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In Fields As They Lay Pastor Todd Nienhaus, Faith Christian Fellowship

How significant it was that shepherds were the audience of God's angelic messenger announcing the coming of Christ. After all, Jesus would become the spiritual shepherd of us all. God must have had a special place in His heart for the ones He chose to experience this wonderful message in this manner; The best news the world could ever hope to hear! Ears usually subject to the non-stop bleating of sheep would that night hear the incredible angelic choir and feel the glory of the Lord shining around them. They were understandably terrified.

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The birth of the long-awaited Messiah happened that day, but the sign to the shepherds was not a king born in a palace or even the comfort of an inn. He would not even be born indoors but would be laying in a manger of a stable around a smell of animals that the shepherds knew all too well.

This would demonstrate the incredible humility of a savior who left the magnificence of the Kingdom to come to earth and redeem the souls of men.

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." The angel instructs the shepherds to fear not, for he was a messenger of hope, not vengeance. The message itself must have comforted them, for it was a message of perfect love and perfect love casts out fear. This news of incredible joy was for every living soul. After four hundred years of silenced prophets, things were about to get incredibly hopeful!

What does that say to us today? That Jesus is not just the savior of far away kings but is the savior of every man, even those in the most modest of positions. He is the savior of the seeking, regardless of the color of their collar. I think that some in high positions today would feel offended at not receiving a personal angelic invitation. But God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things-and the things that are not-to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.

Operation Christmas Child 2019

Thanks to the thousands who participated in Operation Christmas Child this year. Its been an abundant year and vou and others will be blessed!





One of our volunteers, Joanie, assembling boxes for preparation for shipping at ProBuColls Collection Center. Thanks for the help from so many



Friends from Casa de Oracion Adonai in Saint Francis dropping off some of their



Shown here, the Schmitt extended family pours a lot of love into their OCC

OUR HATS OFF!

by John Fisco

We are thrilled with the overwhelming interest that grows each year with OP C C. And our hats off to Wimmer Communities who have been involved for a number of years with a growing participation. Special thanks to Karen Wimmer who oversees the Op C C project

within the company and with approximately 160 people participating. This project has grown over the years and we are happy to announce that 2019 received 502 boxes



from the Wimmer Communities Company. This is a great number, especially when they started from a small number a few years ago. As many have experienced, being involved with OCC catches on with others and before you know it, it multiplies and continues to

multiply. We look forward to the multiplication happening with the many churches that are involved, individual families, organizations and workplaces. Its never too early



to start planning for 2020, have it on your calendar now and for free materials and further information, call 414-344-7300. The reports always come back of how blessed individuals have been by participating and knowing so many in need in other countries are deeply blessed.

Wisdom from Children's Sunday School

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces and laid it upon the altar.

And then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times.

"Now, said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl in the back of the room raised her hand with great enthusiasm. "To make the gravy."

The Junior Sunday School Teacher asked her eight eager 10-yearolds if they would give \$1,000,000 to the missionaries. "YES!" they all screamed!!

"Would you give \$1,000?" Again they shouted "YES!"

"How about \$100?" "Oh, YES we would!" they all agreed!!

"Would you give just a dollar to the missionaries?" she asked. The boys exclaimed "YES!" just as before except for Johnnie.

"Johnnie," the teacher said as she noticed the boy clutching his pocket, "why didn't you say 'YES' this time?"

"Well," he stammered, "I HAVE a dollar."

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A Word From the Heart

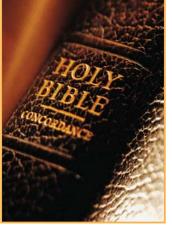
by John Duckhorn

Reading through the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes is a good way to see life and its reality. It is a search for meaning to be found in our pursuit in living life to its fullest.

Ecclesiastes 6:12 says "For who knows what is good for man while he lives the few days of his vain life, which he passes like a shadow?For who can tell man what will be after him under the sun?" These two questions are asked by King Solomon at the end of a portion of scripture that narrated his search for significance. They are good questions and if answered correctly will give hope to the fallen world. Young Solomon thought he could find the answers to life in experiencing what life offered; in pleasure, seeking only mirth, education, accomplishments and sensual experiences. He came up empty. The preacher put the wise, the fool, the rich, and the poor, into the same category. All are hopelessly the same.

The first question is the great moral dilemma of our time. Who can say what is really right? Can a remote God give us standards to follow? The present answer is to be yourself, to define who you are from your experiences, to live what is best for you. There are no

are from your experiences, to live what is best for you. There are no other guidelines except yourself. But we are creatures driven by appetites and never satisfied. Verse 10 of the same chapter says "Why do we contend with him who is mightier than man?" He tells us that our life is like a shadow, the light of life like the daily sun quickly passes us by and all is darkness.



To this question we turn to the incarnate son of God. I cannot tell you where you should work, how you should spend your money, what to vote for, but can tell you straight forward that Jesus came into the world to save us from sin and all of its results. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself not counting their sins against them. Just as the Lord became flesh and lived among us, so when Christ comes into a life He brings what is natural to God - love, mercy, grace, holiness, and self-restraint. Jesus was born under the law and willingly endured its curse to put an end to its judgement, to save us and stamp our hearts in His image. The first question is answered and we can live with assurance that we are accepted as a true child of God because of the sacrificial work of Jesus on the cross.

The second question is beyond our ability to answer. After we are gone, the world will go on. It's mad pursuit of meaning puts it in need of Jesus Christ who they have rejected. Our efforts to control what happens after we are dead is futile. The best laid plans can be laid waste by the person of His son, Jesus Christ told us what will happen after death.

Our real concern ought to be our relationship to God through Christ our Lord and our Eternal destiny. What happens in this cursed world is not in any ones power to control. But through faith in Jesus Christ I am assured of eternal life. Faith in Jesus Christ our Savior answers these critical questions and allow us to live in assurance that God is leading our lives and will take us to His glorious home.

Hope in the Midst of Divorce - Broken, Yet Unbreakable

With millions of Americans now classified as divorced, the need to address this topic is unavoidable and necessary. In 1998 there were estimated to be over 19-million divorced adults; that number has grown substantially.

That's why it's vitally important that two people enter the marriage covenant putting God first. The beliefs, goals, and plans of two individuals are reflected in one relationship, the marriage—spiritual compatibility is critical. II Corinthians 6:14 says, "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?"

