsity statement of faith.

After InterVarsity and the other groups refused to change their policies, the university formally moved in July to derecognize those groups.



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China Shutting Down Churches, Seizing Bibles in 'Ambitious New Effort' to Eradicate Religion



China is in the midst of an "ambitious new effort" to lessen or even eradicate the influence of Christianity and religion from the country, according to an investigation by the Associated Press.

An in-depth story by AP described churches being shut down, Bibles being seized and restrictions being placed on other religions, too. Crescents have been removed from mosques and Tibetan children removed from Buddhist temples and placed in public schools.

One Christian named Guo described an incident in which Chinese officials interrupted a church meeting and told everyone to leave. They then ordered church leaders to remove a cross, a Bible verse and a painting of the Last Supper off the wall. Guo didn't give his full name out of fear of government repercussions.

"I've always prayed for our country's leaders, for our country to get stronger," he told AP. "They were never this severe before, not since I started going to church in the 80's. Why are they telling us to stop now?"

In recent months, Chinese authorities have:

- Shut down hundreds of Christian house churches.
- Seized Bibles and forced e-commerce retailers to stop selling Bibles.
- Prevented children from attending church in some areas.
- Urged Christians in one location to replace posters of Jesus with pictures of President Xi Jinping.
- Raided church meetings and interrogated hundreds of Christians from one congregation.

The AP story further said that under Xi, Christians "are seeing their freedoms shrink dramatically even as the country undergoes a religious revival." Experts said Xi is "waging the most severe systematic suppression of Christianity in the country since religious freedom was written into the Chinese constitution in 1982," according to AP. The goal is to "Sinicize" the nation's religions with "Chinese characteristics." First among these is loyalty to the Communist Party.

'Salvation is the most important thing:' Officer Michalski remembered for his strong devotion to God

Friends of fallen Milwaukee Police Officer Michael Michalski are remembering a man with a strong devotion to God. He was committed to his church and spreading his faith. That devotion played into his work.

Friends say Officer Michalski was a strong Christian, and everything in his life revolved around his faith.

"The hate is gone. I'm more confident in what I do," said Michalski in a 2016 video.

Michalski was committed to sharing his story. The officer, who for years was a non-believer, found his salvation later in his life.

"Forty-seven and-a-half years old I was, and that's what it took for God to pierce my heart," Michalski said in a 2016 video.

In August of 2016, he shared his testimony at Desatar Ministries on Milwaukee's south side. He explained how he found peace through Christianity and how it affected all aspects of his life.

"Every person, every person that I am involved in arresting, I pray for them, I pray that while they're sitting in that jail cell that they seek the Lord," Michalski said in a 2016 video.



Officer Michalski was a member of the Grace Community Church in West Allis. But to friends there, he was simply known as 'Mike.'

"He would go out of his way for anybody," said Christine Grabman, friend.

Christine Grabman met Officer Michalski five years ago. She never thought Sunday would be her last time seeing him.

"I'm just remembering him as the wonderful kind-hearted person that he was," said Grabman.

Grabman says he was someone who did not just talk about God, but lived his life through his faith.

"It encompassed everything," Grabman said. "Everything he did revolved around, am I glorifying Jesus Christ?"

While many are devastated by his death, they take solace knowing he was saved.

"Salvation is the most important thing in the world, both now and hereafter. If you are not saved, nothing really matters. Thank you," Michalski said in a 2016 video.

"He who lays up treasures on earth spends his life backing away from his treasures. To him, death is loss. He who lays up treasures in heaven looks forward to eternity; he's moving daily toward his treasures. To him, death is gain." ~ Randy Alcorn



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Children's/Jr Church 10:30AM
414. 232.3158 or
www.cbfranklinwi.com

Faith Christian Fellowship

A Family Church
11010 W. St. Martins Road
Franklin 53132
Sunday Worship 10:30AM & 6PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7PM
414.425.5880

Harvest Community Church

6612 S Howell Ave
Oak Creek 53154
Saturday 5:30PM
Worship Service 8:45, 10:30A

Jubilee Christian Family Church

3639 W Ryan Road
Franklin 53132
Sunday Worship 10AM
Wednesday Bible Study 7PM
Non-Fri AM 1:340 12:45PM
414.423.0700 or Jubilee-Christian.org

Milwaukee Victory Church

2110 W National Ave
Milwaukee 53204
Sunday Worship 10AM
414.645.7496

Life Restoration Church

2422 W National Ave
Milwaukee 53204
Sunday Worship 10AM
414.383.2280

Oak Creek Assembly of God

7311 S 13th Street
Oak Creek 53154
Sunday School 9:30AM
Worship Service 8, 10:30AM
Sunday Evening 7PM

St John's Lutheran Church

4850 S Lake Dr
Cudahy 53110
Call for times 414.481.0520

Southbrook Church

11010 W. St. Martin's Road
Franklin 53132
Sunday Worship 10:30AM
414.427.1929

WEST SUBURBS (AREA 3)

Beloit Road Baptist Church

8337 W Beloit Rd
West Allis 53219
Call for times 414.543.0655

Body of Christ Ministries

5726 W. Oklahoma Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53219
Meets Sunday 10 am
Bible Study Wednesday 6 pm
Healing room available

Brookfield Christian Reformed

14135 W Burling Rd
Brookfield 53005
Sunday Worship 9:30AM
262.784.1125

Calvary Bible Church (see ad)

1459 S 81st Street
West Allis 53214
Call for times 414.778.2253

Elmbrook Church

777 S Barker Rd
Brookfield 53045
Worship Services Sat 5PM
Sunday 8, 9:30, 11AM
262.786.7051

Family Prayer & Worship Center

2370 S. 75th Street
West Allis, WI 53219
414.216.FPWC (3792)
Worship Sundays 10AM
Wednesday 7PM
www.fpwcenter.org

First Baptist Church-New Berlin

3800 S Casper Dr
New Berlin 53151
Sunday School 9:15AM
Sunday Worship 10:30AM
Wednesday Bible Study 7PM
262.782.7775 or
www.fbcnewberlin.org

Honey Creek Church

8200 W. Bluemound Rd.
Wauwatosa, WI 53213
(414) 475-1234
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am
Honeycreekchurch.org

Lifeline Church

3285 N Calhoun Road
Brookfield, WI 53005
262-783-2900
www.vifonline.org

New Beginnings Fellowship Intl.

