



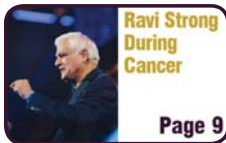
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Work at the Clark House Complex Progresses



During the shutdown, workers, volunteers and many others have been safely making improvements to Pro-BuColls Association's latest endeavor, the Clark House Boarding House. Cleaning up and cleaning out, we have been doing what we can

to "Love thy neighbor," as Jesus said in Mt. 22:39, as we make rooms available for those in need so they too can shelter and be 'Safer at Home.'

Here are some pictures of happenings in and around the buildings. Prayers are appreciated for all as we work together with the City and our neighbors to help bring God's plan and John Fisco's vision for 24th and Kilbourn forward.



Lunchtime at the Clark House



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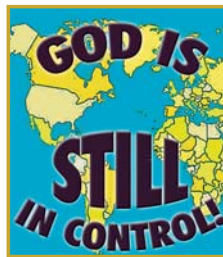
Commentary



For Such a Time as This

by Bob Conklin

Sitting here Sunday morning after taking in the service from a social distance finishing the sermon and singing the final hymn How Great Thou Art beneath an open sanctuary window, I appreciate, "the not forsaking the gathering of our selves together" even more! We are all handling the government edicts to deal with covid-19 in different ways. For me the best way to survive the 'attack' of the virus has been to stay as far from the TV as possible! As Christians and students of the Bible, we



are torn between dependence on God and doing what He says and dependence on the health experts and our elected leaders and doing what they say.

When we return to normal, however new that normal will be, God will still be in control just as He has been throughout the pandemic. Only He will know if and where the virus droplets lie and who will be affected next.

In the sermon this morning, Pastor Gary Zacharias said he counted 195 countries on earth today. In one way or another, they have all been affected. God is on the move! Pastor Mike Harden kicked off the 'Shut-down Series' with his sermon entitled Jesus Has Left the Building. How true, as churches and ministries are using many mediums to communicate the Gospel, from the internet to the live remote to the drive-in service to the open church window and a lawn chair!

God bless you all in your new normal... hopefully closer to Jesus than you were before this all started. James 4:8. Smile.

Vice President Mike Pence Mocked for Praying with Coronavirus Task Force

By Michael Foust

A White House photo of Vice President Mike Pence praying with his coronavirus task force team has sparked a heated debate on social media about religion, politics and the efficacy of prayer.

The simple photo shows Pence sitting in a chair and bowing in prayer as more than 15 others in the room also pray.

"Mike Pence can pray whenever he likes, but I do find it odd to see him leading a prayer during a meeting of the coronavirus task force with people like the head of the CDC and Dr. [Anthony S.] Fauci," Matt Novak, an editor for Gizmodo, tweeted.



Many others, though, defended Pence.

Evangelist Franklin Graham tweeted, "A touching & powerful photo of @VP @Mike_Pence & the President's Coronavirus Task-

force praying when they met last week in his office. Thank you VP Pence and each one who is serving. Let's join them in asking God for His wisdom, direction, & help in the response to this virus."



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A Word From The Heart

by John Duckhorn

"He is Risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him" Matthew 27:16. The despair caused by Jesus' death is now turned into confusion and anxiety. The disciples were talking about the missing body and had doubts about the first reports brought to them. Soon the confusion would give way to a new strength and commitment on the part of His followers. The disciples would boldly testify to an unbelieving, skeptical world, that Jesus Christ who was crucified, was actually alive. Everything they did and said in the days ahead was based upon that reality.

The risen Savior has taken a place of authority at His Father's right hand. From there he poured out the spoils of His victory over sin and death. The Holy Spirit was given to each believer and their lives were transformed. Fear now became peace, and weakness was turned to strength. The disciples went out into a troubled world with confidence in the Lord's continual presence. He had told them "I will build my Church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it". Today He is actively engaged in keeping His promises to us. The disciples went into the world and preached with boldness and prayed to the living Savior, who is acquainted with all of their thoughts and needs. What a blessing we have. We can talk to one who knows the thoughts and needs of His people. He hears our prayers and answers them according to His purposes. This is the standing each believer has regardless of our life's condition. We rest in this each day and go forth into an imperfect world, in which we suffer in ways like those who have no hope.

During this unexpected virus attack the whole world is suffering loss of life, income, hopes for the future, and economic panic of the future. The world around us looks to blame their leaders, countries, and whoever is not of their own political persuasions. This is bringing us into worse times of hate and confusion. The scriptures admonish believers to Pray. "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and come to the truth" I Timothy 2:1-4. This is an admonition to Christians who live in a fallen world; a world that rejects the gospel of salvation by faith alone, but who need the message of salvation. Is this prayer for leaders only a New Testament idea?



The nation of Israel had suffered under a series of bad as well as good kings. The nation of Babylon was attacking Israel and taking away its treasures. They took away the best and smartest of its youth, and finally razed the temple in Jerusalem and took the nation captive to Babylon. The false prophets said it would not happen so Israel tried to make alliances with old friends and even old enemies so as to stop the spread of Nebuchadnezzar and the false prophet's power. The message that Jeremiah gave was contrary to the thoughts of the people. Jeremiah was seen as an enemy of Israel and the prevailing thoughts of Israel's leaders, that they sought his life. Jeremiah wrote a letter to the exiles in Babylon telling them that God was not only in this nation's disaster, but that God was working, and His plans would be fulfilled. Jeremiah 29 is a letter that the Prophet

sent to the confused and demoralized captives. The letter is amazing. The prophet Daniel had this letter and believed that the 70 years' time had passed. "Thus says the Lord of Hosts to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile..." God was in this and had the real power to do as He willed. The message was startling to those who were there and were angry at God and Jeremiah. It was actually God who sent them to live in Babylon for 70 years and later under Cyrus began to allow them to slowly return to Jerusalem. Here is what the letter said:

Jeremiah 29:4-14 "build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce, (vs. 5)...but seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile and Pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." (vs. 7). This chapter contains warnings to Israel about listening to false prophets and tells them in 70 years God will keep His promises to them and take them back to Israel. In verses 11-13 it says "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."

Continue to pray for our leaders. Do not give up. Our Lord is involved in all of this. Everything that happened to the exiles was clearly planned by the Lord of Hosts. Ask yourself a couple of questions. What is this confinement showing me about my lifestyle and goals? What am I learning about the Lord? Will I come out of this closer to Him and those around me?

Keep praying for our leaders; do not give up.

Iran Releases Brother Of Christian Woman Who Met With Trump To Discuss Regime's Persecution Of Believers

By Samuel Smith

The brother of an Iranian Christian who met with President Trump at the White House last July has been released from prison along with several other Christians and high-profile international political prisoners in Iran.

Assyrian Christian Dabrina Bet Tamraz confirmed to the Iranian human rights watchdog organization Article 18 that her brother, 35-year-old Ramiel Bet Tamraz, was released three months early from his four-month prison sentence for participating in house churches.

Tamraz's release comes along with the release of over 85,000 other prisoners serving short-term prison sentences in an attempt by

the Iranian regime to combat the spread of the coronavirus in its overcrowded prisons.

Tamraz had been in prison since early January and was released in late February.

"We are very happy and excited that Ramiel is safe and back home. This was a big surprise and a miracle for our family," Dabrina Bet-Tamraz told Al Arabiya English. "We still pray for those who are in prison, for God's protection over their health."

As there are over 18,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Iran, prisoners in the Islamic Republic have reportedly tested positive for the virus. Those include prisoners at Iran's



notorious Evin Prison, which is known for holding political prisoners.



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God In The Midst of Change

by Warren Matson

On February 29th, my wife Maggie and I took a big leap over the Atlantic to attend Filmopalooza, a worldwide filmmakers awards festival in the Netherlands. We were excited to see for the first time lush Holland landscapes with windmills, beautiful European architecture and museums of art. However, there was one place atop our list that was of most interest. We were told to secure our tickets well in advance as this attraction is sold out most every day.

Miep Gies worked at an Amsterdam spice shop in the late 1930's. Prior to the May 10th, 1940 Nazi invasion, Miep described life in Holland as wonderfully free and full of opportunity. In her book, "Anne Frank Remembered", she chronicled her journey during the Nazi occupation. For two years she wholeheartedly provided for the Frank family living in isolation. It was heartbreaking to read that only a few months before Allied Forces came to bring liberation, German authorities were informed of the Frank family in hiding. They were arrested and sent to various concentration camps. Otto Frank survived but his wife Edith and daughters Margot and Anne died during their captivity.



Before the German government came back to confiscate the Frank's personal property, Miep acted upon a strong urge to gather up the volumes of Anne's diary which has become one of the world's most widely read books, translated in 70 languages and published in over 60 countries.

