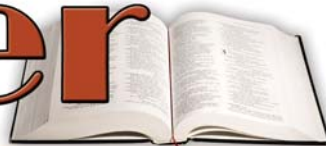




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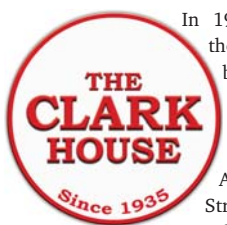


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ProBuColls Expands Ministry



In 1935, a family by the name of Clark bought a complex of five buildings on North 24th Street between Kilbourn Avenue and State Street in Milwaukee.

As a five-building rooming/boarding house complex, they operated at that location for over 40 years with a very substantial influence on the west side of Milwaukee just adjacent to the Marquette University campus.

In 1979, the Clarks sold the complex to Tony and Nadine Katchever who have been running it ever since. Due to many reasons including age, health, and neighborhood conditions, they felt it was time to put the property up for sale and semi-retire, moving on to help other people with similar needs. On January 8, 2020, ProBuColls Association purchased the properties from the Katchevers to expand their own ministry of helping others in need.

In the 1980s, ProBuColls found a need to help those who are considered possibly down and out or in other similar needful situations (ie, student housing, etc.) ProBuColls was given this opportunity with other buildings and slowly grew to be a unique ministry to those who do not have the wherewithal to lease or rent their own place to now have somewhere to stay.

One of the areas that grew exceptionally fast and came to the attention of the board of directors was the placement of ex-offenders. ProBuColls has been working with the Division of Corrections for over 20 years helping to stabilize ex-offenders by giving them a



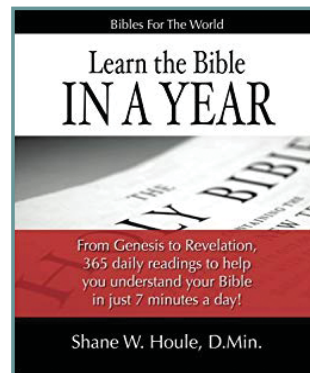
Josh Loebach, Assistant Manager; Vincent McDade, Clark House Manager; and Bob Conklin, Project Coordinator and Vice-Chair of ProBuColls

neat, clean establishment to live in, fellowship, and an opportunity to obtain employment so they can fit within the ranks of society they have been entrusted to.

This mission has been very, very success and when the opportunity of the Clark House was formulated almost 13 years ago, it was pursued as a possibility someday in the

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Put God's Word at the Top of Your Reading List in 2020!



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The "Read Thru The Bible" 2020 Calendar is ready for your use. You can obtain these FREE of charge - just for the asking. Pass them out to friends at church, Bible study groups, etc. Want to be blessed by God each day? Read His Word and you will be blessed beyond what you can handle. It's like a luscious steak dinner each day, the only difference is God's Word lasts forever.

One of the greatest books recommended to go along with your calendar is "Learn The Bible In A Year".

From Genesis to Revelation, 365 daily readings to help you understand your Bible in just 7 minutes a day! Compiled by Shane W. Houle, D.Min. formerly a pastor in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

This book is not a small pamphlet but the size of a college textbook and could retail for as much as \$250.00. Limited copies of this book are available at ProBuColls Books & Gifts, 9733 W. Greenfield Ave. for only \$24.99. A super good price. Even beats Amazon. Great for personal use, great for Bible groups, Sunday School groups, etc.



Commentary



Have You Noticed?

by John Fisco

I'm not sure if you noticed it as much as I have, but over the last couple of years there has been a comeback of the phrase "MERRY CHRISTMAS!" This has been in the works for many years and finally this past season it has been very, very noticeable that Merry Christmas was loud and clear, and you didn't have to be politically correct and avoid it.

We commend the many large corporations that are picking up on this and recognizing the true meaning of Christmas that had been waning for years. Let's hope and trust that this continues on now so that the



true meaning of Christmas will not be lost in the shuffle.

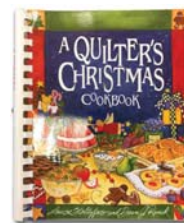
As you can see by the accompanying picture, there was a tremendous response to the OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD project of filling shoeboxes in this area. We are happy and thrilled for the individuals and

families of all ages who brought in thousands and thousands of boxes to be shipped to children in foreign countries.

Also this year, ProBuColls Books and Gifts and the Christian Courier newspaper, for its annual gift giving to thank custom-

ers for their patronage of the bookstore and newspaper, gave over a thousand copies of "A Quilter's Christmas Cookbook." One recipient wrote to us and said she gave it to her granddaughter for her birthday and hoped that it would be a very practical keepsake in time. "Her mom had said she was interested in cooking so God's timing through your generosity was perfect." (Sylvia, Brown Dear, WI)

Needless to say, the saying "it is better to give than to receive" (especially at Christmas time) can be multiplied hundreds of times over. Just think of what a simple Christmas card and a 55 cent stamp can do for someone on the receiving end.



TOBYMAC HONORS LATE SON TRUETT WITH MOVING SONG – IT'S AN 'HONEST CONFESSION'

Christian singer TobyMac released an emotion-laden song and music video about his late 21-year-old son.

In a statement regarding the song, TobyMac shared that he is thankful for the support he's received and that the tune is an "honest" reflection of his feelings.

The song, titled 21 years, includes the lyric, "God has you in heaven, but I have you in

my heart." and describes the emotions he felt when he first learned of his son Truett Foster McKeehan's death last October and the feelings he has experienced since.

The video shows TobyMac singing in the rain. Pictures and videos of Truett are spliced into it.

"I loved him with all my heart," TobyMac said in a statement. "Until something in life hits you this hard, you never know how you will handle it. I am thankful that I have been surrounded by love, starting with God's and

extending to community near and far that have walked with us and carried us every day."

"Writing this song felt like an honest confession of the questions, pain, anger, doubt, mercy and promise that describes the journey I'm probably only beginning," he added. "The rest is yet to come. One thing I know is that I am not alone. God didn't promise us a life of no pain or even tragic death, but He did promise He would never leave us or forsake us. And I'm holding dearly to that promise for my son as well as myself."



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A Word From the Heart

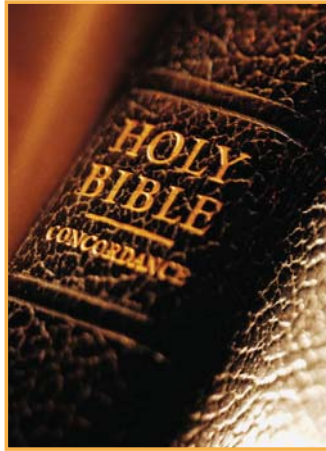
by John Duckhorn

Gusano:

I am delighted to be back at the lower levels. The fresh air above gags me. Nevertheless, it has been profitable roaming about seeking whom I can devour among the followers of you know who. We are forbidden to mention His name. So it is nice to be back and smell the sulfur. I love the strong burning sensation in my nostrils; it is like lighting a million matches and blowing them out. But now to the business at hand.

