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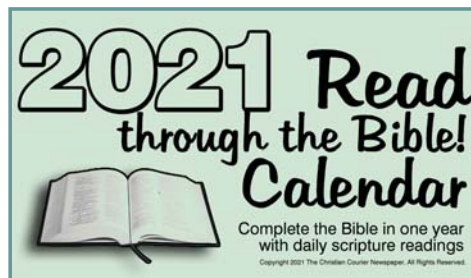
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## The Christian Courier Honors Our Pastors and Christian Workers!



Many gather October 13th for prayer and encouragement at the annual Pastors and Christian workers appreciation breakfast sponsored by The Christian Courier Newspaper. The event was held this year at the Wisconsin Club. See speaker pictures on page 3.

COMING SOON!



The "Read Thru The Bible" 2021 Calendar is coming soon! You can obtain these FREE of charge - just for the asking. Pass them out to friends at church, Bible study groups, etc. Want to be blessed by God each day? Read His Word and you will be blessed beyond what you can handle. It's like a luscious steak dinner each day, the only difference is God's Word lasts forever.

## NEWS FLASH!:

### Thanksgiving and Christmas are NOT CANCELLED!

by Pastor Todd Nienhaus

2020 has been a year of cancellations. Graduation ceremonies, birthday parties, cook outs, and softball seasons have all been sidelined as we attempt to get some control over this virus which has affected so many across the globe. Americans, specifically, with the freedoms we hold so dear, have been challenged with the task of sacrificing, not just for our families, but for complete strangers. We who are Christians are having our faith put to the test.

Those who we consider "complete strangers" were referred to in a different way by Jesus; He called them "neighbors." How he commanded us to treat our neighbors is made crystal clear in the parable of the good Samaritan. The Samaritan sacrificed his own schedule, employed his care and medical knowledge, and opened his wallet, SHOWING MERCY IN THE FORM OF SACRIFICE.

The Apostle Paul would add how to show mercy and be "spiritually" neighborly in Romans 15:2 -

*We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.*

### SO WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS NOT BEING CANCELLED?



We can rejoice in the fact that we won't ever have to sacrifice the things that are most valuable to us as Christians. We will never be asked to give up our gratitude (Thanksgiving) and the joy of our salvation (Christmas). These are with us even when we cannot be around the loved ones we like to celebrate them with. Ask the faithful inmate if he can still be grateful! Ask the dying Christian soldier alone in a hospital room if they've given up the joy of their salvation!

These are the most heart-centered, intimate of gifts from God which no man can take away. Even the circumstances we are in, which continue to be in God's hands (and may require a little more neighborly sacrifice on our part) cannot steal our joy. In fact, it may cause us to draw nearer to God who meets all our needs (including joy) according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

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# Commentary

## Christ Or Virus I Decide - Mt. 4:19

by Bob Conklin

Its COVID-19 everyday. We're all (most of us anyway) sick and tired of it and all the upheaval in our society. Well, God allowed it. Satan has twisted it. We have all had our lives turned upside down.

Or, have we believers had a reset, a wake-up call, a test-run for what is in store for the future? As born-again Christians, we are the church. Jesus said to Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This we know for sure, God is building, sifting, meeting out, testing, trying, shaping, reprioritizing and moulding us into the likeness of His Son Jesus Christ (Ro. 8:29).

No doubt, good is coming from the new normal. Every day think of the acronym COVID and turn it around for good. Joshua said, "Choose this day whom you will serve." (Josh 24:15). Joshua also warned against serving other gods. Is it Glory be to the Lord, or glory be to the mask? The Lord is my salvation, or my health is my salvation? Church people today may have to confess they have fear and find themselves more in one camp than the other. Christ or Virus... which has preeminence in my life? I can honestly say, I'm not afraid of the virus. I memorized Ps. 139:16 "Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." This verse has freed me. I'm left to rely on God and my own immune system. I don't want to be squeezed into the world's mould. Wear this, do that, stay in there, don't go out there. No thanks! A year ago, if someone told us to do any of these things to keep from getting sick, we would have laughed them out the door!

This is a worldwide deception. So, today, am I going to serve Christ or the Virus? What will it be? I decide. COVID. Eventually, this germ or bug, or whatever it is will work its way through the whole population and like other fads, the masks and gloves will head to the trash heap. The sooner the better, 2020 will "end already" as a local TV anchor said (bummer he got thrown under the bus so badly - remove the log :).

Reading the Milwaukee Journal Newspaper, I see the word "death" on the front page nearly everyday. If it's not there, look on page two or three. The world, the mainstream, is confronted with death and dying all day everyday. They are blinded by the god of this world (2 Co. 4:4). We need to be life and light and shine the way to Christ for them daily (Mt. 28:19).

Do the math and think of the late Sean Connery, the original James Bond 007...  $250 / 350,000 = 0.0007$  (Drop the zeros and divide the number of virus related deaths of 250,000 in America by our country's population of 350,000,000 and move the decimal point to get 0.07 percent). That's one recently published number or the percentage of our population that has died from COVID. Zero point zero seven percent, double O seven doesn't compare to the 20 to 50 million (1% to 3% of the world's population) that died in the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic. So really, someone tell the World Health Organization who defined this flu as a pandemic that now its ok to just call it an endemic and not worthy of all this worldwide fuss. Good-bye Mr. Bond!