In the book Sacred Thirst, the author writes, "The bride and groom are standing in front of everyone, looking better than they are ever going to look again, getting so much attention and affirmation. Everybody even stands when they walk in so it's easy to think this marriage, at least, is about them. It's not. Just look at the worn-out parents sitting in the first pew—they understand this. The only reason these parents are still married is because long ago they learned how to handle the hurt they caused each other. They know that the last thing you ever want to do with hurt is to let it define you."

This last statement offers one of the most profound points that I've read on brokenness. Those who do not allow hurt to entrap them can turn brokenness into an unbreakable force, but those shackled by past pain are truly imprisoned by it—the walls we build to protect us may eventually imprison us.

When it comes to the topic of divorce, the pendulum often swing to one extreme or the other. On one extreme are those who view divorced men and women as second class citizens who have committed the unpardonable sin. The other extreme embraces nofault divorce. Neither is helpful.

I learned that shepherds, from time to time, broke the leg of a lamb that continually wandered from the flock and, thus, the shepherd's protection. The shepherd would then splint the broken leg and carry the lamb on his shoulders for weeks until the leg healed. As painful as this was for the lamb, it was necessary to protect it from being ravished by wolves or other predators. In time, through the broken and dependent relationship, the lamb learned to walk and to remain in the protective presence of his shepherd. This concept was well stated by David in Psalms 51:8, "That the bones You have broken may rejoice." And Isaiah reminds us, "All we like sheep have gone astray" (53:6). Ironically,



many thank the Lord for using their divorce to bring them back to the Good Shepherd.

What will it take to bring us back to the Shepherd? A deliberate decision to stay close to the Him can avoid unneeded pain and provide safety and protection; it's the first step when overcoming brokenness.

Life after divorce can be just "existence"—peace and joy have all but left. If this describes you, let me assure you that God desires that peace and joy be restored. Some of the consequences of divorce will linger, but so will God's unfailing grace, mercy, love, and forgiveness, and for that we should be continually grateful.



The Biblical Edom Unearthed: Not a Myth, a Historical Reality

by John Stonestreet and Roberto Rivera

In Psalm 60, the Psalmist describes the totality of God's victory over Israel's foes, proclaiming "Moab is my wash basin; upon Edom I cast my sandal."

This is only one of more than 100 mentions of Edom in the Old Testament. The Edomites were descendants from Esau, Jacob's older brother. The Genesis account of the troubled twins describes Esau as red all over when he was born. Esau, you might remember, sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of red stew. Edom means "red" in Hebrew; thus, Esau's descendants came to be known as Edomites.



One reason some scholars remain stubbornly skeptical is that most archaeologists and social scientists see Judaism and Christianity in the same way they see every other at least as described in those biblical accounts. Specifically, they regarded the depiction in the Pentateuch of the Edomite to be largely linke other religions, historical detail is central even crucial to

mythical. The real Edomite kingdom, they believed, emerged three or more centuries later, during the latter part of Israel's divided monarchy, and was "read back" into the story of the Exodus.

Well, these scholars were mistaken. Recently, a team excavating in Israel's Timna Valley found evidence of a "thriving and wealthy so-

Israel's Timna Valley found evidence of a "thriving and wealthy society" dating back to the 12th century before Christ. What kind of evidence? An extensive network of ancient copper-smelting facilities were found in the parts of Israel and Jordan that the Bible associates with Edom.

As team leader Ezra Ben-Yosef told the Jerusalem Post, "copper-smelting was essentially the hi-tech of ancient times." Given how complex the process is, any society responsible for such facilities would likely be technologically sophisticated and politically well-organized.

According to Ben-Yosef, "(these) new findings contradict the view of many archaeologists that [the region associated with biblical Edom] was populated by a loose alliance of tribes." Instead, "they're consistent with the biblical story that there was an Edomite kingdom here."

Hmmm... there it is again: "consistent with the biblical story." That phrase seems to pop up a lot in the world of ancient archaeology these

days. For example, the excavations at Ashkelon that confirm the biblical account of the Philistines; findings on Mount Zion confirming the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem—not just that it happened, but also when it happened; and on and on.

You'd think the sheer number of findings in recent decades that are "consistent with the biblical story" would soften the systemic scholarly skepticism toward Bible. It should, but it hasn't.

Unlike other religions, historical detail is central, even crucial, to biblical faith. The biblical story reports on events that took place in actual human history. Unlike other religions, the protagonist of the biblical story is a God who has acted in the human arena, not in a mythical past or in another universe, but in the same setting as you, I, and everyone else who has ever lived.

Since historical memory, and the actual acts of God within human history, is so central to biblical faith, we ought not be surprised when we find evidence of His activity in the ground.

At the same time, we should be ready to communicate the connections between history and faith when appropriate and when asked. It's a wonderful way to communicate to our skeptical friends, family members, and co-workers what we believe and why we believe it.

And to help you answer the tough questions you face, not only about Christianity and history but about all kinds of issues, the Colson Center has launched a new resource called "What Would You Say?" Each week, a new video tackles a tough question, offering clear, usable answers that you can pass on by sharing or by conversation. Check it out, and subscribe, at WhatWouldYouSay.org.

Rwandan Genocide Survivor: God Used a Christmas Shoebox to Save Me as a Child

by Michael Foust

A man who fled the Rwandan genocide as a boy and who saw his life change when he received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox is now traveling the U.S. and encouraging others to fill shoeboxes this holiday season.

Alex Nsengimana's family was killed during the 1994 genocide that saw as many as 800,000 people murdered. He was bitter and was blaming God, he said.

But during that tragedy, a small box – filled with gifts from Christians – gave him hope. He was 7 at the time.

"Both my grandmother and my uncle, the people who were taking care of me were killed during that war, and I would run from family to family," he said at Calvary Baptist Church in Longview, Texas, according to KLTV. "By the end of the genocide I was put in an orphanage. And while I was in this or-

phanage, that's when Samaritan's Purse, the mother organization of Operation Christmas Child brought shoeboxes to us."

Operation Christmas Child is an annual event in which volunteers pack shoeboxes with gifts – with everything from toiletries to toys – for children around the world. Samaritan's Purse distributes the boxes.

Since the project's first year in 1993, more than 150 million shoeboxes have been distributed around the world.

"Just having something that we could call our own – that we could play with and that could take our minds off of what happened during the war – receiving that shoebox was just the beginning of my faith," Nsengimana said. "It reminded us that someone out there cared for us."



Eventually, Nsengimana was adopted by a family in Minnesota. He is now married and living in the U.S.

He even has returned to the Rwandan orphanage where he grew up. There, he distributed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children.