On Monday March 9th we toured the Anne Frank House. We walked through the old spice factory, past the bookcase that functioned as a doorway and into the Frank's secret dwelling. As we moved through each station in this museum, we encountered the reality of this family's experience with growing intensity. Towards the end of the tour I stood in reverential silence gazing upon Anne's prized red & white checkered clothbound diary. Unanswerable questions gnawed at my conscience:

- How could things change so quickly like it did in Holland?
- How could any Netherlanders become sympathetic towards and collaborate with the Nazis?
- How would I have felt being in Otto's place trying to protect my family and daughters from such evil?

- How could I have read my daughter's diary expressing her most intimate thoughts during our years of hiding?
- Could anything like this ever happen in our Country?

Four days later, back home in Milwaukee, President Trump announced a travel ban to and from Europe. How life CAN change so quickly! Enduring the difficult mandates being imposed as a result of COVID-19, it is important that we live confidently in the knowledge of the truth, that Jesus Christ is Lord of all!

He will always be faithful! Our lives are not lived in vain. As Anne's diary has been an inspiration to many who have been oppressed, we have this opportunity to encourage one another. Soon, orders of social distancing will be lifted. Soon, we will be gathering ourselves together in worship. And soon, very soon, we are going to see the King! No matter what is to come, do not lose heart; place your trust in the One who sees all and oversees all.

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Jesus Has Left The Building

Pastor Michael Harden

I have a question for you. Where is Jesus during this Covid-19 Pandemic? Do you know, or do you even care? If the last three months have not changed the way you think about life, you need to schedule an appointment with a doctor.

In January, the virus began killing people in China and neighboring countries. In February, the virus began killing people in the U.S. By March, the government began shutting down the country. There were mixed reactions and various emotional responses from everyone, including some church members and pastors.

The week of March 15, 2020 we held our last church service in the building. From that point on we began having recorded Sunday messages downloaded to the church website, YouTube, and Facebook, starting on March 22nd. Our prayer and Bible Study meetings were held on phone conference calls, and our leadership meetings on Zoom.

During that first week outside of the building, I began spending more time in my "prayer closet." On Sunday, March 22, 2020 The Lord spoke to me. Not in an audible voice, but in a nonverbal Spirit to spirit language. He simply said, "Jesus has left the building!" I knew then that we were going to be alright. I preached that message, "Je-

sus has left the building" on Sunday March 29th. My text was, Lk. 4:16-21 & 28-30.

We see in vv. 16-18, that Jesus went to church (the synagogue), because of His anointing.



He read from Isa. 61:1-2, and told them why the Messiah would come.

In vv. 20-21 & 25-29, they kicked Him out because He claimed to be the Messiah, and that salvation was also for the Gentiles.

In Mt. 13:57-58, it is evident that when Jesus leaves the building, His blessings go with Him. He's leaving a lot of churches today, because they don't like His agenda. They have their own agendas.

Jesus's agenda is always led and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and when we're walking in the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit produces loving one another, forgiving one another, praying for one another, and edifying one another.

We're doing that outside of the building right now because Jesus has left the building. We're doing the work He has commissioned us to do. It looks different but we are actually reaching more people with the gospel. We are doing more calling of family and church members. And I am finally taking advantage of social media to reach more people than I ever have.

Jesus has left our building, but He hasn't left us. Hallelujah and praise His holy Name.



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New Language Created to Bring the Gospel to Millions of Deaf, Blind People Worldwide

By Samuel Smith

Wycliffe Associates has released a new translation of the New Testament in a new concept-based language that deaf and blind people across the globe can begin learning in less than a week.

The new notation is called SUN (Symbolic Universal Notation) and it is a symbolic representation of the words in Scripture developed by Wycliffe Associates, a prominent Bible translation organization, over the course of the last four years. SUN aims to provide a pathway to Christ for millions of deaf and blind people who have no other way of effectively communicating with the world.

"This is the first that I have seen or heard of anything like this in Bible translation," SUN Program Director Lori Jenkins told The Christian Post. "Basically, what we have done is taken the New Testament and broken it down into the main concepts of each of the verses and each of the chapters. For each concept, we have created a symbol."

The SUN New Testament, which was finished last year, was publicly announced during a late February dedication ceremony in Orlando.

So far, Jenkins said, Wycliffe Associates has printed copies of the SUN New Testament that can be read by deaf people. It is working on producing a 3D version that can be read by those who are both deaf and blind.

According to Wycliffe Associates, SUN has the potential to reach about 56 million people with the Gospel who may not otherwise be able to access it. SUN was developed by a former volunteer named

Emily Wang, who was inspired after finding out that over 600,000 people worldwide are both deaf and blind.

Wycliffe Associates estimates that there are 70 million people in the world who are born deaf and about 80 percent of them can't communicate in their local sign language.

"Only about 20 percent of the deaf population of the world has access to education," Jenkins said. "So the question is, 'How do you provide a Bible for those that have no education at all?' And this is the problem that SUN answers."

Wang aimed to create a system that could be read both visually and through touch. As a Chinese-American, she was inspired by the symbols in the Mandarin language and came up with symbols that could be understood universally.

Through a team of 400 online volunteers across the United States who created symbols to represent the precepts found in Scripture, the production of the SUN New Testament took about 1.5 years.



Francis Chan Says Pandemic Is Good Time To Repent, God Might Not Want Church To Go Back To Usual

By Jeannie Law

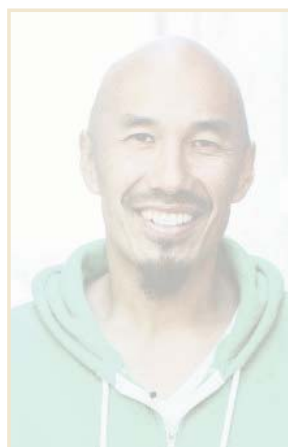
Bestselling author and Bible teacher Francis Chan shared some perspective for leaders on the COVID-19 pandemic recently by saying it's a good time to get right with God and be open to the option that God might be shifting the church away from the norm.

Chan was a voice among 50 other Christian leaders, musicians, speakers, and pastors that partook in evangelist Nick Hall's 10-hour livestream session called "Leader Check In."

During his portion, the former megachurch pastor, who recently left America to become a missionary in Asia, urged those watching to "repent" and self reflect because there's a possibility we won't go back to "church as usual, life as usual."

"What if God is taking us to a different place?" Chan shared from the balcony of his new home in Hong Kong. "Many of us are anxious to get back to normal. I hope your anxiety is not just so you can go back and get busy with so many things."

"What a powerful time to repent," he said as he reflected on the fact that no one knows



what will happen during and following the global pandemic.

Chan talked about a friend who recently decided to leave his wife for another woman and how dull that decision was in a time of such uncertainty.

"This could be the beginning of the end," he stressed. He said he believes this occurrence is ushering in a new period for the church as a whole.

"God is doing something now that I've never seen in my lifetime ... It feels like we're headed into a new season."

The preacher hopes for this to be a time of "growth" for those watching. This is a time to remember that Scripture says "to live is Christ and to die is gain."

"Please get right with the Lord," Chan implored, as he referenced James 4:10, which says, "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." "I'm begging you to think about humbling yourself."

"This virus is showing us how unprepared we are," he noted and then challenged people to be reliant on God alone. He said in a

world where technology is also capable of failing us, God alone is omnipresent.

When speaking of the lockdown, Chan wondered, "Could [this] be a blessing in disguise for some of you?"

He admitted that the quarantine has helped him spend more time with God and his family as he is usually traveling every month.

"If you were truly isolated all by yourself, even without the Bible, would you be OK? We have the internet right now so we are not truly isolated, but if we were," Chan asked those watching if they would be able to lead themselves in their walk with the Lord, or even lead others to Christ. "Perhaps we are not prepared for such a situation."

He also told his pastor peers: "We no longer have the luxury of giving nice, lighthearted sermons that are softened with jokes on either side. My little self-help tips are not enough anymore," he said.

Now is the time to rely solely on Scripture and the spirit of God, he emphasized.

Leader Check-In was a joint initiative of Pulse and Year of the Bible and happened in partnership with thousands of churches and organizations worldwide. Every speaker volunteered their time to give a word from God to a hurting world.



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Please Stop Posting That CS Lewis Quote

By Jon Mathieu

If you've been on social media lately and you run in any sort of Christian circles, you've likely come across these words that C.S. Lewis wrote in 1948:

"This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things — praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts — not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds."

First, let me say that I dare not speak a word against C.S. Lewis. It is impossible to imagine how much good he has done illuminating and clarifying Christian concepts to millions of people — myself included. And these words, like nearly everything he ever wrote, are stirring. They move us and call us to action.

But they have nothing to do with the coronavirus.

