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The Annual Governor's Prayer Breakfast Held on the National Day of Prayer Was an Overwhelming Success

THIS BEING THE 50TH YEAR OF THE MAYOR/GOVERNORS PRAYER BREAKFAST HAD A GREAT IMPACT WITH ALL THE PARTICIPANTS, ESPECIALLY OUR FEATURED SPEAKER, "MR. PILLOW", MIKE LINDELL. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT PROBUCOLLS/CHRISTIAN COURIER NEWSPAPER AT OUR OFFICES 414-344-7300.



Mayor of Milwaukee, Tom Barrett gave greetings and was well received



"Mr. Pillow", Mike Lindell and Rebecca Kleefisch, our MC looking on



Former Governor of Wisconsin, Scott Walker attended as a guest and received a roaring standing ovation.

Photographs provided by Jack Roper.

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THE FULL HOUSE OF ATTENDEES AT THE BREAKFAST



The Old Testament reading was given by S. Richard Selby of Emanu-El B'Ne Jeshurun



From Coloma Wisconsin, the Cody Clauson Trio performed. Their CD's are available for sale at ProBuColls Books & Gifts



Dr. Eve Hall, President & CEO of the Milwaukee Urban League provided the opening prayer.



Commentary



IS THERE A MAN IN THE HOUSE???

by John Fisco

This subject matter is nothing new. We hear and read about fatherless homes more and more. Why isn't something done about it? Probably because not too many people really care. Certain zip codes in larger cities show a great amount of single parent families. A lot could be done but most cities really do not have a plan. Meetings after meetings with very little results (if any). Could the church help? Sure, but why isn't it happening. Men's Bible studies; breakfasts; seminars; etc. and the real problem is left for surface deep events, year after year. It will take a real revolution to make a difference.

Take Mike Lindell, the "My Pillow" man. Up from the ashes, nationally known salesman, and running a business of close to 2,000 people. Best ever? His son is the factory manager! That's a father/son team. There could be untold stories like this. A survey

finds the mother has the most influence on the kids! Where is the father? The review on page 14 - "Hope and Healing From a Dad's absence".

Also, suggested gifts for fathers on this year's Father's Day Celebration..THE HEART OF A GODLY MAN, practical disciplines for man's spiritual life. THE MEASURE OF A MAN by Gene Getz - 20 attributes of a Godly man. A classic book having sold over one million copies.

DADship and Discipleship! How can you go wrong by reading these types of books. After which a man goes out and multiplies his experience among other men and soon the revolution starts to take place.

Finally, a well known national speaker said a number of years ago when many churches had Sunday School busses to bring the kids



Featured speaker, international known entrepreneur, "Mr. Pillow", Mike Lindell, gave a heart stirring story of his life. One you will never forget

to church each week..."WIN THE FAMILY MAN TO CHRIST AND YOU WON'T NEED ANY SCHOOL BUSES. HE'LL BRING THE FAMILY TO CHURCH. Something to think about.

A MAN OUGHT TO LIVE SO THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS HE IS A CHRISTIAN AND MOST OF ALL, HIS FAMILY OUGHT TO KNOW. ~ DWIGHT L. MOODY

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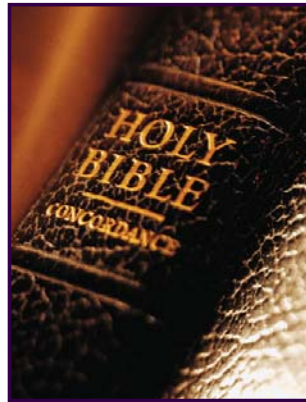
A Word From the Heart

by John Duckhorn

The Bible warns us to be on the alert for false teachers and their ability to twist the Scripture so as to damage out Christian lives. We have been taught not only to expect opposition from those outside of the church, but from those inside as well. The Word of God is often put on the torture rack and stretched until it is out of joint. These teachers fit the message of the Bible to reflect the world around them. It isn't just making it apply to our times but distorting it enough to appeal to our modern quest for acceptance by those who want little to do with us. Their purpose is not to find out what God's Word says, but to make it adaptable to our desires. The world wants God to cater to them and to approve of their lifestyles. Many speak of God's love for them but deny that His love has been exhibited through the life, death and resurrection of our Savior. Those of us who desire to speak His Word, clearly are defamed as hard, unloving, religious bigots.

The apostle Peter was well aware of the efforts made by ungodly men to infiltrate the Church and destroy it from within. In 2 Peter 2:2 he shows the devious manner of making us doubt the truth. Peter says they speak evil of the truth. This may begin by pointing out the hypocrisy of those in the church. It is so easy to find fault with each other. If we are hard enough we can find something, in any one, to judge. The purpose is to malign the truth rather than to obey the truth. They point out the judgments of others and make it sound as if a literal obedience is unloving and leads to an unloving and rigid religious life style which must be exposed. They do not want to follow God but follow their passions and claim that God approves of them.

In 1Peter 2:19 Peter describes their false promises of liberty. The promise is based on modern personal autonomy. They say our times



are too complicated and the Word of God has no relevance in our twisted sinful world. Today they blame Christianity for the repression of human expression. Examples are not hard to find. One example is the foolish attack on the masculine gender of God. Or how about the mad rush to make our sinful problems a matter of genetics? If we can trace it to birth, we can say that is why we choose to do the things we do, and have no choice but to follow those passions. God is made out to be a "spirit being" that has few absolutes, if any at all. They give the impression that God allows people to choose the belief that is best suited to their life style, and to live life as one pleases. The apostle writes that the real reason for such beliefs are to satisfy the "lust of the flesh". The bait that Peter says they use,

is the idea that God has been conformed to human tradition and will not judge any form of sin or rebellion. The present idea of freedom is to not be denied anything we feel is vital to our way of life. Peter makes it clear that this newly found freedom, to do as we want, is a worse bondage then before. When people are given God's so called permission to sin, their conscience is hardened. Peter uses words that warn of the methods of the false teachers; "Deceptive words", "destructive ways", "seduce unstable souls", "allure through the lust of the flesh", and "distort the scriptures." 2Peter 2:19

These teachers will ultimately end up denying two important fundamental truths of Christianity; to deny the Lord Jesus who bought them because of His sacrificial death on the cross; and to deny the promise of His coming, acting as if God doesn't care at all about what they do. As a result, they say that no future judgment by God is at all necessary.

Man Shows Simple Act of Kindness, Buys Servicemen Chick-fil-A in Honor of Late Brother with PTSD

Jonathan Full didn't hesitate before choosing to pay for the meals of 11 servicemen and women at a local Chick-fil-a in Durham, North Carolina, choosing to honor his late stepbrother who suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

The man's brother, Stephen Full, told the story on Facebook, sharing his pride in his brother's kind gesture. Many on social media have responded to Jonathan's generosity, and his desire to raise awareness of PTSD among veterans.

"[My] message to them was to reach out to their fellow servicemen and help anyone with PTSD because I just lost my brother to it," Jonathan Full told Yahoo Lifestyle. "It was a way for me to express my gratitude for what they do and help me grieve for my brother, ... And [I wanted to] give back to them for what burdens they will now carry for life to help us."

It was a normal day in March, when Jonathan, who works as an equipment technician, and his brother, Stephen Full, took their children to Chick-fil-A to give their wives time to shop, CBS News wrote. Two servicemembers entered the restaurant and went to order their meals. Jonathan "immediately got up and went to pay for their meal," wrote Stephen on Facebook. "Little did he know, about 9 more walked in lol. He didn't even bat an eye and asked everyone in line to allow the 9 come to the front of the line."

While Jonathan Full was with the soldiers, Stephen said he took the opportunity to explain to his son and nephew "how it was Jonathan's honor to be able to buy them a meal and say thanks for our freedom



and thanks for keeping us safe," Stephen Full told Yahoo Lifestyle.

"This is how good starts, with teaching our kids and showing them how to show respect and honor," he said.

"As he paid for their meals, in remembrance of our late brother Joshua who suffered mentally from severe PTSD, he asked them to reach out to anyone they knew with PTSD and try their best to get them the help they needed. We thanked

them for their service and left. Taught our boys to take care of the people that take care of us. Please share this, in expanding efforts for PTSD support for the men and women that fight for our country every day," wrote Stephen, in the conclusion of his story.

Facebook responses have shown the extent to which this act of kindness has touched onlookers. One of the servicewomen's partners, who Jonathan Full purchased a meal for, responded with thanks. "We both serve I the military and understand the struggles our brothers and sisters in arms face," she said. "Even those small gestures mean so much. We're terribly sorry for your loss."

Through the praise, the Full brothers hope that people ultimately remember to "take care of the people who take care of us with their lives."

"I want serviceman and women to know that PTSD is not always visible. Please, please talk to someone," said Stephen to Yahoo. "I know you are broken, but we can put the pieces back together and get you fixed, make you whole again."



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'Unplanned' Makes Twice the Expected Box Office Sales Despite Social Media Censorship

The pro-life movie "Unplanned" earned double the box office sales expected for its opening weekend, even while dealing with apparent censorship on social media.

Based on the life of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood clinic worker turned anti-abortion activist, the movie raked in approximately \$6.1 million over the weekend.

This was twice the expected ticket sales, and makes "Unplanned" the third biggest opening weekend film by Pure Flix, behind 2014's "God's Not Dead" (\$9.2 million) and 2016's "God's Not Dead 2" (\$7.6 million).

Deadline Hollywood labeled the success of the pro-life film "remarkable" since the movie was rated R and was not able to run ads on most of the major cable networks.

Pure Flix CEO Michael Scott said in a statement released Sunday that his company was "very happy for the success of this film."

"To bring the story of Abby Johnson to audiences and have them show up in such large numbers shows how the topic of abortion is so important to bring to audiences," stated Scott.

"We hope that those on both sides of the debate will see 'Unplanned' and begin to have their own dialogue. This film can be that spark to bring more hearts and minds to understanding the value of life."

