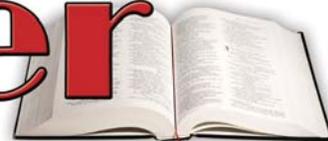




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For Small Churches Hit by Pandemic, Churches Helping Churches Challenge Is A 'Blessing'

By Leonardo Blair

When the coronavirus pandemic forced the shutdown of his 35-member Ark of Safety Christian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in March, Senior Pastor Kevin Cropper said it also took a big hit financially.

Although his congregation has remained full of faith and largely unscathed in their physical health, the state shutdown of businesses and economic activity led to a slowdown in financial donations from his members.

"When it comes to tithes and offerings it's decreased significantly," Cropper told The Christian Post in a recent interview.

Before the pandemic, Cropper's church had already been in a precarious position. Finances were managed "week to week" but somehow, he said, God always seemed to



provide. As his church remained shuttered and the pandemic wore on, however, the Pennsylvania preacher still had ministry-related bills coming in.

"You still have mortgage, you still have utilities even though no one is meeting in the church. You still have church insurance. You still have those responsibilities which God holds us accountable for as far as maintaining our responsibilities in being a good steward. So we were really getting hit," he said.

As he and his wife, Brenda, prayed and brainstormed about how they would keep the ministry afloat they learned about the Churches Helping Churches Challenge while watching the "Roland Martin Unfiltered Daily Digital Show" on YouTube.

The Churches Helping Churches Challenge was launched by the AND Campaign and other Christian organizations on April 3 to urge larger, more stable churches to assist at-risk churches in their own community.

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SINGER CHARLES BILLINGSLEY DETAILS BATTLE WITH COVID-19, HOW IT AFFECTED HIS FAITH



Charles Billingsley, who is a teaching pastor at Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia, was diagnosed with the novel coronavirus in early April and spent about three weeks battling the virus, which included a brief hospitalization. Simultaneously, his new album — his first studio project in two years — was released on April 10.

The man of faith never expected to release an album during a pandemic, let alone fall victim to the illness. And now he's sharing his experience to offer hope and encouragement for those in the midst of the national lockdown.

"I hope that through all of this, believers will have deepened their walk with the Lord because, quite frankly, the Lord is forced to Sabbath upon all of us. We have all this time right now, to rest, to study, to learn to worship. I just pray that believers have taken advantage of it because it's like the Lord just said, 'Hey, all right, if your life is going to be the economy and your work and all that stuff, I'll just force you to have to be still and know that I'm God.' And that's exactly what He's done."

AMERICAN MISSIONARY PILOT JOYCE LIN DIES IN CRASH WHILE TRANSPORTING COVID-19 SUPPLIES

Joyce Lin, an American missionary pilot, died in a crash just minutes after her plane took off to deliver COVID-19 supplies to remote villages in Indonesia. She was 40.



Lin worked for the Idaho-based Mission Aviation Fellowship whose pilots use Cessna and KODIAK aircraft to transport medicine, doctors, disaster relief, evangelists, Bible translators, food supplies, agriculture and other things to remote areas around the world to share "Christ's love beyond where the road ends."

"The Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) family is deeply saddened by the loss of their colleague and friend, Joyce Lin," MAF said in a statement.

"Joyce was responding to the needs of the village of Mamit in the Papua highlands and cargo on the plane included COVID-19 rapid test kits for the local clinic. Within minutes of takeoff, she reported an emergency and the aircraft descended into Lake Sentani. Joyce was the only person on the airplane."

You've touched us all and the world is a lesser place without you in it. We'll miss you, Joyce.



Commentary

Know Jesus. No Fear.

by Bob Conklin

We've all read the bumper sticker "Know Jesus Know Peace. No Jesus No Peace." Right?

Well here is a thought for many to consider today ... Know Jesus. No Fear. Isaiah 41:10 says "Fear thou not..."

How much effort do we as Christian believers want to put into running from a virus or a germ none of us can see? So exhausting! A local medical professional recently said, "It seems like the virus is the only thing that can get into our clinic without a mask!" Taken to the next level ... gloves? A gown? Why not if we're "taking this seriously." Hot sweaty hands and a stanky mask can put a

real damper on Go ye and make of disciples ... Matthew 28:19.

Now that we've had a snoot full of all that fear let's forsake it for clean hands, a pure heart and a bright smile that reflects the love of Jesus. Let's practice Biblical Distancing as we get ready for Covid-20. Remember to greet the brethren with a holy kiss and how about that warm right hand of fellowship?

There's so much work to do. It's time to not get caught up in the ways of the world. Let's open up our churches all the way. Remember when you could walk into the hospital



Emergency Room for anything at any time? The church is a hospital for needy souls. Let's usher in revival with big numbers of people rather than turn that poor needy soul away who happened to be number 101 on the mandatory 100 sign-up sheet!

Clark House Update



As we've entered the summer growing season at the Clark House, M&M Tree Care Service is doing a bang up job spraying our cherry trees, apple trees and pear trees. With lots of grass to mow and repairs ongoing, many volunteers and workers are bringing the old Clark House boarding house up to date.



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A Word From The Heart

by John Duckhorn

Many adult Bible classes, home study groups, women studies, as well as studies preparing our teens for leaving home, talk about making lists of "Priorities in Life". The lists are interesting and usually begin with the easy ones; God first, then family, the church, and Christian service. The talk usually centers around how busy we are and how we neglect to pay attention to those things mentioned above. When I was a new believer I wanted to honor God by doing what was of primary importance, such as remembering to have my morning bible reading and prayer time. Neglecting the mid-week meeting for bible study and prayer was at the top of my list as well.

As I grew in the faith and in understanding the Word of God, I realized that I no longer needed a list of necessary things not to forget to do. I discovered that lists ought not be necessary and soon was conscious of doing things without any prompting from a list. When I make a list it is natural to think that some areas of my life and circumstances are not as important to God as others. The apostle Paul did not give any list of order for daily living except such ideas that are found in Colossians 3:16-17: "Whatever you do in word or in deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him--and whatever you do, do heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." We are not taught to think of the "sacred" versus the "secular." We should not think that some things are of less importance than others so that it takes less dedication or spiritual strength and guidance to do them. The typical example is the businessman who neglects his family because of being consumed with success. His problem is not that his list of priorities are out of line, although they most likely are, but that we belong to Christ and the believer must honor the Lord in all of life. The businessman's obsession may be greed or self-fulfillment.

When we realize that "whatever we do in word or deed" is to be done for the glory of the Lord Jesus, we begin to think differently about



small things in our lives. It no longer is just an issue about what is first, but about Who is first. If we thought more about what the cross means in our lives, our attitude toward many mundane things would change. We are to count ourselves dead to the world and alive in Christ. That does not make us less aware of the world but brings the life of Christ into all our words and deeds. We will then work at it with all our heart as working for the Lord and not man. The problem has little to do with lists and the order of things, but with shutting Christ out of small things that seem to have no spiritual significance for eternity. Once we see that giving Christ first place in all things, He will begin to deal with the neglected areas of our lives. We might be surprised about the neglected matters He brings to mind. We will be more alert to little opportunities and find delight

in doing what seems unimportant. He will set the agenda for our lives.

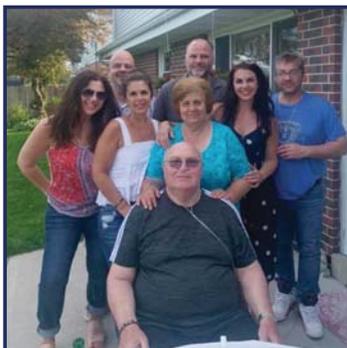
However, making a list is helpful in some areas and keeps us alert. I have "post-it notes" hanging above my desk that remind me to do it now. One says "Skype Richard at 2:30", and another says "get this article to Maude by tomorrow." All of our date books are most likely loaded with places to go and things to do for the next couple of weeks. Do interruptions or schedule changes throw things out of balance? There is a blessing in giving our time and attention wholeheartedly to the next thing without grumbling. The discovery that Jesus is working in our lives in ways we have neglected to understand, is a blessing that surprises us and brings joy into our lives where we least expect it to be found. The phone call when I am involved with preparation for the special upcoming Sunday service, or an unexpected knock at the door makes me sigh and even groan, turns out to be God's invitation to me to join Him in something He has for that person and for me to bring honor and Glory to His name.

I love the religion of Christianity - which cometh from above - which is a pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of good fruits, and without hypocrisy. ~ Frederick Douglass

Thank God I am Alive

By Karen Scharnick

George Dimitropoulos was ready to give up, but through prayer and the love of his wife and three daughters, he left Elmbrook Hospital after fighting for his life for two weeks from COVID-19.