More than that, because of the differences between World War II England and coronavirus planet Earth, this quotation actually works against the incredibly important work of social distancing and self-quarantine. Let's quickly consider three ways this message — as beautiful and motivating as it is! — misses the mark:

1. THE ABSENCE OF AN ENEMY

Look at the final sentence of Lewis's quote: "They may break our bodies... but they need not dominate our minds." One reason it was important for his audience to go on living normal life is that it represented a triumph over an enemy. It amounted to a refusal to allow terrorists to rob them of their quality of life. But this weaponization of playfulness and normalcy has no place when we battle a contagious disease. This is a minor point, but it sets the stage for our most important observation next.

2. THE CONSEQUENCES OF "DOING SENSIBLE AND HUMAN THINGS"

There is no connection between how we spend our time and whether or not the atomic bomb falls on us. Whether we party, study, worship, or cower in fear, the bomb will either fall on us or it won't. This is clearly on Lewis's mind when he says, "If we are all going to be destroyed...". But a global pandemic is not the same as the threat of an atomic bomb. How we spend our time — and who we spend it with — will very much affect how many people get sick and die. We do not have the luxury of doing all the normal things we like to do: many of those things put people at risk.



3. THE EFFECT OF THIS QUOTE TODAY

I understand that some people sharing this quote on social media do not intend to flout the many warnings, suggestions, and mandates to quarantine, or to convince others to do so. But while intent matters, so does impact. And this quote paints a moving image: in the face of fear and threat, instead "chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts." Of course it's possible to imagine embracing the spirit of Lewis's quote without breaking isolation — and I think we should! After all, we can read and listen to music at home. We can pray and teach over the phone or video chat.

But Lewis's words also implicitly and explicitly draw us to the joys of social gatherings. And this is, for a time, a joy we must sacrifice for the flourishing of our fellow human beings, created in God's good image.

Alex Trebek Credits 'Faith in God,' Prayers for Beating 18 Percent Survival Rate

By Michael Foust



Alex Trebek, the longtime host of the popular television game show Jeopardy!, is crediting his faith in God and the prayers of "millions" for helping him beat a low survival rate for patients with advanced pancreatic cancer.

Trebek, who has stage four pancreatic cancer, noted in a video posted on social media

that the one-year survival rate for those in his situation is 18 percent.

"I'm very happy to report I have just reached that marker," Trebek said. "Now, I'd be lying if I said the journey had been an easy one. There were some good days, but a lot of not-so-good days. I joked with friends that the cancer won't kill me; the chemo treatments will. There were moments of great pain, days when certain bodily functions no longer functioned, and sudden massive attacks of great depression that made me wonder if it really was worth fighting on.

"But I brushed that aside quickly because that would have been a massive betrayal — a betrayal of my wife and soulmate Jean who has given her all to help me survive," he said. "It would have been a betrayal of other cancer patients who have looked to me as an inspiration and a cheerleader of sorts of the value of living and hope.

"And," Trebek added, "it would certainly have been a betrayal of my faith in God and the millions of prayers that have been said on my behalf."

Trebek encouraged his fans to face trials with optimism.

"My oncologist tried to cheer me up the other day," Trebek said. "He said, 'Alex even though the two-year survival rate is only 7 percent,' he was certain that one year from now the two of us would be sitting in his office, celebrating my second anniversary of survival."

Trebek concluded: "If we take it just one day at a time with a positive attitude, anything is possible."

Trebek hasn't discussed his personal faith in detail, although he grew up Catholic. He also is an ambassador for World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization.

I'll take "The Promises of God" for \$1000, Alex!

"The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." What is FAITH!



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India: Hindu Leader Threatens Christians With New Wave Of Persecution

By Anugrah Kumar

The chief of a Hindu nationalist group has launched a nationwide campaign against “forcible” conversions to Christianity.

In a media interview, Milind Parande, the General Secretary of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, or World Hindu Council, claimed that Hindus were being forced to convert to Christianity and Islam.

“They (Christian missionaries) are destroying the ancient culture and indigenous religion of the tribals (aborigines),” Parande told the Times of India. “They are resorting to trafficking of their children. The VHP will not allow this heinous conspiracy to succeed.”

“Issues like love jihad, where Hindu girls are lured to marry Muslims, are also being brought back. Every year, we bring back at least 2,000 people who have got converted.”

Several Indian states have had draconian “anti-conversion” laws, termed as Freedom of Religion Acts, for decades but no Christian has been convicted of “forcibly” converting anyone to Christianity.

Most attacks on Christians are launched under the pretext of the alleged “forcible” conversion of Hindus.

According to India’s own population data, the conspiracy of mass conversions to Christianity does not hold up, says the U.S.-based persecution watchdog International Christian Concern. “In 1951, the first census after independence, Christians made up only 2.3% of India’s overall population. According to the 2011 census, the most recent census data available, Christians still only make up 2.3% of the population.”

Attacks on Christians have been on the rise since Narendra Modi of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party took office as prime minister in 2014.

“Since the current ruling party took power in 2014, incidents against Christians have increased, and Hindu radicals often attack Christians with little to no consequences,” noted Open Doors’ World Watch List, which ranked India as the 10th worst country for Christians.

“The view of the Hindu nationalists is that to be Indian is to be Hindu, so any other faith — including Christianity — is viewed as non-Indian. Also, converts to Christianity from Hindu backgrounds or tribal religions are often extremely persecuted by their family members and communities,” Open Doors added.

At least one Christian was attacked every day last year, according to Open Doors.



Earlier this year, authorities in a southern Indian state of Karnataka removed a statue of Jesus and 14 crosses from a Christian property after radical Hindu groups alleged a Christian center was being used for religious “conversions.”

The 12-foot statue and crosses were taken down from Mahima Betta, a Catholic cemetery and center, in Doddasagarahalli, about 30 miles north of Bangalore in Karnataka state, according to Catholic News Agency.

Officials had recently “called all communities and said there had been complaints about conversion,” J.A. Kanthraj, a spokesperson of the Archdiocese of Bangalore, told the Indian news channel NDTV. “People, however, said there was no problem and no conversion was happening. But two days ago, the tahsildar (official) brought police and a JCB loader, and without any notice, oral or written, they removed the statue and the stations of the cross.”

During his first official visit to India, U.S. President Donald Trump praised Modi’s record in governance and his willingness to discuss religious freedom. While Trump was in the country, the city of Delhi, the nation’s capital, was witnessing religion-based violence.

Less than 10 miles from Hyderabad House, where Trump and Modi met in Delhi, a targeted spate of violence killed at least 53 people, mostly from the Muslim minority. Trump told reporters during a news conference that he and Modi “did talk about religious freedom” for “a long time,” and stressed that he “really believes” religious freedom is what Modi wants.

US Evangelicals Are Not As Hated As They Might Think: Sociologist

By Michael Gryboski



Evangelical Christians in the United States are not as negatively viewed as they might think, according to a sociologist who recently spoke with the National Association of Evangelicals.

Bradley Wright, associate professor of sociology at the University of Connecticut, was interviewed by NAE President Walter Kim in a podcast posted online recently.

When Kim asked Wright “if there is a difference” with “how people outside of faith perceive Christians in general and evangelicals in particular,” Wright talked about the Pew Research Center and their highly publicized surveys on how “warmly” Americans feel about various religious groups.

“I think the short answer is that its ‘middle of the pack’ is how people view evangelicals, but it varies somewhat,” said Wright.

Wright noted that this “tends to be different than how evangelicals think other people think about” them, proposing that evangeli-

cals tend to think of the general population as being more hostile.

“Maybe that’s part of the fear narrative is that we tend to think like, ‘well, everyone hates us’ or ‘nobody likes us’ or something like that. I don’t think that’s true,” he explained.

“The wrong narrative is ‘nobody likes us, we’re failing, and a third of Americans don’t want anything to do with religion.’ I think a more accurate narrative is people have somewhat mixed feelings about evangelicals, like they do about most religions and as they do about a lot of things in the world. And there’s a lot of people who just aren’t sure what they think about religion.”



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Prayer Is Not 'For Crisis Use Only'

By Allen Jackson

Alexander Graham Bell won the first patent for a telephone in 1876, a device that fundamentally changed the way we communicate. And for more than 125 years, the telephone was used for one reason: to make phone calls. In June of 2007, though, that paradigm shifted when Apple released the first iPhone. The phone introduced us to the possibility of a multi-faceted personal communication device. From phone calls to text messaging to social media to the way we consume entertainment, smartphones have become an integral part of how we manage our lives, our businesses, and consume entertainment.

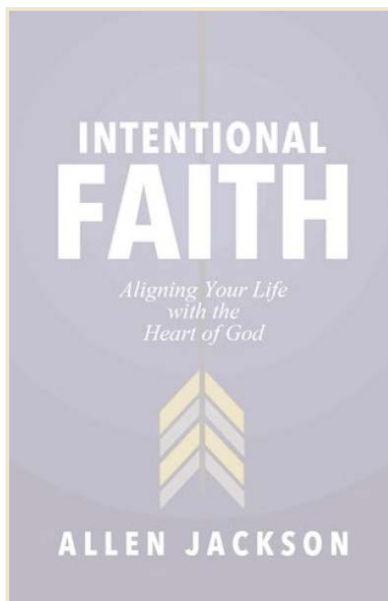
Similarly, many of us still use prayer for a particular purpose: to make our requests known to God in times of crisis. This reason for communicating with God isn't bad. But I want to invite you to imagine prayer in a new way: more as a way to process life with God, than as a way to talk to God in times of crisis.