The "Unplanned" film's success also came as it dealt with issues on Twitter. The popular social media site briefly suspended the account, reportedly because of it being linked to a different account that had violated the website's rules.



Twitter restored the film's account soon after in response to extensive outcry from other users. Chuck Konzelman, co-director and co-writer of the movie, said that the suspension was "a sad state of affairs."

"Whether this was an executive decision by Twitter, or a reaction by Twitter to complaints from those opposed to the pro-life viewpoint, either reason is unacceptable," stated Konzelman.

"Fortunately, the uproar in our defense was loud and fast in coming: Our account has since been reinstated. Thanks to all

who have rallied to our defense."

Further issues with Twitter continued, with the production and its allies noting a sudden unexplained decrease in the following numbers for the "Unplanned" account.

"The @UnplannedMovie account just dropped from 170k+ followers to 25.5k followers in the last hour. What is going on @jack @Twitter?" tweeted notable pro-life activist Lila Rose on Sunday evening.

This issue also appeared to be resolved by Monday morning, with the "Unplanned" account noting that their following list had shot back up again to over 200,000.

"Who else is watching Twitter like a hawk? Thanks to all of you who noticed Twitter pitching them off our follower list! It looks like we're back to normal - and up to almost 200k!" tweeted the movie's official account.

150-YEAR-OLD BIBLE SURVIVES 2 CHURCH FIRES: 'A GREAT TESTAMENT TO OUR FAITH'

A 150-year-old Bible that survived a church fire in Plover, Wis., also survived a church fire half a century ago in the same community.



"It's a great testament to our faith that stands strong even in the midst of this [fire]," Pastor Tim O'Brien of The Springs United Methodist Church in Plover told the Stevens Point Journal newspaper.

A fire severely damaged the church's building. The same Bible survived a church fire in the mid-1900s at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Stevens Point, Wis. The two churches merged in 2014.

The Bible was displayed in a glass case at the time of this week's fire and was pulled out by firefighters.

About 50 people gathered in the church's parking lot to share memories of their time in the building, which was built in 1964, the Stevens Point Journal reported.

Firefighters responded to reports of a fire, and gray clouds of smoke soon could be seen across town. Plover deputy fire chief Ken Voss called it a "total loss" for the building.

"People make the church, not the building."

CHINA SHUTS DOWN, CHANGES LOCKS ON 1,000-MEMBER CHURCH

China shut down a well-known 1,000-member Beijing church and then changed the locks to prevent members from returning to the building.

The congregation, Shouwang Church, made worldwide headlines five years ago when it stood up to Chinese leaders and refused to register with the government. Its senior pastor, Jin Tian-ming, remains under house arrest.

In the latest confrontation, more than 20 Chinese police and government officials raided a children's Bible school class and told church leaders the congregation could no longer meet, according to International Christian Concern (ICC).

GRANDMOTHER'S PRAYER CLOSET SURVIVES POWERFUL TORNADO THAT FLATTENED HOME, KILLED MANY

An Alabama grandmother who emerged from the rubble of her home praising God after it was flattened by a powerful tornado earlier this month, wasn't the only thing that survived. The brick walls around 72-year-old Earnestine Reese's prayer closet survived too.

The story of Reese's prayer closet was first highlighted in a Facebook post by Jason Smith.

"Listen to me please. I just left a family who survived the tornado in this house and the only [thing] left standing is this closet. It's the grandmother's prayer closet, and the whole family survived. Are you kiddin me!!! My God is awesome!!! Shout somebody!" Smith wrote about Reese's prayer space.



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Achieving the Impossible, One Surgeon at a Time

by Dr. David Thompson

My story begins at the age of 14 in Cambodia where I witnessed a man die, after being injured in a car accident. Moments before he passed, my father, a missionary, sat next to him and attempted to share the gospel with him, but the dying man only wanted medical help.

From that moment on I set my sights on becoming a missionary doctor. I would find a way to help the sick and dying in health and spirit, just like my father attempted on that fateful day.

A few short years later, at the age of 19, a single moment would again sharpen the person I was destined to become. I received news that both of my parents had been killed in Vietnam by communist soldiers. I was at first enraged that God had not protected my parents, but in that moment God challenged me to trust Him. What emerged amid the deep pain of loss was the promise that I would never do anything significant for God unless I was willing to trust Him in both good times and bad. I felt his words, 'Do you trust me?' and I surrendered. My answer was a clear and unwavering "yes."

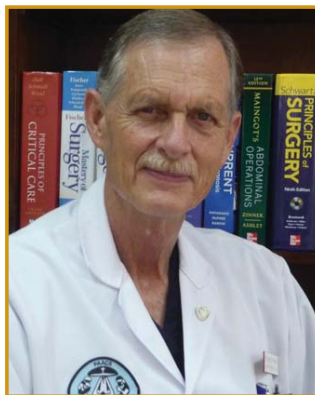
God had outlined my vision and purpose, but it would take years for my mission — a greater mission—to come to light.

I would go on to complete my medical education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and two years of general surgery residency at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center in San Diego, California.

Other serendipitous life events would guide me to a woman named Becki Michell, who in 1971, after earning her R.N. degree, would become my wife and would join me four years later in accepting an invitation from the Christian Missionary Alliance to serve as medical missionaries in Gabon, Central Africa. We had hoped to go to either Cambodia or Vietnam to serve, but by the time we were ready, both countries were deemed unsafe.

We arrived in Gabon in May 1977, quickly opened a nursing school and launched the Bongolo Hospital. Our small dispensary would go on to become a 158-bed hospital with full medical, obstetrical, pediatric, and surgical services.

Our feeling of purpose never faltered. As our responsibilities grew, it became clear that we needed to do more for those we were serving. We returned to the U.S. and I completed three more years of residency in general surgery, eventually qualifying for the American Board of Surgery. New credentials in hand, Becki and I returned to Gabon to resume our work.



It wasn't long before pivotal developments began to reshape our mission. I was the only surgeon for 200,000 people, and no matter how optimistic and hardworking we were we could not keep up with the needs. I tried to recruit other surgeons to come and help me, but none responded. Desperate, I prayed and placed my faith in God's sustaining hand.

One day as I prayed, God said to me, "You train them!" I was shocked, but from that moment on I realized that if I wanted help, I would have to begin training surgeons myself. Not long afterwards I attended a Christian Medical and Dental Education conference in Kenya where I met nine other missionary and African surgeons. I was surprised to learn that they were experiencing the same problem at the hospitals where they served!

The year was 1996 — and together we agreed to establish the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS). Our mission was to train and disciple African physicians to be surgeons who would glorify God and provide excellent and compassionate care to their own people. We would have to set up five-year formal residency programs in general surgery at our hospitals. We set a goal of fully training

100 African surgeons by 2020, with the vision that they would remain in Africa and would work in the under-resourced areas of the continent, serving the poor and those needing help the most. We made this decision without government approval or even a clear set of rules, trusting the abilities and experience God had given us. The first PAACS training program opened at Bongolo Hospital in 1997, with just one resident. In the two decades that followed, PAACS grew at an astonishing rate.

Mike Chupp, MD, FACS, FCS (ECSA), and Executive Vice President of CMDA weighed in, "The PAACS program became the recruitment "darling" for expat general and specialty surgeons to commit long term to serve at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya, where I served." Today, PAACS has expanded to 15 training

programs in 8 countries, 9 mission hospitals, with 92 residents in our training programs. In addition, we have proudly graduated 88 surgeons who are serving in the under-resourced areas of 20 countries in Africa.

With God's extraordinary help, we achieved something that seemed impossible, one surgeon at a time.

The call of God continues to lead the PAACS organization forward. The directorship of this ministry is now in the capable hands of Susan Koshy who continues to expand the vision and mission God gave to us.

Kay Arthur Reminds Churches to Stick to the Bible for Truth

Before there was Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer or Joyce Meyer, there was Kay Arthur.

Arthur set a trend among women bible teachers long before it was fashionable. As 'the beloved' — the title she says God calls all of His children — she is clear that her main purpose in doing ministry is to teach the Bible.

While Arthur says she appreciates the 'trail-blazer' compliments, she is aware first and foremost that she is a servant of God! She believes that God put her on earth at 'such a time as this' to teach the Bible and provide resources for people to study the Good News.



Arthur told Christian Headlines that her mission is to help every man and woman have a chance to study the Bible.

As Arthur speaks, she is deliberate and purposeful. She moves at ease when she walks and talks. She makes sure that she acknowledges everyone that she comes into contact with, intentionally making them feel loved.

When asked about her views on what the church of today is lacking, Arthur stays true to her call and mission. She says the universal church needs to stick to the Bible!



Calendar



May

Middle School Rummage Sale

May 11 from 9am to 2pm

Spring Creek Church
N35W22000 W. Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee, WI 53072

All profits go to the middle school retreats to help defray retreat costs to Spring Creek Church families. For more information please call 262-695-2211.