George was admitted to Elmbrook on April 29th with fever, chills, an upset stomach and difficulty breathing. Soon he learned

that he would be in the midst of a battle for his life. After being in the hospital for several days, George was very ill and at the end of his rope. He told the staff to let him die. The staff had used several medications and treatments including high-flow oxygen, proning and convalescent plasma and was in intensive care for several days. The staff at Elmbrook, including Dr. Tala Khairi decided to add something else to his treatment. PRAYER! They prayed with George throughout an entire day. They also let his daughter Nicky suit up and go visit her father, who also prayed that her father would survive. This was the turning point. His family loved and needed him. Nicky said that although the ordeal was an emotional roller coaster, the hospital gave her dad the best care. There was unbelievable communication with the family.

Two weeks after being admitted to the hospital George was wheeled out of the hospital

with his family by his side. "God bless everyone," George said. "Thank God I am alive. I want to thank all the people here who cared for me. There is nothing better than your health," he said after being discharged.

"George is a wonderful man. He is here today and going home to his family by the mercy of God. Our team was just here to help; it's God who deserves all the credit," said Dr. Khairi.

George, his wife and little baby, left Greece March 3, 1973, with nothing more than a suitcase and \$300 to seek a new life in the United States. He never gave up the dream of being a successful businessman. Today he is the owner of Capitol Cafe Pancake House & Restaurant. His daughter Joanna manages it and his daughters Nicky and Rina help out when they can. This is a close-knit family who are all selfless, caring and giving.



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Samaritan's Purse Doctor Describes Time at NYC Field Hospital: 'It Was Hard'

By Leonardo Blair

As the debate over reopening the economy in the wake of the coronavirus continues to divide the nation, Dr. K. Elliott Tenpenny, a doctor who led the recently shuttered field hospital in Central Park for Samaritan's Purse, urged Christians to stand in the gap of that divide and pray.

"There are a lot of difficult decisions ahead, difficult decisions by our leaders, difficult decisions by the states when they need to reopen and people need to go back to work, go back to businesses and that has to happen eventually. ... My biggest encouragement to the Christian community would be to pray for our leaders to make wise decisions," Tenpenny told The Christian Post as the remainder of the tents for the field hospital which operated for more than a month was dismantled Monday.

"There is not one side to this argument or this desire to be done with this virus. The world has to open back up but we also have to protect the most vulnerable of our citizens and our people. As Christians, we stand in the gap and can fill that with prayer. We can pray for our leaders and pray for our leadership both locally and nationally that the right decisions are made and that people take this very seriously," he said.

Worldwide cases of the coronavirus surged to over 4 million at the start of this week, with cases in the United States exceeding 1.3 million. Deaths from the virus totaled more than 279,700 globally, including more than 80,000 in the U.S., according to data collected by the Johns Hopkins University.

Doctors and other medical staff from the evangelical Christian humanitarian aid organization Samaritan's Purse treated 333 coronavirus patients during their one month mission in New York City as part of the Mount Sinai Health System, and 190 of them were treated at the field hospital.

While he was unable to share raw data on the number of patients that died under their care, Tenpenny told CP that the death rate was about equal to what the Mount Sinai Health System saw in general for coronavirus patients. And a study from scientists at Sema4, a patient-centered health intelligence company, said that was 22.6%.

"It was hard, honestly. It was hard. We received a lot of patients early in their course of the disease. And that means that a lot of them got better and some of them didn't and they got progressively worse," Tenpenny said.

"We got to know those patients before they had gotten that bad; had spoken to them, had gotten to know them and then some of them would get progressively worse. So it wasn't just a patient with name X, Y and Z. It was a patient you truly knew and you cared about and you knew their name and you had talked to them about their family and ... that made it even harder."

One of the challenges for his team treating the coronavirus patients, he said, was having to deal with the way the virus devastated the ones who didn't survive, who were mostly older adults.

"This disease is a terrible disease. It really devastates people but it does it in a way that's very sudden. So someone can be doing well for a day or two and then all of a sudden just go downhill so fast. They can become so short of breath or as Mount Sinai discovered later they can start having things like blood clots that form that go to their lungs rapidly," he explained.

"We had cases like that that we had to treat but we got to know these patients. We knew them. We cared for them. So when they started doing poorly, it hit the staff hard."



During those hard times, Tenpenny said, the staff prayed and supported each other and began ringing a bell every time a patient was successfully discharged as a symbol of hope.

"We sustained ourselves through prayer. We sustained ourselves through supporting each other and sustained ourselves just through the hope of each one of those patients leaving. So that's one of the reasons we starting having a bit of a ceremony — clapping, ringing of a bell —

whenever a patient was discharged," he said. "The patients were excited for themselves going home but one of the main reasons was encouragement to the community around us but also to our own staff that there is hope. People do get better. They are going home. They are surviving."

And among the survivors are stories of the "miraculous."

"We saw a lot of really miraculous things happen with patients getting better when they shouldn't have," Tenpenny said. "And it was really amazing to watch."

He had high praise for the City of New York, which he said impressed him with their "grit."

"I really think that the biggest thing that was impressed upon us by the city in general was just the welcoming nature. Speaking personally here, I saw a lot of the sort of grit and ability of the city to rally around itself and to help everyone around that happened during that event," he said.

"I heard many people say the last time there was an event that threatened the city as much as this was 9/11. And I'm seeing the same spirit come out to help New Yorkers, to get New York back on its feet and that was the constant attitude that was shared with us," he noted.

As Tenpenny and his team wrap up their work in New York City, he said the biggest lesson he has come to appreciate is that "everybody has needs."

"The biggest lesson I learned is that no matter who we are anywhere in the world, everybody has needs and God allows us at times to minister to people — in Congo with Ebola and Iraq and war experiences and also right here in New York City, one of the most modern cities in the world," he said. "None of us are over and above our need for God's presence and His healing hand and I just count it as a privilege to have been able to be a part of a team that provided that for a very small period of time and look forward to where God leads us in the future."

A PRESCRIPTION FOR A HURTING COUNTRY

"...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." - 2 Chronicles 7:14



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It also created the COVID-19 Church Relief Fund to provide \$3,000 grants to help congregations in need.

Cropper said he had never heard about the program before but he researched it online and quickly submitted an application for help.

"We prayed about it and I submitted the application and I was 'OK Lord. Whatever you say. You know if you come through that way fine, but if not then you have another way," Cropper said.

In about three weeks the pastor got his answer from God in the form of a grant from Churches Helping Churches.

"By chance, His hand was there to provide for us and to bless us so that we could be able to take care of some things that we were somewhat late with because of the lack of giving and so forth," Cropper said.

The Church was also able to provide some support for a food and clothes program they run to help the less fortunate. And despite facing ongoing financial challenges, Cropper said his church will continue to operate virtually and prepare for the day when they can worship together again physically.

"I mean seriously, you don't know how able God is until you find yourself in a situation that requires His hand and requires the divine providence of God to come through and to bless you," the thankful pastor explained.

"He provided what He did through Churches Helping Churches. He's going to provide in other ways. That's where faith is. He called us into existence. If God said close it down today we would close down today if He said so, but He did not say that," he continued.

"What we have to do is we have to abide in the regulations and we don't have a problem with that because it's about people's lives. We're not in this for the money, which is quite obvious, being a small church. We're in this for the souls, we are in this for the lives of people. And so the fact that we can't have service right now and we don't know when we're going to have service, but you know what we continue to do? We continue to minister and continue to get the word out and trust God to sustain us," he said.

For Pastor Vilbonheur Joseph of Temple of Refuge in Brooklyn, New York, the pandemic has triggered similar financial challenges for his 75-member congregation.

He recently started an application for the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program to get help for his ministry but told CP that weeks earlier he learned about the Churches Helping Churches Challenge from Pastor R.A. Vernon of The Word Church in Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

"He told us about it and I quickly acted upon it," he said.

"We don't own our building, we lease our building, so we had to hold to our obligations of paying our rent," he said.

Social programs run by the church were also being impacted and Joseph, who is also a healthcare worker, said he wanted to help several young adults in his congregation who lost jobs.

Compared to the PPP, Joseph described the application process of the Churches Helping Churches Challenge as "not difficult."

"The information was upfront and the website was easy to navigate so it wasn't difficult. The only thing we had to do was upload paperwork. A lot of our paperwork was already online so it was easy to upload them to the system to make the application process," he said.

In about three weeks he said his church was awarded \$3,000.

"It helped us to maintain our functionality. I would say the Churches Helping Churches grant that we received it helped us in keeping up with our rent and also we were able to feed up to 100 healthcare workers in the hospital," he said.

He said right now the PPP loans have been a little more difficult to access because people have to apply through banks for funding instead of directly through the SBA.