You must carefully study those who are followers of the Way. It ought to be impossible to make their lives ineffective but it is easy. I want to focus on important areas easy to attack. I speak of their belief in the Truth. You mention in your FAX that too many of them are reading the Bible. I would rather that they not read it but we must learn ways to counteract their interest in it. Here are some points to remember:

1. The moral standards of the world have become like the old days. Remember way back, how some had flaunted immoral conduct that was acceptable in their community? They openly attacked anyone who did not accept their immoral conduct and demanded that their children participate with them. Of course, we were delighted when they were judged, by fire, because their loss was our gain. It is true that believers in Him are taught to use their book to judge the on goings of the world around them. So keep misquoting His word about 'not judging' one another. It was one of our master strokes to have our followers actually believe that they alone are not judgmental. Nice Work Gusano!
2. Keep them obsessed with the current attitudes of the times. It is dividing true believers in Him and allows the world to gloat. We have won a major battle by making feelings the measuring stick for life's choices. The self love stuff we began, a while ago, has



lead to outright misunderstandings about respect and genuine concern for others. It is fun to watch them bellow out their views and want to actually destroy those who oppose them. We have them on the run. By all means keep making sure their children do not have much time to listen to their Truth. Allow everything around to spew out the current nonsense. Anything they read, hear, or see, must reinforce the current humbug. Leave nothing untouched.

3. The political scene is to be used to divide His followers. I love it when their publications become hoity-toity, thinking they are the Christians who keep the perfect balance. They can not accept what they feel is the deplorable thinking of His followers who are too simple minded to "see it".

A final shuddering thought. Their book (the Bible) makes things very clear and ought to keep them strong, balanced, and confident that He is in control. Quoting from His book it says: "He is the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in Heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions, principalities or powers. All things were created through and for Him. He is before all things and in Him all things consist." And, "It pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell." There is more but you, my ugly friend, can read it in Colossians 1:15-21. It is true. I knew them and was expelled because I forgot I was a mere created being.

We cannot undo His work nor can we snatch them out of His hand, but we can disrupt their work and dethrone Him misrepresenting Him and distorting His word. We do not have much time. They will be blessed forever but our eternal binding draws near.

E.L. Chulo

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Tony Katchever

future. And now, that day has been secured and the groundwork to reestablish the work of those in the past on North 24th Street has just begun.

There are numerous projects for volunteers to undertake: new roofs, gutters, siding, interior and exterior painting, landscaping, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and simple remodeling. A brochure is being prepared itemizing every need, and corporations and individuals will



be asked to share in this ministry. ProBuColls is a nonprofit organization and any donated services, materials, financing, and in-kind sources are tax-deductible and deeply appreciated.

It is the desire of the organization to make the Clark House the apple of His eye on the west side of Milwaukee with a silver lining that will have a great impact for the city. "Tent cities" are not in the foreseeable future, nor should they be, when there is ample area for those in need to have a restful place each day and evening. We trust you will keep this in your prayers and see how you can physically, materially, and financially be a part of this new shining light on Milwaukee's west side.

If you have any questions, call Bob Conklin at 414-791-5315 or the ProBuColls office at 414-344-7300. ProBuColls has been an established nonprofit organization since 1964 and has been a part of many hundred of ministries in southeastern Wisconsin since then.





News & More



Let the Politicians Focus on Politics While Pastors Focus on the Gospel

by Dr. Michael Brown

Please don't get me wrong. I believe strongly that pastors and Christian leaders should address today's controversial moral issues. That includes abortion and LGBT activism and immigration reform and social justice. I've said this time and time again.

But there is a difference between politics and culture, between partisan battles in Congress and family values. And, for the months ahead, as America gets more and more divided over President Trump and the 2020 elections, pastors and Christian leaders need to keep their focus on the gospel.

Politics will tear us apart and rob us of hope and peace. The gospel will transform us and unite and give us infinite hope and perfect peace.

Politics are always weighed down with the flesh, with human beings being very human,

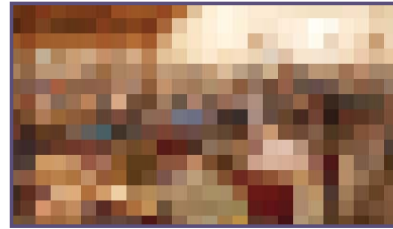
bringing out the worst in us.

The gospel is grounded in the person and work of Jesus, the very one who liberates us from the flesh and brings out the best in us.

What a difference there is between the political system and the kingdom of God!

Again, this does not mean that we abandon the political process. Not for a second. In our democratic republic, it is our sacred right to vote and to petition and to persuade.

Let's advocate for what is right and best for our country. Let's vote wisely with a view to the generations that follow.



But politics is only 24/7 for the politicians. It must not be 24/7 for everyone else, in particular for pastors and Christian leaders. Our focus must be elsewhere.

Unfortunately, today, with 24/7 news and with 24/7 political intrigue, it's very easy to make this our own main focus as well.

Every moment of every day there's a provocative tweet.

Every second an opinion is being expressed.

And much of it is coming across our social media feeds. We must respond.

Priscilla Shirer to Undergo Surgery on Left Lung Weeks After Mother's Death

by Mikaela Mathews

Weeks after her mother's funeral, author and actress Priscilla Shirer announced she would undergo surgery to remove a lobe in her left lung.

According to CBN News, Shirer discovered a nodule in her left lung three years ago.

"Several pulmonary specialist and I have watched it meticulously since then," she said in a Facebook post. "This past summer, it was clear that something surgical needed to be done as the nodule had begun to grow and show signs of dangerous irregularities."

Shirer pushed back the surgery while her family mourned the loss of her mother to a rare form of cancer. But she couldn't delay



it any longer and scheduled the surgery for Monday, January 13.

Only a few days after Christmas, Lois Evans, Shirer's mother, passed away after a several year battle with a rare cancer at the age of 70, as previously reported by Christian Headlines.

"Just before the sun came up this morning, the love of my life, Lois Irene Evans, transitioned from earth and watched her first sunrise from heaven," Dr. Tony Evans wrote in an Instagram post.

Lois had been diagnosed with the cancer years ago but beat it. It returned in April of last year and in October, Evans announced

that chemotherapy was no longer working for his wife.

The family has also endured the loss of Tony Evans' father in November, his sister in January, and his niece, young mom and writer Wynter Evans Pitts, last year.

Even still, Evans and his entire family are committed to their faith.