Senior Launch at The Elm

May 15 at 7pm

Elmbrook Church Chapel
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield, WI 53045

Senior Launch at the Elm is a special night honoring the seniors in the High School Ministry. Parents of seniors are invited to join us at the Elm to celebrate the amazing things God has done in and through their students during their time with us. This is our chance, as a ministry, to send them off with love, prayers, and celebration to their next adventure. Reception to follow for seniors and parents. For more information call the church at 262-786-7051

The Tabernacle Experience

May 17 to May 26 from 11am to 8pm

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield, WI 53045

The Tabernacle Experience is not a museum. It is an encounter with the living God. One step inside the courtyard will transport you into Old Testament times. Your audio-led journey will take you through a day in the life of an Old Testament priest as you engage in the duties and rituals of the Tabernacle at each of the 8 interactive stations. This multi-sensory experience will enhance your understanding of the role of the high priest and how Jesus is a better high priest. The experience will deepen one's relationship with Christ and make the book of Hebrews more meaningful and concrete. Reserve a spot in line from May 17-26. Tours start every 15 minutes, and payment is made upon arrival. Your contribution to the Tabernacle Experience is \$6 per person, with a family maximum cost of \$20. Questions? Contact Laura at lpowell@elmbrook.org

Milwaukee AGLOW LIGHTHOUSE Meeting

May 17 at 9:30am

Zion United Church of Christ
3301 S. 76th St
Milwaukee, WI 53219

As Aglow women and men gather this month, we invite you to enjoy one of AGLOW's interactive small group sessions. This month's topic is entitled "Family and Army". For more information contact Mary Shoda at 312-636-2262

Steven Curtis Chapman

May 17 at 7pm

The Pabst Theater
144 E Wells St
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Steven Curtis Chapman will be in concert with his SCC Solo tour. Celebrate with Stephen Curtis Chapman as he celebrates 30 years with the artist whose body of work is a rich tapestry of musical expression aimed directly at praising God. Tickets may be obtained by contacting the Pabst Theater

Senior Lunch for May

May 17 at 11:30am

Spring Creek Church
N35W22000 W. Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Join area seniors for a scrumptious, homemade lunch at Spring Creek in Pewaukee. Lunch will be followed by a delightful musical concert. This month's entertainment will be Gino De Luca. A life-long singer, pianist, and improv artist, Gino performs a wide variety of styles of music. Cost is \$12.00 per person and due at time of reservation. Questions? Call Spring Creek at 262-695-2211 or email jana@springcreekonline.com

Saturday Serve

May 18 from 8:30am to 12pm

River Glen Christian Church
S31W30601 Sunset Dr.
Waukesha, WI 53189

Join us as we team up with Student Life and serve our communities by helping with their spring year clean up. Call the church at 262-968-5252 for more information.

Holy Smoke BBQ

May 18 from 4pm to 7pm

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
416 W. Geneva St
Delavan, WI 53115

Members of the church and Delavan community will smoke their roast of pig overnight. Community members are encouraged to try all 5-7 food stations and vote for their favorite. Kids activities, silent and live auction to direct funds to their school's PTL. For more information please call 608-397-6885

All Church Prayer Night

May 19 at 6pm

Elmbrook Chapel
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield, WI 53045

All Church Prayer Night with Jill Briscoe & Stephanie Seefeldt. We will come together in the Chapel as a Church family to pray that God will be on the MOVE at Elmbrook Church. 262-786-7051

Women's Brunch

May 20 at 9:30am

Davians Conference Center
16300 W. Silver Spring Dr
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
The West Suburban Christian Women's Connection invites you to their brunch with special speaker Ruth Catlett from Springfield, IL. The topic of her presentation will be "There's Trouble in River City" with guest Theresa Nemetz, CEO Milwaukee City Food Tours. Please call Lois at 262-251-3841 for reservations.

Aglow North Central Regional Rally

May 31 to June 2

Green Lake Conference Center
W2511 Hwy 23
Green Lake, WI

Aglow North Central Regional Rally will be the weekend of May 31-June 2 at Green Lake Conference Center. The theme for their rally will be "And the Glory of the Lord Shall be Revealed". Registration fee is \$85 for adults, couples #130 and students \$40. For more information contact Dana Enright at 920-659-2529 or email dana.enright1@gmail.com. Their main speaker is Jane Hansen Hoyt, president/CEO of Aglow International. Please mail reservation fee to Aglow Int'l North Central Region PO Box 55 Little Chute, WI 54140.

For room and meal reservations call Green Lake Conference Center at 920-294-3323

June

Underground Railroad

June 1, 2 and 8

Wooded Hills Church
777 Hwy 164
Colgate, WI

Morning Star Productions will host the interactive event. Experience the Underground Railroad in 1852. Go back in time to encounter costumed characters in this historical event. With the help of your guide, Harriet Tubman, follow the North Star, and find the secret codes and signs along the wooded trail. Groups of 10 will help a fugitive slave escape to Canada on the Underground Railroad. The course takes one hour to complete. There is also a brief introduction and follow-up discussion. Groups start on the trail every 10 minutes. Tickets are \$12. Group prices available. For tickets or more information, visit www.morningstarproductions.org or call 414-228-5220 X 119

Dads Fishing Day

June 1 at 7am

Pewaukee Lake, Beachside Boat & Bait
Dads Fishing Day sponsored by Spring Creek Church. Cost is \$15 per person which includes boat rental and shore lunch afterward. Please bring all fishing gear with you. Live bait will be available for purchase the day of the event. Enjoy a great event with three hours of fishing on Pewaukee Lake with experienced Pewaukee Lake fishermen. It is a "free fishing" weekend in Wisconsin which means no fishing license is needed. For more information or to register call 262-695-2211

Summer Grouplink

June 2 from 9am to 12pm

River Glen Church
S31W30601 Sunset Dr.
Waukesha, WI 53189
Be here on June 1st and June 2nd for Summer Grouplink. In the lobby, after each service, you will be able to meet leaders and check out the summer groups. Stay active and stay connected in a summer group. Get outside, do what you love, connect with others and grow in your faith. Available groups include hiking, gardening, walking, shooting, canoeing, rock climbing and more. For more information contact the church at 262-968-5252

Summer at the Elm

June 5 to July 31

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield, WI 53045

Summer at the Elm is our weekly program for high school students during the summer. All students entering 9-12th grade in the fall are welcome to come! Students can expect to encounter God through, worship, studying the Bible and community. We will begin the evening on the Green space outside of the gym. Then we will transition to the student lounge for worship. During June, we will study scripture together and during July we will tackle big questions about faith and have open Q & A. 262-786-7051

Be Still: A Night of Worship and Prayer

June 7 at 7pm

Great Lakes Church
7600 75th St Suite 220
Kenosha, WI 53142
Free-To-Be Ministries first ever worship night - a night filled with truth, worship, prayer and praise. The lobby will open at 6 pm, and then from 7-9 pm we will be glorifying God together through prayer and praise.

David Rives

June 12-26

Creation Science announces host David Rives will be available to speak at your church. Genesis Matters welcomes speaker, researcher and TV host David Rives for a Wisconsin tour. David's weekly TV show "Creation in the 21st Century" airs to millions globally on TBN. Learn about his world travels on facebook.com/DavidRivesMinistries. Sponsored by Genesis Matters/Creation Science Society of Milwaukee

Father's Day Weekend Comedy Night

June 15 at 7:15pm

River Glen Christian Church
S31W30601 Sunset Dr.
Waukesha, WI
Forget the tie. Get Dad something he really wants...a good laugh. Family friendly. Chick-fil-a for purchase. Come to service at 5pm and stay for dinner and the show. Featuring Jonnie W. and Dustin Nickerson, the one-two punch of these comedians will have you busting a gut. Tickets available at the church and itickets.com
Prices are VIP for \$26, artist circle for \$16 and general admission for \$11. All proceeds support Student Ministry Summer Camp Trips.

Upward Soccer Camp

June 17 to 21 from 9am to noon

Spring Creek Church
N35W22000 W. Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee, WI 53072
Players in K5-3rd grade are eligible to participate in our upper Soccer Camp from 9 am - noon during the week of June 17-21st
Each day's sessions will be about skill development, competition, and sportsmanship. Staff from Upward Sports Headquarters in Spartanburg, SC will lead this camp. Cost is \$99 per participant. For more information please call 262-695-2211

Senior Lunch for June

June 21 at 11:30am

Spring Creek Church
N35W22000 W. Capitol Dr
Pewaukee, WI 53072
Join area seniors for a scrumptious, homemade lunch at Spring Creek Church in Pewaukee. Lunch is followed by a delightful musical concert. Come hear Celtic Harp Solstice Concert performed by Kim Robertson. Her program will include Celtic Hymns and songs as well as lively jigs & reels to celebrate the summer solstice. For more information please call 262-695-2211.

GOV'T BUS COMPANY CHANGES COURSE, ALLOWS PRO-LIFE AD WITH PHOTOS OF UNBORN BABY

An Indiana-based pro-life group will now be allowed to run an ad on the sides of buses featuring two images of human fetuses after being initially rejected by a public transportation system.



The Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corporation, also called CityBus, recently agreed to allow an ad from Tippecanoe County Right to Life less than a year after the pro-life group filed a lawsuit against them.

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Calendar



Middle School Summer Camp June 23 to June 28

Sponsored by Elmbrook Church

Middle School Summer Camp at Phantom Ranch in Mukwonago. This overnight camp is the go-to event of the summer for middle school students! This year's camp features tubing, horse rides, paintball, field games - plus amazing sessions packed with biblical truth, worship and more. The theme, "More Than Meets the Eye", will challenge students through scripture to discover the God who empowers normal people to be more than meets the eye. Cost \$399. Contact the church at 262-786-7051 for more information.

Summer Camps

June 10 - August 2

Brooklife Church
857 S. Rochester St. #300
Mukwonago, WI 53149
Brooklife Church summer camps are high energy, fast paced, fun environments for kids. Camp Venture is our option for kids 4 years old through those entering 1st grade in the fall. Both programs run daily Monday - Friday from 9 am - 3:30 pm from June 10 through August 2. Extended care is available daily from 7 am until camp starts and after camp until 5:30 pm. Each week is special and exciting because kids can choose their own activities. So register for one, two or for all seven weeks. Join us this summer for... INTO THE WILD. Call Brooklife Church at 262-378-4470 for more information or to register.

Father and Son Luncheon

June 14 at 11:45am

Coliseum Banquet Hall and Bar
232 E. Olin Ave
Madison, WI
CBMC announces it's Father and Son Luncheon featuring John Gillespie founder of Rawhide Boys Ranch along with Michael Sajbel, Hollywood Movie Director. Cost \$15.00 per person. Questions? Call Tom Hanson at 608-446-0877

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Women's Brunch June 17 at 9:30am

Davians Conference Center
16300 W. Silver Spring Dr.
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
The Christian Women's Connection invites you to their brunch with special speaker Theresa Crystal from Rochelle, IL speaking on "to the Army and Beyond". For reservations please call Lois at 2262-251-3841.