### I'm amazed at this roadside sign.

Talk about some staggering numbers. Stop at the rest area on the way from Milwaukee to Madison and read it for yourself. I'm so glad this sign is still there reminding us of how much our forefathers endured to give us this wonderful freedom we enjoy. For example, one half of the adult male population in Wisconsin served in the Civil War with over 12,000 giving their lives to help free the Slaves. Can you believe 332,000 men plus tens of thousands of women and teenagers from Wisconsin served in WWII to fend off the spread of communism?



We are in WWII fighting against the imaginary scope of this virus. Depending on what happens in Washington, D.C. and beyond, this world war has made veterans of all of us of one sort or another. Maybe the Battle of Armageddon will be WWIV. Shall see. Smile and live for today, for we do not know what a day may bring forth (Pr. 27:1).

Last thought, many of you remember John Fisco buying out the inventory of 180 cases of "talking clocks." Every hour on the hour, the clock says, "Praise God!" How true then and how true now. From all of us at ProBuColls Christian Courier to all of you, God bless, Praise God, Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!



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# News & More

## A Word From the Heart

by John Duckhorn

A Christian has to live in two worlds that are in conflict. The conflict is an engagement between a world of hope without acknowledgement of God's presence, and a world of hope WITH the knowledge of God's presence. That first world, of course, is the world of work, trials, sin and false hopes and death. That is the world we know best but it confuses us the most. We do not always like this world and do not feel very comfortable in it. That world presses its ideas upon us and wants our support. If we do not support its desires, we face harsh criticism and censure.

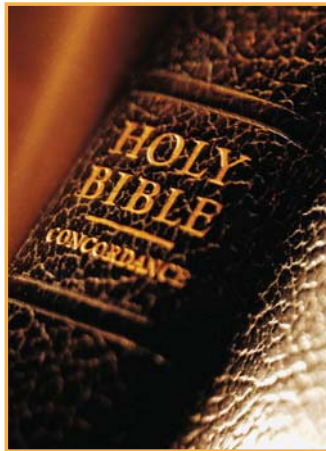
Peter wrote his first letter, from Rome, to believers scattered over a wide area of Asia. It was to encourage his readers to endure suffering and persecution. Peter wrote during the reign of Nero who would foolishly burn the city and try to lay the blame on Christians. In giving themselves entirely to God, Christians are to remain faithful in times of distress, knowing that God will vindicate them and that they will certainly enjoy the salvation that was brought to them at the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

First Peter 1:13 is a key verse in the epistle. "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace of God that is to be fully brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." This verse had three important thoughts to guide us in all that 2021 may bring.

### 1. CLEAR THINKING.

Men of the East wore long flowing robes. To be ready for work or action, they would pull it up from between their legs and tuck it on a belt around their waist. This made for more freedom of movement. One of the best Old Testament illustrations is found in Exodus 12:11. On the night before they would leave Egypt they were to celebrate the first Passover of this nation. They were to be ready to leave Egypt and not let anything hinder their movement. They were not called to linger in Egypt any longer, or to sit and worship or build a permanent place of worship. The NIV says, "Prepare your minds for action." As people redeemed by Christ, and brought into His eternal program, we are to be ready to use what God has taught us about our salvation and our future destiny. It is important for us to use God's Word to understand our present circumstances, and to do what honors Him. Too often our thinking becomes careless. Knowing that God's Word is alive and powerful, and that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, we will not be without His guidance. Another paraphrased version says that there is a need for "strenuous mental activity."

We ought not be content with an easy, superficial acceptance of faith. It isn't just that "I believe," but it's "I believe and I must live what I believe." The Christians during the time that Peter wrote were going through trials of faith and a campaign of slander during which ignorant and baseless charges were directed at them. The Roman government thought the followers of Christ had no useful role in



their rule. They were seen as servants of Rome, to help Rome maintain its position of power. Peter spends the first twelve verses reminding them of the wonder of their salvation and the unique position of those who belong to Jesus Christ, and of the unfailing hope laid up for us. He does not say that things will get better if we will just join them and vote right. Do we know how to use the whole Word of God to think things through? Or is our faith nothing but the silly notion that Christ is the key to health, wealth, and success? Or is it for a stronger self-esteem so that I might fulfill all of my personal desires?

### 2. STEADY LIVING.

The word "sober" in verse 13 does not mean not drinking, but means sound judgment; steady, and well-balanced in all areas of life. It is easy to be carried away with new fads and worldly goals that demand our alignment. We become intoxicated with the latest fads in politics, education, moral and religious thinking. Peter is asking us to maintain the essential steadiness of a person who knows what they believe, and to walk without stumbling and falling for any ideas that are currently popular. Do we run from one thing to another for the answer? Have you noticed how many new books are constantly available and offer quick and easy answers to our problems? They are soon forgotten. All the pop religious, feel good books are forgotten and replaced by more of the same. This coming year be ready to take God's Word and do some real hard thinking.

### 3. REAL EXPECTATIONS.

Peter says "rest your hope" (1:13). This is a command; an imperative; an order. The two participles that precede the command are activities that hope.