"Thank you for praying for me and for our entire family. We refuse to cave to fear, anxiety or a decrease in faith ... because, well ... ain't nobody got time for that! Through it all, we still believe God," said Shirer. "We are trusting Him for a favorable outcome and that I will return to full health personally and full function in ministry."

Record Number of Pro-Lifers Join Marches to Kick off 2020

by Mikaela Mathews

As abortion has come into sharp focus during the 2020 election cycle, pro-lifers have come out in heavy numbers to kick off the year.

In Colorado, thousands attended the "Celebrate Life" march to rally against late-term abortions, according to Faithwire. A new measure in the state, called "Initiative 120," proposes that medical professionals who perform an abortion after 22 weeks—unless the mother's life is at risk—could lose their license for at least three years.

Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, spoke at the event and recalled his time working at a hospital and seeing abortions.

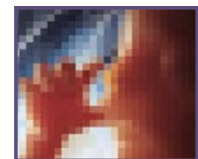
"It is tragic and I remember being stunned," he said. "I can still remember the horror on the young woman's face [during the abortion]."

Despite the initiative only protecting fetuses after 22 weeks, protestors wanted their intentions made clear.

"We are not voting for abortion, nor are we saying we agree with abortion up to 22 weeks," Aquila said. "What we are saying, is that we respect life, and we respect it for all the pregnancy."

To the northeast, approximately 9,000 people appeared in Chicago to protest their beliefs in the "March for Life Chicago." In 2014, only 1,000 showed to the event. This year's theme was "Life empowers: Pro-life is Pro-Woman."

"There's more people in Illinois and the Midwest who recognize the urgency of this," said March for Life president Dawn Fitzpatrick. "We recognize that there's a human being that's created from the moment of conception."





News & More



Chick-fil-A CEO Regrets Discrediting Salvation Army and Other 'Outstanding' Organizations

By Michael Foust



Chick-fil-A CEO Dan Cathy says in a new letter that the company "inadvertently discredited" what he calls "outstanding organizations" when it changed its giving strategy and pulled funding last year from the Salvation Army and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Cathy, in the letter to the American Family Association, also says the company has not waned in its corporate purpose to "glorify God."

Cathy addressed the letter to AFA President Tim Wildmon, who had written Cathy and

asked the Chick-fil-A CEO two questions, including, "Will Chick-fil-A publicly state that it does not believe the Salvation Army and FCA are hate groups because of the ministries' beliefs about sexuality, marriage, and family?"

Cathy, in his letter, applauded the ministries.

"As you have seen, recently we announced changes to our giving strategy at the Chick-fil-A Foundation," Cathy wrote. "These changes were made to better focus on hunger, homelessness and education. We understand how some thought we were abandoning our long-standing support of faith-based organizations. We inadvertently discredited several outstanding organizations that have effectively served communities for years. Some also questioned if our commitment to our Corporate Purpose was waning. Let me state unequivocally: It is not."

Earlier in the letter, Cathy had said he agreed with his late father, Truett Cathy, who founded the company on biblical principles.

"My dad was deeply committed to his Christian faith," Dan Cathy wrote. "My siblings

and I share his deep conviction to live out our faith by serving with generosity and humility in the marketplace. Since 1982, our Corporate Purpose daily reminds us that we are here 'To glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us. To have a positive influence on all who come in contact with Chick-fil-A.' Indeed, it is our faith and purpose that drives our mission for serving great food in a way that demonstrates care for you on a daily basis."

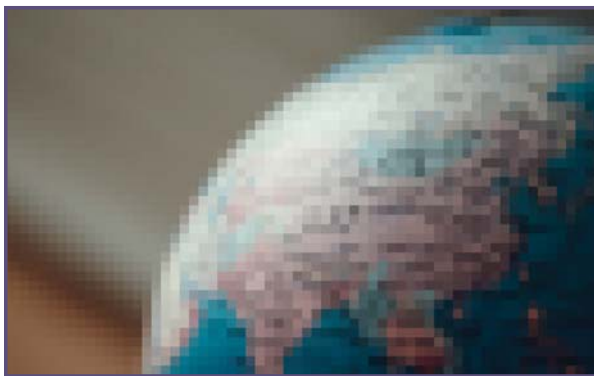
Wildmon, on Tuesday, said the letter from Cathy was positive news.

"This response was a welcomed clarification," Wildmon wrote in a letter to AFA supporters. "It appears that Mr. Cathy understands how many evangelicals perceived the company's decision, as he stated that these Christian groups were 'inadvertently discredited.' The fact that Dan Cathy called these two Christian groups 'outstanding organizations' will mean a lot to evangelicals."

Wildmon said the company will "continue to monitor Chick-fil-A's corporate giving, at least for the foreseeable future."

China Persecuted 5,576 Churches in 2019, Climbs to 23 on Worst Persecutors List

by Michael Foust



Christians in China experienced an unprecedented level of surveillance, control and restrictions of their beliefs within the past year, according to Open Doors' 2020 World Watch List, which saw the Communist nation rise four spots in the annual ranking of countries that persecute Christians the most.

China jumped from 27 to 23 on the list, driven by the government's desire to "Sinicize" Christianity and other religions – meaning to make religious beliefs "fall in line" with the government's interpretation of Communism.

The World Watch List, released annually, lists the 50 most dangerous countries for Christians to live.

North Korea remains No. 1 on the list, followed by Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan, Eritrea, Sudan, Yemen, Iran and India.

There were at least 5,576 government-approved attacks on churches last year in China, an increase from 171 the previous year.

China is home to an estimated 97,200,000 Christians. They comprise about 6 percent of the population, according to Open Doors' estimates.

Open Doors is calling China's persecution of Christians a "human rights nightmare"

"The Chinese government is nearly single-handedly responsible for the steep increase in churches and Christian buildings attacked in 2019," said David Curry, president and CEO of Open Doors. "Their newest policies are penalizing minority Christians in unprecedented ways. If they continue down this path they will be the single largest violator of human rights worldwide."

Open Doors listed multiple examples of the persecution of Christians in China:

- The online sale of Bibles banned.
- Teachers and medical staff pressured "to sign documents saying they have no religious faith."
- Elderly people told that their pensions "will be cut if they don't renounce" Christianity.
- Churches destroyed and crosses removed.
- Pastors jailed.
- Landlords pressured by government officials "to cancel rental contracts with churches."
- Christians and church officials monitored.
- Children under the age of 18 forbidden from attending church.

Curry is urging the U.S. government to address China's religious liberty violations in future trade deals.