High School Adventure Trip June 20 to June 23

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield, WI 53045
Cost \$299. On the High School Adventure Trip, students will spend a week outdoors in the Devil's Lake area. Join us for cliffside rock climbing, camping on a sandbar, a high ropes course, zip lines, bonfires, worship and much more. We've even planned an overnight canoe trip on the Wisconsin River. A Christian outfitting company called Expeditions Unlimited will supply all of the equipment and be the guides for our adventures. Students will camp in tents and will be outside for the entirety of the trip. We will enjoy creation and spend time in the Scriptures exploring what it means for the Kingdom of God to exist on earth. Questions? Contact Jacquelyn at jmolitor@elmbrook.org

Milwaukee AGLOW LIGHTHOUSE Meeting

June 21 at 9:30am

Zion United Church of Christ
3301 S. 76th St
Milwaukee, WI 53219
Our guest speaker is Mark Mallwitz whose testimony includes his recent physical healing. Mark has been blessed to serve the Lord Jesus Christ with BASICS in Milwaukee for the past 17 years. For more information contact Mary Shoda at 312-636-2262

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Located at Phantom Ranch in Mukwonago, WI
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Senior Apartment Open House June 23 from 12 noon to 2pm

Steepleview Christian Senior Center
12455 W. Janesville Rd
Muskego, WI 53150
Steepleview will be having a special open house featuring their deluxe apartment homes for adults 55 and better. Enjoy secure, carefree independent living for active adult in a Christian atmosphere. You may also call 414-525-5500 to schedule your personal tour

July

CIY Move Slife Summer Conference 19

July 8 to July 13

River Glen Christian Church
S31W30601 Sunset Dr.
Waukesha, WI 53189
We are so excited for our summer programming for SLIFE this year. We will be going to Wheaton, IL and attending CIY Move which is an amazing High School conference from July 8 - 13th. This 5 day event includes games, breakout sessions, worship and messages. The price for this trip will be \$389.00 and covers everything. A non-refundable \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration. Final payment is due by May 25th. For more questions contact garrett.johnston@riverglen.cc

Power Up!!

July 15 to 18 at 6pm

River Glen Christian Church
S31W30601 Sunset Dr.
Waukesha, WI 53189
Power Up is a summer experience to engage in high energy skits, Bible teaching, worship, activities, sports, and more for kids entering 1st through 6th grade. Each night we will gather to grow in faith, make friends and have a ton of fun. Thursday night finishes the power up experience with a family dinner night. Registration is open now. Cost is \$30 per child with a max of \$90 per family. Cost includes family dinner night, snacks and a great tee shirt.

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Milwaukee AGLOW LIGHTHOUSE Meeting

July 19 at 9:30am

Zion United Church of Christ
3301 S. 76th St
Milwaukee, WI 53219
Our guest speaker is Pastor Annette Damico who is the senior pastor at Pipeline to Jesus Church in New Berlin. Pastor Annette is a fiery preacher with an energetic personality. She is fully surrendered to Jesus and is a true servant of the Lord. For more information contact Mary Shoda at 312-636-2262.

Host Danny Faulkner at your church!

July 24

Contact events@genesismatters.org
The universe is an amazing declaration of the glory and power of God. Just how intricately designed is the universe? Take an incredible look at the mysteries and marvels of space with Astronomer Dr. Danny R. Faulkner from answers in Genesis. Sponsored by Genesis Matters/Creation Science Society of Milwaukee.

Creation Research Conference

July 25 at 7pm, 26 & 27 at 8:30am

Concordia University-Me-
quon
Pharmacy Building
12800 N. Lake Shore Dr.
Mequon, WI 53097
The Creation Research Society will hold it's annual science conference on the Concordia University campus. This conference seeks to provide a forum for scientific discussion among biblical creationists. More information about the Society and Conference can be found at www.creationresearch.org

Fish Fry and Hymn Sing

July 26 from 5pm to 8:30pm

Elmbrook Church Chapel
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield WI 53045
Hymn sing is an event designed to be a worship experience full of music! Hymns old and new, will be sung as we lift our voices to the Lord. Come any time between 5-6:30 pm to have dinner (\$8.50) served by Feed My Sheep in the Fellowship Hall, followed by singing in the Chapel at 7 pm. All ages and stages are welcome.

Pre-School Camp July 29 to August 2

Elmbrook - Lake Country Location

This week-long camp for pre-school children brings Bible stories alive. This year's theme is "Tell Me a Story" We will discover the power of a great story and how each of us has a part, at this fun-filled week of Bible teaching, puppets, games, crafts and singing. Elmbrook is partnering with Oakwood Church, White Stone Community Church and St. Michael's Anglican Church to offer this preschool camp. Held 9:30 am - 12 noon for ages 3 through entering kindergarten. Must be potty trained, please. Cost is \$50 per child. Call Elmbrook Church at 262-786-7051 for more information or to register.

CIY MIX Edge Middle School Summer Camp

July 29 to August 2

River Glen Christian Church
S31W30601 Sunset Dr.
Waukesha, WI 53189
This summer we are "mixing" things up at River Glen for your middle school kids with and summer camp event called CIY Mix. It's in Carlinville, IL at the Lake Williamson Christian Center. This 5 day long camp event your students will be able to hang out on the beach, play in the lake, do a ropes course, rock climb and much more. The worship and teachings are led by highly qualified people who love inspiring and challenging the students. The cost is \$389 which covers everything. For more information contact isaac.morris@riverglen.cc or taylor.chesky@riverglen.cc

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TED CRUZ THREATENS YALE LAW SCHOOL WITH LAWSUIT OVER BLACKLISTING OF CHRISTIAN GROUPS

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, wants to know if Yale Law School is illegally discriminating against Christians.

Cruz has launched an investigation into Yale Law School's recent decision to apply their non-discrimination policy to summer and postgraduate public interest fellowships, arguing that it unfairly discriminates against students who wish to serve in organizations

professing traditional "Christian views" or "sexual ethics."

"Public news reports indicate that Yale Law School has recently adopted a transparently discriminatory policy: namely, that Yale will no longer provide any stipends or loan repayments for students serving in organizations professing traditional Christian views or adhering to traditional sexual ethics," Cruz wrote in a letter to Yale Law School Dean Heather Gerken last Thursday.

Cruz, who is chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Consti-

tution, argued that the policy appeared to be in violation of the First Amendment.

"The First Amendment protects both free speech and the Free Exercise of religion.

Yale's new policy does neither. Instead, it appears that the policy arose from unconstitutional animus and a specific discriminatory intent both to blacklist Christian organizations like the Alliance Defending Freedom and to punish Yale students whose values or religious faith lead them to work there," he said.





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EVANGELICAL LEADERS MEET WITH, PRAY OVER BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT JAIR BOLSONARO



Evangelical leaders from the U.S. met with Brazil's new President Jari Bolsonaro – an outspoken Christian – to talk about the future of his country.

According to CBN News, pastors, CEOs and community leaders – including Pat Robertson, Reinhard Bonnke and Joel Rosenberg – gathered with Bolsonaro to pray over him and his country as

they discussed policy and the importance of upholding traditional Christian values.

Charisma Magazine reports that in the meeting – which was set up by the Christian Broadcasting Network– Bolsonaro shared that he wants to move Brazil away from liberal “left-wing leaning” politics and toward more conservative policies.

Among the things he wants to do, Bolsonaro said he would like to move the Brazilian embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, strengthen Brazil's relationship with Israel, strengthen legislation that protects unborn babies and reverse the effects socialism has had on Brazil.

According to CBN News, Bolsonaro also touched on the current crisis in Venezuela noting that he wants to continue to provide aid to the country in whatever capacity he can.

Many of the leaders also took turns praying over Bolsonaro.

TYLER PERRY PAYS RENT, TUITION AND FUNERAL EXPENSES AFTER SINGLE MOTHER OF FOUR IS MURDERED

Tyler Perry made an unexpected call to a grieving family of four after the murder of their mother, 45-year-old Tynesha Evans.

“It was a call I wasn't even going to answer. I said, ‘Well, let me answer it to see who it is.’ I answered and the person on the other end said, ‘This is Tyler.’ I said, ‘Who?’ ...[H]e said, ‘Tyler Perry.’ At that point, I just broke down crying,” said Evans' daughter Audrey Turner to WSB-TV.



The four children, two of whom are minors, feared eviction following their mother's death. But, the actor and filmmaker, best known for his role as Madea, covered their rent. He also paid for two funerals — one in Atlanta and another in Evans' home state of Wisconsin — as well as tuition for freshman Sharadian Turner, who attends Spelman College in Atlanta.

“I'm going to do what she wanted me to do. She started me on math and now I'm going to get to graduate with a mathematics degree from Spelman College without debt. It means everything,” Sharadian said, as reported by CNN.

The Turner/Evans family are grateful for Perry's support. “This is amazing. We can't thank him enough,” Sharadian told WSB-TV.

This is not the first time Perry has extended a generous hand. According to USA Today, Perry paid over \$400,000 in layaway bills at two Walmart stores last December.



All great change in America begins at the dinner table.
~ Ronald Reagan

MOMS ARE INFLUENCING CHILDREN FOR CHRIST. DADS? NOT SO MUCH, SURVEY FINDS

Christians are far more likely to say their mothers had a bigger influence on their faith than did their fathers, according to a new Barna study that examines the roles that moms and dads play in the development of children.



The study found that 68 percent of U.S. Christians who grew up with someone who influenced their faith say their mother's faith impacted them. That was followed by the father (46 percent) and a grandparent (37 percent).

That pattern also was found among Christian teens, who are more likely to say they have prayed with or talked about God with their mom in the past month than with their father.

The research was conducted in 2018 and is part of a new book, *Households of Faith*.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD HOTLINE A WAKE-UP CALL FOR SCHOOLS

Imagine forcing every kid to walk around holding an ad for Planned Parenthood. Well, in California, you don't have to imagine it. State Assemblyman Jesse Gabriel (CD) is doing everything he can to seal the single largest free publicity deal in the history of abortion: a Planned Parenthood phone number on every student ID. Including kids at private and Christian schools!

