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Newsweek magazine, on December 27, 1982, in an article entitled, How the Bible Made America, made this revealing statement, "historians are discovering that the Bible, perhaps even more than the Constitution, is our Founding document."

IS AMERICA PAYING THE PRICE FOR FORGETTING GOD?

It appears that policies have taken over America where once the Bible had a great impact within. Churches were filled on Sundays, many activities throughout the week, and then the electronics came into the picture and everyone texts and no one really communicates. What happened?

WHAT HAPPENED TO PRAYER

At one time there was prayer in the schools, that is no longer. There were many Bible



study classes after school that have been abolished. What took its place?

Drugs, guns and you name it. Pot is smoked up and pain killers are what keeps young and old moving each day, not the Bible and prayer.

COMMUNISM TRYING TO COME BACK

We have politicians that are willing to give away anything and everything including your wages, savings, retirement, etc. All college is free,; all health insurance is free; and who will pay for it. YOU, with little that you receive in benefits. It has turned to HATE-type politics rather than the good ole DE-BATE politics. Sex is a free-for-all no matter how you look at it. Whatever you choose.

It was once said that "we will kill you with a peaceful bullet, you will rot within". That was said in the 60's. Somewhat true today?

JUST THINK ABOUT IT

If every church in the country would have their members sign up to pray for America at a certain time each day, God will hear and God will answer. THAT AND THAT ALONE WILL MAKE AMERICA GODLY AGAIN.

A MESSAGE FOR EVERYONE

Separation from God is spiritual death. Man exercised his God-given ability and chose to disobey God. This was sin. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"

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TIME TO PACK A SHOE BOX AGAIN!



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Commentary

NEWS YOU USUALLY DON'T READ IN THE SECULAR NEWS

by John Fisco

As we watch and listen to the many news casts about storms that are passing through many areas throughout the years, you hear of just one or two relief agencies that help out. Red Cross, Salvation Army and a few others, but seldom about Samaritans Purse and Operation Blessing. Why? Probably because they not only help in many, many ways as you'll read here, but they also present Jesus Christ to the people as their only real hope. Secular media appears too often to be afraid of Christianity and therefore avoid those who share the Good News. Well, we wanted our readers to read beyond the daily news and see what is really happening in many parts of the world.



EMERGENCY FIELD HOSPITAL AIRLIFTED TO THE BAHAMAS

At the request of the Bahamas government and the World Health Organization, we have deployed our Emergency Field Hospital to provide lifesaving care to victims. The 40-bed mobile facility is equipped with an intensive care unit, an operating room, an

emergency room, an obstetrics ward, and a full pharmacy. Up to 100 patients per day can be served. We also have sent key medical personnel, including doctors and nurses.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP TARP ROOFS, CUT DOWNED TREES, AND CLEAN OUT FLOODED HOMES THAT HAVE BEEN DAMAGED.

30 tons of emergency relief supplies were sent that our disaster response teams are rushing to get to hurting communities. We sent temporary shelter materials, household water filters, and two community filtration units that turn saltwater into drinking water.

OPERATION BLESSING DEPLOYS TEAM TO DISTRIBUTE MEDICAL RELIEF, CLEAN WATER TO THE BAHAMAS

North Carolina-based global humanitarian organization Operation Blessing sent a relief team to Nassau, Bahamas, to bring emergency aid after Hurricane Dorian's devastation

AIRLIFTING RELIEF TO THE BAHAMAS

Samaritan's Purse has airlifted 30 tons of emergency supplies on their DC-8 to the Bahamas following Hurricane Dorian's catastrophic strike on the islands. The deadly Category 5 storm pummeled the Archipelago Islands with sustained winds of 185 mph, destroying thousands of homes and inundat-

ing entire communities. At its full strength, Dorian was one of the most powerful Atlantic storms on record.

The plane was loaded with emergency shelter material, household water filters, and two community filtration units that turn saltwater into drinking water.

Once we're on the ground, our volunteer teams will begin tarping roofs, cutting trees, and cleaning out flooded homes.

Please pray for the thousands of people who have already lost so much. Pray also for our teams as they work around the clock to bring relief and to share the hope of the Gospel.

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GOD BLESS!!



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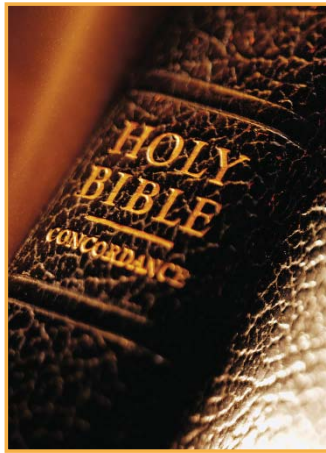
A Word From the Heart

by John Duckhorn

Read Jeremiah 17:9-10 and Ephesians 4:21-22. Both of these portions of Scripture use the word deceitful. Jeremiah says "the heart is deceitful" and the Ephesian portion says "deceitful lusts". Upon my arrival in the United States, many years ago, the Roman Catholic Church was already deeply involved in the issue of molestation of children by priests. After some 34 years the issue is still current. Evangelicals who read Elmer Gantry had often thought the author had it in for Billy Sunday and was seeking to blacken his name by writing a fictionalized resemblance of the evangelist. We found out over the years that many were worse than Elmer Gantry. Christianity Today often prints the names of those who have fallen into immortality. Evangelists, authors, speakers, missionaries and musician's marriages have ended and many are in danger of ending. We are upset by the sin and the poor testimony we give about our Lord Jesus Christ. I have often cautioned people to be careful of saying "I will never do such a thing". We all have a price and can more easily find ourselves in tempting circumstances than we think are not possible.

Here are some random thoughts from my experience that might help us understand the power of the deceitful heart.

1. Christian service does not free one from such things, in fact it may encourage it. We do not enter God's service to find victory over sin or to find help in temptation. Many have been too prideful and popular to see what is taking place.



2. Fasting and prayer do seem to work. Leading charismatic pastors claimed to do this but in many cases it didn't work.

3. It does not mean just knowing the Scriptures. Scriptures do not teach that just knowing them is the answer. Our Lord said: 'if you abide in me and my words abide in you, you will ask what you desire and it shall be done for you.' He also said "out of the heart comes" our sin.

4. It is too easy to say that the people who sinned were not genuine Christians but phonies or apostates. It does not account for the fact of deceitful lusts. We might be right about a few people but for the most part we are likely wrong.

5. Knowing the consequences of sin is not enough.

We can be deceived into thinking we can get away with it. Nevertheless here are some consequences of the sin being exposed.

- a. I'll get caught.
- b. The family will be hurt as well as other loved ones.
- c. Children will be affected in their future lives and marriages.
- d. Ones' ministry will be destroyed as well as our reputation.