Calendar



January

Milwaukee Aglow Lighthouse Meeting January 17 at 9:30am

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

As Aglow women and men gather this month, we invite you to come, enjoy and immerse yourself into one of our very popular AGLOW interactive small group sessions. The meeting will begin with praise and worship. This month's timely topic is entitled, "The Perfect Gift" - Walk forward into your future with God! We explore the fact that you are beginning a New Year... and God has given you your personal gifts and abilities as His son/daughter, to equip you in His END-TIME ARMY. Don't let your voice be "snuffed out". It's more important for you to SPEAK OUT this year, then ever before! Don't run away from your God-Given purpose on earth. Arise and be all God is calling you to be. For more information contact Mary Shoda at 312-636-2262.

Christian Women's Brunch

January 20 at 9:30am

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

Special guest Bary Jo Menzel, beautiful hand crafter of scarves and special speaker Judith Ebert speaking on "Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places." Cost is \$18. RSVP to Lois at 262-251-3841

Fasting and Prayer January 22 from 11am to 2pm

State Capitol Building
Rotunda, Madison, WI

Fasting and Prayer for the unborn children on Roe v. Wade 46th Anniversary. Tarry One Hour will be hosting a solemn assembly to fast and pray for the unborn children, the church, our families, our government, and our nation, and to see the end to abortion. We will be seeking the Lord's forgiveness and mercy for the millions of babies killed, His guidance, and a move of repentance and revival in America. Afterward those interested may join us in lobbying our legislators to abolish abortion in Wisconsin. Contact A. B. Herron at 262-672-3685 or Anne at 414-921-8126.

Dare To Be January 23 at 7pm

Riverside Theatre
116 W. Wis. Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53204

"Dare To Be" a concert with Natalie Grant and Charlotte Gambil. Contact Riverside Theatre online for tickets.

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Admirals Game and Skillet Concert January 24 at 7pm

Oak Creek Assembly of God church is sponsoring a student's Admirals Game and Skillet Concert. Limited tickets available. Contact the church at 414-762-2010 for prices and details.

Tarry One Hour January 27 at 6:30pm

Wauwatosa Public Library
7635 W. North Ave
Wauwatosa, WI

Tarry One Hour will be hosting a sidewalk counseling class for individuals, churches and organizations who would like to come out to the abortion facilities to minister to the mothers and fathers who are getting ready to abort their children. We minister to the women with love, kindness and the gospel of Jesus Christ, and we encourage them to choose Jesus Christ rather than abortion. If our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has placed it on your heart to speak up for the unborn children and to end abortion, we encourage you to attend this class. Contact A. B. Herron at 262-672-3685 or Anne at 414-921-8126.

Family Fun - Cosmic Game Night January 31 from 6pm to 8pm

Brooklife Church
857 S. Rochester St #300
Mukwonago, WI 53149

Join us for Family Fun Night on January 31 from 6-8 pm for Cosmic Game Night. We will have Glow in the Dark Bingo (with prizes), Giant Jenga, Twister Ultimate, Bags, Boards Games and More. Free popcorn & Sn-Cones.

February

"No Regrets" Men's Conference February 1 from 8:30am to 4pm

Fox River Christian Church-
Waukesha
S46W24130 Lawnsdale Rd.
Waukesha, WI

"No Regrets" Men's Conference is an annual event started in 1994, designed to create an environment for men to be challenged in their relationship with the Lord at home, in the workplace, and in their ministry. No Regrets Men's Ministries exists to empower the local church to develop its men into an army to reach the world for Christ. Fox River Christian Church will stream the conference at their Waukesha Campus. There will be small group breakout sessions and opportunities to connect as a community. Men of all ages are welcome, and encouraged to invite a friend. \$40 per ticket which includes lunch. For more info or to register contact the church at 262-544-6000.

Girls Night Out: Paint Night February 4 at 6:30pm

Oak Creek Assembly of God Church
7311 S. 13th Street
Oak Creek, WI

We would love for you to join us for Girls Night Out. This fun evening of "girl time" will allow you to express your creative side by painting a beautiful picture while enjoying coffee, dessert, and most importantly...laughter. No painting experience is necessary. Please contact the church at 414-762-2010 for more info or to register.

Night to Shine February 7 at 6pm

Brooklife Church
857 S. Rochester St #300
Mukwonago, WI 53149

Join us on Friday February 7 from 6-9 for Night to Shine prom. Night to Shine is a prom for people with special needs, ages 14 & up. It is sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation and hosted by Brooklife Church. Guests will enjoy the royal treatment, which includes red carpet pictures, a corsage, crown, limo ride, dinner and dancing plus a night filled with love and memories to take home. In 2020, Night to Shine celebrates its 6th anniversary. Need something special to wear? Come to Mukwonago Thrift Store (225 Eagle Lake Ave) on Saturday January 18 from 9 am - 2 pm to find that perfect thing! We will have ladies' dresses and men's shirts, ties, pants and jackets. For more info contact Tammy at 262-271-0523.

This event will also take place at River Glen Christian Church, same day and time. River Glen Christian Church-Waukesha Campus
S31W30601 Sunset Dr.
Waukesha, WI 53189

For questions or to register at River Glen contact sue.vock@riverglen.cc

Worship Music Conference February 7-8

Oak Creek Assembly of God
7311 S. 13th St
Oak Creek, WI

The Milwaukee Worship institute is a worship music conference designed to help raise up worship leaders. It is a goal to help equip and encourage church musicians to be used of God in their local church through worship ministry. Cost is \$20. Contact the church at 414-762-2010 for more details or to register.

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"Real" Women Conference February 7 at 6:30pm and February 8 at 8:30am

Spring Creek Church
N35W22000 Capitol Dr
Pewaukee, WI

\$75.00 per person

"Real" women 2 day-faith based conference includes keynote speaker sessions, live worship, enrichment sessions, snack bar, light breakfast and box lunch. "Real" is a 2 day Women's Conference, which will be held at Spring Creek Church on Friday February 7 and Saturday February 8. Real is for all women, from 16 to over 80, who want to grow in their faith and deepen their relationships with women and with our Lord. Come to Real and be blessed. Call the church at 262-695-2211 for more info or to register.

Sweet Life Comedy Night February 14 at 6pm

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

Sweet Life Comedy Night with author and family comedian Scott Davis. Dessert Reception 6 pm and Comedy Concert at 7 pm. Visit springcreekonline.com to purchase tickets. \$10 if purchased in advance and \$15.00 at the door.

God's Trombones February 14-22 at 7:30pm February 16 and 23 at 3pm

Eastbrook Church
5385 N. Green Bay Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Morning Star productions will present the rousing God's Trombones at Eastbrook Church. A racially diverse cast celebrates Black History month in this production which features the classic poetic fold sermons written by James Weldon Johnson. Woven together with passionate spirituals, these dramatic stories often linked to the experience of slavery. The members of the chorus act as the people of the congregation often taking the roles of characters in the stories. The south in the early 1900's often saw rural churches comprised of blacks and whites worshipping together. Tickets are \$15 at the door or online. Please visit morningstarproductions.org for more info or tickets.