"I have a few friends of mine who are pastoring who have also been unable to get them (PPP loans). You keep hearing on the news big companies are receiving \$20 million of these loans and people who really need it are not getting it," he said.

The Churches Helping Churches Challenge announced that their May 15 benefit simulcast, hosted by Pulse, drew 258,000 viewers and raised \$153,187 from 716 donors.

Since its launch, the initiative's Relief Fund has raised a total of \$649,620.42 from 1,371 individuals and ministries, with 100% of all funds donated going directly to churches. Some 121 churches have already received \$3,000 grants to 121 churches and funds raised this month will ensure that, an additional 95 churches will be grant recipients as well.

In their announcement Monday, the group said that come the end of May, the initiative will focus more on supporting at-risk churches that will be feeling the impact of the pandemic for months to come.

Musical artists such as Lauren Daigle, Lecrae, for King and Country, Kirk Franklin, and TobyMac threw their support behind the May 15 benefit simulcast sponsored by RightNow Media.

Sports stars like Super Bowl champion Benjamin Watson, MLB World Series champion Adam Wainwright, NFL players Sam Acho, Lorenzo Alexander and sports analyst Chris Broussard, as well as Christian leaders Christine Caine, the Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, Jim Daly, and filmmaker Andy Erwin also made appearances at the benefit.

"We have seen that low-income Americans, especially in urban centers, have been more likely to lose their job during this coronavirus economic shutdown. This has greatly impacted the small churches in these communities and many of them could be forced to close," Justin Giboney, president of the AND Campaign, said in a statement shared with CP. "When we first thought of this initiative, we could've never imagined that this much money could be raised to help so many churches. It's amazing to watch, and I look forward to seeing this challenge continue with more affluent ministries across the U.S. seeking to serve at-risk churches."

Watson said he was happy to see churches stepping up to help bear the burdens of fellow congregations.

"It has been great to see so many brothers and sisters in Christ come together to bear each other's burden and be the church," he said. "I want to thank the hundreds of donors that stepped up to support smaller at-risk churches, and now we want to urge Christians to keep this spirit of reconciliation going. As the impact of the pandemic will be felt for months, it's important that Christians and churches look for ways to support congregations that are hurting in their cities."

The Churches Helping Churches Challenge initiative was launched, in-part, out of a spirit of Gospel-focused racial reconciliation, as most of the churches at-risk of closing are minority and immigrant congregations in urban communities that have been hit hard by the coronavirus economic shutdown the group also noted. Altogether, 1,325 churches have applied for assistance from the COVID-19 Church Relief Fund.





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11800 - 108th Street
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Victorious Women's Conference is our annual women's event at Victorious Women in Christ Magazine & Outreach. This is an amazing set apart time to be encouraged, inspired and empowered in the presence of God through the Word, praise, worship and prayer. For more info contact 262-612-3986 or email at contactwomag@gmail.com

Men's Summer BBQ Night July 23 at 6:30pm

Spring Creek Church Gym
N35W22000 W. Capitol Dr.
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\$18.00 per person. Must make reservations in advance. Featured guest speaker is Louis Dooley author of "Prison Saved My Life". For more info call 262-695-2211

August

Zion's Christian Theater Camp August 3 at 8:30am

Zion Lutheran School
1013 E. Capitol Dr.
Hartland, WI. 53029
Sign up your kids (entering 3K-6th grade) to enjoy music, dance, drama, crafts, snacks, games and Bible stories during Zion's Christian Theater Camp! Camp attendees will perform the play 'It's a Mystery' on Thursday evening, August 6th at 6:30 pm. For more info call 262-751-8058 or email bgross@zionhartland.org

Father & Son Retreat August 14-15

Phantom Ranch in Mukwonago, WI
Sponsored by Spring Creek Church. The annual father-son retreat will be held at a new location this year. This can't miss event is open to fathers and father figures and sons at Spring Creek Church. This overnight event involves bonding time through many fun activities. Activities include horseback riding, paintball, hatchet throwing, tubing and disc golf. Cost is \$80 per person. Sons of all ages are welcome. Please call 262-695-2211 for more information.

September

Fox River Trail at Bethesda Park Shelter in Waukesha September 12 at 9am

Evangelical Child and Family Services will once again be sponsoring their annual Bike & Hike fundraiser, supporting Moms, Dads, & Babies. For more information contact Sue at the office 262-789-1881 or sue@ecfawisc.org

Future events for Evangelical Child and Family include their 3rd Annual ECFA Benefit Auction on November 20th at Sheraton 375 S. Moorland Rd in Brookfield, and their 37th anniversary celebration, Saturday May 1, 2021 9 am brunch with "Point of Grace", client testimonies and more! Marriott Milwaukee West, S231N1600 Corporate Court, Waukesha.

Space reserved for your next event!

The Post-Pandemic Church: Will Religious Institutions Be Weakened?

By John Stonestreet and Roberto Rivera

Restaurants, theaters, sports teams, and theme parks are scrambling to figure out if and how they can get people back to business. At the same time, and far more important for many of us, churches are trying to figure out how to reopen, too.



Not only are such plans complicated by official regulations and recommendations that differ from state to state and even county to county, but different theologies and worship styles matter as well. More sacramental churches that emphasize participatory worship and weekly communion face certain challenges, and massive congregations with huge crowds face others. Some congregations consist of a high number of "at-risk" members due to age or other factors. Some don't.

After navigating all of these challenges, it's still not clear just how many people will be willing to show up. And, all of this is being navigated in the context of differing opinions. Just about every church is made up of some members who are fearful, others who are convinced that the threat of Covid-19 was overblown, and others somewhere in-between. Everyone has opinions, and some think theirs are matters of orthodoxy.

All of this means, according to Baylor historian Philip Jenkins, people in the future will think about church in terms of "BC...Before Coronavirus," and after.

The key factor in Jenkin's fascinating analysis is what we might call "pre-existing conditions." In other words, in many ways, the coronavirus hasn't so much created problems for the Church as it has revealed and accelerated them. One particular "pre-existing condition" that Jenkins believes will be accelerated by this crisis is secularization, especially in the United States.

To be clear, "secularization" is not the same as atheism or even "a decline or destruction of faith." Rather, as Jenkins writes, it's "a decline of religious institutions, and a decisive shift in religious practice to individual and privatized forms." In other words, secularization takes personal faith and makes it private, often by making us more and more religiously unaffiliated.

So, Jenkins thinks it is quite possible that "the U.S. in the 2020s [will] witness a rapid secular trend comparable to Western Europe in the 1960s," in which church attendance declines and religious conviction is seen as less appropriate for the public square.

"Historically," writes Jenkins, "pandemics and diseases have often played a major role in shaping religion, in undermining older religious establishments," and we

Fathers of Faith

By Linda Oberbrunner, author of Mercy Extended, June 2020

This year has been different for so many reasons. Every individual regardless of age or location has been affected daily due to COVID-19. Most recently, this Father's Day brought unexpected emotions to surface in me when my normal tradition to purchase greeting cards for designated favorites was altered.

Personally, I was blessed to have a father who was a genuine godly man. He was a kind and caring dad, unafraid to pray on his knees during the night at the side of his bed. Sometimes when I was a young girl in need of a drink of water or taking a trip to the bathroom in the middle of the night, I noticed his humble posture when he didn't know I was peeking. It always comforted me to know he was trusting God with all of his questions and problems. Whenever I was concerned about the future and the health of my mom who struggled with the diagnosis of MS, he always reassured me, "God knows what's best for our family."

Years later, as a happily married woman with the added blessings of four children, it was hard to say goodbye to my dad in 1994 when he died unexpectedly in his 60's. I truly admired his attributes of wisdom, example, joy, peace, patience, generosity, and servant-heart. They became lofty goals for me to attain.



There was another man God strategically placed in my life who became a father-figure when I was 21 years old. His name was John Fisco. John invested his time one evening in a life-changing conversation with me and my fiancé at that time, Mike Oberbrunner. A decision I made that night December 22, 1972, changed the eternal direction of my life which affected every other choice I made from that day forward. It was also the reason I began to shop for a unique Father's Day card in 1973 for my non-biological father every year until 2020. John always commented how much he looked forward to receiving one in his mailbox every year.

John left this world to be with his eternal father on Sunday, February 9, 2020. This year on June 21, 2020, with fond memories and a few tears, I gave thanks to God for placing these two special men: my dad, Dan, and spiritual dad, John, in my life for many, many years and also in my heart forever!

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Learning to See With Our Ears

By Warren Matson

The killing of George Perry Floyd was without question evil. As we come to learn of the personal animosity Officer Derek Michael Chauvin had with George Floyd, the abuse of his police authority leading to George's death is being met with the demand for justice and reform of our public safety and law enforcement policy. Racial targeting and the uncalled for excessive force upon people of color must not continue!