The hope Peter speaks of is "fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." At the present time we enjoy a beginning of that grace. There seems to be little hope in this world during Covid-19 and numerous suggestions from political leaders as well as all of the scientists and doctors who are groping for answers. Many of the solutions seem to be guess work, but are sincere offers as answers. To rest our hope on the grace of God will allow us to keep our losses in focus. We must think beyond the present to God's promises for His children. Our salvation is meant to take us to be with God and not to live a life at ease. Don't worry about being "too heavenly minded that you are no earthly good."

The present state of things, the loss of jobs, income, concern for shelter, and healthcare has created a world of anger, false hopes and expectations that new people in power will bring new answers and hope. The world rushes forward to seek answers to its problems, with ignorance of God's free salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Believers must hold fast to their faith and testimony and the Hope laid up for us in heaven.

### PASTOR'S BREAKFAST SPEAKERS (PHOTOS BY JACK ROPER. SEE MORE AT WWW.JACKROPER.NET)



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# News & More



## Greetings from the Himalayas!

I write to you about some exciting changes. Behold all things have become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17). Our God and Savior is indeed worthy of all glory and honor and praise! I am pleased to say that we will be able to continue feeding families here in Nepal for another three months (through December). Recipients of our food distribution have been open to Christ and two more people have decided to follow Jesus since I last wrote!! There are a few that were baptized in October. Please continue to pray that even more people will respond to Christ. Please also pray for protection against persecution. There are strict laws against Christians sharing the Good News (prison). Being baptized publicly, like in a river or lake, is a real step of faith by these folks. They could have chosen to do it indoors. PS This mountain water is cold any time of the year!

Something new! We are happy to announce that our national partners, Phontsok and Krishna, will inherit the Solid Rock Trekking Company. I am still here in an unpaid advisory role. They are great guys, licensed by the Nepal Trekking Association and fully on board with Jesus and the Great Commission. As far as I know, The Solid Rock Trekking agency continues to be the only Christian trekking agency in Nepal devoted solely to fulfilling the Great Commission among the ethnic Tibetans of the Himalayas. They have made a commitment to continue that work. Don't forget to go (come)! If you want to trek or bring a team for ministry in the Himalayas contact The Solid Rock Trekking at: [solidrocktrekking@gmail.com](mailto:solidrocktrekking@gmail.com). Please pray for them for there has been no business this year because of the pandemic.

Something new! Would you believe that I have become a Southern Gospel music fanatic over here in Nepal during our lockdown? Go figure. I always enjoyed it but now I listen almost exclusively to Southern Gospel music. I find their music so uplifting. Check out the up-tempo versions of: Bill Gaither stuff, the Cathedrals, the Kingsmen, the Goodmans, The Isaacs, The Booth Brothers, Ernie Haase & the Signature Sound, The Gatlin Brothers, The Statler Brothers and many others. I mention these because these

folks really seem to enjoy the Lord and being saved. It's a real pick me up. Maybe you will be blessed, but I hope you spend time in whatever kind of Worship that helps you stay focused on the Lord and draw near to Him. It helps you look at the world and life with new and refreshed eyes.

### PRaise the Lord for:

- your generosity that has resulted in food and other help to so many families
- the Gospel continues to go out with the delivery of aid
- those that continue to be added to the kingdom of God
- new folks that chose to attend regular Bible study with the pastors
- Phontsok was able to go into the mountains with special permission to investigate the needs for further work on the Village project to save lives from earthquakes.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- healing for our country (USA)
- The Gospel to go out to all Americans
- Americans to give thanks to the Lord this Thanksgiving for all He has done for them on the cross and to give thanks for the Constitution that guarantees all Americans freedom of worship.
- Himalayan Tibetans to hear and respond to the Gospel
- Safety of healthcare workers and a safe effective vaccine and antidote for COVID-19
- People in Nepal to be able to find work. Most haven't worked since March and many in the tourism side haven't had work since fall 2019.

Please know that you are loved and appreciated!

Gratefully, Craig, Terry, and Isaiah



### RESOURCES FOR YOU!

Prayer: We have shared how you can pray for us. Here is a link to learn more about how you can pray for other needs in Asia <https://www.imb.org/pray/>

Giving: --This resource will help you to learn about other Lottie Moon projects in East Asia that you can support [https://www.imb.org/give/projects/?project\\_location=ag600](https://www.imb.org/give/projects/?project_location=ag600)

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Lottie Moon: We are always appreciative of however you choose to partner with us whether it is through Prayer, Giving, or Going. All are necessary and appreciated. Please remember that 100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering go to missions. You don't have to wait until Christmas though. You can give through your church or online throughout the year. Please see the following link for giving online: <https://www.imb.org/give-now/>

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel! Without your prayers and gifts, we couldn't go or be fruitful in the ministry to unreached Tibetans of the Himalayas.

Don't forget to go (come)! If you want to trek or bring a team for ministry in the Himalayas contact The Solid Rock Trekking at: [solidrocktrekking@gmail.com](mailto:solidrocktrekking@gmail.com).

**In the mission field for 30 years now, Craig lived in one of the ProBuColls houses after coming to Christ and before heading off to Columbia Bible College. Connect with Craig at [Craig930585@msnpath.com](mailto:Craig930585@msnpath.com).**

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**Oak Creek Assembly of God Church**

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**Second Weekend: Thurs., Dec 10-Sun., Dec 13**

**Third Weekend: Thurs., Dec 17-Sun., Dec 19 All are from 6-9 PM**

"The Story of Love" is a one-mile drive-thru on the church parking lot featuring interactive scenes with more than 100,000 Christmas lights, dozens of live animals and a large cast. This safe experience will offer an unforgettable journey through time along the road to Bethlehem on the night Christ was born. This is a free-will offering event with no tickets required. Guests must remain in their vehicles at all times.