Imagine prayer as less of an old rotary-dial landline phone and more of an iPhone – a personal communications tool. Prayer can become an expression of awareness that God is alive and at work in the world around us. It's the conduit for messaging and receiving messages from God, a way to connect with him and receive all manner of information from the Creator of the universe. And if you've never experienced prayer this way, it's not hard to learn. You have a God who wants nothing more than to teach you.

If I'm certain of anything it's this: God wants to teach us how to pray. He is a personal God; a God of love, who wants to connect and communicate with us. This kind of connection and communion, though, won't happen overnight. It takes daily commitment.

Far too often prayer exists primarily in the realm of dutiful religious obligation – dry, powerless and inert, expressed in boredom or fear more than anticipation. Do you pray

only when the chips are down? When there's a mild life crisis? Is prayer relegated to the family meal, or to that nervous space just before the big test at school, or as you walk into the conference room for your annual review at work? These are all good times to communicate with the Creator of the universe, of course, but God doesn't want to just hear from us before dinner or a test, or during the scarier times of our lives; he also wants to hear from us throughout the day. He wants to connect with us in all the moments of life, big and small. How do I know? Because Jesus modeled this truth.



As you read through the Gospels, notice how Jesus' life – a life perfectly connected to the Father – was marked by prayer. Prayer was a part of his daily routine. He prayed for seemingly ordinary things for children brought to him by the townspeople (Matt. 19:13), for meals (Matt. 14:19), for friends (Luke 17:1-25). He prayed before major events, too, like choosing the twelve disciples (Luke 6:12)

and raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:41). Jesus seemed to imagine prayer as essential to his life assignment. He understood prayer as a powerful tool for sustaining momentum in his life. And because he is both our Lord and our mentor, his pattern directs us toward a richer, fuller, more constant life of prayer.

Jesus didn't just model prayer, he invited his friends and followers into a life of prayer with him. He wanted them to experience the rewards of a God-oriented, God-connected life. He wanted them to communicate with the God who provides everything we need. So in his first public sermon, recorded early in the gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the people how to pray. The method of prayer he taught wasn't complicated. In fact, he put it quite simply:

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Matt. 7:7-8)

Jesus knew that an active prayer life leads to a vital connection with God and that every good blessing, every need, every open door comes from God. Without prayer, then, how could we receive the rewards and blessings of God?

So don't wait till all else has failed before resorting to prayer. Don't wait till a crisis comes. Commit to pray every day now, and you'll experience God in a new way. You'll sense his work in your family, your job, and in the world around you. Your perspective will change as you see God answering prayers, opening doors, and giving good gifts. As you gain confidence in prayer, your faith will begin to grow. And when the dark days come, you'll have a new response with confidence in a God who delivers.

Arizona House Passes Bill Banning Trans Athletes From Competing In Girls' Sports

By Michael Gryboski

The Arizona House of Representatives narrowly passed a bill that, if enacted, would bar trans-identified athletes from competing in girls' sports.

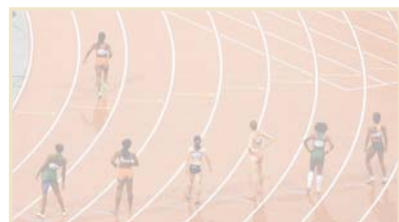
The House approved House Bill 2706, also known as the "Save Women's Sports Act," in a vote of 31 to 29.

Sponsored by 23 Republican legislators, the bill would require any interscholastic and intramural sports overseen by schools to designate boys' and girls' sports on the basis of biological sex.

"Athletic teams or sports designated for females, women or girls may not be open to students of the male sex," reads HB 2706 in part.

"If disputed, a student may establish the student's sex by presenting a signed physician's statement that indicates the student's sex based on an analysis of the student's genetic makeup."

Republican state Rep. Nancy Barto, who introduced the bill, said HB 2706 advanced fairness, given documented biological differences between the sexes.



"That is why we have separated male and female sports. And that is why women have been so successful in achieving greatness on the field, and all the benefits that go with it," Barto added, according to ABC News.

"What has changed is Interscholastic policies allowing biological males identifying as females to compete on women's teams."



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Ravi Zacharias Says 'God's Strength Will Carry Me Through' In First Interview Since Cancer Diagnosis

By Leah MarieAnn Klett

Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias has opened up about his cancer diagnosis, revealing that while he is experiencing severe pain, he believes that with the "prayers of the people and God's strength" he will recover and reenter the ministry "full-time."

"It was a shock," the 73-year-old head of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries told radio host Ben Shapiro of the diagnosis. "I had gone in for back surgery repairing some stuff that had been done some years ago and they discovered what [doctors] called something 'atypical' and it turned out to be a tumor, sarcoma, and I'll begin the treatment in a little while."

According to Zacharias, the "biggest challenge" has been the physical pain he's endured over the last few months.

"I've never felt such pain in my life," he shared. "It's night pain they call it; it's the pressure ... from the tumor. We'll get through it and I'll get back on the road full-time hopefully by June or July."

Zacharias first announced he'd been diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer in a March 12 Facebook post. The cancer diagnosis came just three weeks after he underwent back surgery.

"We are trusting the Lord in this, and we believe we have already seen evidence of His hand. For example, the tumor did not show up on any previous scans and was only discovered by my surgeon identifying it during surgery," he said at the time.

Zacharias' interview with Shapiro, host of the Ben Shapiro Show, marks the first time since the social media announcement that he's spoken publicly about his cancer diagnosis.

"I value your prayers," he told the talk show host. "I still have a journey ahead of me, but I know the prayers of people and God's strength will carry me through."

The apologist also addressed how Christians should be responding to the novel corona-

virus, which has affected hundreds of thousands of people worldwide and caused over tens of thousands of deaths.

In addition to causing a global public health crisis, the virus, which originated in Wuhan, China, has led to economic turmoil. States across the U.S. have shuttered schools, restaurants, bars, clubs, and transit systems in efforts to halt the spread of the virus.

"Part of the difficulty is, when we know so little about this, people are not even willing to take ownership of where it started, how it started," Zacharias said. "Globalization is a reality in every sense of the term now, even a disease like this can be made global so quickly because of the way we travel."

"We have to combine our faith and trust in God with wisdom and common sense. Trust in God doesn't mean you're careless in what you do. You have to protect your children, you have to protect your family, and if the elderly are the most vulnerable, they're the ones we need to protect."

Zacharias urged Americans to avoid falling into the "extremes" of panic and fear or "complete indifference."

"In America, we get so used to comfort ... that when we find something is out of our control, it's very daunting," he said, commending the U.S. government for "taking the lead" in helping Americans "navigate" the virus.

"Be sober-minded about it, don't be cavalier about it, and make sure that at all times, your life and your relationship with God and with your family is strong. That's what's going to matter at the end of it all," he advised.

The apologist also weighed in on the purpose of prayer in difficult situations, explaining that many people view prayer like a "slot



machine" — "put the right coin in and you get the right product out."

"That's not what prayer really is. Prayer to start with is communion with God," he said. "Immediately you recognize you are not sovereign over the affairs of men. It is God who is sovereign. Prayer is not so much bringing God to our beck and call, to align God with what we want, as much as it is the process with which our hearts get conditioned to receive His will and come into alignment with what it is that He has for us."

"Prayer is really not a control of God as much as it is a surrender to the will of God and the peace that comes in the process. Those who are materialistic and mock this whole thing do not understand what communion with God is really about."

Surrendering to fatalism and saying, "what will be will be" in the face of tragedy is "not a legitimate option," Zacharias said.

"Surrender to the will of God, walk in the will of God, and have the peace of God and know that He changes your heart to align with His will. The imperative in all of this, then, is it helps us to become better citizens and better people and community to understand and help those who are going through a tough time."

BIBLE PUBLISHERS EXPERIENCE INCREASED SALES AMID PANDEMIC

In the thick of COVID-19 concerns, Bible publishing companies report increased sales.

From March 2019 to March 2020, there was a "considerable increase" in Bible sales by Tyndale House Publishers, a Christian publisher based in Carol Stream, Illinois.

Tyndale executive Jim Jewell noted that sales from Life Application Study Bibles went up 44% and 60% for Immerse Bibles.

Jewell believes concerns over COVID-19 "has upended almost everyone's lives in some

way," in a recent interview with The Christian Post.

"It's not surprising that people turn to the comfort and clarity of the Bible in times of trouble and uncertainty," he said.