Marriage Date Night February 14 at 7pm

River Glen Christian Church -
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Valentine's Day is coming soon...and we have you covered with a perfect date night. A night of comedy and laughter with David Dean, comedian. Also Kay Dodd, comedian and Brian Weaver-musician. \$35.00 per couple. You may purchase tickets at River Glen or call at 262-968-5252.

Couple's Night Out February 14 at 7pm

Brooklife Church
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Couple's Night Out is coming to Brooklife. It's a unique entertainment experience full of laughter and games - all while celebrating and building your relationship. You won't find another event quite like this anywhere, so make plans to leave the kids at home and join us for a positive, fun, engaging night of comedy and connection for the two of you and your friends. As an added bonus, we're throwing in delicious desserts, a coffee bar and a signature mocktail! Cost is \$20 per couple before February 2. After February 2, the price increases to \$25. No childcare provided. Contact the church at 262-378-4470 for more information or to register.

Marriage Encounter February 15 from 9am to 4pm

Elmbrook Church
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Cost is \$95.00 per couple includes lunch. Taught by Dr. Lee and Kristen Hildebrand.

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Christian Women's Brunch

February 17 at 9:30am

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

Christian Women's Brunch with a talk entitled "Gifts from the Heart" / Bring a small gift to exchange with another guest. Cost is \$18 and you must RSVP to Lois at 262-251-3841. Everyone Welcome.

The Power of God's Love February 21 at 9:30am

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

As Aglow women and men gather this month, we invite you to come, enjoy and benefit by one of our very popular AGLOW interactive group sessions. The meeting will begin with Praise and Worship. This month's timely topic is entitled, "The Power of God's Love." We will explore together how God has positioned you geographically and spiritually in the earth to be a visual demonstration of Who He really is. God is Love. Our loving Father is for us and not against us! Become so enraptured by the Love that it changes you forever into the image of the Son! For more information contact Mary Shoda at 312-636-2262.



News & More



Christianity in a Post Christian Culture

February 29 at 9am

St. John Lutheran Church
4850 S. Lake Dr.
Cudahy, WI

The church is no longer a dominant force in our society. Brad Alles of Concordia University Mequon will talk about the growth of unbelief, the growth in hostility to the faith, the reason for the hostility and what to do. Adults, \$10.00, students middle school - college are free. Registration forms available at stjohnncudahy.org. For more info call Roy Lemmer at 414-810-0870

March

TobyMac in Concert

March 6 at 6:30pm

UWM Panther Arena
400 W. Kilbourn Ave
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TobyMac in concert with his "Hits Deep Tour". Come and enjoy a night of music also featuring Tauren Wells, Jordan Feliz, We are messengers, Ryan Stevenson, Aaron Cole and Cocherano Co.

Inspire

March 7 from 7am to 5pm

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Rd
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Join us on Saturday March 7 as we gather for the Inspire conference - a one-day event gathering women from all backgrounds and walks of life. We are women who inspire love, share hope, and live with purpose. We want to live the love of Jesus, standing as a community who care generously for our city and passionately for God. Together we declare "Now I See". We proclaim a love that heals and moves us from darkness to light, and the miracle of God's empowering grace in our lives. He can transform every life and every circumstance to a vision of beauty. Register at elmbrook.org/inspire \$40.00 for Adults, \$25.00 for students (ages 13-23)

Men's Steakout

March 12 at 6:30pm

Spring Creek Church
N35W22000 Capitol Dr
Pewaukee, WI

The Men of Spring Creek invite you to join the annual Men's Steakout - Prime rib dinner with all the fixings and hear special speaker Andy Gavin of Elevate Ministries. \$18.00 per person. Call the church at 262-695-2211 to reserve your spot.

Revive Women's Conference

March 13-14

Oak Creek Assembly of God
7311 S. 13th St
Oak Creek, WI 53154

We invite you to "Pause, rest, and reset" at our Revive Women's Conference.

Revive is a 2 day life-giving conference created especially for YOU! The conference includes inspiring speakers, powerful worship, encouraging learning sessions, games, giveaways, surprises, and so much more! Our featured speaker is Whitney Capps, a nationally known author and speaker. Prices are \$28-36. Please contact the church at 414-762-2010 to register.

We Are People of Obedience

March 20 at 9:30am

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

As Aglow women and men gather this month, we invite you to come, enjoy and benefit by one of our very popular AGLOW interactive small group sessions. The meeting will begin with Praise and Worship. This month's timely topic is entitled, "We Are People of Obedience." And we'll first focus on people around you, from God's point of view. And the importance of not writing off certain people groups as being too wicked or unworthy of God's love. But rather be God's hands and arms of love to those many would tend to write-off as too far gone. For more information contact Mary Shoda at 312-636-2262.

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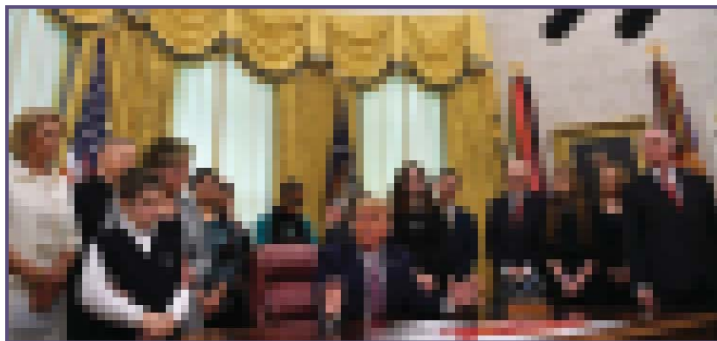
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Trump Announces School Prayer Guidance; 9 Agencies Draft Religious Freedom Rules

by Samuel Smith



On National Religious Freedom Day, the White House announced several new rules and memos designed to roll back "discriminatory" federal regulations as well as promote teachers' and students' right to pray in public schools.

President Donald Trump was joined in the Oval Office by Christian, Jewish and Muslim students who have suffered some form of discrimination as he introduced new regulations and guidance promoting religious freedom.

Among them is the announcement that the U.S. Education Department will send out memos to secretaries and administrators in all 50 states stressing that they can't prevent teachers or students from praying in public schools.

The goal is to "further safeguard students' constitutionally protected right to pray in school" and to let public school administrators know that they can lose federal funding if they violate students' religious freedom.

Additionally, the administration is set to publish draft rules issued by nine federal agencies that ensure less regulation on religious organizations and social service providers.

The administration said the rules would "eliminate burdensome Obama-era requirements that unfairly imposed unique regulatory burdens only on religious organizations."

Trump said during a news conference that he doesn't think there is anything more important than "the right to pray."