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# News & More



## LETTER TO PROBUCOLLS - LIFECCHAIN FROM A LONG TIME PARTICIPANT

God continued in His Faithfulness. We had 37 members of our congregation (Evangel Assembly of God) plus six others who joined us as friends for a total of 43 adults and children.

The usual angry expressions of people with a gesture were present. To me, it is typically an indication of conviction in their hearts and I prayed for each one to repent and turn to the Great God who can forgive and heal.

We had some new attendees. One of whom said she wept for the preborn and had a powerful time of prayer.

I was again given the opportunity & privilege to promote LifeChain at our church and set up an information table with literature donated by Pro-Life Wisconsin primarily. Many, many pieces of pro-life literature, bumper stickers, baby models, pens/pencils/pins were given away. I thank the Lord for that!

This has been a tremendously difficult year for our city, state, county, and world. We've had personal loss that has been intense - my husband of 39 years died just three months ago. He never missed the past 30 LifeChains - a faithful and Godly man who resides now in heaven. I will not give up until abortion is abolished.

Thank you for continuing the valiant effort of Mike Kofroth's decades of service!

God Bless you,

Jeanne Crawford



Jeff Mathison gets his signs ready for the LifeChain.

## STUART BRISCOE TURNS 90 BY BOB CONKLIN

On Tuesday, October 27, we had a wonderful celebration at Elmbrook church of Stuart's 90th birthday. Shown here, Stuart and Jill joined via zoom. Sharp as a tack, Stuart spoke for more than a half hour covering his famed "three points" in a historical recap of his 70 years in ministry, Faith Promise and Elmbrook's commitment to worldwide Missions. Just like old times... Happy Birthday Stuart!



Stuart and Jill Briscoe via Zoom at Elmbrook Church

## 30 BIBLE TRANSLATION PROJECTS SUSPENDED IN NIGERIA AMID PANDEMIC, TERRORISM

Nigerian Bible translators are seeking help after having to suspend translation projects in 30 languages due to the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing terrorist violence throughout the country.



Wycliffe Associates, an Orlando-based nonprofit that works with national Bible translators across the globe on over 700 translation projects, announced that the global pandemic, terrorism and economic collapse in Nigeria have "brought Bible translation to a halt in the most populous nation on the African continent."

The organization, which was founded in 1967 and partners with the local churches to direct and guard translation work in their communities, partners with an organization called Nigerian Bible Translation Trust. The trust works on several Old and New Testament translation projects in a country where there are over 200 million people and over 500 languages.

However, in 2020, translators have not been able to gather in central locations as they would normally to check each other's translation work.

"With the pandemic, the issues of terrorist attacks and thievery, and the amount of starvation that is going on in the country, makes people desperate. There is a fear that drives that," Wycliffe Associates Vice President of Translation Services Tabitha Price told The Christian Post.

"Travel is becoming more difficult. There is a lack of infrastructure already. And then to be concerned about the corruption and violence and terrorism that they are going to face when they try to travel, those challenges have really kept translators from being able to get together."

Price said that translators working on the same projects often do not live in the same village.



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## Entire Bible Translated Into 700 Languages; 5.7 Billion People Now Have Access To Scripture

By MarieAnn Klett

The Bible has been translated in its entirety into more than 700 different languages, meaning that over 5.7 billion people now have both the Old and New Testaments in their native tongue.

According to Wycliffe Bible Translations, the milestone was reached in recent weeks. The 700 total involves complete Bibles with all 66 books translated.

James Poole, executive director of Wycliffe Bible Translators, said the milestone “represents the tremendous work that Bible translators are doing across the world.”

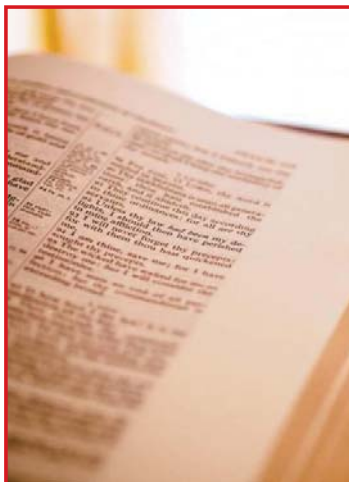
“Every time we hear of the Bible being translated into another language, we know that means that for the first time the people in that language group can fully access the complete picture of God’s story,” Poole said. “It’s good to take a step back and realize what this 700th Bible means: 5.7 billion people who speak 700 languages now have the Bible in the language that speaks to them best. That is a remarkable figure and continues to grow.”

Wycliffe said it’s “impossible” to know which one was the 700th because there were “several launches of physical Bibles” and “several being made available online and via apps, all at about the same time.”

The group listed three recent Bible translations that could have been the 700th translation: The Huichol (Wixáritari) Bible was launched in Mexico, the Ellomwe Bible launched in Malawi; or the Iggede Bible, which is used by a Nigerian ethnic group.