He calls it the “Pupil and Student Health” bill, but critics of Gabriel's AB 624 want people to know what it really is: an attack on the First Amendment. By slapping Planned Parenthood's hotline on the back of every 12 to 24-year-old's ID, California would essentially be forcing every student to join an abortion sales team. And if you think private schools are exempted, think again. Gabriel's plan doesn't just affect public middle schools, high schools, and colleges -- but Christian campuses too. Good luck winning that one in court. Parents would be filing lawsuits faster than you can say “compelled government speech.”

- Pastors -

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~ Charles Colson



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Pastor Rebukes the Silent Pulpit, Unloads after New York Vote

A paraphrase that is often attributed to Alexis De Tocqueville—a Frenchman who authored *Democracy in America* in the early 1800s, helps to introduce this video: “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 prairies, 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.”

Over the last few decades, Americans have seen the destruction of the institution of marriage between a man and a woman, the removal of God’s Word in several areas, and the blatant murdering of millions of babies. This is an indictment against America and the pulpit is partially responsible – our silence speaks volumes.



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.

Sadly, many pastors are exchanging truth for passivity, boldness for cowardliness, and conviction for comfort...they are not aflame with righteousness. We aim to be motivational speakers rather than preachers of

righteousness.

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.

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.

“The balancing act we parents attempt is convincing our children: 1. You are loved more than you can imagine. 2. The world does not revolve around you.” ~ John Eldredge

Annual Governor’s Prayer Breakfast Photos

Photographs provided by Jack Roper.



Former Lt. Governor of Wisconsin, Rebecca Kleefisch did an exceptional job as our MC



Carl Rick of Kwik Trip, Inc doing the Pledge of Allegiance



The New Testament reading was done by Dan Meyer, Publisher & Owner of Biz Times Media



Gregg Kunes, Owner & President of Kunes Country Auto Group lead the prayer for leadership and was a major sponsor of the event.



Former sheriff, Richard Schmidt giving a tribute to our troops of which we had many in attendance



Afonso Carmona, Superintendent of St. Augustine Prep provided the closing prayer



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Rick Warren Warns Pastors That Fast Church Growth 'Can Be a Cancer,' Shares Antidote to Discouragement

Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church in California urged church leaders to focus on obedience to God's mission rather than boosting congregation numbers, as "fast growth can be cancer."

"I'm not really impressed with ministries that grow fast. Fast growth can be a cancer," Warren said at the Closing Gala of Proclaim 19, the NRB International Christian Media Convention in Anaheim, California. "What I am interested in is the long haul — people who consistently serve Jesus Christ year after year after year."

"I'm interested in finishing well, and I want you to finish well. Your ministry matters to God. It matters to the Kingdom. We need you to stay in the race. We need you to not get tired. We need you to not quit. We need you to not give up. We need you to finish your race."

With church attendance plateaued or declining nationwide, Warren outlined several ways church and ministry leaders can fight discouragement, beginning with, "Never forget how much God loves me."

"You've got to keep that constantly in focus," he reminded attendees. "Everything in your ministry flows out of God's love, God's mercy, God's grace. The problem is we can get so busy working for God, we forget how much God loves us. Your first purpose in life is not to love God. Your first purpose in life is to let God love you. The Bible says you were created as an object of God's love."

Second, he encouraged pastors to avoid the temptation to "fake it," adding: "If you're going to be used by God, if you're going to be effective for God, if you're going to last in ministry, you've got to be authentic, you've got to be genuine, you've got to be yourself. You've got to keep it real."



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God, the pastor contended, "did not create you to be somebody else" — and those who focus on pleasing everyone end up experiencing ministry burnout.

"When you get to Heaven, God isn't going to say, 'Why weren't you more like Billy Graham?' The reason

we try to fake it is because we try to please everybody. Only a fool would try to do what even God can't do. Even God can't please everybody."

Third, Warren emphasized that ministry leaders need to be outward-focused, as those who are focused on themselves quickly become discouraged.

"Every time you forget about this principle and you forget that it's not about you, you're either going to get fearful or you're going to get prideful or you're going to get bitter in ministry," Warren said.

"Everybody in this room has a unique life message that God wants to share with the world, but your life message is not about you. It's about Him. It's about our Savior Jesus Christ."

God is more interested in "why you do what you do than He is what you do."

"A lot of people start off as servants and end up as celebrities. They forget why they do what they do, and all of a sudden it is all about them," he said.

Fourth, Warren exhorted those in ministry to remember that God's power is often manifested in weakness: "When I first started off in ministry, I didn't even know I had any weaknesses," Warren said. "Then I discovered them, and I denied them. Then I went from denial to hiding them. Then I went from hiding them to rationalizing them. Then finally I went to accepting them, and today, like Paul, I glory in my weaknesses because when I am weak, He is strong."

Humility, he contended, is not "denying your strengths," but "being honest about your weaknesses" and "thinking of yourself less."

Finally, the pastor encouraged those gathered to remember that God never wastes pain: "Your greatest ministry will come out of your deepest pain if you'll be honest with God, honest with yourself and honest with others," he offered.

Concluding his message, the pastor advised listeners to take time to rest and ultimately stay focused on eternity.

"The reality is, every time you get tired, you lose your perspective. You don't think about Heaven when you're tired. You think about what you're feeling right now. When you're tired, you don't have a good perspective," he said. "We need you to last. We need you to not flame out or to burn out or to rust out."

Rick and Kay Warren founded Saddleback Church in 1980. Today, the church is one of the largest in America, with a weekly attendance of over 22,000 people. The Lake Forest-based church says it was the first to send the Gospel to all 197 official nations in the world.

United Methodist Court Upholds Ban on LGBTQ Clergy, Same Sex Marriage

CHICAGO (RNS) — The United Methodist Church's top court has upheld much of the Traditional Plan approved earlier this year, continuing the global denomination's ban on the ordination and marriage of its LGBTQ members.

Approved by delegates to a special session of the United Methodist Church's General Conference in February, the Traditional Plan strengthens language in the denomination's Book of Discipline that bars LGBTQ clergy and forbids same-sex marriage.

That rulebook currently states that "the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching" and that "self-avowed

practicing homosexuals" cannot be ordained as ministers, appointed to serve or be married in the church.

The Traditional Plan, as upheld by a Judicial Council decision announced Friday

(April 26), defines a "self-avowed practicing homosexual" as a person who is "living in a same-sex marriage, domestic partnership or civil union or is a person who publicly states she or he is a practicing homosexual."

The plan also bars bishops from consecrating, ordaining or commissioning "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" even if



they have been elected or approved by the appropriate church body. It prohibits those church bodies from approving or recommending them as candidates, as well.

And it strengthens current complaint procedures and penalties in the Book of Discipline. A clergy member who performs a same-sex wedding will face a minimum one-year suspension without pay for the first offense and a loss of credentials for the second.

The new rules will take effect in January 2020.



Sports



A Super Bowl Title Didn't Bring Him True Joy, but Christ Did

A former NFL player and Super Bowl champion describes in a new video the moment he realized winning a championship would not bring him the happiness he had sought. The player, Clint Gresham, also details his battle with substance abuse and addiction.

Gresham, a long snapper and an outspoken Christian, played six seasons in the NFL, including five with the Seattle Seahawks, where he won a Super Bowl in 2014.

Gresham made the video for I Am Second, an organization that interviews well-known people about their faith.

"I remember I was in the hot tub for practice with a couple of guys, and we were just talking about winning the Super Bowl," Gresham recalls. "I'm like, man, I keep waiting for it to sink in that we won the Super Bowl -- and we all were saying that.

"What I realized all of us meant by that was, 'I keep waiting for this thing to make me happy the way that I thought it would.' And it hasn't and now I'm actually kind of scared about that because I have



made this my life pursuit. And I got [a Super Bowl championship] and I'm still wanting more."

Gresham also discusses his battle with anxiety and depression. He felt "like a fraud," he says, when he drank or smoked to mask his feelings. Gresham was working in a culture that believed men should "suck it up" and "do your job," but he couldn't.

"You would never tell somebody that has cancer, 'If you were just a little stronger, then you wouldn't be having this disease,' but we kind of do that with people who are battling addiction or mental health problems," he says. "... [W]e're all secretly dying because we all have something that we feel ashamed of, and for me that's always been depression and anxiety and addiction."

Gresham finds peace and purpose in his faith in Christ. "The truth is that his strength is made perfect in our weakness, and letting Him into that moment is scary and beautiful at the same time," Gresham says. "... It will pass and God is with you. He's for you in the middle of your darkest moments."

'Faith in Christ' is Virginia Coach Tony Bennett's 'Secret to Contentment'



Virginia coach Tony Bennett has built the Cavaliers into a national powerhouse and a Final Four team, but basketball isn't his first love.

Bennett says his faith and his family give him strength during the tough times and help him maintain perspective.

The Cavaliers (33-3) face Auburn (30-9) in the Final Four semifinals Saturday -- their first Final Four since 1984.

A year ago, though, Virginia was on the wrong end of history by becoming the first No. 1 seed to lose in the first round to a No. 16 seed, UMBC (University of Maryland, Baltimore County). Bennett acknowledges it was a humbling lesson. But he also says he and his team learned a lot.

Bennett was asked at the beginning of this year's tournament how he stays calm during stress-filled moments.

"You certainly feel things -- things bother you, but where does peace and perspective come from? And I always tell our guys: It's got to be something that is unconditional," Bennett said during a press conference. "And I know I have that in the love of my family -- unconditional acceptance and love. That's huge. And I know I have that in my

faith in Christ. That's, for me, where I draw my strength from -- my peace, my steadiness in the midst of things.

"But, of course, you feel things... you desperately want things to go well. And it's frustrating when you're not," Bennett added. "And you'd step back and look at it. But I always challenge our guys: What's your secret to contentment?... Because there's going to be times [when] you're going to be well fed, and living in plenty, and there's gonna be times where you're going to be starving and living in want. What's your secret of handling that? And that I know, without a doubt, those of us who have parents or kids that that love you give them unconditionally or if your faith is there, that has to buoy you and that has to be your center.