These are trying times. They also provide a tremendous opportunity for spiritual growth. On June 2nd, 2020, a local online "Pastoral Response Towards Racial Reconciliation" was hosted by Rev. John Davis and included guests Bishop Walter Harvey, Pastor Jay English, Diane De La Santos and other local leaders. A challenge was shared of how the Church of Jesus might embrace the call to racial reconciliation in our communities.

Diane, who is the Executive Director of City on a Hill, quoted words from Solomon while viewing and lamenting the evil he saw all around him.

"I looked again at all the acts of oppression which were being done under the sun. And behold I saw the tears of the oppressed and that they had no one to comfort them; and on the side of their oppressors was power, but they had no one to comfort them.... There is a time to tear apart and a time to sew together; A time to be silent and a time to speak." (Ecclesiastes 3:7,4:1)

She identified large amounts of societal racial separation, especially in our neighborhoods but also in our churches. People of color have expressed that while they may be enjoying many of the things happening in their fellowship, they also often have a feeling of not being heard in churches where they are in the minority.

Diane encouraged her audience to learn how to effectively listen to people and really hear the messages coming from people of other ethnicities. Through the education from the "tears of the oppressed", we then begin learning to see with our ears.

Three years ago I met Joe West performing at the Nashville TN Airport. Little did I know we were beginning a journey to create a docu-



mentary about his parents who were America's first Black Country Western Duo. As an activity of growing in the bonds of friendship, we took a trip to the National Museum of African American History in Washington DC. Joe and I not only highly recommend you visit this hallowed ground but encourage you to go with a friend of a different color.

Learning to see with your ears will happen in conversation naturally. Also, while there are so many good materials to read, I recommend adding these to your reading list: "Blood Done Signed My Name" and "The Blood of Emmett Till" by Timothy B Tyson.

Secondly, Diane said "We need to speak." Sometimes out of fear that we might say something wrong or offensive we decide to just be quiet. That silence can be a type of violence to the soul of the oppressed. Quoting Dr. Martin Luther King she expressed the sentiment of hurt that comes "Not only by the words of their enemy but by the silence of their friends."

If you would like to view the entirety of this insightful 90 minute panel discussion, it is online at: vimeo.com/425257627

Trump Signs Order Allocating \$50M For International Religious Freedom Programs

By Samuel Smith

President Donald Trump signed an executive order recently instructing the U.S. State Department to prioritize international religious freedom in its implementation of foreign policy and budget \$50 million per year toward the advancement of religious freedom.

The new order on "advancing international religious freedom" contains a number of instructions for the State Department and federal agency heads when it comes to promoting religious freedom abroad.

"Religious freedom, America's first freedom, is a moral and national security imperative," the executive order reads. "Religious freedom for all people worldwide is a foreign policy priority of the United States, and the United States will respect and vigorously promote this freedom."

Among other things, the order gives Secretary of State Mike Pompeo 180 days to consult with the administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development to "develop a plan to prioritize international

religious freedom in the planning and implementation of U.S. foreign policy and in the foreign assistance programs of the Department of State and USAID."

The order also states that Pompeo will direct chiefs of missions in countries that are included on the State Department's list of "countries of particular concern" for international religious freedom violations and the religious freedom "special watch list," to develop "comprehensive action plans to inform and support the efforts" of the U.S. government "to encourage the host governments to make progress in eliminating violations of religious freedom."

The order calls for the State Department to work with the Department of the Treasury to develop "recommendations to prioritize the appropriate use of economic tools" to advance religious freedom in countries of



particular concern or on the special watch list.

Such economic tools can include "increasing religious freedom programming, re-aligning foreign assistance to better reflect country circumstances, or restricting the issuance of visas."

The tools can also include sanctions under the Global Magnitsky Act, which allows the U.S. to target perpetrators of human rights abuses through the seizure of U.S. assets or travel bans.

As religious freedom advocates have long called for State Department officers to take religious freedom concerns more seriously, the president is ordering that all State Department foreign affairs civil service employees go through training every three years on international religious freedom, as described in the Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2016.



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In Memoriam: World Renowned Apologist, Evangelist Ravi Zacharias

World renowned Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias went to be with the Lord on May 19, 2020, at the age of 74, less than two weeks after being told by doctors that there was nothing more they could do to treat the very rare and aggressive cancer that was found earlier this year in his sacrum.

Zacharias' eldest daughter, Sarah Davis, announced his passing with an update online titled, "Ravi Zacharias, Now with Jesus."

"Today my beautiful father is more alive than he has ever been," shared Davis on the website of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM), which her father founded and which she currently leads as Global CEO. "We thank God for him and recommit our lives to sharing this truth with all who will hear, until He calls us to our eternal home."

Frederick Antony Ravi Kumar Zacharias was born in Madras, India, (now Chennai) on March 26, 1946.

At the age of 17, Zacharias tried to commit suicide but failed. According to his ministry, it was while recovering in a Delhi hospital from the attempt that Zacharias was read the words of Jesus recorded in the Bible by the apostle John: "Because I live, you will also live." In response, Zacharias surrendered his life to Christ and offered up a prayer that if he emerged from the hospital, "I will leave no stone unturned in my pursuit of truth."

"Once Zacharias found the truth of the gospel, his passion for sharing it burned bright until the very end," the ministry reported.

At the age of 19, Zacharias received confirmation of his calling to preach when he was awarded the Asian Youth Preacher Award at the international Youth Congress in Hyderabad. He would later graduate from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois, with a Master of Divinity and teach at the Alliance Theological Seminary in New York, traveling and preaching around the country on weekends.

After a few years of teaching at the seminary, Zacharias was invited by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to be a plenary speaker at the inaugural International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists ("Amsterdam '83") to address a gathering of 3,800 evangelists



from 133 countries. According to his ministry, that would be another turning point for Zacharias, as he began to seriously consider the critical need of apologetics to remove the intellectual and existential barriers that kept many skeptics from considering the truth claims of Christ. A year later, in 1984, he founded Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM).

"Ravi's approach to apologetics was never to win the argument, rather it always displayed in love for people regardless of whether they agreed with him or not," commented NRB CEO Troy Miller. "He influenced more than three generations of Christian apologists, pastors, and leaders. He will be missed, but I believe God will be using his legacy for generations to come. Our prayers go out the Zacharias family and to all at RZIM."

For the last five decades, Zacharias has commended the Christian faith and addressed life's great existential questions of origin, meaning, morality, and destiny with eloquence and grace.

Today, his global team of nearly 100 speakers and more than 250 employees worldwide continues to impact the heart and intellect of society's thinkers and influencers through evangelism, apologetics, spiritual disciplines, training, and humanitarian support.

Zacharias also authored or edited nearly 30 books in the fields of theology, apologetics, comparative religion, and philosophy.

"It was his Savior, Jesus Christ, that my dad always wanted most to talk about," recalled Davis. "Even in his final days, until he lacked the energy and breath to speak, he turned every conversation to Jesus and what the Lord had done. He perpetually marveled that God took a seventeen-year-old skeptic, defeated in hopelessness and unbelief, and called him into a life of glorious hope and belief in the truth of Scripture—a message he would carry across the globe for 48 years."

Zacharias is survived by Margie, his wife of 48 years; his three children — Sarah, the Global CEO of RZIM, Naomi, Director of Well-spring International, and Nathan, RZIM's Creative Director for Media; and five grandchildren.

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live in a time where institutions are already weak. Even if the coronavirus sparks a revival in personal piety or privatized faith, Jenkins suggests that institutions will be weakened, not strengthened.

Part of the challenge is, of course, financial. That alone, Jenkins predicts, will lead to "a new age of church closures and mergers." A recent Washington Post article described the severe financial effects of this pandemic already felt by churches.

Churches that are able to weather the economic storm face the very real possibility that people will prefer watching services online instead of being physically present. It's a poor substitute for the real thing, but our culture's veneration of personal choice plus performance-driven church services that

were already largely experienced on screens could prove a deadly combination to Sunday morning church attendance.

Another way to say this is, for many Christians, church was already considered "non-essential." That official label, though given for purposes of efficiency and categorization, should concern anyone who thinks of the Christian faith as the truth.

Jenkins' predictions, he admits, are controversial. As historian Kyle Harper reminded Rod Dreher, the third century "Plague of Cyprian" weakened Roman institutions and helped pave the way for the triumph of Christianity. Another plague in the sixth century indirectly led to the Christianizing of Britain. This virus is changing all kinds of different aspects of culture, besides the

Church. So, it remains to be seen just what might come of all this.