LifeWay Christian Resources also saw an increase in sales of 62 percent compared to the same time last year.

"We believe this is no accident, as people often go to the Bible as a source of hope in times of crisis and uncertainty," said Ben Mandrell, LifeWay CEO. "People draw hope from Scrip-

ture because in it they see a God who is with us during our suffering.

"The Bible, as God's words to us, is a reminder that He doesn't leave us to walk through difficult times alone," Mandrell added.

Associate professor Jeanet Sinding Bentzen documents "that Google searches on prayer has skyrocketed during the month of March 2020 when COVID-19 went global."

"Even Denmark, one of the least religious countries in the world, sees systematic increases in internet searches on prayer," she noted.

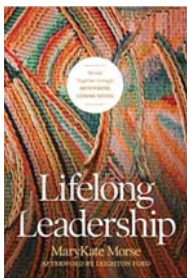


Books



God Honoring Book Reviews

Lifelong Leadership by MaryKate Morse

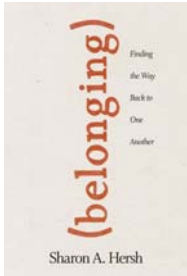


What helps leaders break through to new levels of impact? Christian leaders need safe places, safe times, and safe people to help them grow spiritually and be fruitful over the long run. Author Mary Kate Morse and her mentoring community, led by Leighton Ford, have found that most leaders do not listen for the Spirit or create space for reflection, fellowship, and prayer. And yet these exercises, done together in a committed group, bring lasting transformation to your life and to your leadership.

"Lifelong Leadership" casts a dynamic vision for mentoring communities and offers a comprehensive, step-by-step guide to implementation. Whether you are a seasoned leader or one just emerging, this proven model, used throughout the world, will equip you to effectively respond to the ongoing demands of your ministry, provide the respite you desperately need, and extend the work of God through your ministry.

Mary Kate Morse is a professor at Portland Seminary. She is a founding board member of Mission Alliance and is affiliated with Global Evangelists Forum and Africa Enterprise. **Tyndale Publishers \$17.99**

Belonging: Finding the Way Back to One Another by Sharon A. Hersh

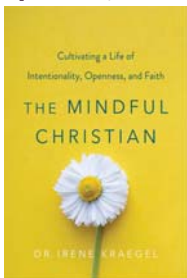


Do you long to belong? Lonely, Misunderstood, and questioning whether God is good and can be trusted...Sharon Hersh has learned that she isn't the only one who has struggled with these sentiments. "Belonging" explores what happens when we bravely engage with the unexpected grace that passionately declares that life is not all about our pain, our accomplishments, our rights, our abuse, our power, or our beliefs. It is about finding our way together. It is about a supernatural interconnectedness to a deeper story that invades every nook and cranny of our lives with light and love - because we belong to one another. The way back to finding ourselves and one another is not for the faint of

heart. It's messy, it's hard work. And it's worth it. If you are tired of being alone, this is your invitation to journey to belonging.

Sharon Hersh is a licensed professional counselor, a professor in graduate counseling programs, a sought after speaker, and author of several books. **Tyndale Publishers \$15.99**

The Mindful Christian: Cultivating a Life of Intentionality, Openness, and Faith by Dr. Irene Kraegel



Dr. Irene Kraegel teaches us to live more joyfully and at peace with ourselves and with God. Mindfulness can help you live more joyfully and wholeheartedly in the world God created. "The Mindful Christian" provides readers with an overview of mindfulness practice through the lens of faith, showing how the ancient healing practice of mindfulness can help them live more joyfully and wholeheartedly. For Christians who are experiencing emotional pain, spiritual lethargy, or feelings of disconnection - or for Christians who are simply curious about how mindfulness can fit with their lives and their faith - this book will help them learn about and engage mindfulness practices in ways that

leave them more compassionate, joyful, content and at peace with themselves - and with God. This book offers easy-to-do mindfulness practices that will impact daily activities and relationships - empowering readers with the benefits of mindfulness for their emotional, spiritual, and relational health with the Christian Life.

Dr. Irene Kraegel, is a licensed clinical psychologist who has worked as a counselor within community health, private practice, and higher education settings. She serves as director of the Center for Counseling and Wellness at Calvin University. **Fortress Press \$24.99**

LOCAL AUTHORS

Heavenly Lights: Noah's Journey by Barbara Britton



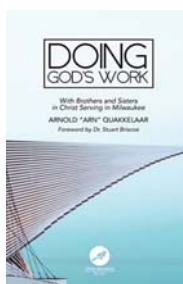
Noah bat Zelophehad has tended her father's herds and flocks since she was a girl. With God's gift of land, she plans to make her sisters wealthy with livestock. But when a conniving clansman takes a liking to the bold shepherdess, his scheme may snatch her from the fields she loves. Only one person understands Noah's marital status in jeopardy. But Noah, remains faithful to God and her animals and trusts that she will be able to forge a future with her sisters, even when enemies abound. Will the daughters of Zelophehad be able to settle their land together or will Noah get left behind.

Barbara Britton lives in Southeastern Wisconsin and loves the snow if it accumulates under three inches.

Barbara enjoys bringing little-known Bible stories to light in her Tribes of Israel series. She is a member of American Christian Fiction Writers. Barbara has a nutrition degree from Baylor University, but loves to dip healthy strawberries in chocolate. This is book two from the series "Tribes of Israel."

Pelican Books \$15.99

Doing God's Work: With Brothers and Sisters in Christ Serving in Milwaukee by Arnold "Arn" Quakkelaar



We often pray for God's will to be done, but what is our role and responsibility in doing it? Arn Quakkelaar has experience in searching God's will as a professional engineer and corporate executive in the global marketplace. "Doing God's Will" may help you find how to fulfill God's purposes, discern his plan, and do his work his way. This book focuses on the city of Milwaukee and its culture, faith history, poverty, crime, neighbors, and the disenfranchised. These real-life stories and testimonies will be applicable to any place in the world. Arn Quakkelaar's missional commitment and curiosity about Milwaukee unfold into a life-giving and city-changing experience. Take the journey with him "Doing God's Work." - Dr. Glen Barth, President of

GoodCities.

"This is a book about a man, his vision, and his city. Like many of his contemporaries facing midlife, Arn Quakkelaar sat down and took stock of his life. As he sought the Lord, something stirred inside him, a vision for what things could be if God would bless a work. The result was the kindling of a work which is still unfolding in the streets, storefronts, drug dives, prisons, boardrooms, safe houses, and churches of his adopted city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin." - Dr. Stuart Briscoe, Pastor Emeritus, Elmbrook Church

Arnold (Arn) Quakkelaar attended Calvin University and earned a BS in engineering physics and mathematics. He began his career in 1955 with Johnson Controls and finished with Rockwell International as the International Vice President of the Global Technical Support Division. His team established ninety-one technical centers located in twenty-eight countries. Arn was married in 1959 and raised five sons with his wife, Norma. Arn has served as deacon, elder, and chairman of the Council of Elders in his home church. When Arn felt a call into full-time ministry, he spent a year on the streets of Milwaukee, meeting and talking with hundreds of people. He experienced firsthand the dreadful conditions in the city. Arn visited with community leaders organizations, pastors, deacons, gang leaders, and Christians, building relationships in preparation for the work God had for him to do. In 1997 Arn started BASICS (Brothers and Sisters in Christ Serving), a non-profit organization ministering to the underserved in the inner city of Milwaukee. BASICS has worked with over 400 churches and ministries. In 2005 Arn also founded GENESIS, a prison reentry ministry serving hundreds of "returning citizens" to assist them in recovery. Arn is currently serving as emeritus with BASICS and GENESIS. **White Blackbird Books \$15.99**

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News & More



Oklahoma one step closer to putting 'In God We Trust' on over 300 state buildings

By Michael Gryboski

Oklahoma is one step closer to adding the national motto "In God We Trust" to more than 300 state buildings, with a bill passing the state's House of Representatives.

The Oklahoma House voted to overwhelmingly support House Bill 3817, with a final tally of 76 yeas, and 20 nays, with 4 legislators excused.

Authored by House Speaker Charles McCall, HB 3817 would have the Office of Management and Enterprise Services display the national motto on 342 state buildings.

"The placement and size of the display shall be in keeping with the placement and size of the display of the national motto in the United States Capitol Visitor Center," reads the proposed legislation in part.

"The display of the national motto shall not be construed to mean that the State of Oklahoma favors any particular religion or denomination thereof over others."

Republican state Rep. Jay Steagall of Yukon defended the legislation, dismissing in a statement any church and state separation concerns.

"Our government is based on the idea that our inalienable rights are granted to us by our creator," Steagall said, according to Tulsa World. "It is impossible to separate church from state. And our founders said we should not do that, actually."

Other legislators have criticized the measure, as have multiple secular organizations that view HB 3817 as an offensive government endorsement of religion.