"And you dwell on what is good because there is a bigger picture [to] all this, and I believe I understand that." Bennett has labeled the 2017-18 season one of life's "painful gifts." They were a favorite to win the tournament that year but became the punchline of cruel jokes.

"Going through those refining moments -- they're tough, but you look back at them, and in a way they're sometimes painful gifts that draw you nearer to what truly matters," he said.

Bennett nearly became a pastor before going into coaching. He had success at Washington State before coming to Virginia, which was won four regular-season ACC championships and two conference championships under his guidance. They've made the NCAA Tournament seven times under Bennett.

DIRK NOWITZKI'S RETIREMENT: WHO WE ARE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT WE DO

by Denison Forum

Dirk Nowitzki of the Dallas Mavericks retired from the NBA. His story transcends Dallas and the NBA. In fact, it makes a point worth considering for everyone who follows Jesus.

Nowitzki was undoubtedly one of the greatest players in NBA history: a league champion and Finals MVP, league MVP, fourteen-time all-star, and the sixth-leading scorer of all time. He played twenty-one years with the same franchise, which is a record as well.

The San Antonio Spurs, the team he played in his last NBA game, showed a video tribute in his honor. A rival coach stopped the game in Los Angeles and called on fans to pay homage to him.

But the adulation he has received in Dallas and across basketball is about much more than what he did on the court.

While Dirk's salary was lucrative, he took pay cuts so his team could try to sign other players. He cared about the locker room attendants wherever the Mavericks played. His many unpublicized hospital trips to visit children (who called him "Uncle Dirk") were just part of his commitment to his community.

The Washington Post celebrated his loyalty to his team and city. A writer in Washington, DC, praised him for his humility. At his retirement ceremony in Dallas, Charles Barkley called him "the nicest man ever."



It was Dirk Nowitzki's humility and service off the court, even more than his athletic achievements on it, that endeared him to sports fans across the country.

As he reminds us, who we are is more important than what we do.



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California May Evict 84-Year-Old for Bible Study in Veterans Home

The California Department of Veterans Affairs is threatening to evict an 84-year-old widow from her California Veterans Home if she continues to hold Bible studies, according to her attorney.

The woman, Artis Breau, has volunteered as a chaplain and led Bible studies over the past decade.

The controversy began last September when one of the residents said he had trouble sleeping after having a conversation with her about heaven and hell. Officials with the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) labeled it elder abuse and emotional abuse, according to the Pacific Justice Institute.

Her volunteer status within the chaplaincy program was suspended in December. Then, on March 1, CalVet told the Pacific Justice Institute that Breau would be subjected to an "involuntary discharge" from the home if she continued leading Bible studies.

Breau believes officials are skeptical of her because she is an evangelical Jewish believer in Christ.

"CalVet's treatment of this widow is shameful," said Pacific Justice Institute attorney Matthew McReynolds. "Throughout this process, we have been deeply disturbed not only by the lack of constitutional

guidelines, ineptitude, and lack of due process in the investigation, but even more by the notion that discussing religious views on the eternal state of the soul is somehow elder abuse or emotional abuse.

"Our client's husband fought for his country to preserve the freedoms now being threatened by CalVet. Our veterans deserve better."

Breau was a civilian employee in the office of the chief of staff of the Army at the Pentagon during the Korean War. Her husband served in World War II and the Korean War.

The Pacific Justice Institute is considering a lawsuit.



Pastor Tells How Surrendering to God Led to 40,000 Praying For All Nashville Residents by Name

A Tennessee pastor who specializes in church planting shared how he was able to coordinate about 40,000 Christians from more than 400 Nashville area churches to pray for every single resident of the city by name.

Dave Clayton, founder of Ethos Church in Nashville and leader of the group Onward Church Planting, spoke at the Exponential Conference at First Baptist Orlando in Florida.

Clayton talked about how a decade ago he and some friends planted a church. By its fifth birthday, the church had grown and had planted churches of its own.

Despite this major success, Clayton told the Exponential crowd that following a major gathering of the congregations, he recalled God calling him to do more.

"And He said, 'Dave, I didn't call you to gather a crowd. I called you to penetrate a crowd and then transform a crowd and then release a crowd not just for the city but for the nation and the nations,'" said Clayton.

Clayton talked about how he and his family had "a crazy journey of surrender" as he and the other leaders reassessed how Ethos was organized and how they made decisions.

"All of the people except our closest friends thought we were losing our minds. 'Dave's having a mental breakdown. They're burning out, they're leaving the church. What's going on?'" explained Clayton.

"And I go, No, for the first time you're seeing a leader who is under the authority of a true Senior Pastor and He's calling the shots."

From there, Clayton was inspired to coordinate a massive prayer effort to get as many local churches as possible to pray and fast for every single citizen of Nashville by name.

Some churches protested the idea, noting that churches were "competitive" with one another.

But he responded that he was "just walking in obedience." Eventually, more than 400 churches across the Nashville area signed on.

"Forty-thousand leaders, 30 straight days of praying and fasting for every person in the city," explained Clayton amid loud applause. "Every denomination, young and old, black and white, a hundred different languages represented in that group of churches."

"Right now, those 40,000 leaders are literally writing hand-written notes to everybody in the city saying 'you matter to Jesus' and we're saying God, you do unprecedented things because we're surrendering to Him and we're doing it together."

Clayton's effort, known as "Awaken Nashville," garnered mainstream media attention, with the Tennessean recently reporting about the event.



CHINESE CITY PAYS CITIZENS \$1,500 TO BE A 'MINI JUDAS' AND TURN IN CHRISTIANS

China's crackdown on Christianity escalated March 20 when the government of the fifth-largest city began issuing rewards to those who report "illegal religious activities," including house church meetings.

The Bureau of Ethnic and Religious Affairs in Guangzhou said it would reward prizes of 3,000, 5,000 and 10,000 yuan (\$450, \$750 and \$1,500 U.S.) to Chinese citizens who spot and turn in their neighbors to government officials, according to Asia News.

The size of the prize will depend on the scale of the illegal activity.



All churches in China are required to register with the government. Some churches, though, face severe restrictions in how they worship and practice their faith. Because of this, millions of Chinese Christians worship underground.

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'He's Alive': 94,000 in Colombia Hear Franklin Graham Preach the Gospel

A region of South America with a seemingly bleak future heard the hope-filled message of Christ last week.

More than 94,000 citizens of Colombia and Venezuela attended Franklin Graham's Festival of Hope and an additional 22,000 an accompanying kid-friendly event Thursday through Saturday in Cucuta, Colombia, which is situated on the Colombia-Venezuela border. The city has absorbed a mass exodus of Venezuelans in recent years as that country has faced an economic crisis and a food shortage.



According to the Billy Graham Evangelical Association website, more than 7,550 people accepted Christ.

"We see economic problems in the world, political problems in the world, we see wars, we see hunger, and we wonder if there is a God and if He cares about us," Graham told the crowd Saturday, a day before Easter.

Jesus, he added, is the answer.

"He's not still hanging on the cross," Graham said. "He's alive. He's here tonight in

this stadium. And if you're willing to call on His name and trust Him tonight, God will forgive you of your sins. You can have peace tonight with Jesus Christ."

An estimated 1 million Venezuelans have crossed the border into Colombia in recent years, searching for food and work. Many of those have landed in Cucuta, crossing the nearby Simon Bolivar Bridge.

Approximately 22,000 attended a child-centric FestiKids event Thursday. On Saturday, an estimated 42,500 people came to the final night of the Festival of Hope, bringing attendance for the two-day Festival to 94,000.

Teen Makes \$35,000 in Four Days Plowing Snow, Tithes \$7,000

One Idaho teenager who made \$35,000 in one week, decided to tithe \$7,000 to his church "for the sole purpose of advancing the kingdom."

According to CBN News, 18-year-old David Holston was visiting his mother in Seattle, Washington when the state was hit by a historic snowstorm of up to 10 inches. The Idaho teen – who is no stranger to the snow – decided that this would be a great opportunity to serve the community by offering his snow plowing services.

CBN News reports that the teen put an ad up on Craig's list and was flooded with calls

from locals and businesses who were not equipped for the snow – a rare sighting in Seattle. Typically, Holston charges \$125 an hour, but because the demand was so high, he raised his price to \$500+.

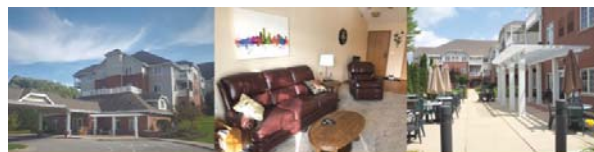
The 18-year-old Idaho native told CBN that he would start his day at 2 a.m. and work 12 to 15 hours plowing driveways, parking lots and streets each day. By the end of the week, Holston had made \$35,000 and he knew exactly how he wanted to spend it.

In an interview with Fox News, Holston shared that he wanted to tithe 20 percent



of his earnings to his church, buy lawn mowing equipment for a potential new business venture and save the rest for buying his first house.

Holston also told the news outlet that it was only through Christ that he could have been so successful in his endeavor, noting that Luke 12:31 inspires his work ethic. Holston said, "I credit all of my success to my savior Jesus Christ who died on a cross to forgive my sins and three days later rose from the dead."