"God is going to use that box," he said while passing out the boxes. "... It reminds me how blessed I was when I received my box."

Life, he said, "is tough," but "God is still faithful."



Mobile Millennials: Why Your Church Needs an App

Technology has fundamentally changed the way we interact with each other, businesses, and the world around us. Access to information online is the expectation, and an e-commerce society has enabled consumers to purchase nearly anything with the single click of a button on their smartphones. Speed and convenience are priority. Baby boomers have learned to adapt, whereas millennials have never

their Sunday service. A recent Barna study found that seven out of 10 of practicing Christian Millennials (70%) read Scripture on a screen, and specifically one-third of all Millennials said they read Scripture on a phone or online. So, how are you serving up content and scripture for your community? Wouldn't it be great if their go-to resource was your church app?



known otherwise. In fact, they are the first completely digital generation, living almost entirely on their smartphones. This is their norm. So when they're looking to purchase from a brand, or engage with a community, they expect a level of simplicity and convenience. But wait, that doesn't need to apply to their experience at church, right?

I know some people reading this are already thinking, "this doesn't pertain to us, our church appeals to an older demographic." Which is great! But the reality is, millennials currently make up nearly 26 percent of the U.S. population. And they, known as Generation Y, are a tech-savvy, curious, generous, and socially-conscious generation. They are now leaders in today's workforce and are contributing a significant amount of time and money in the communities where they live and work.

Whether your church currently targets the millennial demographic or not, as you develop a strategy for long-term growth and engagement, you need the right tools and resources to remain relevant—not only for today's generations, but beyond. But don't take my word for it, let's dive in and let the data tell the story. Here are the top four reasons why your church needs an app.

1: THEY READ THE WORD, ONLINE

We all know that there's been a shift to online church and that churches across the nation are trying to figure out ways to engage and connect with their communities to spread the Word of God beyond just

2: MILLENNIALS ARE GENEROUS

As a generation, millennials will reach their peak earning age around 2020, and by 2025 they are expected to generate 46 percent of all U.S. income. So, not only are they at an age of being active contributors to society, they are a generous group that enjoy supporting organizations that align with their personal passions. According to last year's charitable giving statistics, 84 percent of millennials gave to charity, donating an annual average of \$481 per year. Beyond that, millennials value giving time as well. They are socially conscious and want to invest time in people and organizations that matter to them. Are you making it easy for them to find, research, and sign-up for volunteer opportunities on their mobile devices?

3: MILLENNIALS DON'T CARRY CASH OR WRITE CHECKS

According to the recent 2019 Digital Giving Trends report, more than one-fifth of all millennials have never written a check. And 38 percent of Americans wouldn't mind if cash disappeared completely. As your church leadership team evaluates opportunities and ways to increase generosity, consider the options you have in place for people to give. If you haven't explored mobile giving, there's a huge opportunity to not only add convenience for your congregants but for your finance and operations teams as well.

4: THEY LITERALLY GIVE MORE, DIGITALLY

On average, digital givers donate 33 percent more than non-digital givers. What's more interesting is that those who give digitally donate 44 percent more often than non-digital givers*. In essence, this ties into your recurring giving strategy. Do you have a system in place to help your community easily set-up recurring gifts? Are they able to do that from their mobile devices? If not, your leadership team is in a great position to consider and evaluate which tools make the most sense for your community.

So what does this mean? How should churches use this information? In short, it means that in order to maintain growth, your church must be ready to reach a diverse, tech-savvy, and curious generation. They want to give and contribute to a cause bigger than themselves. The question is, are you ready for them?

Written by Troy Pollock, Chief Ambassador at Pushpay. Pushpay provides a donor management system, including donor tools, finance tools and a custom community app, to the faith sector, non-profit organizations and education providers.

MILLENNIALS AND THE BIBLE: 'NOT WHAT YOU THINK'

by John Stonestreet and David Carlson

There's so much talk these days about socalled "Millennials." Millennials are the generation born between 1980 and 2000. They are "digital natives," and the defining events of their lives include the Oklahoma City bombing, 9/11, the War on Terror, Harry Potter, the Great Recession, and the birth of social media. Oh, and by the way, they love

They are also the "biggest" generation: Some 78 million strong. In the next five or six years, they will comprise 75 percent of the American workforce.

On the whole, Millennials tend to be skeptical of absolutes, and anyone or anything claiming to be the authority on life and the world. Thus, they tend to be skeptical about the Bible. Only 9 percent of Millennials claim to read the Bible on a daily basis, and only 30 percent believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God.

All of this leads to an acute challenge for many in older generations: How to pass on the faith to their children and grandchildren. I'm happy to tell you there's a new book that can really help.

Two Millennial Christian thought leaders, Michael and Lauren Green McAfee, seeking to overcome the skepticism of their peers about the Bible, have written a new and engaging book, "Not What You Think: Why the Bible Might Be Nothing We Expected but Everything We Need."

This is exactly the kind of book that will not only help you communicate the importance of Scripture to younger generations, it's a book you can actually give to younger generations. And, it's a great resource for Sunday School classes and small groups to learn more about the "biggest" generation, while also learning about how to better reach them.



Calendar



November

Christian Women's Brunch

November 18 at 9:30am Davians Catering & Events

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

Will feature a display of Christmas plants and decorations by Heidi, from The Shady Lane Green House in Menomonee Falls. Connie Bear from Bloomington II will speak on "how to handle the unexpected". Cost is \$18.00 includes brunch. Please RSVP to Lois at 262-251-3841

A more Christlike God

November 22 at 6:30pm

Vineyard Church 7597 County Road V Grafton, WI 53024

A more Christlike God: A More Beautiful Gospel featuring Brad Jersak. What if God has always been and will forever be the loving, self-giving God whom Jesus revealed? This event will focus on Jesus Christ as the perfect image of God, whose Gospel is one of breathtaking beauty and self-giving love. \$30.00. For more info call 262-375-9318.

Awesome Young Authors Awards Banquet

November 23 at 12pm Infusino's Banquet Hall 3201 Rapids Drive Racine, WI 53404

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Soup, Supper & Fair Trade Christmas Boutique fundraiser November 30

Kenosha Christian Reformed Church 7506 25th Ave Kenosha, WI 53143

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December

Operation: El Shaddai "Heaven's Ranger"

December 4 at 6:30pm Marriott West

Madison, WI Sponsored by The Narrow Way Bible Institute and Wittenberg Ministries.