"In public schools around the country, authorities are stopping students and teachers from praying, sharing their faith or following their religious beliefs. It is totally unacceptable. You see it on the football field, you see it so many times where they are stopped from praying. We are doing something to stop that."

Trump stressed that "there is a cultural war" and called out a "totalitarian impulse on the far-left that seeks to punish, restrict and even prohibit religious expression."

"You have a side that believes so strongly in prayer and it is being restricted and it's getting worse and worse," he said. "And I think we have made a big impact. We have loosened it up a lot and I want to loosen it up totally."

The Department of Education has updated a 2003 guidance on prayer in public schools stating that local education agencies must, under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, certify that they do "not have any policy that prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer."

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A YEAR OF TIME BY STEVEN B. CLOUD

Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomforting, it is not a bad idea—especially at the beginning of a new year.

As we look into 2020 we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks,

366 days (leap year!), 8,784 hours, 527,040 minutes, 31,622,400 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life.

The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally

to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak—every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day.

Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn

it off, or adjust it. Time marches on.

And you cannot bring back time. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We

can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God.

The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?



Sports



'Now I Have Jesus' – Diamondbacks' Nick Ahmed Says Faith Has Given Him Peace, Joy

By Michael Foust

Nick Ahmed is known as one of Major League Baseball's top defensive players, but six years ago, he was a struggling minor leaguer, unsure what the future held.

Then he gave his life to Christ.

Ahmed, a shortstop for the Arizona Diamondbacks and a two-time Gold Glove winner, said recently during a "Breakfast & Baseball" speech at Hillside Community Church in Bristol, Conn., that his outlook on his career and life changed during an encounter with God on a hot and muggy night in Mobile, Ala. – right in the middle of a minor league game.

"The first two at-bats were terrible. I strike out. I ground into a double play. I'm like, 'Here we go again.' I [had] all this fear and anxiety and worry about my dream being ripped away from me. ... Every day I showed up to the ballpark, I was like, 'Man, this is going to be my last game. I'm going to fail again. The next day I'm going to get released. I'm going to have to give up on my dream and it's going to be over.'"

But between the fourth and fifth innings, he handed his career to God.

"I [ran] out to play shortstop, play defense, and for whatever reason I just stood there, and I didn't take the two or three ground balls that the infielders take to warm up between innings," Ahmed said. "I just turned around. I faced the outfield. I closed my eyes and at that moment right there in the middle of the game on the field, during a



baseball game. I said, 'God I'm giving my life to You. I'm tired of doing it my own way. I repent of all my sins.'"

Up until that moment in his life, Ahmed had made baseball an "idol," he said.

"I'm going to do life your way," he remembers praying, "and whatever You have for me – whether that's baseball for another 15 years or that's no more baseball ever ... I'm going to

give that to You, and if you're going to take that away, cool, I'm following You. I'm doing life your way."

"And right at that moment I felt the Holy Spirit come through me and just give me the peace that I never had before," Ahmed said. "I can't explain it. I can't tell you why it happened at that certain day. There were so many events that drew me to that one spot. At that moment I just started following God and I said, 'I'm going to do life your way. I'm going to walk with You. I'm going to follow You.'"

This doesn't mean Ahmed's life has been free of troubles, but "everything on the inside has been different."

"I still go through ups and downs, but I'm not riding this huge roller coaster of extreme highs and extreme lows and having no peace and no joy. ... My circumstances still stink sometimes," he said. "I've gone through a lot of different things. I had four surgeries in a 13-month period. My wife and I had a miscarriage; we lost the baby. Three of my best friends that I played with the last three years have all left my team. I'm dealing with life and [bad things] still happen. We're not immune to life. But now I have Jesus," Ahmed proclaimed.

Tony Dungy Has 7 Adopted Kids Living Under His Roof Ages 3 to 18

by Dana Hunsinger Benbow

Tony Dungy had just stepped off the plane at Indianapolis International Airport Thursday morning and he was on his cell phone talking about all those kids of his.

Seems strange, in a way, to think of this 62-year-old NFL Hall of Famer and Super Bowl champion trying to coax a toddler to use the toilet.

But he's doing it.

"Everything," he said. "I've gone through the gamut with all of them."

Dungy and his wife, Lauren, have seven adopted kids living with them in their Florida home — ages 3, 5, 6, 9, 12, 17 and 18 — two of whom were adopted while the Dungys lived in Indiana.

The couple recently brought in a 5-year-old foster child, too. And they have three biological children.

Former Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy has spent his life after the NFL raising adoptive and foster children.

So as Dungy left the airport and headed to Lucas Oil Stadium to announce the launch of an Indiana program to encourage more foster



and adoptive families in the state, he knew just exactly how important that is.

On Thursday, the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) kicked off a new partnership with All Pro Dad — a program that Dungy serves as national spokesman for— and the fatherhood program of Family First.

The goal: to help raise awareness and recruit foster and adoptive families across the state.

"It's pretty special for us," said Dungy, who began a similar program in Florida last year. He credits Lauren and her passion for the cause.

"It's really about my wife knowing the need," he said. "We decided to do what we could to try and share a little bit about the need."

Having both a mother and father in the picture is the best way for children to be raised, Dungy said.

"That's the way God set up the plan for families. It doesn't always work out that way for many numbers of reasons," he said. "But when we can re-create that, I think it is what God wants."

"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, NBA Player



News & More



The Media Van is Home!

by Sammi Funk

BASICS Minister to Milwaukee John Jones is ready to take the Media Van (Big Blue) out on the streets for ministry work again! It's no secret by now that this repair journey was so much more than how it had initially looked; it could only happen in God's perfect timing and foresight.

John didn't know that he'd become an unofficial chaplain at National Spring (the company that stored and helped repair the Media Van), and that there were some troubles God knew would come, like rising staff tensions and the Polar Vortex. God allowed the Holy Spirit to move through John's presence every day to calm, mediate, and encourage every person coming through the garage. It seemed fitting that when everything was finished, John would throw a "thank you" party in the crew's honor.

On October 20th, John parked Big Blue at West Milwaukee Park just outside of the garage. It had all the fixings with its screens, new fiberglass front grill, and of course, amazing new diesel engine and chassis.

Long-time supporters, donors, and employees came out at John's invitation for a combined celebration of the Van's transformation, the honoring of the team, and the Packer game.

At halftime, John showed a tribute to the many weeks and months that the National Spring crew put into the Media Van since April 2018. He honored the main mechanics, Mickey and Scotty, and National Spring Owner and former BASICS Board member Nancy Hodges. He also remembered Rick Puza, who passed away while preparing the new chassis for the transfer. The remaining Puza family was there and participated in the celebration.