More importantly, there are other "pre-existing conditions" that pre-date late-modern Western culture. For example, Paul warned Timothy of persecution and tribulation, and that some would "fall away" from the faith during those times. Yet, the most important pre-existing condition is the resurrected Christ who promised the gates of Hell could not prevail against His Church.

From that solid foundation we can best think about this cultural moment and what the future will hold, but we mustn't assume that life After Coronavirus will be the same as life before it, especially for the Church.



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Mike Pompeo Tells Greg Laurie He Depends on God To Help Him Protect Americans; Pastor Talks End Times

By Anugrah Kumar

In an interview with Pastor Greg Laurie of the California megachurch Harvest Christian Fellowship, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he reads two books each morning — the Bible and the day's intelligence report about threats to Americans at home and around the world. Juxtaposing the two, he shared, is difficult.

"I manage to synthesize them ... knowing that the Lord gives me the capacity to work, to be diligent," Pompeo said in the pre-recorded interview that was featured Sunday. "I hope He'll give me the wisdom and the perseverance to meet these challenges head-on in a way that protects the American people."

The secretary of state said he goes back to that most important book every day "and remind myself that the Lord is looking out over this world ... The Lord is watching us."

He said whenever he's stressed or preparing for a meeting, he's confident that the Lord is watching over everyone in the room.

In his sermon on Sunday, Pastor Laurie addressed the question: "Is coronavirus a sign of the End Times?"

We can feel the fear, the anxiety and the stress, he said. All the news stories are about COVID-19, and new words have entered our vocabulary: pandemic, sheltering in place, self-isolation, social distancing, community spread, herd immunity ... and plagues.

Plagues, Laurie said, will increase when the End is near, according to the Bible.

To suggest that God expects believers to know when the time is near, the pastor read Matthew 16:1-3, which reads, "The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. He replied, 'When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' and in the morning, 'Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.'"

He quoted a recent national poll: "A stunning 43 percent of poll respondents said they believe the coronavirus and resulting economic meltdown is a wake-up call for us to turn back to faith in God."

It is a wake-up call, he stressed.

Laurie cautioned against listening to those who claim they know the exact time, quoting Luke 21:8-11, which reads, "He replied: 'Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.' Then he said to them: 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against

kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.'"

Over the last 40 years, the pastor pointed out, COVID-19 is the sixth infectious plague unleashed on the planet.



As we can see these things beginning to happen, we have two options: "You can freak out ... or you can look up," he said.

He explained what could be the order of events of the End Times.

The next event on the prophetic calendar is the Rapture, he said, explaining that it is when Christ descends from Heaven and we are caught up to meet Him in the air.

And after "some time," the devil will appear as a very persuasive, charismatic leader of the world with a peace plan "that works for three and

a half years." And around mid-way during these seven years, called the Tribulation Period, the anti-Christian will show his true colors. "And he forces people to take his mark."

That's when the judgment of God begins to come and builds up until the final battle of humanity, known as the Battle of Armageddon, the pastor said. "And as the world is at war, the Second Coming takes place." That's when Jesus will establish His Kingdom, which will be the beginning of the Millennium, a thousand-year reign of Christ. After that, the Heaven and the earth will become one.

However, Laurie cautioned, "We should not be looking for the anti-Christian, we should be looking for Jesus Christ."

He quoted C.S. Lewis as once saying, "A continual looking forward to the eternal world is not a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do."

As many churches have been livestreaming their services online as large physical gatherings are temporarily halted due to government-issued social distancing orders to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Laurie said in mid-April that the move to digital means of worship might portend a Great Awakening.

The pastor wrote in an op-ed published in Newsweek that he and his team were pleasantly surprised to see that their first week of shifting services to online-only drew over 250,000 viewers and has been growing ever since.

"Last week, we had over a million people tune in for church. These are people literally from all around the world, from every age and background, who are missing church. So, to the best of our ability, we are bringing church to them. What's more, hundreds of thousands of them are people whom marketers would refer to as the 'target demographic' between the ages of 18 and 34."

THE REAL SECRET OF AMERICA'S GREATNESS

French writer Alexis de Tocqueville, after visiting America in 1831, said "I sought for the greatness of the United States in her commodious harbors, her ample rivers, her fertile fields, and bound-

less forests—and it was not there. I sought for it in her rich mines, her vast world commerce, her public school system, and in her institutions of higher learning—and it was not there. I looked for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution—and it was

not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great!"



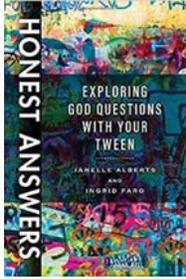


Books



God Honoring Book Reviews

Honest Answers: Exploring God Questions With Your Tween by Janelle Albers and Ingrid Faro

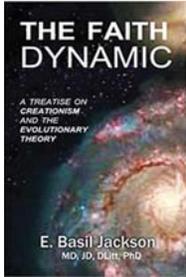


Somewhere between "Jesus Loves Me" and high school, children stop accepting common but simplified answers about faith - sometimes forever. It's a scary time for parents, especially if you don't feel like you have a good handle on the answers yourself.

These tricky tween years are the perfect opportunity to build trust with kids and keep them coming back to you, rather than other sources. Instead of recycling pat answers, you can find the language, theology, and confidence you need to join the discussion - and offer deeply doctrinal answers in words we can all understand. With the tools and conversational tips in "Honest Answers", help your

children build a Christian foundation to hold them steady their whole lives. **Kregel Publications \$15.99**

The Faith Dynamic: A Treatise on Creationism and the Evolutionary Theory by Dr. E. Basil Jackson

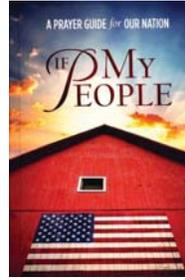


In the Doctoral thesis, "The Faith Dynamic in Creationism and Evolutionary Theory", Dr. Jackson examines evolutionary theory and creationism objectively without engaging in an apology for or a criticism of either. He compares the presuppositions and assumptions of both systems and examines the role of faith in religion and in the scientific theory of evolution. The study explores the dichotomy of faith in religion and reason, the ways in which these operate in theories of intelligent design and theistic evolution and in the question of whether scientific evolutionary theory can be considered to be a secular religion.

"The author of The Faith Dynamic, considers Creationism, Naturalism, the Evolutionary Theory, Intelligent Design, and Theistic Evolution and in each focuses on the road of the commitment of faith. The Faith Dynamic is an important work and an invaluable contribution to the ongoing debate on science and religion" Prof. Norman C. Nevin, Professor Emeritus of Medical Genetics, Queen's University, Belfast. **Global Ed Advance Press \$26.50**

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If My People: A Prayer Guide for Our Nation by Jack Countryman



Freedom is never free. Throughout the history of our country, men and women have been called to make great sacrifices and give their time and sometimes their very lives, that we might enjoy freedom, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. With every challenge we have faced, we have risen to defend the nation we love and cherish. Today we find ourselves facing many of the same challenges of our forefathers. We have been at war with those who wish to destroy our land and jeopardize our religious freedom for many years. We find ourselves at the crossroads of determining the direction of our country's future and the role of Christianity in our nation.

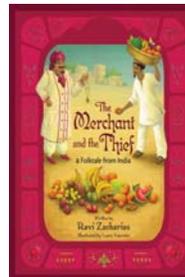
The devoted prayers of all Americans will impact the future direction of our beloved country. **Thomas Nelson Publishers \$9.99**

America's Lost Dream by Tom Dooley and Illustrated by Bill Looney



Throughout this nation's history, many of its greatest leaders believed that America's future was inextricably linked to America's faith in God. This mighty nation, now known as The United States of America, was born from the dream of people who envisioned a sovereign state where people could be free and only God would be their king. This dream of "One Nation Under God" would mean freedom from the rule of human monarchs and tyrants, but would also extol a large price for these original "founders" of this great country. Nothing short of a miracle, the dream prevailed and this new nation came to be. But slowly, a long season of spiritual apathy crept over the land like a fog. The dream was forgotten and the nation's relationship with a benevolent God extinguished. This intriguing and artful book will re-awaken the original dream within the hearts of young and old alike. Filled cover to cover with exquisite artwork depicting the original scenes, along with in-depth historical fact woven throughout, this book will enlighten and educate all to the wonderful and rich history. **New Leaf Press \$15.99**

The Merchant and the Thief by Ravi Zacharias



A great Children's book! Once upon a time in the enchanting land of India, a wealthy jewel merchant went on a long journey... He is soon joined by a would-be thief who hopes to befriend him and steal his fortune! But the wise merchant, realizing that his companion's intentions are, has a surprise in store for the thief, for he offers him a treasure far greater than jewels. Adapting an ancient Indian folktale, Ravi Zacharias has created a delightful modern parable about life's true riches. **Chariot Victor Publishing \$12.99**

Trump Signs Executive Order to Punish Social Media Censorship

By Samuel Smith



President Donald Trump signed an executive order recently urging federal agencies to hold social media companies accountable for censoring political viewpoints despite reported opposition within the White House.