"Operation: El Shaddai "Heaven's Ranger". Guest speaker is Major Jeff Struecker, hero in Black Hawk Down. Hear his amrazing story of survival. Limited space available. Table of 10, \$300.00 or shared table of 5 \$150.00. For more info or for reservations call Pastor Elden L. Davis at 608-819-6992... or Ann M Tharp at 608-239-2612.

Mark Schultz Christmas Concert December 6

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Christmas Luncheon December 7 at 11am

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Justin Flom December 7 at 7:30pm

Brooklife Church 857 S. Rochester St #300 Mukwonago, WI 53149 Justin Flom will be the special guest. Join us on Saturday December 7 at 7:30 for a family friendly night of illusion and fun. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Doors open at 7 pm. For more info or for tickets call 262-378-4470.

Christmas Event December 7 from 6pm to 7:30pm

River Glen Christian Church S31W30601 Sunset Dr. Waukesha, WI 53189 Looking for some Merry Christmas spirit this year? Build a gingerbread house with your family and friends. Sip hot chocolate as you listen to Christmas music. Call 262-968-5252 to register.

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Away in a Mango December 8 at 9am & 10:45am

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Special Friends Christmas Party December 13 from 6:30pm to 8pm

River Glen Christian Church S31W30601 Sunset Dr. Waukesha, WI 53189
Let's celebrate Christmas with a party. We're inviting our very special friends and their caregivers to enjoy games, snacks and Christmas music. This is a completely free evening to enjoy. RSVP at info@riverglen.cc or call 262-968-5252.

Christmas Alive December 13-22

Wooded Hills Church Colgate, WI Audience members go back in time to ancient Israel and interact with costumed characters. Their mission is to get Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus to safety because Herod's temple guards are trying to capture the holy family. A new group leaves every 15 minutes. Tickets are \$15.00 for more information call 414-228-5220 X 119

Christmas Music

December 16 at 9:30am

Davian's Catering & Events 16300 W. Silver Spring Dr Menomonee Falls, WI Christmas music presented by The Menomonee Falls High School. Judith Rolfs from Fontana, WI will speak on "Stages from the Heart to the Page." Cost is \$18.00. Please RSVP to Los at 262-251-3841

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Dolly Parton: My life purpose is to 'do something for God;' 'until He says stop, I'll keep going'

by Leah MarieAnn Klett

Dolly Parton can still remember the moment she discovered her God-given purpose. The country music legend and cultural icon recalls how, as a little girl raised in the Smoky Mountains, an old woman once told her: "You are anointed."

"We grew up in the church and my grandpa was a Pentecostal preacher," Parton recalled. "So healing and praying and being anointed and all that stuff, that was nothing new to us, 'cause we survived because of our faith in God to get us through and all that. But when that old lady told me that I was anointed, I didn't know what that was. I was just thinking it was like, olive oil."

When Parton asked her mother to explain what the old woman meant, she responded, "That means that God has His hand on you; that you may do something special"

"That," the award-winning singer added, "triggered a faith in me because I believe that I was supposed to do something good. After she told me that, I thought, 'Well then this is my responsibility. I'm going to do something good."

"So I kinda held that also in the back of my mind, whether

that was predestined or not, or whether I just took that little grain of faith and made that so for myself," the "Jolene" singer continued.

"I never let go of that. I always felt responsible to God that I was supposed to be doing something for God. I still feel like that, and I'm still doing it, trying to. Sinning all the way, but trying my best, and asking forgiveness seventy times seven."



At the age of 18, Parton left rural Tennessee and followed her passion for singing to Nashville. It wasn't long before she launched a music and acting career that spanned decades, selling over 100 million albums worldwide and winning numerous awards.

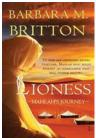
She's worked to improve literacy and promote education through programs such as her Imagination Library, which has given away over 100 million books to children around the world since

books to children around the world since 1995. In her hometown of Tennessee, she raised over \$11 million to help those affected by the fires that ravaged Sevier County in 2016.



God Honoring Books Reviewed

Lioness by Barbara Britton



Another in the series of books by Barbara Britton. While the Israelites struggle to occupy the Promised Land of God, Mahlah bat Zelophehad is orphaned and left to care for her four sisters. But daughters of the dead are unable to inherit land, and it will take a miracle for Mahlah to obtain the means to care for her sisters and uphold the vow she made to her dying mother. Mahlah must seek Moses, the leader of her people, and request something extraordinary—the right for a daughter to inherit her deceased father's land. A right that will upset the ox-cart of male inheritance and thrust her into the role of a rebel. But, God is the protector of the orphan and the widow, and five orphaned

daughters need His help. With God, anything is possible. Even changing man's tradition.

Barbara Britton lives in Wisconsin who writes romantic adventures for teens and adults. Learn more at www.barbarambritton.com Pelican Books \$15.99

Giving is the Good Life: The Unexpected Path to Purpose and Joy by Randy Alcorn



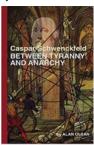
Are you living the Good Life? People define it differently, but everybody wants to live the good life. What if God provides clear guidelines for how to do this? What if it's possible to live a life that not only pleases God but is truly best both for others and for us? "Giving is the Good Life" shares exciting, life-changing biblical truths about generosity. It tells compelling stories of those who have discovered the contagious, Christ-centered gladness of giving. With clarity and passion, Randy Alcorn invites you to discover a bigger view of God, the ultimate giver. This book will help you see and joyfully embrace what the good life is really all about. Tyndale Publishers \$17.99

How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People by Pete Greig

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"How to Pray" is written to evoke a passion for prayer in everyone - the committed follower of Jesus as well as the skeptic and the scared. It is practical, accessible and unusually broad, with chapters on everything from the contemplative prayer to spiritual warfare. The enormous blessing of "How to Prayer" is that it demystifies and reentrants prayer, making it achievable and enjoyable, life-giving and even life-changing. Pete Grieg is a bestselling author and senior pastor of Emmaus Rd Church in Guildford, England. Tyndale Publishers \$15.99

Casper Schwenckfeld: Between Tyranny and Anarchy by Alan Olsan



"Between Tyranny and Anarchy" is a semi-fictional account of the turmoil and upheaval of the early decades of the Protestant Reformation. Perhaps less known than others, Caspar Schwenckfeld was a successful 16th Century reformer in his own right. In these pages, he reveals his own disappointments, conflicts, and hopes for the future, through the eyes of his friend and colleague, Jacob Held. All of the conversation ad other details that make up the narrative are derived from real letters, pamphlets and other writings of Schwenckfeld's. Anyone interested in the life and death struggle between tyranny and anarchy that was the Protestant Reformation will enjoy this book.