“It’s amazing that there is so much Bible translation going on that we can’t pinpoint the 700th Bible. We live in exciting times, when the vision that all people will be able to read or hear God’s word in their language is becoming a reality,” Poole said.

The American Bible Society also celebrated the news, pointing out that Bible translation has rapidly increased in the past few decades



due to “advances in translation technology” and an “unprecedented level of partnership among Bible translation agencies.”

Over the last four years alone, the ABS has funded translations in 328 languages, most of them completed by local translators working the group’s fellowship of United Bible Societies.

“We are grateful to God, our ministry partners, and the financial partners whose generosity makes this Kingdom work possible,” ABS CEO Robert Briggs said.

Still, the group noted that the work is far from over, as more than half of the world’s 7,000 languages do not have access to any form of Scripture, and 1.5 billion people still are unable to read the full Bible in their own language.

ABS said its goal is to translate Scripture into 100% of the world’s living languages by 2033.

Modern technology has allowed the Bible — the bestselling book in the world — to reach millions in new and innovative ways. The number of languages with the full Bible has nearly doubled in the past 30 years, from 351 in 1990 to 700 in 2020, according to statistics.

In September, the first-ever complete Bible became available in American Sign Language, allowing the world’s 70 million people who are deaf to access Scripture for free.

According to the State of the Bible 2020 report released earlier this year by the Barna Group and ABS, most Bible readers (65%) prefer a printed version. However, millennials are about as likely to read the Bible digitally (52%) as they are in print (48%). Americans who live in a household that owns a Bible (77% of the population) are as likely to use a Bible app as those without a Bible in the house (56% vs. 55%).

## Judge Cites Scripture In Rebuke Of Mayor Bowser’s Worship Restrictions

By Anugrah Kumar

A federal judge quoted Hebrews 10:25 as he ruled against Mayor Muriel Bowser’s restriction on outdoor church services of more than 100 people, allowing Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., to resume in-person outdoor services.

“It is for the church, not the District or this court, to define for itself the meaning of ‘not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,’” Judge Trevor McFadden, a Trump appointee, wrote, quoting the New Testament’s Epistle to the Hebrews, according to The Washington Times.

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching,” reads the verse.

In late September, the church had filed a complaint in federal court, arguing that the city had violated the First and Fifth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

“For CHBC, a weekly in-person worship gathering of the entire congregation is a religious conviction for which there is no substitute,” the church, led by 9Marks co-founder, Pastor Mark Dever, stated in its complaint. “The Church does not offer virtual worship services, it does not utilize a multi-site model, and it does not offer multiple Sunday morning worship services,” added the church, represented by attorneys at the First Liberty Institute and WilmerHale, LLP.

Issuing a memorandum opinion in the case, the judge wrote: “The Court determines that the Church is likely to succeed in proving that the District’s actions violate RFRA. The District’s current restrictions substantially burden the Church’s exercise of religion. More, the District has failed to offer evidence at this stage showing that it has a compelling interest in preventing the Church from meeting outdoors with appropriate precautions, or that this prohibition is the least-restrictive means to achieve its interest. The Court will therefore grant the Church’s motion for injunctive relief.”

The judge also wrote: “The Church has consistently represented that it will take appropriate precautions such as holding services outdoors, providing for social distancing, and requiring masks. As explained, the District has not put forward sufficient evidence showing that prohibiting a gathering with these precautions is necessary to protect the public.”





# News & More



## Ryan Tannehill Leads Titans To 4-0 Start, Always Tries To Reflect God's Light

By Kevin Mercer

Tennessee Titans quarterback Ryan Tannehill may have been the best player on the field October 13, as he led his team to a dominant 42-16 victory over the previously undefeated Buffalo Bills.

It's an especially impressive feat considering the Titans have dealt with an outbreak of positive coronavirus tests within the team, which forced them out of action for two weeks and pushed the Bills game to a Tuesday night. Yet, they haven't missed a beat thanks in part to the steady leadership of their 32-year-old quarterback.

Tannehill completed 21 of 28 passes against the Bills for 195 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions. He added another 42 yards on the ground, including his 10-yard score at the end of the second quarter to give his team a 21-10 lead.

He's now thrown nine touchdowns with only one interception so far in 2020, and his 110.8 passer rating ranks fifth among NFL QBs. And he's 11-3 as a starter since Week 7 of 2019 after the team's 2-4 start.

In his press conference after Tuesday's game, Tannehill told reporters how proud he was of his teammates for overcoming the potential distractions and preparing themselves for a game mentally and physically.

"What this team, what this organization has been through over the past couple weeks, to really fight through that, shake it all off, really limited practice, limited reps, and go out and put this kind of win together, I think it makes a statement," he said. "I'm happy. I'm happy that we were able to do that today."

Many NFL pundits, and certainly those within the Titans organization, believe the team is capable of another deep postseason run.

Last year, Tannehill's first in Tennessee, they upset the New England Patriots and the Baltimore Ravens on their way to the AFC Cham-



pionship Game before falling to the eventual Super Bowl champions, the Kansas City Chiefs. Tannehill came off the bench for Marcus Mariota in Week 6 to lead the team to a wildcard playoff spot.

The 2019 season was a year of improvements on the field for the Titans, but also a time of immense spiritual growth for many players off of it. Tannehill faced the personal tragedy of his father-in-law, John, unexpectedly passing away a week after Tannehill's first start with his new team.