"Today, I am signing an executive order to protect and uphold the free speech and rights of the American people," Trump said at a briefing in the Oval Office. "Currently, social media giants, like Twitter, receive an unprecedented liability shield based on the theory that they are a neutral platform, which they are not."

Through Section 230 of the 1996 Communications Decency Act, social media platforms aren't held liable for the content users publish on their platforms that could be deemed defamatory.

"My executive order calls for new regulations under Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act to make it that social media companies that engage in censoring

any political conduct will not be able to keep their liability shield," he added. "That's a pretty big deal."

According to the president's order, Section 230 "was designed to address early court decisions holding that, if an online platform restricted access to some content posted by others, it would thereby become a 'publisher' of all the content posted on its site for purposes of torts such as defamation."

The order contends that Section 230 "intended to further the express vision of the Congress that the internet is a 'forum for a true diversity of political discourse.'"

"The limited protections provided by the statute should be construed with these purposes in mind," the order reads.

In his press briefing, Trump said that the choices that social media companies make when they suppress, edit, blacklist and ban are "editorial decisions."



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Ancient Village Cursed by Jesus Flooded In Heavy Rains

By Samuel Smith

One of the sites on the banks of the Sea of Galilee near where some believe Jesus miraculously fed the 5,000 as described in all four Gospels has been flooded by heavy rains that have forced archeologists to abandon their excavation.

Kinneret College professor Moti Aviam, a lead archaeologist at the excavation site that researchers are trying to prove is where the ancient fishing village of Bethsaida once stood, told the Israeli newspaper Haaretz about the extent of the flooding at the site.

He recently returned to the site following record-breaking rainfall in northern Israel in recent months after coronavirus restrictions were lifted.

“Obviously I knew the Kinneret [Sea of Galilee] had risen, but I didn’t know how its rise would affect the excavation,” Aviam said. “I don’t remember a thing like this in the last 30 years, though I don’t schlep over every year to check it.”

“Even if it rains in April and May [and it did], by July or August the site dries out,” he added. “But it never occurred to me that the lagoon would encompass the whole site of el-Araj.”

The excavation site is located in the historic coastal village of El-Araj.

Collaborating with Kinneret College on the excavation is the Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins R. Steven Notley of Nyack College in New York, as well as student volunteers.

The New Testament verse John 1:44 states that Bethsaida is the hometown of Jesus’ disciples Andrew, Peter and Philip. Bethsaida is also one of the towns on the Sea of Galilee that Jesus cursed for failing to repent as described in Luke 10:13-15 and Matthew 11:20-24.



The town is also said to be near where Jesus also miraculously fed the 5,000 from five loaves of barley bread and two fish, and near where Jesus restored a blind man’s sight as described by Mark 8:22-25.

According to Aviam, much of the village was on land before the rains came.

Now, some parts of the excavation site are submerged. He told the newspaper that the remains of a Byzantine structure that is believed to be the Church of the Apostles is underwater.

The Church of the Apostles was said to have been built over the house of Jesus’ disciples Peter and Andrew, who were brothers.

“At the moment, the water is 80 centimeters [2 feet, 7 inches] above the mosaic of the Byzantine church, which was built 500 years after Jesus’ time,” Aviam said.

The excavation of the church structure was set to resume this summer. However, the excavation will have to be delayed until the summer excavation season of 2021.



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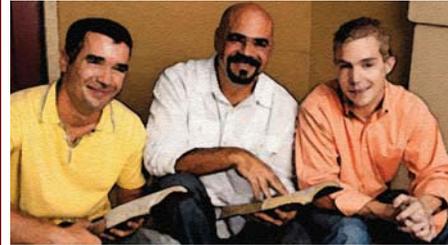
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Christians, Non-Hindus In India Denied Government Aid During Pandemic, Groups Say

By Leah MarieAnn Klett

As many Christians and other non-Hindus in India are being denied government-issued food rations amid the coronavirus pandemic, a coalition of multi-faith representatives are calling on President Donald Trump to hold the country's leaders accountable.

Recently Save the Persecuted Christians in partnership with the Federation of Indian American Christian Organizations delivered

a letter to Trump, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and World Bank Group President David Malpass.

The letter, signed by multi-faith representatives from 34 organizations and ministries, argues that the World Bank must seat an accountability committee to oversee and monitor India's use of the \$1 billion aid package allocated to the country for COVID-19 related to testing and management.

John Prabhudoss, FIACONA chairman, told The Christian Post that the organization has received "several reports" of religious minorities in India being mistreated during the pandemic.

"Specifically, many are being left out of the programs created to help the people during this crisis," he said. "Obviously, there are several systemic flaws in the Hindu nation-

alist government's approach to the problem. Because of those fundamentally flawed approaches, Christians and other religious minorities are suffering but they are not the only victims. Various sections of economical-

ly vulnerable people are also suffering due to these fundamentally flawed attitudes of the Hindu nationalist government."

The letter, he said, is urging the Trump ad-

ministration to "put in place a mechanism to address, if not reduce, the drawbacks in the approach of the Hindu nationalist government and possible misuse of funds given by the World Bank to India."

"Specifically, we are recommending them to seat a committee made up of multi-faith leaders and eminent economists in India as a watchdog that will report directly to the World Bank," he said. "They can oversee how this money is spent instead of leaving it all in the hands of a government that has already proven to have a flawed approach."

More than 1.3 billion people across India have lived under lockdown for more than three weeks. The country recorded 4,213 new infections from Sunday morning to Monday morning, taking its total to 67,152, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. So far, 2,415 people have died.

The letter cites a report from The Scroll in India, which highlights how the COVID-19 lockdowns have disproportionately affected migrant workers. The report documents 189 lockdown-related deaths, including suicide, death during the journey that migrant workers made to their home states, hunger and police brutality.

The detainment of people of certain non-Hindu religious faiths in isolation facilities even when they do not test positive for the virus, the letter claims, "is due to malicious intent, and religious, bias tacitly promoted by the Modi government."

Prabhudoss pointed out that constituents of the Hindu nationalist party are always religiously Hindu upper caste, linguistically Hindi speaking, and economically middle class.

"They are the backbone of the Hindu party," he said. "No wonder all their government policies are also created by keeping only this particular segment in their mind. Unfortunately, others do not show up on the government radar. The evidence of it was loud and clear last month when tens of millions of manual labor from unorganized sector in the cities, who happen to be mostly lower caste, migrant workers from villages, were left to fend for themselves."

Citing "many reports and eyewitness accounts coming from India in regard to COVID-19-related abuses," the two groups say they "feel strongly that an advisory level monitoring committee must immediately be empaneled by the World Bank, either here in Washington or in India."





News & More



The Milwaukee Lightning Bolt Show

by Jack Roper Photographer

Since 2006 Jack has been photographing lightning strikes in the Milwaukee area. Around 15 years ago, an electric storm hit the Milwaukee harbor with fierce bolts of lightning. He has been doing photography for over 25 years at various locations including South Africa, Europe, the Caribbean and the States. Locally



he has given photography exhibits at various hospitals such as Froedtert, Childrens Hospital, St. Lukes and the Medical College of Wisconsin. The local TV media has also aired his lightning works. When the Corona scare is resolved he will be giving his pictorial presentations on this interesting subject. Jack has been studying the distant reality of lightning on other planets. Earth, Saturn, Jupiter have water cloud lightning storms but Venus lightning clouds have a make up of sulfuric acid. Jack is a member of the Milwaukee Astronomy Society. His website has pictures of nearly 200 bolts. Lightning can strike anywhere, and at anytime during a storm. This photographer did an article in the popular OUR WISCONSIN magazine. The editor had this to say about Jack. "He is nuts about bolts". The website address for Jack is as follows: www.jackroper.net. You could say that Jack is a "storm chaser".



In the Kitchen With Diane

Diane Fechter, Author



ICE CREAM PIE

This recipe makes 2 pies—keep one and share one!
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1/3 of a 14.5 oz. box (1 sleeve)
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3 Tbsp. butter, melted
1 container (1.75qt. – 2qt.) strawberry
ice cream, slightly softened
8 oz. frozen whipped topping, thawed
1/2 c. chocolate syrup
Sprinkles, optional

Combine cracker crumbs, sugar and butter; divide between 2 buttered 9-inch pie pans. Pat crumbs in bottom and sides of pans. Set aside. Use half of the ice cream for each pie. Drizzle each pie with half of the chocolate syrup; then spread half of the whipped topping on each pie. Add sprinkles, if desired. Freeze until firm, about 6 hours. Cover and wrap securely. Remove from freezer 10 minutes before serving.