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"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Luke 1:38

Christian Volunteers in Hong Kong Stand Between Police and Protesters, Hope to End the Violence

by Kayla Koslosky



As protests for democratic reform continue to rage on in Hong Kong, Christian volunteers are putting themselves in the line of fire to keep protesters safe.

According to a BBC video titled "Doing God's Work," dozens of Hong Kong Christians are volunteering to stand between protesters and police – who have reportedly been aggressively violent toward the protesters.

Led by Good Neighbor North District Church pastor Roy Chan, dozens of Christians head out to protests each day and stand on the front lines of the unbeaval "As Christians, when we see an unjust situation, we have to go out and guard the children," Chan told the BBC.

"During this period (of protests), our church started the Protect the Children operation. We wear these yellow vests and fan out to different protest locations. Where there is conflict, we try to meditate, either between citizens and protesters or between protesters and police.

"As a Christian, this is what I can do for society, for God," the pastor asserted.

At the scenes, the volunteers split up into groups of seven. Each group then forms a "human chain" as they attempt to belabor police advancement.

"That's the self-sacrifice spirit. Beat us, don't beat the kids," Chan said.

The aim, the pastor noted, is for "Hong Kongers to not hurt Hong Kongers. And the policemen are Hong Kongers too, they have parents too."

According to Chan, the group has garnered some attention, encouraging other people to volunteer, including non-Christians and people from "different sectors of society."

"There are mothers and fathers, older people, and teenagers all working together," he told the BBC.

As the protests – which started in June when China planned to implement a rule that would have allowed for extradition from Hong Kong to mainland China – have only grown more violent as time has passed. Despite the extradition rule being tabled in September, Hong Kongers are continuing to protest in the hopes of achieving overall democratic reform.

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"OVERCOMER" ACTOR STARS IN "DON'T SAY MY NAME"

by Jeannie Law

Cameron Arnett, one of the stars of the hit faith-based film "Overcomer," took on a new role that he's passionate about - tackling the realities of human trafficking and what goes on after one is rescued from the sex

"Don't Say My Name," inspired by true stories, tells the story of human trafficking survivor Adriana after she "bravely escapes her captors."

The 34-year acting veteran plays a Homeland Security investigator in "Don't Say My Name" and is hoping to spread the word on the facts behind this form of slavery.

"Join us and let's make sure the names of our loved ones never have to be said," he

According to the film's crowdfunding page, two children are sex trafficked every 60

seconds and 10 will be stolen and enslaved every five minutes on average. A staggering statistic announced on NBC's "Today" show in 2016 revealed that every 30 seconds on average someone falls victim to sex trafficking. According to UNICEF, more than a million children are trafficked each year.

"It is thought that up to 90 percent of victims are never rescued. And for the 10% that are returned home, PTSD, depression and suicide are the norm as they struggle to re-enter society.



Sports



NFL Player Demario Davis Wins Appeal, Does Not Have to Pay Fine for Wearing 'Man of God' Headband

by Lori Arnold

A New Orleans Saints football player, who was fined \$7,017 by the NFL for wearing a "Man of God" headband during a Sept. 22 game, has won his appeal against the league and turned the incident into a fundraising opportunity for a local hospital.

"My agent just told me that I won my appeal and won't have to pay the headband fine," linebacker Demario Davis posted Wednesday on Instagram.

Davis's wallet will still be \$7,017 lighter, though, as he pledged to donate the amount of the original fine to St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. One hundred percent of subsequent sales of the headband, which also come in "Woman of God" and

"Child of God" versions, are benefitting the hospital. $\,$

"So far, we've raised over \$30,000 for them from the headbands!!" the linebacker posted. "That means yall helped me turn a \$7,000



negative into an almost \$40,000 positive benefiting people who truly need it!!! Do y'all see how that worked?? Let's gooooo. That's crazy! Ya'll are a part of this journey too!! I can't thank ya'll enough either. We on a mission over here obstacles are meant to be conquered!! I'm truly blessed as anybody."

After receiving the fine, Davis, founder of the faith-based Devoted Dreamers Foundation, announced he would no longer wear the headband.

Even before the NFL announced the reversal, Davis said no matter the outcome he believed God was in control.

"If He can get glory from it, I think He can get glory from it whether I personally wear the headband or don't wear the headband," he said. "He's always gonna be in control of the whole situation. We're still all good."

'I Need Jesus,' Too – Orlando Magic's Jonathan Isaac on Why He Attends Church

by Michael Foust



Orlando Magic forward Jonathan Isaac didn't enjoy missing most of his rookie season two years ago with an ankle injury, but in hindsight – he says – it was for the best.

Isaac worked out during that time and put on much-needed muscle on his 6-foot-10 frame to improve his defense. He became a better all-around player.

But he also grew spiritually.

"I take that injury as God sitting me down, and getting my attention to set me up for the life and the career that He has for me," Isaac, who is 22, told the Sports Spectrum Podcast this month.

He is expected to play a big role this year, his third season.

Off the court, he is known as one of the league's most outspoken Christians. He talked about his faith to the crowd during the Magic's

Faith and Family Night. He frequently writes about his faith on Twitter and Instagram, too.

"You have people say, 'You shouldn't post that or you shouldn't say that," he told Sports Spectrum, referencing his faith-based social media posts. "... People say you don't want to, you know, push your faith on people. ... [But] I can only be me. I can only live with my experiences and what I know for myself."

"Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior," he said. "So, me being my authentic self – that's who I am. And that's the way I speak."

Isaac wants his social media fans to know how Christ has changed his life.

"The Bible helps me live. It helps me be a better man," he said. "... And I see that as a direct effect that Jesus Christ had on my life, and if I'm going to speak about myself, I'm gonna have to speak about [faith]."

His faith, he said, has grown "leaps and bounds" the past two years as he's sought to grow "into the man of God that I know that God wants me to be."

Isaac also has found a home church in Orlando, although at 6-foot-10, he's not inconspicuous when he attends. At first, church members were shocked to see an NBA player sitting with them in church.

"[But] the more I got to know the people [and] the more they got to know me – it just turned into me just being another person," he said. "I need Jesus just as much as they do and you come to that realization really, really quick."