He said on the Sports Spectrum Podcast in February that, although John's death left lasting pain for him and his wife, Lauren, he believed God would work ultimate good through it all.

"Through that, we had to trust that His timing is perfect and His will is perfect," Tannehill said. "You may not agree with it. You may not like what happened, but someone is changing. There's going to be growth, and His Kingdom is going to be glorified through that."

He seeks to carry that faith with him in the locker room so that the lives he touches as a team leader would be directed toward God.

"I've always kind of viewed the locker room as my mission field," Tannehill said on the podcast. "Wherever God calls you, that's where God calls you to be a missionary for God and impact the lives around you. Everybody has their own way of doing that, and I think first and foremost you gotta live it out."

"Guys are watching, especially in a leadership position, guys are watching and listening to how you walk daily. What are you representing on the daily? Always try to be conscious of that and reflect God's light and shine into the paths of everyone around me."

For his on-the-field efforts in 2019, Tannehill won the NFL Comeback Player of the Year award and was named to his first Pro Bowl. He signed a four-year extension in March to return to the Titans.

## NEW GLOBAL MERCY TO SET SAIL TO AFRICA IN 2021

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Global Mercy will join the current flagship Africa Mercy, which was acquired in 1999 and refurbished for Mercy Ships missions.

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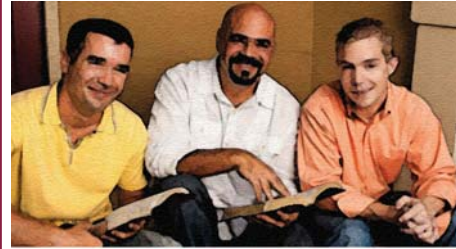
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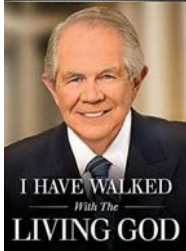
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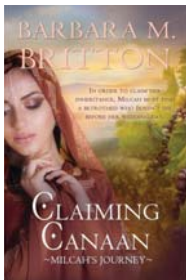


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From the series: Daughters of Zelophehad



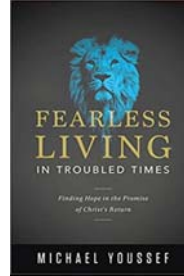
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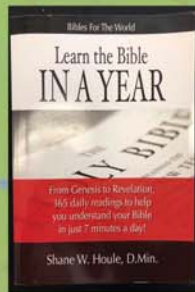
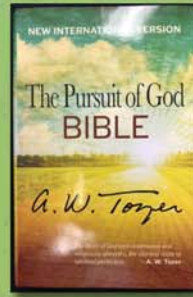
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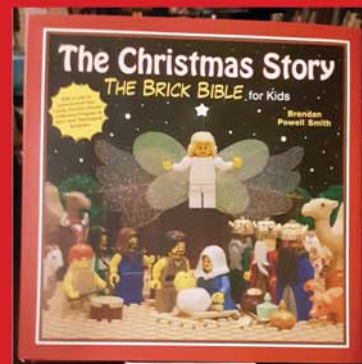
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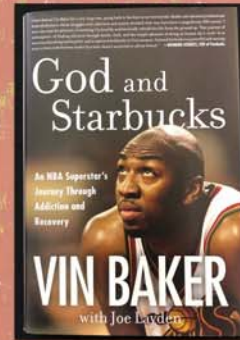
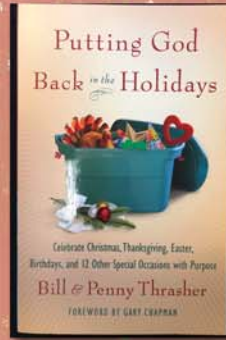
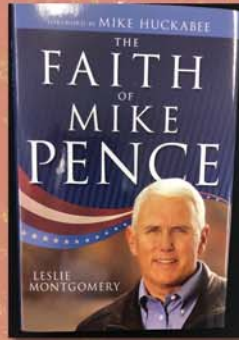
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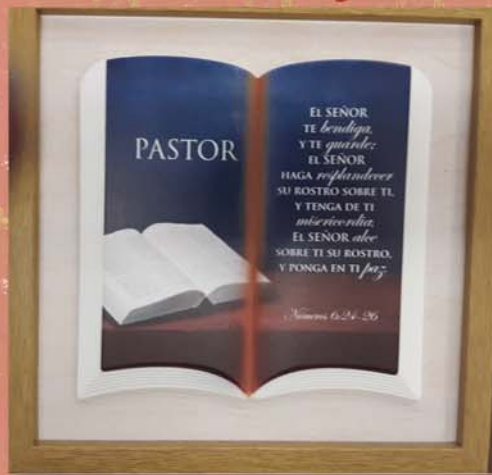


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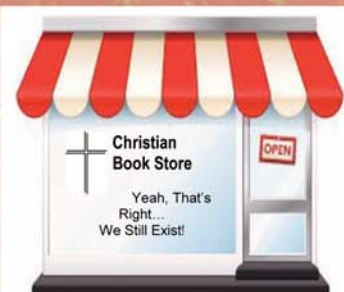
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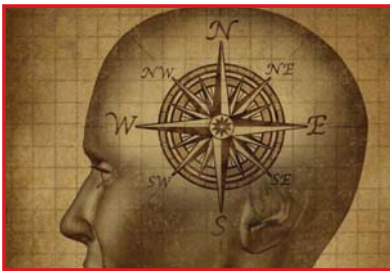
## Realigning is a Choice