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LifeChain this year is undergoing some major leadership changes. LifeChain founder and National Director Royce Dunn of Yuba City, CA is stepping aside after 33 years to make room for a new younger leader. Royce has been LifeChain's leader and chief advocate since 1987. A new Director has been chosen but we will wait to share her name until a more public announcement has been made. Also, on the national level, Sharron Albertson is retiring. Sharron managed all the state coordinators and the lists on LifeChain.net. These two faithfully servants will be missed and we ask the Lord to bless them greatly. Locally, Mike Kofroth, who has served as the coordinator in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Hales Corners and few other locations for 30 years, is stepping down. He and his wife Donna started the first LifeChain in Wisconsin in 1980. They are currently in the process of moving to Tennessee. Replacing Mike & Donna are a team from ProBuColls that are very excited about this new challenge and opportunity. God has been gracious to LifeChain organizers and participants these many years. Millions have seen the now familiar ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN signs, many hearts have been moved, and lives have been saved. *LifeChain is scheduled for the first Sunday in October, Oct 4, 2020. It is typically done from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. Visit www.milwaukeeelifechain.org for more information.*

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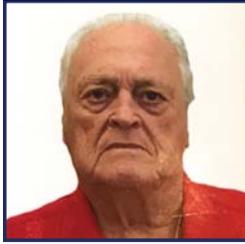
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THE STUDENTS' CORNER: What is a Christian?



By Basil Jackson

**Psychiatrist,
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What is a Christian? This is perhaps one of the most important questions that an individual will have to face in his or her life. Yet the answer is simple, yet complicated because the word 'Christian' is ubiquitous and rarely defined, especially from a Biblical perspective. The followers of Jesus were first given the derogatory appellation 'Christian' by the Gentiles of Syrian Antioch. (Acts 11:26). It was a common practice for non-believing Greeks to label particular groups with satirical names; for example, those loyal to the Roman General Pompey were called Pomeians and those who were loyal to Nero Augustus were called Augustinians. So when a new group appeared, who followed "the Way" and Christ, it was not unusual for them to be given the sobriquet of 'Christian' or 'follower of Christ'. The term was derogatory as indicated by Peter's warning to his readers not to be 'ashamed' if they were called Christian. King Agrippa apparently used the term in a similar mocking

way. Tacitus (A.D. 96) says, "The vulgar (common people) called them Christians. The author or origin of the denomination, Christus, had, in the reign of Tiberius, been executed by the Procurator, Pontius Pilate". It is noteworthy that in the New Testament, genuine believers in Jesus never refer to themselves as 'Christians', but as 'brethren' (Acts 15:1; 1 Corinthians 15:20; as 'disciples' (Acts 11:29; 14:28; and as 'saints' (Acts 9:13).

Before we explore just what a Christian is, according to the New Testament, it may be of value to consider what a Christian is not. An individual is NOT a Christian by

1. Ethnicity
2. Geographical origin
3. Membership in a particular church, denomination or organization
4. Specific ecclesiastical ordinances
5. A virtuous life characterized by good works and behavior

In and of themselves, any of these qualifications may produce a 'nominal' Christian, which is far cry from the New Testament

definition. However in the secular culture and especially in the secular media, an individual with such a characteristic or qualification is labelled 'Christian', even if there is only a tangential affiliation to 'The Christian Religion'. This is the same method of designation as is used with reference to the followers of other religions, The secular world has failed to understand that Christianity is not a 'Religion' but a 'Relationship', It may come as a shock to some who define their Christianity by where they worship or by their ethnic or geographic origin to note that it is said that some who "believed in His name, beholding the signs which He did. Yet he did not entrust Himself to them, because He knew all", (John 2: 23-25).

The basic question is does accepting Christ mean the action of the ordinary and usual psychological cognitive belief of the mind or something more. It is clear that mere cognitive belief and acceptance of something as valid but impersonal is insufficient to initiate the metamorphosis of the 'unsaved' to the 'saved' state. It may, however, produce a nominal phenomenology.

The belief required is one that flows from the 'heart', {a Biblical concept that will require further analysis}. Something is required as an addition to the psychological energy required in normal thinking.

5 Reasons Why You Need To Return To Church

By Thom S. Rainer

The transition is moving forward. Every week more churches are beginning the process and stages of opening the doors of the church facilities for in-person services.

We are back.

I get it. The church never closed. The church is the people, not the building. Someone reminds me of those points daily.

But the doors to the church facilities closed. The opportunity to gather for worship in-person closed. A lot has transpired over the past few months.

Now it is time to return to in-person gathered worship. Though this statement is admittedly not theologically precise, it is time to "return to church." Why is it important to get back in the habit of regular and faithful attendance? Why should those connected to a local congregation make a new commitment to attend as regularly as possible? Here are five reasons.

1. **The Bible mandates we gather for worship.** The writer of Hebrews is unequivocal: "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near" (Hebrews 10:25, NLT). Gathering for worship is not an optional activity. It

is not an occasional activity. It is an ongoing and regular commitment.

2. **The Bible emphasizes the importance of the local church.** Think about it. After the four gospels, almost all of the New Testament is about the local church or directed to the local church. Throughout the New Testament, different local congregations met together and worshipped together. It is simply what believers do.
3. **When we gather together, we encourage each other.** I am a classic introvert. Admittedly, I adjusted well to streaming services and Zoom community groups. But I readily admit I did not get or give the same level of encouragement as those times when we were physically present with each other. Look at Hebrews 10:25 again. The act of gathering is an act of encouragement.
4. **When we gather together, we encourage our pastors.** The encouragement of one another includes the encouragement of our pastors. They desperately need it. You cannot know the challenges of a pastor unless you have been one or are one. The stress and responsibilities they have had during the pandemic have been especially challenging. The world acts surprised when a pastor takes his life. Sadly, I know the depths of pain many pastors

feel. There are plenty of critics and discouragers for pastors. I pray that many people will return to the in-person gatherings with new levels of commitment. Our pastors will be greatly encouraged.

5. **We grow spiritually when we commit to faithful attendance.** We grow as a believer in Christ when we have a committed prayer life. We grow when we are committed to read Scripture daily. We grow when we share our faith regularly. We grow when we serve in ministry. And we grow when we commit to attend worship services faithfully. That attendance is a spiritual discipline. It is a vital and necessary act toward greater spiritual maturity.

The pandemic and quarantine have been transformational moments for our world and our churches. We now have the incredible opportunity to hit the reset button in our own lives. For many Christians, committed church attendance was waning before the pandemic. God has reminded us, perhaps even given us a major wake-up call, how really important the gathered church is.

Get ready to return to the gathered church. But do so this time with a new enthusiasm and faithful commitment every week.

It's a habit we cannot and should not neglect.

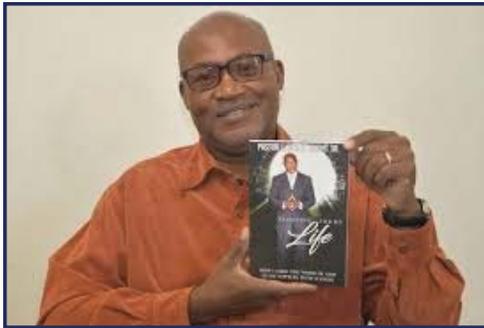


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What Wisdom Would I Give Those Who Have Been Diagnosed With Cancer: Wisdom From A Three-Time Colon Cancer Survivor

In 2011, Pastor Lloyd Wright, Sr., was diagnosed with colon cancer and underwent surgery to treat the disease. Unfortunately, the cancer returned in 2013 and again in 2016. Through each diagnosis, the Holy Spirit encouraged Pastor Wright in the midst of his pain, suffering, fears and anxiety. In his book, "Fighting for My Life," Pastor Wright discusses how he used the Word of God in his struggles with cancer, a stroke and memory loss. He shares how faith, prayer, reading and meditating on the Bible helped him to defeat sickness and disease. Below Pastor Wright gives seven points of wisdom to those who are suffering illness.



First, after receiving the dreadful news that you have cancer, I would remind you of what God says in John 11:4, "When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." Many people become fearful when they hear the word "cancer" but we must remember that all sickness is not unto death. This scripture gives us comfort knowing that God is in charge of our lives and not cancer. The scripture gives us hope to hold on to the hand of God. If you continue to hold on to God's hand He will be glorified through your steadfastness, faithfulness and dependence upon Him.