We can rationalize anything. All of these are easily negotiated if we want to sin enough. There are moral issues that will never go away. They will always be current and in the news. Each one of us must allow our Lord's Word to abide in us, in the inner most being.

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(Romans 3:23). "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Death is separation.

Nothing man can do of himself – good works, being baptized, joining a church, moral living none of these can bring him into a right relationship with God. (See Ephesians 2:8-9.)

Man is separated from God and unless something happens, he will be eternally separated. "And as it is appointed unto man once to die but after that the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

What is God's answer for man's helpless condition?

God continued to love us and sent His Son Jesus Christ to die to pay the penalty for our sin. "Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6). "But God proved His love toward us that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Although Christ died for every one, why isn't every one a Christian? It is because each one must make a personal response - by faith. By faith you can receive Jesus Christ. You can invite Him into your life.

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12).

If you want to receive Christ, you can pray this prayer. Remember that becoming a real Christian is not just saying words but receiving a person – Christ.

"Dear Lord, I know I have done wrong. I am willing to turn from my sins. I believe Jesus Christ died for me. Please come into my life and forgive me of my sins. I receive You into my life as my Savior and Lord as best I know how right now. Amen."





Bring Back the House of Worship



America's Microwave Christianity— The Heart of the Present-Day Church Must Change

As we all know, America is in a spiritual decline with no recovery in sight. Many churches have a form of “microwave” Christianity: service times last just over an hour, prayer is glanced over, and worship is designed to entertain the masses. Many pastors avoid offending their audience and seek to be motivational rather than convicting. If we truly want to see revival, the face of the present-day church needs to change. Granted, there are wonderful churches, but as a whole, we have drifted significantly off course. For example, do you ever wonder how a Christian (let alone a pastor) can embrace gay marriage and encourage it? Listen to this Fox News interview archive to find out how.

“People are bored,” they say, “so our services need to be more appealing.” Church is boring because the power of God has vanished from many congregations; there is a lack of desire in the pulpit as well as in the pew to pursue Him. Like Samson, they don’t realize that the Spirit of the Lord has departed (Judges 16:20). But there is hope. We can once again position ourselves to seek God: “You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:13).

To seek in this context means to “find what is missing.” The Hebrew word for seek, *baqash*, has a very strong meaning. Imagine losing your child in a crowded mall. Your entire heart would be engaged. How would you spend your time? Where would your energy be concentrated? Now parallel this with seeking God. Pastors and Christian leaders, we must again seek God as if our nation and the future of our children depend on it—because it does. Where is the weeping? Where are the early morning prayer meetings? Where is the fasting?

Remember when the church sought God in an upper room for days until fire fell? Remember when we were not in a hurry, and extended worship services drove us to our knees? Remember when seeking God through prayer drove the church? Methods, marketing programs, and surveys now lead the way. Remember when prayer and seeking God were assets, not liabilities, to church growth? Remember when people were excited about seeking God rather than busy making excuses as to why they can’t attend church?

While five-minute devotions and prayers have their place, we will starve in these dire days. We need powerful times of prayer, devotion, and worship. “Without the heartbeat of prayer, the body of Christ will resemble a corpse. The church is dying on her feet because she is not living on her knees” (Al Whittinghill). Prayerlessness in the pulpit leads to apostasy and dead sermons. Prayerlessness in the pew leads to shattered lives and depression. Prayerlessness in men leads to the breakdown of the family. Prayerlessness in Washington leads to the breakdown of society.

God is not too busy, He’s not on vacation, and He’s not sleeping. He is an ever-present help in time of need. You can call out to Him in the deep of the night or in the midst of the storm. He hears the prayers of His children, but we must once again cultivate a life of seeking Him via prayer, brokenness, obedience, and humility.

A word of caution though: we can humble ourselves, pray, and seek His face, but all this will fall on deaf ears unless we turn from our wicked ways: “Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you so that He will not hear” (Isaiah 59:1–2).

We must turn from our rebellion, including idols that have diverted our passion for Christ. He came that we might be free from the bondage of sin, not continue in it. Surely we understand that we cannot flaunt sin in the face of God without consequence.

Social media is filled with jealousy and envy; a competitive spirit permeates our lives. Self-indulgence is rampant in the church. Sexual sin has become an epidemic. Many churches add gimmicks and dumb down the gospel in an attempt to reach the culture. But the pulpit is to be sacred, not secular. And we wonder why the American church has drifted off course, why we’re not experiencing powerful moves of God? Most churches resemble a social gathering rather than a powerful worship service.

The truth is that we have “perverted the words of the living God” (Jeremiah 23:36) by not warning and challenging people to turn from their sin. Pastors, as the church falls deeper into self-reliance and further from reliance on God, our need for bold leadership has never been greater. Life-changing sermons must come from a man whose life has been changed by God. Change will only occur in America when there is a strong conviction of sin and sincere repentance—may God grant us the wisdom and strength to proclaim these truths.

We must stop confusing God’s patience with His approval and preach with conviction from the pulpits again. God help us, and our children, if we do not take seriously His call to return. Repentance is our only hope.



Gospel Theology Must Shape Sunday Worship Services, Not Loud Music, Baptist Pastor Says

By Brandon Showalter

Congregational singing ought to be what your church is known for and it’s vital that the accompaniment does not drown out their voices, says Pastor Mark Dever.

Speaking Tuesday at the Sing! 2019 conference at the Grand Old Opry in Nashville, Tennessee, the lead pastor of Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., unpacked in a seven-point talk how the Gospel must shape corporate worship.

“In what sense is our churches Sunday gathering honoring to God if His holiness is at best assumed?” he began.

Dever anchored his presentation in two statements, “Gospel preaching should be at the center of corporate worship” and “Gospel theology shapes our corporate worship.”

Unlike all the fake gods of the world, the real, one true God still speaks, he emphasized, and Christians hear His voice by the proclamation of the Word.

“Whenever God speaks to man, it is an act of grace. ... His Spirit accompanies His Word,” he explained.

Exposition of Scripture should be at the center of worship, he stressed: “If you keep preaching the Bible, you will keep preaching the Gospel.”

When considering the contents of a service, leaders would do well to include reading of Scripture, a biblical sermon, prayer, and congregational singing, as these are biblically mandated elements, he said.

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News & More



VP Mike Pence: Spend More Time in Prayer Than Online

By Brandon Showalter

Vice President Mike Pence is urging people to spend more time on their knees in prayer than they do online, particularly when faced with challenges.

Speaking at Alliance Defending Freedom's fireside chat Tuesday, the vice president addressed the controversy that surrounded his wife, second lady Karen Pence, earlier this year when it became known that she was returning to teaching art part-time at a Christian school in northern Virginia where she previously taught when he was a Congressman.