By Linda Oberbrunner

The time to gather for a holiday meal, actually hug a loved one, or worship with others side-by-side has become a privilege we can no longer take for granted. These past 12 months have affected everyone on the planet physically, emotionally, spiritually, financially, mentally, socially, and even in more ways that can be imagined. Have the warning lights in your life begun pulsating brightly? Is a major realignment necessary? Ponder for a few moments personally how this year has simultaneously created both:

- unity and rifts
- generosity and bankruptcy
- revival and decline
- hope and despair
- opportunity and adversity
- creativity and fruitlessness

These responses to life in 2020 represent polar opposites on a continuum of choice that begins internally. Our mind, soul, emotions, and heart are all intertwined as we intentionally decide daily the direction of our thoughts, which then affects our heart, words, and actions. This process kickstarts the moment you awaken from sleep.



May I ask you, "What do you do in the first few seconds after your eyelids open to prepare for your day? It's quite a personal question but one that needs consideration. Sadly, current statistics and trends reveal that almost 80% of the population check their cell phone within an hour of waking. What images begin to distract, headlines capture our attention stirring up anger or a negative hope-

less mindset, or urgent texts which demand immediacy? How quickly does stress begin, blood pressure rise, and an overwhelming sense of inadequacy occur?

Contrarily, is there an equally high percentage of people picking up their Bible that first hour or setting aside time to spend in prayer checking in with God for direction, wisdom, peace, and strength before the day gets going? Could there be a valid correlation between what we think about and the 2,000 plus decisions made throughout the remainder of that day?

If you live in the United States, you currently have access to the written WORD of God, a Bible-based podcast, or a relevant scriptural teaching on TV or radio in your primary language. What if this was your initial path chosen as day dawned?

Consider the unique gift bestowed upon us from God our Creator ~ the ability to intentionally choose, select, and decide. Each decision we make can be

- self-focused or Christ-centered
- life-giving or death-leading
- serving or denying
- healthy or destructive

When our decisions are based upon:

**"...whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Philipians 4:8**

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## In the Kitchen With Diane



Diane Fechter, Author



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**Scant 1/4 tsp. seasoned salt**  
**Scant 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper**  
**1 red and 1 yellow bell pepper, finely diced**  
**2 c. grated cheddar cheese**  
**1 c. grated pepper jack cheese**  
**Pinch salt**  
**Black pepper**  
**3 chopped green onions**

**Line the Tater Tots in a greased 13 x 9 pan. Set aside. Cook sausage, onion and red pepper flakes in a pan until cooked. Drain grease. Sprinkle over taters. In a large bowl mix eggs, milk, half and half, seasoned salt, and cayenne. Stir in bell peppers, half of both cheeses and pinch of salt. Pour evenly over taters and sausage. Top with remaining cheeses, some black pepper and green onions. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Remove from fridge 45 minutes before baking time. Cover with foil and bake in preheated 350 oven 35 minutes. Uncover and bake an additional 30 minutes.**

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## Amy Coney Barrett And Orphan Sunday Coming Early

By Herbie Newell

Each year, thousands of churches dedicate one Sunday to advocate and raise awareness for the plight of the fatherless — Orphan Sunday. Traditionally, Orphan Sunday has been the second Sunday of November; however, the focus brought by Orphan Sunday came early this year with the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett.

Even before Judge Barrett's nomination was announced, the Barrett family quickly became scrutinized, not only over their religious beliefs, political leanings, and jurisprudence, but also and most critically over growing their family through international adoption.

This isn't just a political attack — it's an intimately personal one.

Amy and Jesse Barrett have seven children, two of whom have entered their home through adoption from the island nation of Haiti. They adopted their daughter in 2005, and then adopted their son in 2010 after the 7.0 magnitude earthquake rocked the island. In a year



marked with much racial tension, strife, and division, pundits began immediately questioning this Caucasian family's motivation for adopting children of color.

I've been disheartened and deeply discouraged by these questions as the families I've assisted for the past 17 years at Lifeline Children's Services have been motivated by love, the commands of the Bible to care for the orphan, the needs of vulnerable children, and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

James 1:27 states, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

I believe that the Lord commands His people to care for and visit the orphan, not because there is a desire to "civilize 'savage' children," but because family is an essential need for any and every child's flourishing.

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Continued from page 14, Amy Coney Barrett

According to UNICEF, there are currently 2.2 million children who live in government-run orphanages worldwide and are available for adoption. However, in an average year, only 225,000 children will be adopted. Of those adopted, approximately 5,000 will be finalized between parents and children of different nationalities while approximately 220,000 will be finalized between parents and children of the same nationality.

According to the laws of their nation of origin, children between the ages of 14 and 18 become unadoptable and must leave their orphanage as they "age-out." Each day, 38,000 orphaned children reach an age declared by their country as "too old" to be adopted and age-out of the institution that has provided their only home and security. Of the children who reach this age and are sent out of the care of the orphanage, UNICEF notes that 60% of girls enter a life of sex trafficking, 70% of boys live a life of crime and/or are arrested, while 15% of these children commit suicide before they reach age 18.