The Freedom From Religion Foundation argued in an action alert that the proposed legislation was an example of "government-sponsored Christian proselytizing."

"While politicians claim that these laws are intended to showcase the national motto or inspire patriotism, it is clear that their true purpose is to peddle religiosity to a captive audience," stated FFRE. "These laws are about advancing the Big Lie that the United States was 'founded on God' or Christianity, dismantling the wall of separation between religion and government."

The statement "In God We Trust" became the official motto of the United States in 1956 when President Dwight Eisenhower signed a law that also put the motto on the currency.

More recently, secularist groups have tried to remove the motto from U.S. money and elsewhere under the belief that it violates church and state separation.

Last year, South Dakota put into effect a law that required all public schools to display the national motto that was at least 12 inches by 12 inches in size.

"Some have plaques. Other have it painted on the wall, maybe in a mural setting," explained Wade Pogany, executive director of the Associated School Boards of South Dakota, to The Associated Press last year. "[In one school] it was within their freedom wall. They added that to a patriotic theme."



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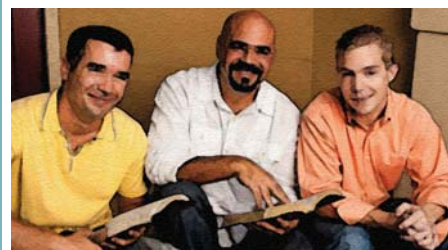
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'Born Alive' Abortion Survivor's Bill Signed in West Virginia

By Mikaela Mathews



West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice signed a 'Born Alive' bill, which would penalize doctors who refused medical care to a child born after a failed abortion. It passed the Senate unanimously, according to ABC News.

According to critics, however, the bill was largely symbolic because infanticide is already a crime in the state. Currently, abortions are only legal until 20 weeks gestation in West Virginia.

"A child born alive who would somehow be killed, that would be murder," said Harrison County Sen. Mike Romano. "It would clearly be murder; there's nobody doing that and if they do it, they're in jail."

Another Democrat questioned the validity of the bill, saying that it aims more for political points around election season instead of helping to fix the state's other problems.

Elizabeth Nash, state policy analyst at the Guttmacher Institute agreed. "We are looking at probably more of a political issue being

raised rather than something that's substantive," she said. Bills such as this are often introduced around election season by Republicans to "gin up the base in some way."

Others, however, believe that the measure will protect infants should laws change, according to WHSV.

"Yeah, there might be laws that protect the life of newborns," said Del. S. Marshall Wilson, an Independent who represents Berkeley County. "That might change tomorrow."

Justice held a ceremonial signing of the bill to celebrate its passage.

"This is an absolute no-brainer as far as I'm concerned," he said. "... It's unbelievable that we even have to go through this process for something that seems like it's just common sense. But, at the same time, we should be really proud that we're defending the lives of our most vulnerable."

On a federal level, a similar bill has not been as successful, as previously reported by Christian Headlines. Late last year, House Democrats blocked a bill that would penalize medical professionals for not providing care after a botched abortion.

"Infanticide is already illegal in every state. Congress reaffirmed that fact with its passage of the bipartisan Born-Alive Infants Protection Act in 2002. I support that law, which is still in effect. There is no need for additional federal legislation on this topic," said Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA).

Supporters, however, argued that nearly 150 newborns had died after a failed abortion from 2003 to 2014, "a statistic that the CDC acknowledged likely was an underestimate."

The best we can hope for in this life is a knothole peek at the shining realities ahead. Yet a glimpse is enough. It's enough to convince our hearts that whatever sufferings and sorrows currently assail us aren't worthy of comparison to that which waits over the horizon.

~ Joni Eareckson Tada





News & More



Tenth Avenue North Announces Farewell Tour

By Milton Quintanilla



Christian band Tenth Avenue North are calling it quits as they have embarked on their farewell tour. A lengthy post entitled "Farewell" was made on Instagram by the band's frontman, Mike Donehey.

He begins with, "Words always seem to fail when it comes to farewell. Even the best goodbyes are bittersweet. Maybe we're made for eternity after all."

Then he addresses as to how far the band has come from its inception two decades ago and their surreal impact along the way.

"20 years ago, Tenth Avenue North was nothing but three friends goofing around in a PBA dorm room. We never dreamt it would take us around the globe, not in a million years. But here we are, two decades, shaking our heads, grateful, in all. We're grateful for all the stories, all the tears, for all the memories we've made. Did I mention the music?"

Donehey indicates that the breakup is not "a sign of unhealth, quite the opposite." Instead, it's a new phase for the band individually.

"We're dreaming new dreams. It's time to encourage one another to go, go and do all that is in our hearts to do."

What was initially the "Finally Living Tour" is now the "Farewell Tour" which is currently ongoing. Tenth Avenue North will also release new music along with playing some summer shows and festivals before closing out for good.

'Heartbroken': Tornado Destroys Parts Of Nashville, Christian Music Artists React

By Jeannie Law

A tornado struck parts of Nashville and central Tennessee, leaving at least 22 people dead. Many in Nashville's Christian music community are sharing their heartbreak over the natural disaster.

The tornado ripped through dozens of buildings and left 50,000 households and businesses with no power. The death count is an accumulation of people in four counties, including Davidson (Nashville), Putnam, Benton and Wilson, according to NBC News.

"We have had loss of life all across this state," Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee said in a statement. He also announced that "there are folks missing."

The natural disaster is the deadliest tornado occurrence in the United States since 23 people lost their lives in Alabama on March 3, 2019.

World-renowned worship leader Kari Jobe took to Instagram with her reaction following the destruction.

"My city," Jobe wrote along with several photos of the damage. "So devastated for so many friends and business owners today. We will rebuild. My phone is full of texts back and forth with friends checking on each other. So grateful for community."

The singer then shared information for those in need of assistance, "If you're in need of help- our church @thebelongingco is here for you. Email relief@thebelonging.co praying for all who lost loved ones and homes. We are with you."



In the Kitchen With Diane



Diane Fechter, Author



PASTA CHEF'S SALAD

8 oz. pasta cooked and drained according to pkg. directions
3 medium tomatoes, chopped
1/2 - 1 pound diced Swiss cheese or other cheese of your choice
1/2 c. chopped red onion
1 can (15 oz.) baby corn, drained, corn cut in half
1 c. black olives, sliced
1 jar (15 oz.) artichokes, cut and drained
1 bunch romaine lettuce, torn

Combine salad ingredients in a large bowl. Add dressing and toss to combine.

Dressing:

1/2 c. salad oil
1/4 c. red wine vinegar
1 tsp. oregano
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 clove minced garlic
Mix dressings ingredients in a jar with a tight fitting lid, shake to combine.

Optional: sprinkle salad with 1/3 c. fresh parmesan cheese

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

Tenth Avenue North frontman Mike Donehey also revealed that his house felt pressure from the storm.

"Hey everyone. If you're watching the news you might see tornadoes hit Tennessee hard last night," Donehey wrote alongside a photo of @thebasementeast, a concert venue. He said it's where his band played their album release show in August.

"We're all a bit stunned as we all live in East Nashville, and felt the windows shaking last night, but relieved to report we're all ok and our houses are good. Please pray for everyone affected by this. We lived through the flood ten years ago and can assure you Nashville knows how to come together in tragedy. Hope in the flood and the fire. Appreciate everyone's concern," he said.



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Bibles Survive Nashville Tornadoes Intact

By Tim Tune

First responders, rescue personnel and volunteers are searching for survivors as they comb through the debris left by damage to an undetermined number of homes, businesses, churches and other structures in areas around Nashville, Tenn., affected by the Tuesday, March 3, early morning tornadoes. The death toll from the Middle Tennessee storms was at 25 on March 5.



USA Today reported that on Wednesday, March 4, hundreds of additional volunteers "headed for hard-hit neighborhoods to help homeowners and renters sift through debris to find belongings and mementos."

Among the debris are Bibles, one inscribed with the name of the owner and the date it was inscribed, perhaps marking a birthday or another landmark event in the recipient's life.

In Putnam County, hardest hit with 18 deaths, the Bible was found among debris by first a responder identified only as Officer Denton of the Sparta Police Department, Amanda Hara of TV station WVLT reported.

"There's not a page gone in this Bible," Denton told WVLT. It's a family Bible. We'd like to find out whose family Bible it was."

WVLT's report said that search crews are "collecting items like that Bible and will try to get it back to the rightful owners. Officials said crews found two other Bibles, also untouched."

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THE STUDENTS' CORNER: The Out-Resurrection

By Basil Jackson

Over the years there have been a lot of questions and disagreements among Bible students regarding the Resurrection of which Paul writes in Philippians chapter 3:9-12

"That I may gain Christ, and that I may be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which [would be] on the principle of law, but that which is by faith of Christ, the righteousness which [is] of God through faith, to know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if in any way I arrive at the resurrection from among [the] dead. Not that I have already obtained [the prize], or am already perfected; but I pursue, if also I may get possession [of it], seeing that also I have been taken possession of by Christ {Jesus}."