Immanuel Christian School in Annandale, Virginia requires adherence to a statement of faith belief that includes the historic Christian teaching on marriage and sexual ethics. Faculty must maintain "a lifestyle based on biblical standards of moral conduct." Much of the secular media reported this as yet another example of the Pence's supposed disdain for LGBT persons.

Meanwhile, the Pence's had no idea it would be considered newsworthy.

"We honestly didn't see that one coming. Our kids went to this school," Pence told the crowd Tuesday during a sit-down exchange with ADF President Michael Farris, referencing a television commentator who said Pence should have assumed that his wife teaching at a Christian school would be controversial.

He offered, when asked how he deals with critics: "Number one is spend more time on your knees than on the internet."

"As a Christian believer, we're charged to pray for our loved ones, but also pray for our enemies. You have lots of opportunities in politics to do that," he said, receiving chuckles from the crowd.

"Forgiveness is a great gift."

The ADF event highlighted religious liberty and sanctity of human life issues.



As he has said many times since taking office, Pence explained that the greatest honor of his life was to serve alongside a president who "stands without apology" for the unborn, and praised the work of his administration and Congressional allies to pass and institute various pro-life policies.

The vice president concluded his remarks recounting how the greatest day of his life was the day in 1978 when he received Christ, and his gratitude for the United States.

"His grace has sustained me, my wife, my family and does every day," the vice president said.

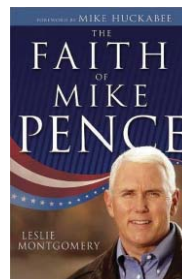
"Make time for renewing your mind," he added.

While the country is facing several challenges, "I never lose sight of how blessed we are to be Americans," he said.

"There is nowhere like America. We're always striving for a more perfect union."

"I really do believe that He who planted this miracle of democracy on these wilderness shores centuries ago, He's blessed America throughout our history and has blessed the world. And He will still bless America in the days ahead."

The Faith of Mike Pence by Leslie Montgomery



Several books have been published about Vice President Mike Pence, but none have touched upon what may be the most fascinating aspect of our nation's second in command: his faith. "The Faith of Mike Pence" offers an intimate look at the man who calls himself 'a Christian, a conservative, and a Republican, in that order.' With exclusive interviews and insightful commentary from friends, family, and colleagues, "The Faith of Mike Pence" is a serious and moving reflection about one of America's most admired and respected politicians. **Whitaker House Publishers \$24.99**

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"Take care to have the truths taught and the duties that are enjoined in the sermon passage reinforced throughout the hymns and readings and prayers," Dever said.

Services at Capitol Hill Baptist Church are approximately two hours long. The first hour is full of hymns, prayers, and Scripture readings. This all precedes the sermon so people can be "softened up" to hear God's Word proclaimed, he explained.

Because they intentionally plan worship in a way where the hymns and readings dovetail with the sermon text, everything unfolds in a coherent fashion.

"Make sure to have a prayer of praise," he said, speaking of the corporate prayer life of the church.

Dever noted that he visits many evangelical services where corporate prayer is noticeably absent, a shift from years past where Christians understood the importance of the centrality of prayer and intercession.



"Spend so much time in prayer in your morning service that you will bore those nominal Christians who only pretend to believe in God," he said, receiving chuckles and light applause.

The Baptist pastor also underscored the importance of publicly reading Scripture aloud, noting that many evangelical churches do not spend time doing that anymore.

"Make congregational singing the major thing your congregation is known for in its worship," he said.

"Realize that all of the accompaniment you have, the only purpose of it is to help the people sing better. If the accompaniment — I don't care if it is an organ or a rock band — if it is overcoming in terms of volume the people singing, you are losing. You are not helping.

"There is nothing more powerful than us hearing the human voices speak the truths to each other in song," he added.

September

Signs of the Times September 14 at 7pm

Waukesha Expo Center
1000 Northview Rd
Waukesha, WI 53188
VCY America will be holding a rally with special speaker Ed Hinson. The subject of his presentation will be "Signs of the Times" He is the Dean of the School of Divinity and Distinguished professor of Religion at Liberty University in Virginia.

Double Cross September 14, 20, 21 and October 26 & 27

Morning Star Productions presents "Double Cross", an interactive, historical, outdoor trail experience. The title refers to the symbol of the French Resistance in WWII. The experience is a combination of historical immersion, and an escape game reminiscent of "Kick the Can" or "Jailbreak". Groups of audience members enter the wooded trail in Colgate with a mission to break into a Nazi outpost and set free a Jewish youth who is being held captive. Participants begin their adventure in England where they receive instructions and a portion of a coded map. A new group begins the trail experience every 10 minutes. All shows are at Wooded Hills, 777 Hwy 164 in Colgate, WI. Tickets are \$15. For tickets or information call 414-228-5220 x119 or visit morningstarproductions.org

Christian Women's Brunch

September 16 at 9:30am
Davians Catering & Events
16300 W. Silver Spring Dr.
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The Christian Women's Brunch invites you to attend the September brunch. The cost is \$18. We will have a fashion show put on by "The Little Pizzaz" Sara Beckman, Scottsdale, AZ will speak on "Finding Strength in Life's Storms" RSVP to Lois at 262-251-3841

Senior's Lunch September 20 at 11:30 am

Spring Creek Church
N35W22000 Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee, WI 53072
Join area seniors for a scrumptious, homemade lunch at Spring Creek Church in Pewaukee. Lunch is followed by delightful musical concert. The month's entertainment will be 'Carpathian Voices' the wonderful world of Eastern European Folk Music. This group consists of three musicians playing five different musical instruments. Repertoire includes folk music from the Ukraine, Russia, Belorussia, Moldova and Hungary. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 262-695-2211. Cost is \$12.00 per person.

AGLOW LIGHTHOUSE Meeting

September 20 at 9:30am
Zion United Church of Christ
3301 S. 76th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53219
Milwaukee AGLOW LIGHTHOUSE Meeting. As Aglow women and men gather this month, we invite you to come and enjoy one of AGLOW'S Interactive small group sessions. This month's topic is entitled "Israel, Our Spiritual Home" We explore the subject, WHY do the promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all matter to us TODAY as followers of Messiah Jesus? Come and examine an inheritance we partner in today, through Christ Jesus. For more information contact Mar Shoda at 312-636-2262.

Leadership Workshop September 21 at 8am

Spring Creek Church
N35W22000 Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee, WI 53072
Wherever we go, we can use leadership principles. Join us for this exciting event to improve your skills for business or home. It will provide benefits for those in all facets of their lives, whether you are fully employed, in transition, or retired. "Learn from day one to day last" (Coach John Wooden) Please call 262-695-2211

Man Camp September 27-29

Sponsored by the men of Spring Creek Church
Camp Forest Springs
Westboro, WI
Man Camp is a weekend experience where men of all ages can be challenged - spiritually and physically. Through time in God's Word, and in purposeful activities, Man Camp is a tool to help men find their path to sharpen each other, and to be filled - both in body and soul. Cost is \$151 for standard cabin or \$187 for Lodge room. Call 262-695-2211 for more info or to register.