I always kind of pinch myself and say that any day this can be gone. In the Bible, it says the Lord exalts humility...I remind myself that I can always be better. I always work on what I have now. I've just got to be thankful to the Lord for the gifts He's given me. My gift back to Him is to always be humble and to always try to work as hard as I can.

~ Kevin Durant, Golden State Warriors

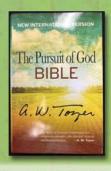
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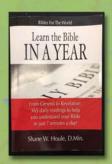
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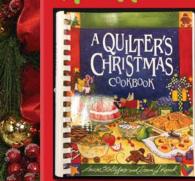








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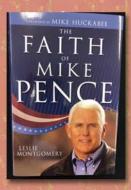




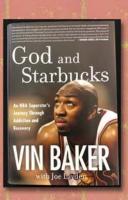
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Kanye West Quits Secular Music: 'Only Gospel from Here on Out'

by Amanda Casanova

On the heels of his newest release, "Jesus is King," Kanye West says he will no longer release secular music.

Andrew Barber, owner of the music media company Fake Shore Drive, shared the announcement on Twitter writing, "Kanye also announced that he is no longer making secular music. Only Gospel from here on out," CBS News reports.

According to Fox Business, West made this announcement at a listening party for his recently released album. At the listening party, West also reportedly said that he's "done being an entertainer."



In an interview with The View, West's wife, Kim Kardashian West, said his conversion to Christianity has made a lasting impact on him.

"Kanye started this to really heal himself and it was a really personal thing, and it was just friends and family," she said. "He has had an amazing evolution of being born again and being saved by Christ."

The "Jesus is King" album features tracks such as "Follow God," "New Body," "Sunday," and "Selah."



Values Voter Summit 2019: One for the History Books

by Tony Perkins, Family Research Council

At "a crucial moment in our nation's history," conservative Christians traveled from across America -- and around the globe -- to gather in Washington D.C. for the 14th annual Values Voter Summit. President Trump, who spoke to the capacity crowd Saturday night at the Omni Shoreham, told the attendees that "our shared values are under assault like never before." Enlightening speakers and informative panel discussions filled the weekend, providing plenty of context to President Trump's declaration!

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InterVarsity and Religious Freedom Prevail: The University of Iowa Learns a Lesson

by John Stonestreet and Roberto Rivera

Back in February, federal judge Stephanie M. Rose ruled that the University of Iowa could not strip recognition from Business Leaders in Christ for requiring leaders to follow traditional Christian teaching on sexual morality.

Rose, an appointee of President Obama, didn't find a problem with the university's "Human Rights Policy," which the university claimed the Christian group violated. But she did think it a problem that the university applied the policy inconsistently, in a way that violated students' free-speech rights.



Did the University of Iowa learn their lesson? Ummm... no. Last week, university officials found themselves back in Rose's courtroom. Despite the very clear ruling from February, university officials deregistered InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in June, for the same reason.

I'm not sure what the university expected, but in the last seven months Judge Rose had not changed her opinion about what the Constitution requires.

In fact, this time she let them have it. Since the February ruling, she wrote in her opinion, university officials "proceeded to broaden enforcement of the Human Rights Policy in the name of uniformity applying extra scrutiny to religious groups in the process — while at the same time continuing to allow some groups to operate in violation of the policy and formalizing an exemption for fraternities and sororities. The court does not know how a reasonable person could have concluded this was acceptable."

Back in her February ruling, Rose pointed out how "the Chinese Students and Scholars Association limits membership to Chinese students, and the Iowa Hawkapellas, an a capella group, only accepts women." Yet neither of these groups were de-recognized for violating the Human Rights Policy.

Nor were fraternities and sororities or LGBTQ student groups required to open their leadership policies. Just about the only groups the policy applied to, according to university officials, were Christian groups that uphold traditional Christian teaching about sexuality.

Rose made her opinion about that quite clear: "The Constitution does not tolerate the way defendants chose to enforce the human rights policy." She correctly identified the double standard clearly at work, which can be summed up as "some freedom of speech and association is freer than others."

Frustrated with their stubbornness and determined to not have them re-visit her court for the same reason, Rose decided to hit officials where it really hurts: their wallets.

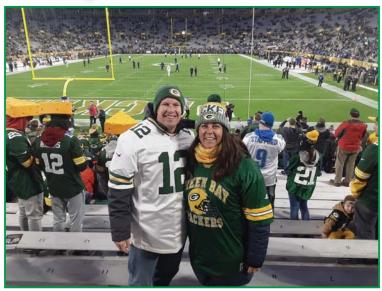
In her February ruling, Rose said that university officials were not personally liable for any potential damages awarded to the group Business Leaders in Christ. But that will not be true regarding any damages awarded to InterVarsity, since officials ignored her February ruling

Becket's Daniel Blomberg, who represented InterVarsity, said it was "too bad it took twice for the university to learn its lesson." He added that "University officials nationwide should now take note that religious discrimination will hit them in the pocketbook."

Even if InterVarsity never collects a nickel from these hostile university officials, the ruling is still a big win for religious freedom on college campuses. And it's another chapter in what's becoming quite a long story of why believers ought to actively defend their religious freedom. InterVarsity's win is a win for every campus group in America.

To ensure religious freedom has a future, more will be forced to take action like InterVarsity did. And, we'll all have to learn to make the case for religious freedom and why it matters.

News & More



Tim Smith and his wife, Natalie attending the Packers game on October 14th.

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FRANKLIN GRAHAM DEFENDS CHICK-FIL-A NEW GIVING STRATEGY: 'CHICK-FIL-A REMAINS COMMITTED TO CHRISTIAN VALUES'

Evangelist Franklin Graham on Thursday defended Chick-fil-A's decision to change



its donation strategy, saying he had called CEO Dan Cathy and was assured the company had not caved and remains committed to Christian values.

On Monday, the Chick-fil-A Foundation unveiled a "more focused giving approach" that will concentrate on the areas of education, homelessness and hunger. Beginning in 2020, the Foundation will exclusively fund Junior Achievement USA, Covenant House International, and local food banks.

Chief Operating Officer Tim Tassopoulos told Bisnow.com that the Foundation no longer would donate to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Salvation Army – two ministries that have been at the heart of criticism by LGBT groups.

"Has Chick-fil-A caved?" Graham asked in a post on Facebook. "Some are saying they've rolled over, that they've conceded to the LGBTQ protests because they released a statement about their charitable giving. They announced that in 2020 they're giving to fight hunger and homelessness and support education. What's wrong with that?