8650 W National Ave
West Allis 53219
Sunday Prayer 8:45AM
Sunday Worship 10:30AM
Sunday Praise 6PM
Wednesday 7PM
414.543.0603
NewBeginningsInternational.net

Faith Christian Church

4800 S. Calhoun Rd,
New Berlin
Worship Services
Sundays 11:15AM & 6:00PM
Wednesday 6:30PM
414-423-5241

New Song Church

Klemmers
10401 W. Oklahoma Ave.
Sunday 10AM

New Vintage Church

6626 W. Beloit Rd.
West Allis, WI 53219
Sunday 10AM
Wednesday 7PM
414.400.8320
www.newvintagewi.org

Pipeline to Jesus Church

13400 W Beloit Rd
New Berlin 53151
Sunday Worship 10AM
Tuesday 7PM
414.525.0000 PipelineToJesus.org
Poplar Creek Church
17770 W Cleveland Ave
New Berlin 53146
Sunday Worship 7:45, 9, 10:45AM
(5:30PM for 20's/30's)
Wednesday 7PM
262.782.1777
Poplarcreekchurch.org

Reformation Hope Church

915 Adelmans Ave., Lower Level
Brookfield, WI 53045
Sunday Worship 10:30AM
Family Bible Hour Sunday 1:00PM
www.reformationhopechurchministries.com

Risen Savior Bible Church

8556 W National Ave
West Allis 53227
Sunday Worship 9AM
414-617-0347 or
RisenSaviorBibleChurch.org

Saviour Assembly of God

201 N 121st St.
Wauwatosa 53226
Sunday Worship 10:30AM
Thursday Eve Bible Studies 6PM
414.259.1228

Showers of Blessing

8544 W National Ave STE #28
West Allis, WI 53227
Sunday School 10:00AM
Sunday Worship 10:30AM
414.502.7584

Wauwatosa Bible Chapel

2200 N 67th Street
Wauwatosa 53213
Sunday Lord's Supper 9AM
Family Bible Hour 10:30AM
Wednesday 7PM
414.771.1030 or
WauwatosaBibleChapel.org

WeatherStone Church

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

REGIONAL (AREA 4)

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Blessed Hope BIC Church

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

Christian Life Church of Port Washington

403 W. Foster Street
Port Washington, WI
Sundays starting March 12th at 2:30 pm
262-643-4602
lclport.com

Covenant Connection Fellowship Church

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

Delavan Christian Reformed Church

850 Oak Street
Sunday Worship 9:30AM 6PM
262.728.6801

Eagles Wings Nazarene Fellowship

609 Sandy Acre Drive
West Bend, WI 53090
262-334-7124
www.wbnaz.com
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Monday Ladies Bible Study 10:30 am
Wednesday Service 6:30 pm for adults and children

Faith Christian Fellowship

1200 Racine St.
Racine 53403
262.637-6220 or RacineFC.org

Faithlife Victory International Church

Sunday worship 10:00am
(Temporarily meeting at the Kenosha Woman's Club)
6028 8th Avenue & 60th Street
(use west entrance) Kenosha WI 53143
www.faithlivesuccess.org

Foundational Biblical Baptist Church

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

Family Chapel

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

Grace Bible Chapel

3917 59th Street
Kenosha 53144
Sunday Lord's Supper 9AM
Family Bible Hour & Sunday School 10:30AM
Wednesday Prayer 7PM
262.654.9631 GBCh-Kenosha.org

Hillside Community Church

593 W30580 County Rd NN
Mukwonago 53149
Sunday Worship 9AM
Call for Bible Studies
262.363.8025 or Hillsidechurch.org

Journey Church Burlington

740 Center St.
Burlington, WI 53105
262-767-3649
Sun. 9 10:45
Wed. 6:30

Journey Church Kenosha

1000 75th St
Kenosha, WI 53142
262-694-3300
Sat. 6pm
Sun. 9 & 10:45
Wed. 6:30

Lake Country Bible Church

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

Northbrook Church

4014 Hwy 167 West
Richfield 53076
Saturday 5:30PM
Sunday Worship 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM
262.628.3142

Oconomowoc Faith Bible Fellowship

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

Orchard Hill Assembly of God

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

Praise Fellowship Church

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

Summit Harvest Church

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

Terrace Shores Fv Free Church

W3278 County Road K
Markesan 53946
Sunday Worship 7:45, 9:15, 10:45AM
920.398.2734

Transformational Ministry

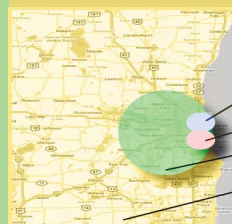
1123 Center St.
Racine, WI 53403
Sundays Worship: 2pm
224.656.1803

Watertown Community Church

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

Zion Christian Assembly

Zion Chapel 319 Cedar Street
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
Sunday Lord's Supper 9:30AM
Bible Ministry 11:00AM & 6:30PM
Wednesday 6:30PM
920.458.4137
920-889-7064
believers@ZionChristianAssembly.org



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