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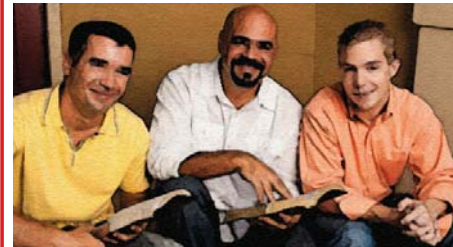
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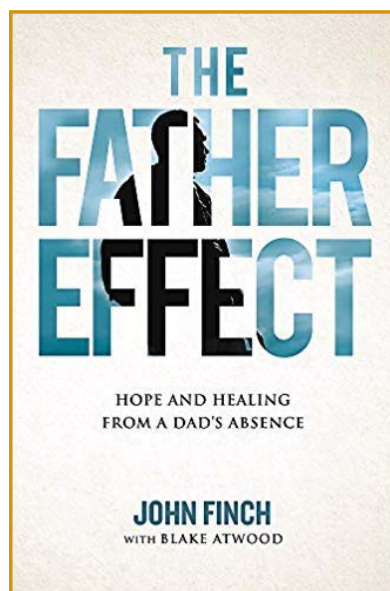
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Why Fatherlessness Is Not Normal and Dads Need to Hug Their Kids: Author (Interview)



A new book and movie showcases the irreplaceable effect a father has on his children, told from the perspective of a Texas man well-acquainted with the intense pain of being fatherless.

John Finch, 49, was raised in a Dallas suburb with two older brothers, and lost his father to suicide when he was just 11. He spent his youth and young adulthood looking for fatherly affirmation through several worldly avenues, creating a false persona to try to heal the wound.

This father-wound, he would come to call it, would govern his life for close to 30 years. Craving the blessing he never got from his dad, he pursued lucrative careers and mak-

ing money, and had become a social alcoholic. All of it left him empty.

Yet on Feb. 20, 2009, Finch had what is sometimes referred to as a "come-to-Jesus" experience when he surrendered everything to God.

"I had just been struggling," Finch said of that moment in a phone interview with The Christian Post about his book *The Father Effect: Hope and Healing From a Dad's Absence*, which he co-authored with Blake Atwood.

"My life had just really imploded. I say that God took to me to a place of brokenness. He took me to my knees."

What began that February day was a journey of delving into the pain of losing his father and learning to forgive. Through an intense process of counseling that he says was the hardest three months of his life, he encountered the Father's love, and out of that encounter and that revelation of who he is as a son of God, he embarked upon an adventure he never saw coming, making a film to tell his story and unpack the power of fathers. *The Father Effect* was born.

At the very root of all our social problems is fatherlessness, Finch explains at length in the book, which was released Tuesday and accompanies the film. The wounds one receives from fathers are particularly painful, he notes, and nearly everyone he has met has one. In chapter 7, Finch tackles the "generational curse" of fatherlessness.

He writes that according to the National Commission on Children, children of absent fathers are five times more likely to commit

suicide, six times more likely to be in a state-operated institution, and seven times more likely to drop out of school. Kids with absent dads are also 11 times more likely to commit rape, 15 times more likely to have behavioral disorders, 15 times more likely to end up in prison while a teenager, and 24 times more likely to run away.

"It's amazing the number of people I talk to," Finch said.

"I'll be dealing with a young man who may be struggling with alcoholism. And he doesn't even connect the dots that his dad was an alcoholic, his grandfather was an alcoholic, that it's something that becomes normal to him," Finch said. Another man he conversed with described his upbringing as a "normal life" which entailed his parents divorcing and his dad moving out on the street.

But it should not be normal whatsoever, the author says.

"It's a generational curse because it's 'normal' for so many of us that we don't actually see it, because of our own perspectives what our own reality is. And until we as men, as fathers, are willing to say, 'This is no longer going to happen in my family, and I'm going to take the steps necessary to make sure that happens, the generational curse will go on for hundreds of generations.'"

And a father, the author articulates, is not an optional extra. Nothing can replace the defining power of his voice and touch. No matter how incredible one's mom is, she does not have the tools to be a dad. And though it should seem obvious, the reverse is also true: a dad cannot replace a mom.

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"To have a voice of a father speak into the life of a child, it is a game-changer in that it gives them stability, it gives them stability, security, protection, all of those things that cannot come from a mom. It just doesn't happen, coming from a mom," Finch said, adding that he doesn't have the gifts to be a mom.

"I have plenty of single moms who sometimes get mad at me for saying they can't be dads, because they are doing their best," he continued, something he knows well having grown up with a single mother, "but there's nothing that replaces that power and that lifelong influence that a father has."

Today, Finch resides in Denton, Texas, with Michelle, his wife of 23 years, and their three daughters. He is the founder of The Perfect Father Ministries Inc, a 501(c) non-profit, and EncouragingDads.com, a worldwide community of people who share stories to encourage fathers.

The Father Effect features pastors and authors who have written on men's issues like Gordon Dalbey, who wrote the bestseller

Healing the Masculine Soul, and John Eldredge, author of Wild at Heart, also a best-seller. Dr. Meg Meeker, who also appears in the film, stresses the importance of fathers showing physical affection, noting that bullies often measure themselves by the interaction they get with their fathers.

Finch told CP: "If a dad's not there hugging on him, and every son wants to be hugged and loved, there's no doubt about it. It's in our DNA. And so, when a father doesn't hug his son, there are questions. There are things that start to come up in that young boy's head."

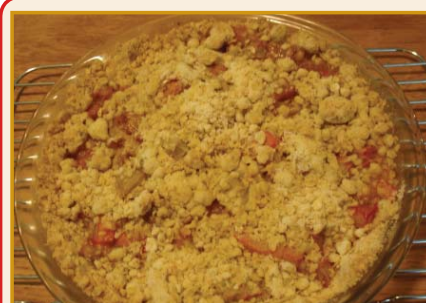
A young boy entertains questions like "Am I not lovable? Does Dad not love me enough to hug me?" he explained. And "in order to defeat that [questioning], it's the power of the bodily affection, the father affection, if you will, and the hugs that enable that son to see."

Hugs are not a feminine thing, Finch stressed, and he is critical of the way young boys in America are taught to "suck it up,"



In the Kitchen With Diane

Diane Fechter, Author



RHUBARB CRUMBLE PIE

1 c. flour
1/4 tsp. salt
1 c. quick oats
1/2 c. sugar
1/3 c. melted real butter

3-4 c. diced rhubarb
1/2 c. sugar
1/4 tsp. cinnamon
1 Tbsp. butter

Combine flour, salt, oats and sugar. Stir in butter and mix until crumbly. Pat half of the crumbs onto the sides and bottom of a greased 9-inch pie plate. Save remaining half for topping.

Arrange rhubarb on crust. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Dot with 1 Tbsp. butter. Sprinkle remaining topping over filling. Bake 350° 40 minutes or until rhubarb is tender.

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"man up," "stop crying" on both sports fields and in life in general.

"Essentially, what we're telling them is 'don't be real,'" he said.

"Then that same young boy is told that all his life and he grows up and gets married. And then we wonder why he has communication issues between a husband and wife? Because we've told this man for 40 years not to be real."

He urges men to do community together and work to get beyond these stereotypes.

Both the movie and the book are centered on the life-changing message of the power of God's forgiveness, Finch told CP.

"And you know what," he continued, "we don't have to have all the answers as dads."

"I want men to know that we're not alone. They're not the only ones going through struggles with a father-wound or whatever it is that they are struggling with. And we can do this together."



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JIMMY CARTER SAYS JESUS WOULD OPPOSE ABORTION, PROFESSOR SAYS MANY DEMOCRATS AGREE



A prominent author and professor of American history says he believes many Democrats are pro-life and affirm the views of former Democratic President Jimmy Carter but are afraid to speak out.

John Fea, professor of American history at Messiah College in Grantham, Pa., and author of multiple books, wrote on his blog April 3 that there "are a lot of pro-life Democrats out there who would agree with Carter."

Carter served from 1977-1981, shortly after the infamous Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

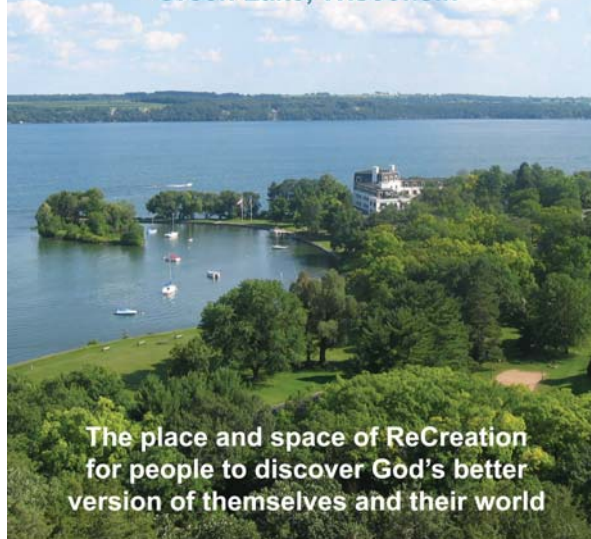
"I never have believed that Jesus Christ would approve of abortions and that was one of the problems I had when I was president having to uphold Roe v. Wade, and I did everything I could to minimize the need for abortions," Carter said in 2012 on The Laura Ingraham radio show. LifeNews first reported the comments.

"I made it easy to adopt children, for instance, who were unwanted and also initiated the program called Women and Infant Children or WIC program, that's still in existence now. But except for the times when a mother's life is in danger or when a pregnancy is caused by rape or incest I would certainly not or never have approved of any abortions."

The Democratic Party, Carter said at the time, has gone too far on abortion rights.

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An Alabama judge has allowed Ryan Magers to sue the clinic that provided his girlfriend a chemical abortion. The aborted child was also recognized as a person and allowed to be named as a co-plaintiff in the lawsuit. Magers' attorney, Brent Helms, considered that recognition a victory in itself.

"If this case is successful, Alabama law could punish abortion clinics and pharmaceutical companies under the wrongful death law to prevent them from continuing to profit from the killing of pre-born children." - Personhood Alliance

COLORADO DROPS LAWSUIT AGAINST CHRISTIAN BAKER

The Colorado Civil Rights Commission announced this week that it is dropping its case against Jack Phillips of Masterpiece Cakeshop.

The commission lost its case last year at the Supreme Court when it tried to punish Phillips for refusing to make a custom same-sex wedding cake. It went after the baker again when he refused to make a gender transition cake, arguing that he violated the state's antidiscrimination law.