Teen Conference Sept 28 at 6pm

Dayspring Church
N14W29489 Silvermail Road
Pewaukee, WI 53072
Bring your teens to this FREE conference to learn how to defend their faith. Great Music - Door Prizes - Comedy - Games. Special speaker is Carl Kerby, an internationally known apologetics & youth conference speaker. Learn to answer these Objections: Doesn't the Bible contradict itself? Sex outside of marriage isn't a big deal anymore. The Bible cannot be trusted. Where's the evidence for the resurrection? Info and more at debunked-teenconference.org

October

50 plus! What now? Tuesdays October 1-29 at 7pm

Elmbrook-Lake Country
1100 WI-83
Hartland, WI 53029
The key to having a meaningful life after 50 is dealing with changes, so they don't become overwhelming challenges and take over your life. This class setting is where we will gather together and discuss the many changes in your life. Questions? contact don at ddowdy@elmbrookteam.org
These classes will also be available at the Brookfield location 777 S. Barker Road in Brookfield, on Thursdays 1-3-10 through 10-31-19 from 7-8:30 pm

Father-Daughter Bonfire October 5

Spring Creek Church
N35 W22000 Capitol Dr
Pewaukee, WI 53072
Bonfire, s'mores, beverage and GLOW STICKS provided. Feel free to bring chairs, blankets, or any fun items to play with on the soccer field. Call 262-695-2211 for more info or to register.

Amy Grant October 5 at 7pm

The Pabst Theater
144 E. Wells St
Milwaukee, WI
K-LOVE invites you to an evening with Amy Grant. Enjoy an evening of music, worship ad stories from this iconic singer-songwriter and mainstay for over 30 years in Christian and Contemporary music landscape. Contact the Pabst Theater for tickets.

Ultimate Midnight October 11 and 12

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
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Come experience the area's largest FALL kickoff event for middle school students grades 6-8. It's an evening FULL of action and adventure! Giant inflatables and tasty pizza. Then we hit the road for Action Territory in Kenosha, where students launch themselves into laser tag, mini golf, arcade action, bumper cars, go-kart, and prizes. Cost is \$29.00 per person. Questions? contact minisupport@elmbrook.org

Sidewalk Prophets October 12 at 7pm

Hope Church
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Sidewalk Prophets will present their "10 years & 1,000,000 Miles- These Simple Truths" Tour. For tickets visit www.eventbrite.com

Tenth Avenue North October 13 at 6:30pm

Fox River Christian Church
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Waukesha, WI
In concert for their fall tour will be Tenth Avenue North along with Austin French and Mike Donhey. For tickets visit www.itickets.com or call 800-965-9324

Senior's Lunch October 18

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Flipside Friday October 18 at 6pm

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
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AGLOW LIGHTHOUSE Meeting October 18 at 9:30 am

Zion United Church of Christ
3301 S. 7th St
Milwaukee, WI 53219
As Aglow women and men gather this month, we invite you to come and enjoy one of AGLOW'S interactive small group sessions. This month's topic is entitled. "An Ordinary Woman of Radical Boldness. We will explore together what God is calling you to do, what resources you need, and His strategy to carry out your next KINGDOM assignment. And we will look at Old Testament character, who knew who she was, knew who her God was, and God's strategy for her to take down the enemy with what she had in her hand.

For more information contact Mary Shoda at 312-636-2262.

The Freedom Rally 2019

October 18 from 6-9 pm
Great Lakes Church
7600 75th Street Suite 220
Kenosha, WI 53142
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Christian Women's Brunch

October 21 at 9:30am
Davians Catering & Events
16300 W. Silver Spring Dr
Menomonee Falls, WI
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November

AGLOW LIGHTHOUSE meeting

November 15 at 9:30am
Zion United Church of Christ
3301 S. 76th Street
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November 15 at 7pm
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Delta Gives over 100 Flights and \$1.5 Million to Fight Human Trafficking

Delta Air Lines has donated more than 100 flights to fly human trafficking survivors to safety and has committed \$1.5 million to Polaris, the operator of the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

"We couldn't be prouder to partner with Delta Air Lines and its team of employees dedicated to helping us combat human trafficking," Bradley Myles, CEO of Polaris, said in a press release. "From helping us ensure there are staff available to answer calls on the National Hotline to encouraging Delta customers to donate miles so we can help survivors get home after a trafficking situation, Delta's work continues to lead the way."

According to a report by Polaris, more than 70% of labor trafficking survivors said they fly on planes as part of their recruitment and 40% fly for purposes of exploitation.

According to USA Today, Delta's financial donation will help Polaris collect valuable data to fight human trafficking, as well as staff the hotline to keep up with the 200-300 contacts the nonprofit makes every day. The donation will also support the organization for the next three years.

This is not Delta's first contribution to Polaris. In 2017, the airline donated \$1 million. Polaris saw a 36% increase in survivor contacts after the donation.

Delta also employs several strategies to fight trafficking on their planes. With input from survivors, Delta has trained over 66,000 of its employees to spot and report trafficking.



The company also aired an in-flight video in all of their aircraft during Human Trafficking Awareness Month in January. And, apprenticeships are also offered to survivors to assist in their career development.

"It's rewarding to see tangible results of our partnership with Polaris helping the fight against human trafficking, and watching our support change lives," Allison Ausband, senior vice president of in-flight service at Delta and leader of the company's executive steering committee against human trafficking said.

"The problem of human trafficking has to be aggressively combatted from every angle, and for Delta, that means getting our nearly 200 million customers and 80,000 employees onboard in the fight," she continued. "We all have a role to play and can make a difference."

Flights for survivors are made possible through SkyWish. Delta's SkyMiles' members can donate miles towards the cause.

GOD BLESS OUR TEACHERS

There was a teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put his boots on. He asked for help and she could see why. With her pulling and him push-

ing, the boots still didn't want to go on.

When the second boot was finally on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost whimpered when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet." She looked, and sure enough, they

were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots



get him out to the bus stop with only two min-

utes to spare. Looking

down at his hands, she said, "Now, where are your mittens?"

He said, "I stuffed them in the toes of my boots."

Thanks and God bless you teachers for all that you do!

Yale professor, computer scientist rejects Darwinism, now finds Intelligent Design compelling

By Brandon Showalter



An Ivy League professor of computer science has abandoned Darwinism and denounced evolution as an improbable scientific theory. Intelligent design, he now says, is an argument worthy of deeper consideration.