"that I might know Him and the power (dynamis - energy) of His resurrection (anastaseos), and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable (symmorphizomenos-like Him - present participle connoting a continuous process) His death; if by any means I might attain (katanteso) unto the resurrection (ex-anastasin- the outresurrection) of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, (e/abon - obtained/received) either, but were already perfect (teteleioimai): but I follow after, if that I may apprehended) that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus".

Some have concluded that Paul was referring to a physical resurrection, which then at times eventuated in the erroneous idea of a selective and special 'Rapture' which would be the hope and expectation of only some especially qualified Christians. At the other end of the exegetical spectrum others have concluded that Paul was referring to a 'resurrection', of a metaphysical and special character, which reflects the daily deportment to which all Christians are urged to aspire. The interpretation of Scripture or hermeneutics is a delicate and fragile undertaking and requires the utmost of prayer and care! A lesson I learned when I was very young is "Wonderful things in the Bible I see, Many of them put there by you and by me!" It is unfortunate that often current exegesis is often based on the apparent malleability of truth

and is mired in ambiguity and terminological inexactitude.

Paul had many advantages as a member of the chosen people, yet he was willing to relinquish all of these benefits which accrued to him as a Jew so that he might gain Christ and the power of His resurrection. This was a serious challenge and involved participation in the sufferings of Christ and conformity to His death. Paul pursues this goal as the apogee of his spiritual life, namely, attaining to the 'out-resurrection' from among the dead. It is clear that Paul did not feel that he had already achieved this perfected status and, therefore, he was persistent in striving to reach it. His daily aim was to grasp that for which he had been grasped by Christ.

It is important to note that Paul was not speaking of the eschatological resurrection but of its power, not of a future hope but of a present reality and daily attainment.

Paul's letter to the Philippians was not written in his role as an apostle but as a slave (doulos). No apostolic commission was required for his role as a servant because no new revelation was given in the letter. Philippians deals with the subject of deportment and daily 'conversation' or manner of life, such as is appropriate for those who have learned the Ephesian secret of the believer's elevated status as a member of the Body of Christ.

It is important to note that no one can literally, that is physiologically, be conformed to the death of Christ as regarding the literal physical body. His body did not see the physical deterioration of corruption. Even when we are alive we know that the physiological process of death is evident in all human beings. The body of the Savior was the exception.

This represents a classical and cogent Pauline method of communicating truth through the use of an appropriate figure. When this is clearly understood it is clear that what he is saying is that 'death' and 'crucifixion' with Christ constitute a prerequisite to living a God-pleasing life and walk. Out daily aim,



as enunciated in the Greek Orthodox daily prayer book, should be that "we may follow a spiritual life, thinking and doing all things according to Thy good pleasure".

All resurrections, except that before the Great White Throne, are 'outresurrections', in that only some of the dead are raised from among those who have died. In that day those who are raised will be forever beyond death and sin and will walk in God's will and ways. This, however, is presented as a model for the present. Death and the proclivity to sin operate in us as Christians today. It is only by the power and operation of God's indwelling spirit that one can achieve a modicum of victory and refrain from sinning. We who are encouraged to be filled with this divine power and energy (Ephesians 5:8) soon begin to leak and sinful behavior ensues.

Christ did not grasp us to lead us into a life of shame, spiritual failure and sin, but into a life of deportment and absolute obedience to His will and desire. This is the model which we have been called to imitate and which we are encouraged to emulate. As mere humans such a high level is beyond our capacity. We have all stumbled in the past and are encouraged to strive for that which is humanly unattainable. It is only as we focus steadfastly on Christ and the approximation of Him as our Ego Ideal that such a model could ever be actualized. To even approach such a high level of deportment the energy and power demonstrated and displayed in the resurrection of Jesus is a daily requirement! EbJ.

ADF FILES SUIT ON BEHALF OF NC CITIZENS ARRESTED FOR PRAYING OUTSIDE OF ABORTION FACILITY

Alliance Defending Freedom filed suit against the city of Greensboro and Guilford County on behalf of pro-life North Carolina citizens whom police arrested for engaging in peaceful prayer outside an abortion facility. As ADF explained in a letter sent to the city on April 2, the arrests should not have occurred because the pro-life members of the Christian ministry Love Life were in compliance with a Guilford County emer-

gency proclamation related to the coronavirus crisis.

The city is standing by its arrests of the Love Life members because they traveled by car and not by foot and because they traveled from outside the county – prohibitions found nowhere in the proclamation or in any law. The city also claimed that the proclamation gives the city authority to prohibit all First Amendment activity, which is also untrue. Love Life members intentionally and carefully engaged in their activities to comply with the proclamation.





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How Christians Can Show Christ during the Coronavirus Crisis

By Roberto Rivera and John Stonestreet

Though the world has changed dramatically in the last few months, the call for Christians to be salt and light hasn't. That's one of the difficult things about our faith. The Biblical instruction is clear enough: Here's what God is doing in the world, our call is to follow Him and, in Christ, bear witness to Jesus by sharing our faith and doing good in His name. But those Biblical instructions were given in a cultural context much different than our own.

In other words, translating between God's word and God's world isn't easy. If we'd woken up this morning and seen an army of Philistines outside, well, good news, there's like 40 chapters in the Old Testament about what to do in case of Philistines. Instead, we woke up to another day of spiking infection and death numbers, many of us with friends and family members who are vulnerable or sick, and another day on lockdown. I've looked through the whole concordance. "Coronavirus" isn't in there... not even in the King James version.

And, of course, all of this seems overwhelming. What can I do? How can I help?



I want to suggest four questions that every one of us can and should answer, so that we can, as the sons of Issachar did, "understand the times" and "know what to do." But first, let me say something about the where before we get to the what.

God determined that you and I should be in this time and this place. Let's not ask what we can't do, but what we can do. Where has God placed you? In what family? What com-

munity? What church? Near which business and in touch with which charity?

This is the Great Commission, in fact. In Matthew 28, Jesus issues this command to his first followers... "make disciples." Believe it or not, at least in the original language, the word "Go" in verse 17 is not an imperative. It could, and maybe should, be translated "as you go" or "wherever you go."

T.M. Moore, a long-time friend and adviser to Chuck Colson, called this "your personal mission field," and once that is identified, these four questions can help us develop an action plan.

First, what's good that we can celebrate and promote during this crisis?

As my friend Ed Stetzer shared on a recent Colson Center webinar, there are plenty of things to celebrate, promote, and even emulate. Obviously, the charitable works around us are worth our celebration and support. Soup kitchens, and homeless shelters, and others doing the hard work of victim care.

But there's also birthdays, anniversaries, and milestones. These things are still a good part of our humanity together, and there are still ways to celebrate with others. On the inaugural SGN (or Some Good News) broadcast, former star of *The Office*, John Krasinski showed a video of Alabama man John Kline visiting his bride of decades through the window of her retirement home that he's no longer allowed to visit. Though she's suffering from Alzheimer's, she remembered the words of "Amazing Grace," and they sang it together through the window.

With all the ridiculous and accusatory stuff floating around social media, maybe share this. Maybe celebrate with this couple the beauty of their life-long married love. And, of course, we can celebrate the good being done by doctors, nurses, first responders, and other medical professionals on the frontlines of this epidemic.

Here's the second question: "What is missing that we can contribute?" At times like these,

it might be easier to ask, "What's not missing that we can't contribute?"

In New York City, where the medical system is under severe stress, Samaritan's Purse answered this question by setting up a field hospital in Central Park. Other Christian groups and churches are operating clinics and testing people for infection. One Break-Point listener wrote in to tell us that she's sewing surgical masks. I've read of groups providing meals to frontline medical personnel or home-bound folks, and MIT engineers posted blueprints for building cheap ventilators, for free online.

Especially now, Christians have something people desperately need and many are missing: Hope. Now of all times, we must be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks about the hope that is in us. A culture whose worship songs are "Imagine" by John Lennon and "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen is a culture missing a vertical reference point. We've got that, too.

Third question: What evil can we confront or stop? The obvious answer for healthcare workers is the coronavirus itself, though we all have a role to play in stopping or at least slowing the spread of the virus. Physical distancing and other precautionary measures is a way of putting love of neighbor ahead of our own desires.

On a more immediate level, we can stop the cynicism and anger. We can stop from forwarding an unhelpful message or accusation on social media. We can stop pornography from coming into our homes while so many more people are online.

Final question: What is broken that we can restore? Among the brokenness exposed in our culture by this virus is loneliness and social isolation. It's difficult to imagine a better and easier example of Christians running towards the plague than reaching out to people like this. Relational brokenness, in our families and beyond, is an epidemic far more reaching than COVID-19. As this pandemic continues, we'll see endless opportunities to help restore broken lives and broken livelihoods.