Both the commission and Phillips, who also dropped his federal lawsuit against the state, agreed that it was "not in anyone's best interest to move forward with these cases."

SUPERMODEL HAILEY BIEBER SAYS HER SOLE PURPOSE IS TO REPRESENT JESUS

Supermodel, TV personality and newlywed Hailey Bieber, formerly known as Haley Baldwin, revealed that her true purpose in life is not to promote beauty or fashion but to reflect Jesus in the world.

CALIFORNIA MAY EVICT 84-YEAR-OLD FOR BIBLE STUDY IN VETERANS HOME

The California Department of Veterans Affairs is threatening to evict an 84-year-old widow from her California Veterans Home if she continues to hold Bible studies, according to her attorney.

CHINESE POLICE BEAT 60 CHRISTIANS, CLOSE CHURCH AND THEN BURY BIBLES

More than 100 Chinese police officers and SWAT team members closed a newly constructed church and beat dozens of Christians who were guarding it, and then buried Bibles and hymnbooks before leaving.

The incident in Henan – China's third largest province – took place in January and was reported by BitterWinter.org April 10. Chinese officials also seized the church's cash and other possessions. A Chinese official says the country is vowing to eliminate Christianity in China.

WOMAN WHO SURVIVED MOM'S ABORTION TELLS DEMOCRATIC SENATORS: I DO EXIST

A woman who survived her mother's abortion attempt urged senators Tuesday to pass a bill protecting babies who live through abortions.

COURT LETS OHIO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN MAJOR PRO-LIFE VICTORY

A federal appeals court Tuesday upheld an Ohio law that strips Planned Parenthood of state funding, handing pro-lifers in the state a major victory three years after the law was passed.

NEW VEGGIETALES BIBLE-BASED SERIES TO AIR ON TBN

Trinity Broadcasting Network and Big Idea Content Group are teaming up for new VeggieTales episodes that will remain true to the classic brand and present Bible-based lessons.

COURT ORDERS END TO ABORTION-PILL MANDATE FOR DR. JAMES DOBSON'S 'FAMILY-TALK' MINISTRY

More than five-year legal battle ends in victory for Christian organization that wishes to operate according to its beliefs.

COLD CASE DETECTIVE: I'M A CHRISTIAN BECAUSE OF 'DATA', NOT 'BECAUSE IT WORKS FOR ME'

A detective and former atheist who specializes in dealing with cold cases professes that he's a Christian because of the "data" in the Bible and not "because it works for me."

FIREFIGHTERS PRAISE GOD AFTER NOT ONE BIBLE IS BURNED IN FIRE THAT DESTROYED CHURCH

Members of the Coal City Fire Department in West Virginia acknowledged God's power Sunday after a devastating fire burned down a local church but failed to destroy any of the Bibles inside.

DEAN RESIGNS AFTER RIDER UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION REFUSES TO APOLOGIZE FOR INSULTING CHRISTIAN VALUES

The Dean of Rider University's Business School announced her resignation last month following the University's ban on Chick-fil-A due to its Biblical view on marriage.

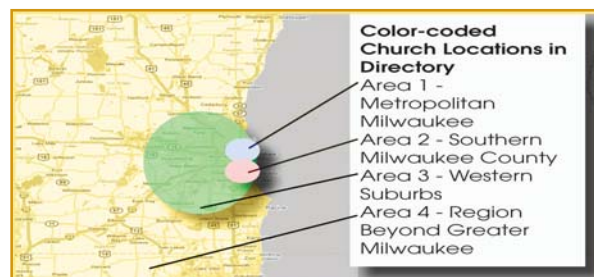
As Christian Headlines previously reported, the New Jersey university banned the Christian fast-food chain from becoming a part of the University's dining services in November because "their corporate values have not sufficiently progressed enough to align with those of Rider."

For the dean of the College of Business, Cynthia Newman, this did not sit right.

MINUTES AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SAID THEY WOULD DIE FOR CHRIST, HALF KILLED IN SRI LANKAN BOMB BLAST

Just minutes after expressing their willingness to die for Christ, half the children from one Sunday School class at Zion Church in Batticaloa were reportedly killed in the Easter Sunday suicide bomb attacks in Sri Lanka.

"Today was an Easter Sunday school at the church and we asked the children how many of you willing to die for Christ? Everyone raised their hands," Caroline Mahendran, a Sunday School teacher at the church, said, according to Israeli public figure Hananya Naftali. "Minutes later, they came down to the main service and the blast happened. Half of the children died on the spot."



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414.449.2390 or AHFM.org

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Call for times 414.645.7383

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2215 N. 23rd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53205
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Sunday School 8:45 am
Worship 10 am
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm
BlessDeliverance@aol.com

Central Assembly of God

5511 W Burling St
Milwaukee 53210
Call for times 414.445.0755

Christian Faith Fellowship Church East

724 S. Layton Blvd.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215
Sunday Worship Time: 10 a.m.
Sunday Night Ministry Training
6:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
www.cfceast.org

Cornerstone Church Milwau- kee

2223 E. Kenwood Blvd
Milwaukee, WI 53211
Sunday Worship 10am
414.395.7777 or
cornerstonemilwaukee.com

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9741 W Beloit Rd
Milwaukee 53227
Sunday Worship 9AM
414.321.0730

Eastbrook Church

5385 N Green Bay Ave
Milwaukee 53209
Saturday 5PM
Sunday Worship 8, 9:30, 11AM
414.228.5220

Grace Christian Fellowship

9900 W Capitol Drive
Milwaukee 53222
Sunday Worship 10AM
Wednesday 7PM
414.464.9220

Greater St. Lukes

2741 N. 27th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210
11 am Sunday Worship
9 am Sunday School
414-264-8040

Holy Cathedral COGIC

2677 N 40th Street
Milwaukee 53210
Sunday School 10AM
Sunday Worship 8:30, 11AM, 6:45PM
414.447.1966

Hope Lutheran Church

1115 N 35th Street
Milwaukee 53208
Sunday Worship 10:30AM
Sunday Bible Study 9:15AM
414.342.0471

Kingdom of Heaven Christian Min.

9235 W Capitol Dr Lower Level
Milwaukee 53222
Sunday 10AM
414.393.1500

Lakeshore Church

1820 E. North Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
414-273-2850
Sunday 10:30 am
Friday- Bible Study 4 pm

New Beginnings Seed Faith M.B.C.

138 W North Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53215
Pastor Annie Smith
Service 1:00 p.m.
Sunday School 2:15 pm

New Hope Church

1501 W Lincoln Avenue
Milwaukee 53215
Sunday Worship 10AM & 6PM
Wednesday Bible Study 6PM
414-882-7891

Newport Missionary Baptist Church

2237 N. 11th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53205
Sunday School: 9:30am
Service: 11am
Wed Nitte Bible Study: 7pm
414-265-5881
newportmissionarybaptistchurch@gmail.com

Parklawn Assembly of God

3725 N Sherman Blvd
Milwaukee 53216
Sunday Worship 8, 11AM
414.442.7411

Restoration International Min- istry, Inc.

5017 W. Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210
414-499-7961
Christian Education Sunday
12:30 pm
Worship Service Sunday 1:30 pm

Souls Harbor Baptist Church

3800 S Howell Ave
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Sunday School 10AM
Worship Services 11AM, 1PM
Thursday 7PM
414.342.1234 or SoulsHarborBaptist.org

Spiritual Healing & Restora- tion Ministries

2925 W Lincoln Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215
Pastor Patsy McNeely
First Service 12/04/2016 @
3:00 P.M.

Trinity Community Church

9450 N 60th Street
Brown Deer 53223
Sunday Worship 10AM
414.354.6620

Word is God Worship Center

3320 W Villet St
Milwaukee 53208
Sunday Worship 11AM
414.933.4744

Word of Grace Fellowship

4949 West Villard Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53218
Pastor Ernie Oby
Sunday Service: 10:30am
Wednesday Service: 6:30pm
414-464-9643
WOGF.mke@gmail.com

SOUTH SUBURBS (AREA 2)

Cedar Hills Church

6911 S 20th St
Oak Creek 53154
Sunday School 9:30AM
Worship Service 10:30AM
414.761.1880

Cornerstone Bible Church

11321 St. Martins Rd.
Franklin, WI 53132
Sunday Bible Study 9:30AM
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
Mon-Fri AM 1:30 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

4135 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
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262-783-2900
www.vifonline.org

New Beginnings Fellowship Intl.

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Sunday Prayer 8:45AM
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414.543.0603
NewBeginningsInternational.net

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Wednesday 6:30PM
414-423-5241

New Song Church

Klemmers
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Sunday 10AM

New Vintage Church

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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

RightWay Church Ministries

POBox 242232
Milwaukee, WI 53225
Meeting at Comfort Suites
10831 ParkPlace
Milwaukee, WI 53224
Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am
414-369-3359
rightwaychurchministries@yahoo.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)

Berean Family Worship Cen- ter, Inc.

ON CHURCH IN TWO CITIES
N112 W17655 Mequon Rd
Germantown, WI 53022
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Tuesday 6:30 pm prayer, 7 pm
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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
lcfport.com

Covenant Connection Fellowship Church

2841 Emslie Drive
Waukegan, 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 Fel- lowship

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
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Kenosha Woman's Club)
6028 8th Avenue & 60th Street
(use west entrance) Kenosha WI
53143 www.faithlifevictory.org

Foundational Biblical Baptist Church

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

Family Chapel

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

Grace Bible Chapel

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

Hillside Community Church

593 W30580 County Rd NN
Mukwonago 53149
Sunday Worship 9AM
Call for Bible Studies
262.363.8025 or HillsideMuk.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 4:30PM
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

Open Door Church

3420 County Road LL
Port Washington, WI 53074
Sat Worship Service 5:30pm
Sun Worship Services 8am & 10:45
Sun School/Adult Bible 9:30am
262.284.0711
www.ODBport.org

Orchard Hill Assembly of God

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

Praise Fellowship Church

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

Summit Harvest Church

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

Terrace Shores Ev Free Church

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

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
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