During the tribute, Nancy honored John for the peace and grace he helped bring to the entire staff through the Holy Spirit. They thanked

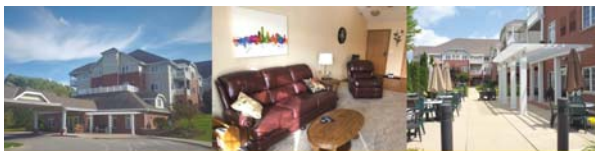


the Roadies for all their prayers over the year, and John topped it off with a framed photograph for the National Spring staff of their finished work in front of the Media Van.

Above all else, John thanks God for allowing him to find the right people with the valuable knowledge to help Big Blue reach its destination of full renovation and repair. He thanks God for his goodness and grace over the last several hard months, and the journey of faith it required to reach this amazing reward.

The Media Van is home, and God never stops working.

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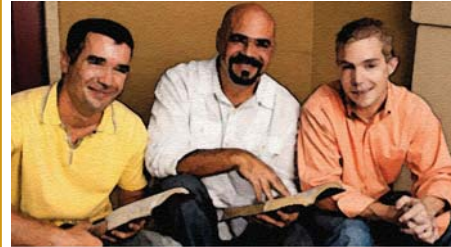
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7 am CBMC Bible Study
Thursdays- Meyers Restaurant, 4260 S. 76th St, Milwaukee
John Rieger - 327-6544

6:45 am CBMC Bible Study
Fridays - Denny's Restaurant, 8001 W. Brown Deer Rd., Milwaukee
Howard Honet - 262-277-1531

8 am Faithwalkers
Saturdays - Hillpoint Church, 2500 W. Brown Deer Rd, Milwaukee
Stan Lind - 414-305-8383

"I wish for those I love this New Year an opportunity to earn sufficient, to have that which they need for their own and to give that which they desire to others, to bring in to the lives of those about them some measure of joy, to know the satisfaction of work well done, of recreation earned and therefore savored, to end the year a little wiser, a little kinder and therefore a little happier." ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Jerry Falwell, Jr. May Call for 'Civil Disobedience' if Virginia Passes New Gun Control Laws

by Lori Arnold



Liberty University President Jerry Falwell Jr. said in a radio interview that civil disobedience may be in order if Virginia's Democrat-controlled legislature passes a series of gun-restricting measures.

"I'm pretty sure I'm going to call for civil disobedience if the Democrats go through with this," Falwell told the host on the Todd Starnes Radio Show.

A showdown over gun rights has been brewing since Democrats took control of the General Assembly in November for the first time in two decades.

Gov. Ralph Northam—a Democrat who made headlines last year for saying he supported no restrictions on abortion—is reintroducing eight separate bills to restrict gun rights. Since Republicans have no way to stop the measures from passing out of the statehouse, gun rights advocates are urging citizens to exert pressure on Democrats. The NRA, for instance, has held numerous town hall meetings and thousands of people are expected to rally at the statehouse in Richmond.

The package of proposals include banning semi-automatic rifles or pistols with 10-plus magazine rounds, mandatory background checks on all firearms, reinstating a one-handgun-a-month law, implementing "red flag" rules that would temporarily remove weapons from those deemed a potential risk, and increasing penalties for loaded

guns that are accessible to children. One of the proposals expands local control by allowing jurisdictions to enforce ordinances that may be even stricter than those enacted by the commonwealth.

Since November, at least 100 local municipalities have responded to pressure by residents calling for their communities to become Second Amendment Sanctuary cities. Falwell said residents are "up in arms."

"You don't mess with people's guns in this part of the state," he told the conservative commentator. "They (Democrats) don't know what they've gotten into and they're going to find out the hard way, I'm afraid."

As a result, Falwell said he foresees citizens and law enforcement officers simply choosing not to enforce whatever gun legislation Northam signs. According to Faithwire, some sheriffs have already vowed to begin deputizing county residents in order to protect their rights to own weapons.

"That's why I haven't recommended civil disobedience yet, because I don't know what the exact legislation is going to be," Falwell said. "If it's really bad, I could see supporting something like that. But I think the people are going to decide that on their own."

One lawmaker, Rep. A. Donald McEachin said in December Virginia "may have to nationalize the National Guard to enforce the law" in light of the Sanctuary movement.

Gov. Northam discussed the issue Wednesday during his State of the Commonwealth address.

"No one is calling out the National Guard," the governor said. "No one is cutting off your electricity, or turning off the Internet. No one is going door-to-door to confiscate guns. These laws are intended to keep Virginians safe."



News & More



Most Evangelicals Say Churches Should Discuss Politics, Pew Shows

by Michael Foust



Most evangelicals and members of historically black Protestant churches say congregations should discuss social and political issues, although every other major religious group in the U.S. wants their religious leaders to keep quiet on politics, according to a new Pew Research Center survey.

The poll of 6,364 U.S. adults asked if churches and other houses of worship should “keep out of political matters” or “express their views on day-to-day social and political questions.”

Although 63 percent of all U.S. adults say churches should stay out of political matters, evangelicals disagree, and by a 55-43 percent margin say churches should express their views on social and political questions. Members of historically black congregations also chose the “express their views” option by a margin of 54-43 percent.

Members of other religious groups, though, say churches and houses of worship should keep out of political matters. This includes 63 percent of mainline Protestants, 62 percent of Catholics and 69 percent of Jewish adults.

“Protestants in the evangelical and historically black traditions are the only major U.S. religious groups in which more people say churches should express their social and political views,” Pew said in an online analysis.

Those two groups also are the most likely to say churches should endorse candidates. Forty-five percent of members of black congregations and 36 percent of evangelicals say churches and other houses of worship should “come out in favor” of one candidate over another. Still, most members of both groups (55 percent of black church members and 62 percent of evangelicals) oppose the idea. Overall, 76 percent of all U.S. adults oppose churches endorsing candidates.

Meanwhile, 45 percent of U.S. adults who attend religious services at least a few times a year say they don’t know which political party their pastors or clergy support. Sixteen percent say their religious leaders are Republican and 11 percent say they’re Democrat. Twenty-seven percent say they’re a mixture of both.

MASSIVE CHRISTIAN EVENT SELLS OUT IN MINUTES AFTER KANYE WEST ANNOUNCES HE WILL BE PERFORMING

For over 20 years, Awaken 2020 has ministered to thousands of people, but this year, it’s seeing unprecedented attendance numbers, largely in thanks to Kanye West, according to Faithwire.

When the controversial rapper turned outspoken Christian announced earlier this week that he and his Sunday Service choir would perform at the free Christian event, attendees flooded the website. Tickets for the show, which is held in the Sun Devil Stadium and holds 50,000 people, were sold

out in minutes and eventually crashed the website.

Lou Engle, founder of Awaken, is encouraged by the momentum West is causing.