I know some of these ideas may seem too simple to be effective. Too easy. But the problem is we often dismiss the good we can do, the missing we can contribute, the evil we can fight, and the brokenness we can restore because of what we can't do. Let's not do that.

AUTHORITIES SINGLING OUT RELIGIOUS GROUPS TO ENFORCE SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES WILL FACE ACTION FOR DISCRIMINATION, AG BARR SAYS

Authorities who choose to single out religious organizations to enforce social distanc-

ing rules will face action for discrimination, Attorney General William Barr's office said.

In the week leading up to Easter, the attorney general's office said they would begin "monitoring government regulation of religious services," The Christian Post reports.

"While social distancing policies are appropriate during this emergency, they must be applied evenhandedly & not single out religious organizations. Expect action from DOJ next week," read a tweet from the official DOJ Twitter account.



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Sudan's transitional government has abolished committees formed under the Islamist regime of former President Omar al-Bashir that were used to take over church properties.

INDIA: PASTOR SAYS LIFE BECOMING 'FAR MORE DIFFICULT' FOR CHRISTIANS AMID ESCALATING PERSECUTION

A pastor in India has opened up about the deteriorating state of religious freedom in the country, revealing things are becoming "far more difficult" for Christians who almost daily encounter persecution for their faith.

MILEY CYRUS TO EXPLORE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AGAIN AFTER LEAVING CHURCH DUE TO ANTI-LGBT STANCE

Pop star Miley Cyrus says she will explore pursuing her own relationship with God again after chatting with devoted Christian and supermodel Hailey Bieber.

INDIA: POLICE BEAT CHRISTIANS, FORCE THEM TO POSE LIKE CHRIST ON THE CROSS WHILE MOCKING JESUS

Christians falsely accused of forcefully converting Hindus to Christianity were brutally beaten by a drunken police officer who then ordered them to pose like Christ on the cross.

PRESIDENT TRUMP DONATES 4TH QUARTER SALARY TO FIGHT THE CORONAVIRUS

President Trump has reportedly decided to donate his fourth quarter salary to fight the coronavirus pandemic.

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PASTOR DAVID JEREMIAH ARGUES COVID-19 IS 'PROBABLY' NOT A SIGN OF THE END TIMES

While many of his colleagues seem sure that the COVID-19 pandemic is a sign of the end times, Pastor David Jeremiah is not ready to commit to that idea. In a recent sermon, Jeremiah argued that while he cannot say for certain if the outbreak is or is not a warning sign of the second coming, he does think the pandemic does not perfectly match up with biblical prophecy

and, therefore, is "probably" not a sign of Jesus' return.

KIRK CAMERON CALLS FOR 30 DAYS OF PRAYER TO STRENGTHEN FAITH DURING GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Popular actor Kirk Cameron launched a prayer initiative called "30 Days Faith Strong" to help believers refocus their thoughts on God while the nation is in quarantine due to the coronavirus pandemic.

STRONG MAJORITY OF PASTORS SEE CURRENT EVENTS AS 'BIRTH PAINS' OF CHRIST'S RETURN: SURVEY

Most pastors serving at evangelical and historically black churches see some current events lining up with what Jesus said would happen shortly before His second coming, according to a new poll on Christian eschatology from LifeWay Research. Over half believe Christ will return during their lifetimes.

'GET BACK IN THE WORD' DURING PANDEMIC, MY PILLOW CEO URGES AMERICANS AT WHITE HOUSE

Speaking in the White House Rose Garden, Mike Lindell, the Christian CEO of My Pillow, urged Americans to use this time at home during the COVID-19 pandemic to grow closer to God and family.

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Newport Missionary Baptist Church

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

Parklawn Assembly of God

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

Restoration International Min- istry, Inc.

5017 W. Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210
414-499-7961
Christian Educ 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.org

Spiritual Healing & Restora- tion Ministries

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

Trinity Community Church

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

Word is God Worship Center

3320 W Vliet St
Milwaukee 53208
Sunday Worship 11AM
414.933.4744

Word of Grace Fellowship

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



Ministries



SOUTH SUBURBS (AREA 2)

Cedar Hills Church

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

Cornerstone Bible Church

11321 St. Martins Rd.
Franklin, WI 53132
Sunday Bible Study 9:30AM
Children's/Jr Church 10:30AM
414.232.3158 or
www.cbrfranklinwi.com

Faith Christian Fellowship

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

Harvest Community Church

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

Jubilee Christian Family Church

3639 W Ryan Road
Franklin 53132
Sunday Worship 10AM
Wednesday Bible Study 7PM
Mon-Fri AM 1340 12:45PM
414.423.0700 or Jubilee-Christian.org

Milwaukee Victory Church

2110 W National Ave
Milwaukee 53204
Sunday Worship 10AM
414.645.7496

Life Restoration Church

2422 W National Ave
Milwaukee 53204
Sunday Worship 10AM
414.383.2280

Oak Creek Assembly of God

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

St John's Lutheran Church

4850 S Lake Dr
Cudahy 53110
Call for times 414.481.0520

Southbrook Church

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

WEST SUBURBS (AREA 3)

Beloit Road Baptist Church

8337 W Beloit Rd
West Allis 53219
Call for times 414.543.0655

Body of Christ Ministries

KimSargentMinistries.org
Radio Ministry
Sundays 6-6:30 pm
Joy 1340 AM and 98.7 FM
Prayerline: 414-587-9899

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 Sat 5PM
Sunday 9, 10:45AM
262.786.7051

Family Prayer & Worship Center

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

First Baptist Church-New Berlin

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

Honey Creek Church

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

Lifeline Church

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

New Beginnings Fellowship Intl.

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

Faith Christian Church

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

A Mighty River Ministries

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

New Song Church

Klemmers
10401 W. Oklahoma Ave.
Sunday 10AM

New Vintage Church

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

Pipeline to Jesus Church

13400 W Beloit Rd
New Berlin 53151
Sunday Worship 10AM
Tuesday 7PM
414.525.0000 PipelineToJesus.org

Poplar Creek Church

17770 W Cleveland Ave
New Berlin 53146
Sunday Worship 7:45, 9,
10:45AM
(5:30PM for 20's/30's)
Wednesday 7PM
262.782.1777
PoplarCreekChurch.org

Reformation Hope Church

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

RightWay Church Ministries

POBox242232
Milwaukee,WI53225
Meeting at ComfortSuites
10831ParkPlace
Milwaukee,WI 53224
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 service

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
Clc4port.com

Cornerstone Church Lake Country

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

Covenant Connection Fellowship Church

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

Delavan Christian Reformed Church

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

Eagles Wings Nazarene Fellowship

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

Faith Christian Fellowship

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

Faithlife Victory International Church

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

Family Chapel

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

Grace Bible Chapel

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

Hillside Community Church

S93 W30580 County Rd NN
Mukwonago 53149
Sunday Worship 9AM
Call for Bible Studies
262.363.8025 or HillsideMuk.org

Journey Church Burlington

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

Journey Church Kenosha

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

Lake Country Bible Church

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

Northbrook Church

4014 Hwy 167 West
Richfield 53076
Saturday 4:30PM
Sunday Worship 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM
262.628.3142

Oconomowoc Faith Bible Fellowship

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

Open Door Church

3420 County Road LL
Port Washington, WI 53074
Sat Worship Service 5:30pm
Sun Worship Services 8am & 10:45
Sun School/Adult Bible 9:30am
262-284-0711
www.ODBport.org

Orchard Hill Assembly of God

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

Praise Fellowship Church

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

Summit Harvest Church

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

Terrace Shores Ev Free Church

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

Transformational Ministry

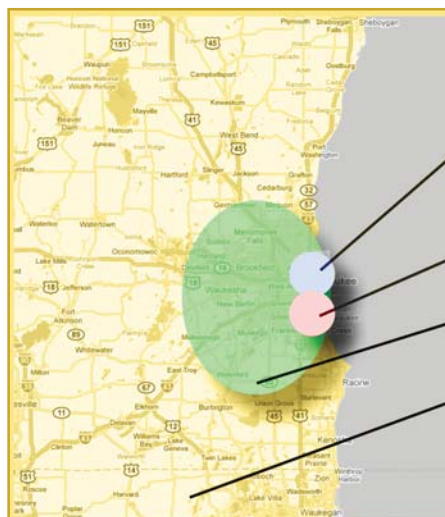
1123 Center St.
Racine, WI 53403
Sundays Worship: 2pm
224.656.1803

Watertown Community Church

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

Zion Christian Assembly

Zion Chapel 319 Cedar Street
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
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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Kids' Day: An Alternative to Halloween at ProBuColls - October 31, 2020



Clark House - Downtown Old Style Room & Board and Housing Ministry



City-Wide Church Softball League - Starting in April - Teams Now Forming



Weekly Men's Bible Chuck Wagon - Pallas Restaurant - Tuesdays 7 am



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