In the Kitchen With Diane

Diane Fechter, Author



CRANBERRY WALNUT PIE

1 c. flour

1 c. sugar

1/4 tsp. salt

2 eggs

6 Tbsp. butter, melted and cooled slightly

1 tsp. almond extract

2 c. cranberries, halved (fresh or frozen) 1/2 c. chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 9-inch pie pan. Combine flour, sugar and salt. Set aside. In another bowl, whisk together eggs, butter and almond extract. Stir in cranberries and walnuts. Add to dry ingredients, and stir only until mixed. Mixture will be very thick. Spread batter into pie pan. Bake at 350° about 40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream if desired.

For more recipes and tips see www.recipesforafull-filledlife.blogspot.com

In-N-Out Owner Keeps Adding New Bible Verses to Packaging: It's 'a Family Touch'

by Michael Foust

Some company owners try to distance their brand from religion and faith. In-N-Out's president, though, is embracing it.

In-N-Out Burger owner and president Lynsi Snyder, 37, says in a new interview with The Christian Post that she has expanded a tradition started decades ago when then-company president Rich Snyder printed Bible references on packaging.

"It was my Uncle Rich who put the Bible verses on the cups and wrappers in the early '90s, just before he passed away," Snyder said according to the Christian Post. "He had just accepted the Lord and wanted to put that little touch of his faith on our brand. It's a family business and will always be, and that's a family touch. In later years, I added verses to the fry boat, coffee, and hot cocoa cups."

The verses are discreet – on the bottom of a cup, for example – but easy to find with a quick search. The company has used well-known Bible references like John 3:16 ("For God so loved the world ...") but also less-popular ones like Nahum 1:7 ("the Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.").

Snyder said in recent years she has added Proverbs 24:16 ("for though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes") to the fries container and Luke 6:35 ("but love your enemies, do good to them") to coffee cups, The Post reported.

In 2015, Snyder told CBS This Morning about the Bible references, "Our main thing



is we're giving God the glory and that we believe that He has blessed this company. And He's really had his hand on it through all the tragedy. ... I don't feel bad about having that on there. Do we have some persecution or haters? Sure. But I don't spend too much time thinking about it."

In-N-Out's restaurants are found primarily on the West Coast and in the Southwest.





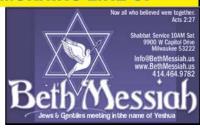




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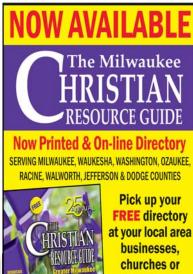
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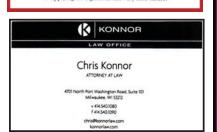






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WYCLIFFE ASSOCIATES SEEKING TO EXPAND IN 'IMPOSSIBLE PLACES' WITH TRANSLATION PROJECTS IN 450 NEW LANGUAGES

Wycliffe Associates, an international organization involving people in the advancement of Bible translation, is ready to begin translation projects in 450 new languages in some of the world's most isolated regions, including places where Christianity is a crime and the Bible is banned.

FORMER DRUG ADDICT BAPTIZED AT CHURCH HE VANDALIZED 6 MONTHS EARLIER: 'GOD IS REAL'

A former drug addict who broke into an Arkansas church and vandalized \$100,000 worth of property was baptized at the same church six months later after the pastor and church members displayed grace and forgiveness.

SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE SHARE THEIR STORIES AT SBC'S 'CARING WELL' CONFERENCE

Survivors of sexual abuse shared their heartbreaking stories and called on the Church to come alongside those suffering during "Caring Well: Equipping the Church to Confront the Abuse Crisis" conference in Dallas, Texas.

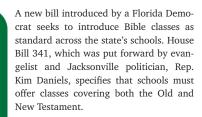
US REVERSAL OF LONG-HELD STANCE ON WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced that the Trump administration will reverse the previous administration's stance that Israeli settlements in the West Bank are a violation of international law and a hindrance to peace.

EVANGELICAL YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER AWANA TO RELEASE FIRST-EVER SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Awana, one of the world's leading youth ministry and child evangelism nonprofits, will soon publish its first-ever digital weekend curriculum that will be made available to Sunday school classes nationwide in July 2020.

NEW BILL SEEKS TO INTRODUCE BIBLE CLASSES ACROSS FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



The introductory text to the bill declares that each school district must "offer specified courses relating to religion, Hebrew Scriptures, & Bible to certain students as elective courses." While students would not be forced to attend the classes, they must all be presented with the option to

DETROIT CHURCH'S GAS GIVEAWAY SHUT DOWN BY POLICE AFTER 30 MINUTES DUE TO MASSIVE **TURNOUT**

'WAKE-UP CALL': ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA MAY CEASE TO EXIST BY 2040, SAYS REPORT

The Anglican Church of Canada will run out of members by the year 2040 if its current rate of decline continues, according to a recently released report.

MIKE PENCE TELLS LIBERTY U. GRADS: IT'S 'FASHIONABLE' **TO ATTACK RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

Vice President Mike Pence warned about the attacks on religious liberty during his commencement address to Liberty University graduates.

Speaking at Liberty's Williams Stadium in Lynchburg, Virginia, Pence said he believed "it's become acceptable and even fashionable to ridicule and discriminate against people of faith" in the United States.

MARYLAND STUDENT SUES SCHOOL FOR ALLEGEDLY FORCING HER TO PROMOTE ISLAMIC BELIEFS IN CLASS

MINISTRIES DIRECTORY

MILWAUKEE (AREA 1)

Agape Harvest Fellowship Ministries Church of Engle-

burg 4620 W North Avenue Milwaukee 53208 Sunday Worship 10AM 414.449.2390 or AHFMC.org

Apostolic Missionary Church 2686 S 12th Street Milwaukee 53207 Call for times 414.645.7383

Berean Family Worship Cen-

Berean Fainty fer, Inc. ONE CHURCH IN TWO CITIES 3920 N. 51st Blvd Milwaukee, WI 53216 Sunday 8 am Wednesday 6:30 pm prayer, 7

Beth Messiah Congregation 9900 W Capitol Drive Milwaukee 53222 Saturday Worship 10AM 414.464.9782

Blessed Deliverance M.B.C. 2215 N. 23rd Street Milwaukee, WI 53205 414-344-9645 414-344-9043 Sunday School 8:45 am Worship 10 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm Blessdeliverance@aol.com Central Assembly of God 5511 W Burleigh 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.cffceast.org