David Gelernter, who has taught computer science at Yale University since 1982, penned an article earlier this year in the Claremont Review of Books detailing his

journey of coming to believe that Darwinian evolution — for which he still retains some fond feelings, calling it "brilliant and beautiful" — is wrong.

Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species* was published in November 1859 and is widely considered to be the foundation of evolutionary biology.

"Like so many others, I grew up with Darwin's theory, and had always believed it was true. I had heard doubts over the years from well-informed, sometimes brilliant people, but I had my hands full cultivating my garden, and it was easier to let biology take care of

itself. But in recent years, reading and discussion have shut that road down for good," he explained in May.

A key reason why he came to reject Darwinism was notably missing fossils from the historical record. During the Cambrian era, the number of fossils of major animal groups grew exponentially; thus, the record should then show many fossils of much simpler creatures, "transitional" ones, in the previous period. But it does not and such organisms still have not shown up.

"Darwin's theory predicts that new life forms evolve gradually from old ones in a constantly branching, spreading tree of life," Gelernter went on to say.

"Those brave new Cambrian creatures must therefore have had Precambrian predecessors, similar but not quite as fancy and sophisticated. They could not have all blown out suddenly, like a bunch of geysers. Each must have had a closely related predecessor, which must have had its own predecessors."

"The origin of species is exactly what Darwin cannot explain," he quipped.

He recounted in a July 6 interview with the Hoover Institution that his public rejection of Darwinism is taken among many of his colleagues as a personal, existential threat.



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TRUMP ADMINISTRATION WILL SPARE BIBLES FROM TARIFFS ON CHINESE GOODS

The Trump administration has decided to give Bibles a free pass amid an escalating tariff war between the U.S. and China.

In May, Christian publishers began to panic as bibles and other religious texts printed in China, together totaling some 65 percent of the 2018 U.S. brochures and leaflet imports, were set to be slapped with tariffs of up to 25 percent.

However, the U.S. Trade Representative's Office (USTR) published two lists of items that will be subjected to a 10% hike in tariff charge starting in September and December respectively -- the Bible, USTR said, will be spared from both.

"Bibles and other religious literature are among the items removed from the tariff list and will not face additional tariffs of 10 percent," USTR confirmed to Christianity Today in a statement.



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The Average Chick-fil-A Generates Double the Sales of McDonald's, Despite Closing Sundays

The average Chick-fil-A restaurant generates more than double the revenue of the average McDonald's restaurant, according to a new Goldman Sachs analysis that also predicted Chick-fil-A has an even brighter future.

Chick-fil-A does this despite being closed Sundays.

"Our brand survey shows that Chick-fil-A has had the most brand momentum across [fast-food restaurants] – supporting the most increase in total revenue (in dollar terms) in the US," the analysis said.

Business Insider was the first to report the new data, which showed Chick-fil-A franchises generate double the average revenue of a McDonald's restaurant. Goldman Sachs cited Technomic data.

The Goldman Sachs analysis also said the company has experienced a "rapid rise."

"Steer clear from those in the fray of Chick-fil-A," it said. "Our 2,000-consumer brand survey suggests they will continue to take share and grow."

Earlier this year, Chick-fil-A became the third-largest fast-food chain in the United States, according to data cited by the Nation's Restaurant News. Its \$10.46 billion in total sales in 2018 trailed only No. 1 McDonald's (\$38.52 billion) and No. 2 Starbucks (\$20.49 billion).

The company's official corporate purpose is "to glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us and to have a positive influence on all who come into contact with Chick-fil-A." It closes its restaurants on Sundays to give employees an opportunity to worship at a church if they choose.



In 2012, Chick-fil-A CEO Dan Cathy said malls always allowed Chick-fil-A restaurants to be tenants, even though the mall's policy required stores to be open seven days.

"We've always put in our lease that we will be closed on Sundays," Cathy told the Biblical Recorder. "We've had a track record that we were generating more business in six days than the other tenants were generating in seven [days]."

"While developers had no identity whatsoever with our corporate purpose to 'glorify God and be a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us and have a positive influence on all that come in contact with Chick-fil-A,' they did identify with the rent checks that we wrote to the mall, that were based on our sales."

"So, they would make an exception for Chick-fil-A when they wouldn't make an exception for anybody else, simply because they knew we would pay them more in rent than any other tenant would that was open even seven days a week."

A Christian Rapper Has the No. 1-Selling Album on Billboard

A Christian rapper who has recorded songs with Toby Mac and Flame has the top-selling album in the United States according to Billboard.

NF's new album *The Search* grabbed the No. 1 spot on Billboard's chart for the week of Aug. 10, edging *Of Monsters and Men*, *Chance the Rapper*, the *Grateful Dead* and *Justin Moore*. His 2017 album *Perception* also hit No. 1 on the chart.



"I put my life into this and to see this much support means a lot," he wrote on Twitter. "... The fans made this album #1, and I am forever grateful."

NF's songs are free from the coarse language that litters much rap music, although he mostly rejects the "Christian rapper" label. Two of his first three albums were released by a Christian label, Capitol Christian Music Group (CMG).

"I'm a Christian, but I'm just an artist," he told *Idolator*, a music blog, in 2016. "To me, it's like if you're a Christian and you're a plumber,

are you a Christian plumber? That's the easiest way for me to explain it. I just make music. I talk about my life, I talk about my faith. I talk about positive things that I've dealt with that have taught me things and I talk about negative things that I'm dealing with. I wouldn't describe myself as that, but I am a Christian."

NF, whose real name is Nathan John Feuerstein, has drawn comparisons to the rapper Eminem, who he credits with influencing his

style. NF rapped on Christian artist Toby Mac's song *Till the Day I Die*. NF also rapped with Christian artist Flame on his song *Start Over*.

NF says his fans are all types of people.

"At first it was lot of Christian people, but now it's a lot of people that just love hip-hop," he told *Idolator*. "I don't make music for Christians. I make music for everyone. I make music for the masses. I want people to listen to my music all over the world and relate to it and feel it the way I feel it."

SKILLET'S JOHN COOPER WILLING TO DEFEND CHRIST 'IF IT COSTS ME MY CAREER'

Skillet frontman John Cooper says he was trying to protect the "little ones of the faith" in a now-viral Facebook post and that he was willing to put his career on the line to take a stand for Christ.

He also wants Christians to be more courageous in defending Scripture.

Cooper told *Christian Headlines* Tuesday he wasn't "attacking one person" in the post and had been mulling over the issue "for several years."

"It's time for the silent majority of the church, to speak out and say, 'Hey, we are reaffirming that there's only one thing in this world that never changes. That is the unchanging, unerring Word of God,'" Cooper told *Christian Headlines*. "And I just thought, if it costs me my career, if it cost me some fans, I don't even care anymore."