Second, I would suggest reading and meditating on Isaiah 54:18 which says, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord." Sometimes the weapons from the enemy will form in our lives but our job as Christians is to stand on all of the Word and keep repeating what God says. Tell yourself repeatedly cancer will not prosper, diabetes will not prosper, high blood pressure will not prosper, this illness will not prosper.

Third, allow scripture passages to comfort you. Here are just a few scriptures I meditated on and spoke aloud 3 times a day so that the words could saturate into my spirit. If you use them in your battle with illness they shall comfort you as well.

Meditate on Jeremiah 17:14: Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved; for thou art my praise.

Meditate on Matthew 21:21: Jesus answered and said unto them Verily I say unto you, If you have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to this fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be cast into the sea.

Meditate on 1 Peter 2:24: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on that tree we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness by whose stripes we are healed."

Fourth, pray for yourself. This is your time to talk to God for yourself. When my heart was overwhelmed I cried out to the Lord concerning my anxiety and fears. Prayer was my weapon against cancer. Every day I acknowledged God and let Him know that I was in need of His healing grace. You have to encourage yourself at times and push – Pray when you fighting an enemy like cancer.

Fifth, call for the elders of the church. James 5:14-15 says, "Is any among you sick, Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with the oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins he will be forgiven." If you belong to a local church, call on other believers like your Pastor, Ministers, Elders, etc., to pray with you and for you. Having a strong sup-

port team is really important, beneficial and can help you through difficult days.

Sixth, take responsibility for your own health. Know that it is okay to get a second opinion. When I was told that I had cancer the third time I was in shock. I could not believe I had cancer again. It prompted me to seek medical advice from another doctor giving my situation a fresh set of eyes and my mind a new assurance. You cannot be too passive with respect to decisions being made about your medical treatment. Do not leave all of the decision making up to

the doctors. Read and educate yourself on your illness, symptoms, treatment, and survival. Your body is God's temple and he wants you to take care of it by being informed. As Hosea 4:5 says, "My people perish for lack of knowledge."

Seventh, trust God with all of heart, soul and mind, and allow Him to show Himself strong through your battles with illness. I relied on the Holy Spirit to help me in my battle with cancer and the stroke I suffered during my chemotherapy. This is the hard part because rather than focusing on negative thoughts and pain, you have to stay focus on the power of God.

In closing, surround yourself with positive people who are going to lift your spirits. Try to avoid negative people. You want people around you who will speak life into your situation and not death. Develop or have the right attitude going through cancer or any illness because your attitude can help you to heal or cause you not to receive God's healing and power. Pray and mediate on the Word of God. Don't give up. Above all, have faith in God.

Continue to love God do not allow this cancer to stop you. Do not give place to the devil nor grieve the Holy Spirit of God Keep fighting and believing that God can heal you. If Satan knocks you down get back up. Pray and seek God. With more power and strength. Pray and ask God to give you a scripture or scriptures to hold on to through the long days and nights ahead. Ask God to heal you. Tell Him you want to live. Tell Him that you do not want to die yet and leave your family and friends. Ask Him for His Grace and mercy. In the bible, Hezekiah was sick and facing death. He prayed for God to extend his life and God did. Hezekiah lived another 15 years. Isaiah 38:1-5.

Join a Church that reveres the bible and believes in the power of prayer. You want to be surrounded by prayer warriors who believe God to be a healer. They can pray for you by laying on of hands. "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:14) If your time is up on earth, accept God's will. Pray without ceasing. If you are afraid of death, pray and ask God to ease your fears about death. I would encourage you to confess all of your sins privately to God so your healing can take place. Continue to fight the good fight of faith and ask God to help you with your unbelief when you find it hard to believe in His promises.

May God, who gave us His only begotten son Jesus, heal you in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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Facebook has shut down a social media group organized for mothers who are opposed to drag queen story hours at local libraries.

STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN REVEALS GOD'S MESSAGE TO HIM DURING PANDEMIC; TEAMS UP WITH BRAD PAISLEY

Steven Curtis Chapman, the most awarded artist in Christian music history, has released a new song that reveals the message God shared with him concerning the coronavirus pandemic that has spread worldwide and led to the loss of life and jobs.

FORMER 'APOLOGIST FOR ISLAM': SEEING JESUS THROUGH EASTERN EYES 'CRITICAL' TO EVANGELIZING MUSLIMS

Seeing Jesus through Eastern eyes and understanding the person and significance of the Son of God within His own cultural context is "critical" to reaching Muslims with the Gospel, a former self-described "apologist for Islam" advises Christians in the West.

JOHN PIPER RESPONDS TO SECULAR GROUP'S CLAIMS ABOUT HIS BOOK, SIN AND COVID-19

Popular Reformed theologian John Piper clarified his stance on whether the coronavirus is God's judgment of sin and what the Bible says after a legal group called for an Army chaplain to be punished for sharing the minister's new book, Coronavirus and Christ.

COUNTRY STAR CRAIG MORGAN RELEASES FIRST ALBUM SINCE SON'S DEATH, SHARES HOW GOD HELPED HIM

Chart-topping country music star, Craig Morgan shares how the tragedy and pain of losing his son led him to find comfort in God's presence.

MISSISSIPPI PASTOR WINS 'THE VOICE,' SINGS CHRISTIAN SONG 'I CAN ONLY IMAGINE' IN FINALE

Todd Tilghman, a pastor from Mississippi, was crowned winner of "The Voice." He included in his finale performance MercyMe's crossover hit "I Can Only Imagine."

UNLESS FAMILIES GET MORE SUPPORT, RELIGIONS IN AMERICA COULD FACE CONTINUING DECLINE: AEI FELLOW

Unless families get more support and fertility rates are increased among the faithful, religious communities in America could continue on a path toward "terminal decline," says economist and researcher Lyman Stone.

8 CHRISTIANS ARRESTED IN INDIA WHILE PREPARING RELIEF PACKAGES FOR THE POOR

Eight Christians were arrested in India in late April and accused of violating a coronavirus lockdown order while they were putting together relief supplies to distribute to a poor nomadic community, a pastor says.

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Sunday Night Ministry Training
6:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
www.cffeast.org

Cornerstone Church Milwaukee

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

Divine Shepherd Lutheran

9741 E. Beloit Rd
Milwaukee 53227
Sunday Worship 9AM
414.321.0730

Eastbrook Church

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

Grace Christian Fellowship

9900 W Capitol Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53222
Sunday Worship 9AM, 10:45AM
Wed. Youth Programs 7PM
414.464.9220

Greater St. Lukes

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

Holy Cathedral COGIC

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

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Kingdom of Heaven Christian Min.

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

Lakeshore Church

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

New Beginnings Seed Faith M.B.C.

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

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 Ministry, 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 & Restoration 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

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
WOGFmke@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.cbfranklinwi.com

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

Harvest Community Church
6612 S Howell Ave
Oak Creek 53154
Saturday 5:30PM
Worship Service 8:45, 10:30AM

Jubilee Christian Family Church
3639 W Ryan Road
Franklin 53132
Sunday Worship 10AM
Wednesday Bible Study 7PM
Mon-Fri AM1340 12:45PM
414.423.0700 or Jubilee-Christian.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

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.fpcwcenter.org

First Baptist Church-New Berlin
3800 S Casper Dr
New Berlin 53151
Sunday School 9:15AM
Sunday Worship 10:30AM
262.782.7775 or
www.fbnewberlin.org

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

Lifeline Church
3285 N Calhoun Road
Brookfield, WI 53005
262.783-2900
www.vifonline.org

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

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

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
10831 ParkPlace
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 10:30AM
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

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 11 am
Main Service 6pm
262-654-4665 www.fbcbkenosha.org

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

Grace Bible Chapel
3917 59th Street
Kenosha 53144
Sunday Lord's Supper 9AM
Family Bible Hour & Sunday School 10:30AM
Wednesday Prayer 7PM
262.654.9631 GBCKenosha.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 am
Sunday 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

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

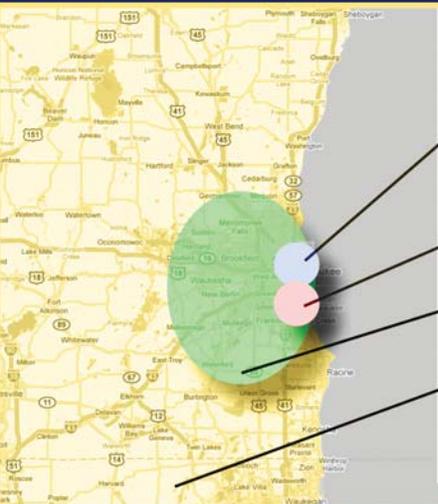
REGIONAL (AREA 4)

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
Franklinville, 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
Clcpport.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



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