Cornerstone Church Milwau-

kee
2223 E. Kenwood Blvd
Milwaukee, WI 53211
SundayWorship10am
414.395.7777 or
cornerstonemilwaukee.com

Divine Shepherd Lutheran 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, WI 53222 Sunday Worship 9AM, 10:45AM Wed. Youth Programs 7PM 414.464.9220

Greater St. Lukes 2741 N. 27th Street Milwaukee, WI 53210 11 am Sunday Worship 9 am Sunday School 9 am Sunday Sc 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

A Mighty River Ministries 5933 W National Ave. West Allis, WI 53214 Sunday Prayer 4PM Sunday Worship 5PM Friday Bible Study 6:30PM 414-306-5672

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

Newport Missionary Baptist

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

Parklawn Assembly of God 3725 N Sherman Blvd Milwaukee 53216 Sunday Worship 8, 11AM 414.442.7411

Restoration International Min-

Restoration international mani-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 Milwaukee 53207 Sunday School 10AM Worship Services 11AM, 1PM Thursday 7PM 414.342.1234 or SoulsHarborBaptist.

Spiritual Healing & Restora-Spiritual Healing & Kestora-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 Vliet St Milwaukee 53208 Sunday Worship 11AM 414.933.4744



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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 Franklin, WI 53132 Sunday Bible Study 9:30AM Children's/Ir Church 10:30AM 414. 232.3158 or www.cbcfranklinwi.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 AM1340 12:45PM 414.423.0700 or Jubilee-Christian.

Milwaukee Victory Church 2110 W National Ave Milwaukee 53204 Sunday Worship 10AM 414.645.7496

Life Restoration Church 2422 W National Ave Milwaukee 53204 Sunday Worship 10AM 414.383.2280

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

St John's Lutheran Church 4850 S Lake Dr Cudahy 53110 Call for times 414.481.0520

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

WEST SUBURBS (AREA 3)

Beloit Road Baptist Church 8337 W Beloit Rd West Allis 53219 Call for times 414.543.0655

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

Brookfield Christian Reformed 14135 W Burleigh 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 Sa Sunday 9, 10:45AM 262.786.7051 Sat 5PM

Family Prayer & Worship Center 2370 S. 75th Street West Allis, WI 53219 414.216.FPWC (3792) Worship Sundays10AM 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 uww fbnewberlin arn 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 <u>Intl.</u> 8650 W National Ave 8650 W National Ave West Allis 53219 Sunday Prayer 8:45AM Sunday Worship 10:30AM Sunday Praise 6PM Wednesday 7PM 414,543.0603

Faith Christian Church 4800 S. Calhoun Rd, 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 Poplar (real/burch are PoplarCreekChurch.org

Reformation Hope Church 915 Adelmann Ave., Lower Level Brookfield, WI 53045 Sunday Worship 10:30AM Family Bible Hour Sunday 1:00PM www.reformationhopechurchministries.

RightWay Church Ministries
POBox242232
Milwaukee,W153225
Meeting at ComfortSuites
10831ParkPlace
Milwaukee,W153224
SundaySchool 9am
WorshipService 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 Center, Inc. ON CHURCH IN TWO CITIES N112 W17655 Mequon Rd Germantown, WI 53022 Sunday 11 am Tuesday 6:30 pm prayer, 7 pm

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 Clcofport.com

Cornerstone Church Lake

Country 354 N. Oakwood Ave Oconomowoc, WI 53066 Sunday Celebration 10am Wed. Catalyst Youth Group 7pm 262-569-0001

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

Delavan Christian Reformed <u>Church</u> 850 Oak Street Sunday Worship 9:30AM 6PM 262.728.6801

Eagles Wings Nazarene Fel-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 Laddies 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 RacineF(F.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.fbbckenosha.org

Family Chapel
N25 W23050 Paul Road
Pewaukee 53072
Sunday Worship 10AM
Family(hapel.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. Purlington, WI 53105 262-767-3649 Sun. 9 &10:45 Wed. 6:30

Journey Church Kenosha Sat. 6pm Sun. 9 & 10:45 Wed. 6:30

Lake Country Bible Church N45W32481 Watertown Plan Rd Nashotah, WI 53058 Sunday Bible Study 9AM Worship 10:15AM 262-369-8777 Lake(ountryBible.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 Country Road II.
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.ODBCport.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 W195 S9912 Racine Avenue Muskego, WI 53150 Sunday Worship Service: 9:30

a.m. Wednesday Service: 6:30 p.m. www.praise-fellowship.org

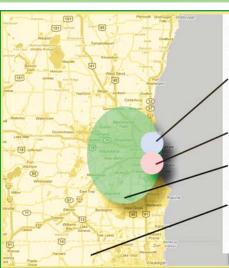
Summit Harvest Church 888 Thackerway Trail #209 Oconomowoc 53066 Sunday Worship 10AM 262.560.0765 SummitHarvestChurch.org

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

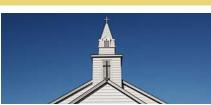
Watertown Community Church 106 E Madison St Watertown 53094 Sunday Worship 10AM Call for other meetings/studies 920.206.0599 or WatertownCommunityChurch.org

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 believers@ZionChristianAssembly.org

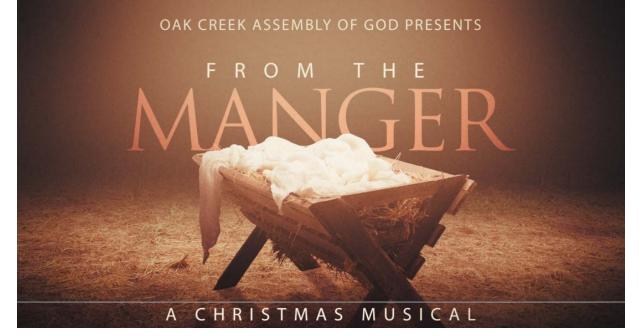


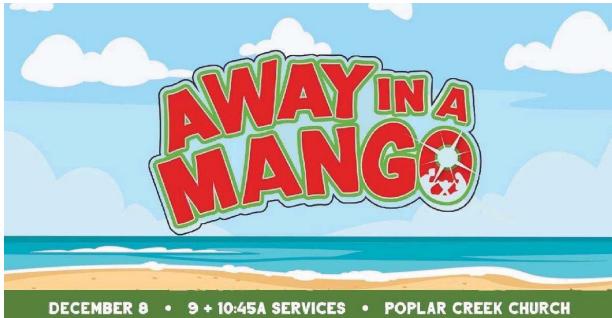
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