Cooper posted his comments about two weeks after bestselling author and former pastor Joshua Harris said he was no longer a Christian and just days after Hillsong's Marty Sampson said his faith was on shaky ground. In his Facebook post, Cooper encouraged Christians to stop following "influencers" and instead to rely on God's Word.



Sports



Yankees All-Star Mariano Rivera Shares How He Became a Christian, Why He Supports Israel, Donald Trump

Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Mariano Rivera unapologetically expressed the importance of his Christian faith and explained his support for President Trump and Israel after an opinion writer accused him of perpetuating far-right ideology.

The Christian Post reports that Rivera – arguably the most successful relief pitcher to play the game of baseball – responded on Fox & Friends after writer Robert Silverman accused him of playing into “thinly veiled propaganda on behalf of a far-right government in Israel” and becoming “chummy with outright bigots and apocalyptic loons.”

Siting his Christian faith as an important reason he supports Israel, Rivera told Fox, “When it comes to Israel, as a Christian, if my Savior Jesus Christ, he’s a Jew, so how am I going to turn my back and say, ‘Oh, I won’t support Israel.’”

Silverman also explicitly mentioned Rivera’s support of President Trump noting that while he had never – up until the point of Silverman writing his article – outrightly voiced his support for the president, his “actions make it clear his sympathies lie with the Trump administration.”

In the conversation with Fox & Friends, Rivera confirmed his support for the president. He said, “He was a friend of mine before he became president. So, because he’s president I will turn my back on him? No. I respect him.”

He added, “I respect what he does and I believe he’s doing the best for the United States of America.”

When asked if there was anything he would like to say to the op-ed writer, Rivera remained un-waivered in his beliefs, asserting, “You have the power to say whatever you want to say, but that won’t change my position, and that won’t change my belief.”



The Fox & Friends hosts then switched gears, inquiring how Rivera came to be a Christian.

Rivera answered without hesitation saying, “adversities” are what led him to his faith in Christ.

The 49-year-old pitcher shared a vulnerable story about how his wife contracted the chickenpox while she was pregnant with their son. The illness can be deadly to children in the womb. Rivera shared, “Age 24, my wife got sick; my boy got sick; she got chickenpox when he was in her womb for six months.”

He continued, “The doctor told her to stay away from people with chickenpox, and that thing was infectious that year. He was supposed to be born with that vertebra thing open; his head would have been growing, growing, growing, until the point that he would die.

“But a friend of ours took us to — we were in Tampa, and they were at a women’s conference, they took her and they prayed for her and he was healed,” Rivera recalled.

Now retired, Rivera and his wife Clara lead Refugio de Esperanza church in New York. According to the Christian Post, Rivera founded the church shortly after his retirement from the New York Yankees. A multicultural body, the church seeks to revitalize “its community through acts of service and a genuine demonstration of God’s love.”



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is what you
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Sports



Darryl Strawberry says he's 'glad' he was imprisoned, may not have come to Christ otherwise

By Samuel Smith

Speaking to thousands gathered for the 30th annual Southern California Harvest Sunday, baseball great Darryl Strawberry said he is thankful to have been imprisoned during the early 2000s because he may never have found God otherwise.

The eight-time all-star and four-time World Series champion was interviewed by evangelist Greg Laurie on the final night of the 2019 SoCal Harvest Crusade, a three-night evangelistic event at Angel Stadium in Anaheim featuring top Christian music performers and messages from the famed evangelist.

While the Los Angeles native was one of the most feared hitters of the 1980s, a drug addiction consumed his life and greatly impacted the latter half of his MLB career to the point to where he was released by different teams after repeatedly violating the league's substance-abuse policy.

Due to his drug and alcohol addiction, Strawberry suffered two failed marriages, a string of arrests, imprisonment and several failed attempts at rehab. On top of that, he was diagnosed with colon cancer in 1998 and had to have part of his colon removed.

Despite his troubles, Strawberry has transformed spiritually with the help of his wife, Tracy. Today, he serves as an ordained minister who travels the country preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and sharing his story of spiritual transformation.

"I have been privileged my whole life to live behind community gates in [million dollars] homes and everything. But at the end of the day, I was empty on the inside. I didn't have what I needed on the inside," the 57-year-old former outfielder told the thousands in attendance.

"We can accumulate all these great things but if you don't have Jesus on the inside of you, you are not going to be well as a person. It doesn't matter what another kind of material stuff we have. I have searched for so long to have such a relationship with God myself but I didn't know him."

Strawberry explained that he got to a place in his life where he didn't want to be a "hypocrite" any longer.

"I didn't want to say I know Jesus but I really didn't know Him. I just knew His name and everything. When you truly know Him, you become a true follower of Jesus, the Lord allows you to be a vessel for Him, to be able to do great kingdom work," he said. "It is never about us. It is always about leading other people to the cross so they can get saved and set free from the bondage and the change in their life."

When asked about his months spent in prison, Strawberry stressed that the most important thing for people to understand is that "brokenness is real" and it is a "spiritual thing."

"I am glad everything that happened to me because had it not, I probably would have made another \$50 million playing baseball but I would have never met Jesus," Strawberry explained. "That would have kept me separated. That would have kept me in a lifestyle of thinking that I have it all together."



After Strawberry's release from prison, he met his wife Tracy, who helped him find God and seek redemption through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Today, Darryl and Tracy Strawberry co-lead Strawberry Ministries, which exists to "restore lives and relationships through the power of God and the process of change by leading the lost to Jesus Christ."

At least 120 churches use the ministry's Clean, Sober & Saved curriculum as an outreach to families and people suffering from addictions and other issues, according to the ministry's website.

In his remarks at SoCal Harvest, Strawberry said that his past legal troubles were a result of the fact that he lacked knowledge of "biblical principles and commandments of God."

"I think when you get to that place of understanding and you lay with God and you saturate yourself with God, God is going to teach you who you are and why He created you," he explained.

"When you look through the Bible, there was nobody perfect, they were all broken people but they used him for His glory," Strawberry continued. "He is not looking for a perfect person. I remember God calling me nine years ago to say I was going to preach. I said, 'No you got the wrong guy. I am not qualified.' He said, 'No one is qualified. I qualify the call.'"

Strawberry told those in the audience who are dealing with addiction that "whatever is killing you, Jesus already killed it."

Strawberry concluded with a challenge to those in the audience.

"I get a chance to stand on platforms that I could never imagine because of what Romans 8:28 talks about. It says, 'And we know all things work together for the good of them who love the Lord through those called according to His purpose,'" Strawberry said.

"When we know that we are called according to God's purpose and His great plan, He is going to exalt you and put you in a place that you are not qualified to do. People, tonight, if you hear, just say yes to Jesus. It is a three-letter word. Y-E-S. You enjoy salvation, you get to be set free forever."