“We believe Kanye is a sign to this nation that in a moment, thousands and thousands can be swept into the kingdom when [God] converts key people and their voices will be like thunder,” he said. “Sun Devil Stadium has hosted the Super Bowl and college football championship games, and was even featured in the 1996 hit movie ‘Jerry Maguire,’ but what is about to happen there in



In the Kitchen With Diane



Diane Fechter, Author



HASH BROWN BEEF PIE

Double all ingredients and make one pie for your family, and surprise a friend with the other one!

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 can (14 oz.) diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 c. frozen mixed vegetables

Topping:

- 3 c. frozen shredded hash browns, thawed and drained
- 1 1/2 c. shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 egg
- salt
- pepper

Preheat oven to 400°. In a large skillet, cook beef and onion. Drain. Stir in garlic, tomatoes, chili powder, oregano, and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered for 10 minutes. Stir in veggies. Pour into a greased 10-inch pie plate. Combine topping ingredients; spoon evenly over meat mixture. Bake uncovered at 400° for 30 minutes. Serves 6-8

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terms of national, long-term significance may eclipse them all.”

In a press release, organizers also expressed their enthusiasm for this year’s event: “The gathering is a monumental movement launching a new decade of awakening America back to God at a critical time in our nation’s history,” they said. “[This]

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CHURCH SIGN OF THE MONTH



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I was going to make jogging every day my New Year's resolution, but Proverbs 28:1 says "The wicked run when no one is chasing them." So there's that.

ATLANTA MEGACHURCH DONATES NEARLY HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO LOCAL CHARITIES

Over the Christmas holiday, an Atlanta megachurch donated nearly \$500,000 to five charities benefitting women and children.

"I pray that you also don't miss the lesson that the real meaning of Christmas is that it is more blessed to give than to receive," said Bishop Van Moody of the Worship Center Christian Church to his congregation, according to the Christian Post.

The five organizations joined Moody on the stage with \$95,000 checks during the Christmas Eve service. The organizations that benefitted are The Children's Village, a group home for siblings; the Lovelady Center, a prison reentry and drug rehabilitation program; Maranatha Academy, a private school for at-risk kids; Einstein's Playground, an early childhood summer program; and the United Negro College Fund.

"It brings me great joy to know that The Worship Center Christian Church is blessing them with a combined financial gift of almost \$500,000 to help them start or complete projects that will enhance the lives of those they serve," Moody continued.

The church planned on giving the gifts at the end of the year and started to set aside 10 percent of tithes, donations, and offerings made to the church in March. Moody and his staff have worked with each of these organizations for years, and he considered it an honor to partner with them in the new year.

Moody has long advocated for prison reform, meeting with President Trump in 2018 to discuss the issue. He thanked Trump for being "compassionate and caring about all people," which drew criticism from some.

"[The comment] referred to the people who have been marginalized in the prison systems who can finally be ministered to and have the opportunities they need to succeed outside of prison..." Moody said in defense.

But the influential pastor is not the only one who spearheaded giving campaigns at Christmas. Following a trend of many churches recently, the Christian Assembly Church in LA paid off \$5.3 million in medical debt for over 5,500 families. And, Relentless Church in Greenville, South Carolina, gave over \$30,000 to its community members, including a family in which both parents recently lost their jobs and are expecting another child.

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TRUMP ADMIN CONDEMNS IMPRISONMENT OF CHINESE PASTOR WANG-XI, CALLS FOR HIS RELEASE: 'WE ARE ALARMED'

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"SHE LOVES OUT LOUD" LIVESTREAM NATIONWIDE DAY OF PRAYER FOR HOPE AND HEALING FOR WOMEN

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JOHN GRAY'S RELENTLESS CHURCH GIVES AWAY OVER \$30,000 TO HELP MEMBERS PAY BILLS

Pastor John Gray's Relentless Church gave away thousands upon thousands of dollars to members, volunteers, and visitors this Christmas season and plan to continue their giving into the new year.

1,700-YEAR-OLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH UNCOVERED IN ETHIOPIA SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY

The remains of a 1,700-year-old Christian basilica have been uncovered in Ethiopia, giving archaeologists new insight into when Christianity arrived in sub-Saharan Africa. The Roman-style basilica, from the fourth century A.D., was found in Beta Samati, an ancient town that was once part of the Aksumite civilization, according to a paper published in Antiquity. The remains of the 60 feet long, 40 feet wide building dates back to the time when Christianity became the official religion of the Aksumite empire.

MORE THAN 42 MILLION ABORTIONS PERFORMED IN 2019 MAKING IT LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH GLOBALLY

More than 42 million abortion procedures were successfully performed in 2019, making the life-ending procedure the leading cause of death across the globe.

CHINESE HOUSE CHURCHES CONTINUE TO BE TARGETS, BIBLE BANNED IN SOME REGIONS

The Chinese government crackdown on unofficial Christianity continued late summer into early fall, with house churches in Yunnan province and Shandong province shut down in August and October.

REPORT RELEASES EXTREMELY HIGH DEATH TOLL OF CHRISTIANS IN NIGERIA IN THE LAST 4 YEARS

More than 1,000 Christians were killed in Nigeria in the last year and more than 6,000 since 2015 according to findings from 'Your Land or Your Blood,' a new report by Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust.

FLA. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAYS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SHOULD NOT BAN PRAYER FROM HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES

Florida's Department of Education has expressed their support for two Christian high schools who were barred from having a prayer given via loudspeaker at a football game held at the Citrus Bowl Stadium.

1,700 CAMBODIANS COME TO CHRIST FROM FRANKLIN GRAHAM PREACHING

About 1,700 people made a decision for Christ in Cambodia over the weekend at an event hosted by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, breaking decades of religious oppression.

PRO-LIFE WIN: HIGH COURT UPHOLDS LAW REQUIRING ULTRASOUNDS BEFORE ABORTIONS

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Children's/Jr Church 10:30AM
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Franklin 53132
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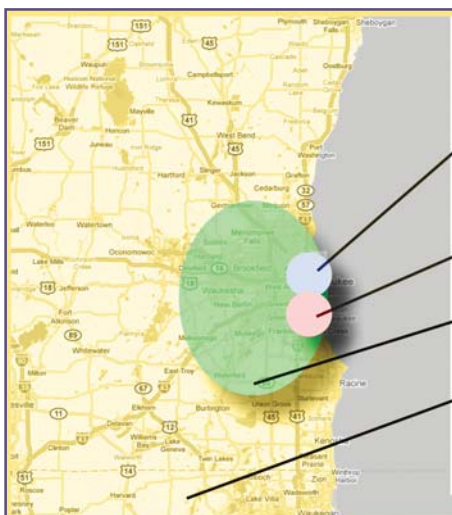
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