SoCal Harvest has been described by Laurie as the longest-running, large-scale evangelism event in American history. This year's event featured performances from popular Christian music artists Lecrae, Jeremy Camp, Newsboys, Chris Tomlin, for KING & COUNTRY and others.

TRUE SPORTSMANSHIP

At the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin, long jumper Lutz Long set an Olympic record during the preliminary round to qualify for the finals. American Jesse Owens fouled on his first two attempts and faced disqualification if he fouled again. Before Owens



made his final attempt, Long, a German, advised him to adjust his take-off point—to several inches behind the foul line—to ensure that he would advance to the next round. Owens heeded Long's advice, qualified for the finals, and set a new world record to win the gold medal. Long took the silver. "It took a lot of courage

for him to befriend me in front of Hitler," Owens later said. "You can melt down all the medals and cups I have and they wouldn't be a plating on the 24-carat friendship that I felt for Lutz Long at that moment." Long was killed in World War II, but his family has remained in contact with Owens' family ever since.



Book Review



Author Who Lost Entire Family in Tragic Accident Reveals Powerful Words God Sang to Her Amidst Pain

By Leah MarieAnn Klett

For Lora Jones, Nov. 23, 2004, will forever remain etched in her memory.

She was traveling in a van along with her family — husband, J.L.; daughter, Janessa; and son, Jayden — eager for the vacation ahead when the vehicle hit black ice. Within seconds, a head-on collision shattered Jones' whole world.

"I was asleep when the impact came," she recalled. "The impact knocked me out, so when I awoke I was disoriented. My brain couldn't comprehend the horror of what I was seeing."

Incredibly, in that moment, Jones clearly heard God singing to her: "As I was trying to wake my husband up, I heard this voice singing a song," she said. "Music is so powerful to me and sticks in my head and God knows that. So He sang that night rather than speaking."

"Do not be afraid," He whispered, "This is for my glory."

"Truly, I thought those words, which I later realized were from Casting Crown's 'Voice of Truth' meant we were all going to be OK," she said. "But at that moment, two of us were gone, I just didn't know it."

Jones was taken to a hospital where a chaplain delivered devastating news: Her beloved husband and son hadn't survived the crash, and her daughter wasn't expected to live through the night.

She watched helplessly as her family slipped into eternity, one by one. What followed was a time of unspeakable grief, anger, and loneliness.

"I questioned God. I asked lots of whys," Jones recalled. "When I was released from the hospital by myself, I asked, 'why did they die?' And then in the days ahead, as I saw pictures of the van, I asked, 'why didn't you let me die too? Why am I still alive?' I had so much anger of being left behind and struggled to embrace the life that God had for me still on this Earth while everybody got to leave."

Even in the thick of her pain, Jones chose to continue believing in the goodness of God: "I clung tightly to the words He sang to me that night," she said. "The whole time, He was there with me, talking to me, helping me survive. He continually asked me to trust Him."

Jones documents her journey from heartbreak to hope in her new book, *Song of a Wounded Heart*. In it, she shares her personal journal entries, including the Bible reading plan God used to speak to her and stories of people in the Bible who also struggled with faith.

She also addresses anger and loneliness and the importance of allowing oneself to grieve. Healing for a heart, she explained, is not the absence of pain — and deep wounds can lead to lasting joy.

"We really want our world to be pain-free and it's just not," Jones said. "When our heart has been hurt and wounded, we need to allow Him to bring joy back so we can experience both pain and joy. We tend to do the opposite; we try to kill the pain. When we do that, it works like a pendulum. When you refuse to experience pain, it won't swing the other way and allow you to then experience joy."

While she misses her family every day, surrounding herself with loved ones and talking about those she lost has helped heal her heart, she said.

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"My husband was a pastor and an avid NASCAR fan and mischievous man," she recalled. "He brought a lot of laughter and ease wherever he went. It gives me great honor to use some of his studying and his notes as I speak to other people. I remember things that he taught, and re-telling some of those stories is a treasure to me."

"My daughter was 14 when she left this Earth, but she was wise beyond her years. She had so many friends who, to this day, use advice she gave them. That's been so special to me," she continued. "My son was 11 when he left this Earth. He was as mischievous as his dad, but very tenderhearted, always championing the underdog. One of the biggest honors this year is that two of Jayden's friends have named their children after him."



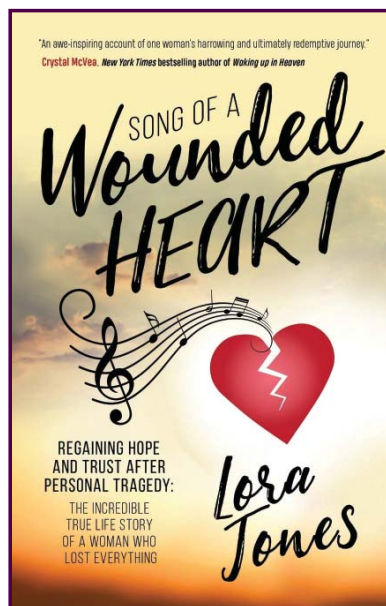
Based on her experiences, Jones encouraged others going through painful circumstances to allow themselves to be angry and grieve — but at the end of the day, rest in God's goodness and faithfulness.

"We've all had things happen where God didn't do what we thought He should have; we live in a broken world and it's a dangerous place," she said. "In our case, it was black ice that caused the accident. So choosing to believe that God is good and wants a relationship with you is the most important part of surviving in this life."

"The second part is opening a Bible," she continued. "I have found that all the characters in the Bible truly come to life. You can see how God interacted with them and thus learn about the character of God and how He wants to interact with you. If you open the Bible and start reading, you'll find yourself in there. It's a life-giving book. Those are the two most important things in the journey of grieving."

Today, Jones describes her life as "quiet and content." She still holds fast to the words of "Voice of Truth," eagerly looking forward to her final home while embracing her life on Earth.

"Out of all the voice calling out to me, I will choose to listen and believe the voice of truth," she said. "In this lifetime, we're not guaranteed happiness. I know I was left here for a purpose. But God tells us that one day, all will be made perfect and whole and I will see my family again in eternity. That's what I choose to hold on to."



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Christian Worship Song Emerges as Anthem for Hong Kong Protests

The year Linda Lee Stassen-Benjamin penned the Christian worship song, "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord," OPEC ended its oil embargo against the United States, America and Russia met to discuss nuclear disarmament, India tested an atomic device and President Richard Nixon resigned after being impeached during the Watergate scandal. It was 1974 and the cost of a first-class stamp was just 8 cents.



Forty-five years later, the song, written as a tribute for Easter, has emerged as an anthem for the ongoing protests in Hong Kong. The protests began in June after the government announced plans to extradite suspects to China for criminal prosecution. The plan was later suspended, but protesters continue to push for democratic reforms, fearing communist China will do away with the existing "one country, two systems" model implemented when Britain returned its former colony back to China 22 years ago, Religion News Service reported.

The Hong Kong song and Christian involvement emerged early in the protest movement but was highlighted once again on Aug. 23 when Christians organized their first large-scale rally in Chater Garden. According to a press release by organizers the motto of the gathering was "Salt and light, for justice we walk together" and was designed to "provide all Christians a platform to express themselves outside the church, hoping people would safeguard Hong Kong by singing, praying, worshipping God and at the same time speaking up for justice and standing together with all the Hongkongers in difficult times."

Although the protests have been marred by incidents of tear gas, batons, rubber bullets, riot shields, and intimidation that has included the staging of troops and military vehicles along the Hong Kong bor-

der, the peaceful influence of the hymns has helped to maintain peace, according to some of the protestors.

"It has a calming effect," Timothy Lam, 58, a Catholic priest at Grace Church Hong Kong, told Fox News in June. "The police had a lot of equipment, they were very tense and searching people. The students sang this to show they were peaceful."

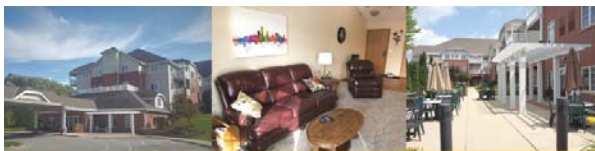
In addition to the inspirational element of the song, protestors said it's also helped provide protection to the crowd as Hong Kong law provides an assembly exemption for religious gatherings. According to Fox News, the song helped diffuse tension with law enforcement at a time when they were preparing to crack down on "organized riots" and when allegations of police brutality emerged.

"As religious assemblies were exempt, it could protect the protesters. It also shows that it is a peaceful protest," Edwin Chow, 19, acting president of the Hong Kong Federation of Catholic Students, said. "This was the one people picked up, as it is easy for people to follow, with a simple message and easy melody."

Christians have expressed concerns about a crackdown by mainland China, fearing the widespread religious persecution in the communist nation could seep into Hong Kong and drive the church underground.

The Stream reported that Christians have also provided practical help through food and shelter at various demonstrations.

"We believe in upholding justice," David Cheung, a pastor who has taken part in protests, told the New York Times. "Our faith gives us our courage, confidence and hope against this evil government power."



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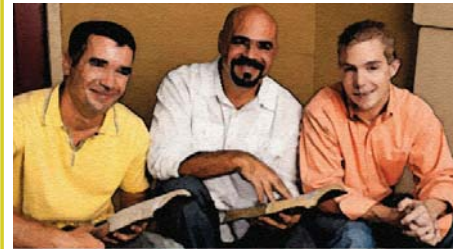
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A Song Can Change A Life

Every so often, an unexpected encounter can occur in our lives that lead to a bond of friendship that is "something other." Meeting Joe West in September of 2017 performing at the Nashville Airport has been just that for a Milwaukee A/G Minister and Independent Filmmaker.



Their first brief words of introduction included Warren chiding Joe about sitting in on Sax and Joe responding with something about "the management doesn't allow for that." "I'm just kidding" Warren shot back. "Maybe you can come to Milwaukee and we can jam there?"

After finishing his set, Joe shared how his mom and dad was the first Black Country Western Duo. They recorded a couple of songs with the Bandsmen of Charlie Pride in 1967.



At 12 years old, Joe remembers going to a gig with them to Harrison AR which was notorious for KKK activity. He described how tense the atmosphere was when they first arrived. Once Sarge and Shirley began to play, the people loosened up.

Young Joe was shocked to see people at the end of the night hugging his parents and thanking them for their wonderful music. That experience helped in his formation of understanding how powerful music can be.

My father and I were estranged from each other for many years" Joe recounted. "There were some hurtful things that happened that were hard for me to get over." A growing conviction to forgive is father led him to write a song

called Daddy. Going back to Arkansas on vacation, with his wife and children, Joe sang this new song. There was not a dry eye in the West house that day. "After I had finished, my father and I profoundly embraced each other and said for the first time in a long time, 'I love you.'"



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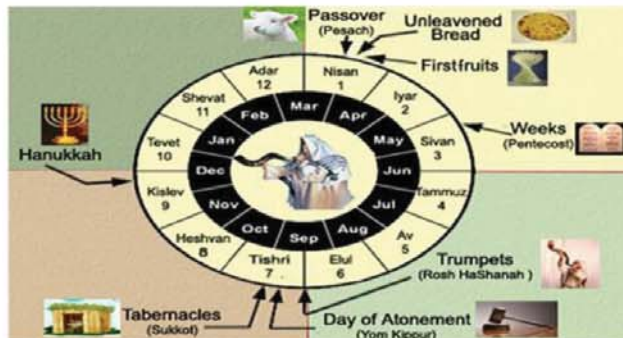
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Although quiche is a classic French dish, it actually originated in Germany. Quiche became popular in England after WWII and in the US in the 1950's. Because of its primary vegetarian ingredients, it was somehow considered an "unmanly" dish—"real men don't eat quiche".

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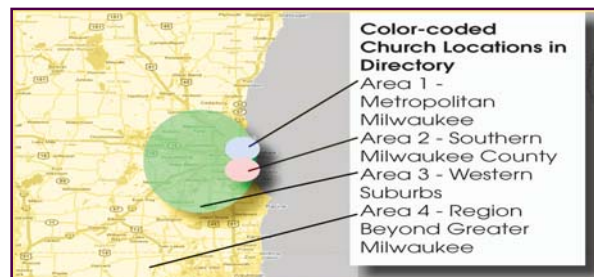
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New Berlin 53151
Sunday School 9:15AM
Sunday Worship 10:30AM
Wednesday Bible Study 7PM
262.782.7775 or
www.fbcnewberlin.org

Honey Creek Church

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

Lifeline Church

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

New Beginnings Fellowship Intl.

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

Faith Christian Church

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

New Song Church

Klemmers
10401 W. Oklahoma Ave.
Sunday 10AM

New Vintage Church

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

Pipeline to Jesus Church

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

Reformation Hope Church

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

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

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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
Waukeasha, 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
(Temporarily meeting at the
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.fbckenosha.org

Family Chapel

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

Grace Bible Chapel

3917 59th Street
Kenosha 53144
Sunday Lord's Supper 9AM
Family Bible Hour & Sunday
School 10:30AM
Wednesday Prayer 7PM
262.654.9631 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
Neshotah, 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
Sunday Lord's Supper 9:30AM
Bible Ministry 11:00AM &
6:30PM
Wednesday 6:30PM
920.458.4137
920-889-7064
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