Adoption is not the only way to care for the fatherless. Recent U.S. statistics indicate that nearly 450,000 children are living in U.S. foster care. Furthermore, the problem is generational with over 65% of those children having parents who also once spent time in foster care.

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# News & More

## THE SCHOLAR'S CORNER: Restoration .... Slip and Fall (Part 2)



**By Basil Jackson**

**Psychiatrist,  
Child Psychiatrist,  
Psychoanalyst, Attorney,  
AND STUDENT AND  
LOVER OF THE WORD**

### THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF MARK'S 'SLIP AND FALL'.

No details are given of Saul, Barnabas, and Mark's journey westwards through Cyprus until they reached Paphos on the western coast. Paphos was a major manufacturing center for the plethora of idols and images found everywhere in that pagan culture. As Saul preached it soon became apparent that the devil was active but in spite of this resistance Saul made an impression on Sergius Paulus who had recently arrived in Paphos as a representative of the Roman Government. In spite of the personal duplicity and specific resistance to Saul's message by the magician Elymas, also known as Bar-Jesus, who sought personal supernatural power, Sergius Paulus desired more of the Apostles' message and invited the three missionaries to his home for further discussion and explanation. All were enjoying the sweet reward of seeing others come to the Messiah.

Saul, however, was becoming increasingly irritated by the manipulations of Elymas and had as much as he could take. In his response he vigorously declared: "The Lord's hand will fall unto you, and you will be blind, un-

able to see the sun for a time". Luke, as an observant physician, gives us the effect of this miraculous punishment on Sergius Paulus: ([Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had happened, being astounded at the doctrine of the Lord"]. It is at this point that Saul's activity on Cyprus

came to an end. From this point onward Luke refers to the industrious missionary, not as Saul, but as Paul.

At dawn another sailing vessel slowly leaves the placid harbor of Paphos and picks up speed as it cuts through the effervescence and undulations of the Adriatic. Slowly the trio were being carried from Paphos to Attalia, a village at the mouth of the Cestus river. From here they began the journey towards the capital of Pamphylia, arriving at the malaria infested city of Perga before dark.

In Perga the threat of malaria was constantly in the air which probably was part of the reason Mark and his Cyprian associates earlier decided to change plans and return home. Mark, in addition to harboring negative feelings towards Saul probably had developed homesickness. Paul was naturally disappointed that his personal assistant, his 'golden boy', had let him down. However, Paul again demonstrated his magnanimity and when Mark came to say good-bye Paul offered no words of reproach or even voiced his disappointment.

Paul and Barnabas now faced a dangerous journey across the Taurus mountains where, Paul recalled later, he was "in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of the wilderness". This entire region was infested by brigands and robbers. The two fatigued missionaries struggled on towards their next designated stop and eventually reached Pisidian Antioch. This was the city from which they were eventually banished. Shortly thereafter a similar reception was experienced at Iconium where the governor ordered Paul to be beaten and driven out of the city.

The exciting outcome of this 'slip and fall' account of the young brother who had made a bad decision and had left Paul in the lurch at a critical moment that he was later fully restored by the forgiving and gracious Paul. After such an experience of disappointment and sorrow came a beautiful restoration of him who in his adolescent immaturity had made a bad decision but who was later described by the aged Apostle as useful and beneficial.

The lesson for all of us today is that the Christlike characteristic of forgiveness demonstrated in Paul is something we all should seek to develop personally.

Who could have believed that the young man who had made a 'slip and fall' decision would one day experience a gracious restoration and would be called by God to the highest honor and responsibility of authoring the inspired Oracle, 'The Gospel According to Mark'.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Gratitude is a constant attitude of thankfulness and appreciation for life as it unfolds. Living in the moment, we are open to the abundance around us and within us. We express appreciation freely. We contemplate the richness of our life. In life's trials, we seek to understand, to accept, to learn. Gratitude is a continual celebration of life. - Unknown**



Trephin Engineering's Josh and Dale are hard at work at the Clark House transforming the main building 933 N. 24th. Shown here, we are installing new windows, a new front door and front porch extraordinaire!



## Willow Creek Pastor David Dummitt Says Church's Vision Follows Luke 15: Relentlessly Pursue The Lost

By Jackson Elliott



Pastor David Dummitt addressed Willow Creek Community Church's vision for the future by citing Luke 15, saying God's people must follow Jesus' vision for His church by relentlessly pursuing the lost.

"This church was founded on a conviction that lost people matter immensely to God," Dummitt said in a recent sermon titled "The Greatest Visionary."

"And we ought to have the heart of the Father that we will relentlessly pursue, we will do everything short of sin, we will go after people because they have an immense worth to God," added Dummitt, who became senior pastor of the church back in April.

Dummitt's plan to increase church attendance started with getting more use out of Willow Creek's many large campus buildings. Dummitt used restaurants, sports and meeting venues at his former church as a way to draw non-Christians into faith, he said. Once they were comfortable with visiting the church building, people often became Christians, he said.

"Willow, you pioneered church buildings that took out stained glass windows and pews and other religious symbols because you wanted to make irreligious people feel more comfortable in the environment," he said.

The internet has also helped Willow Creek reach more people with the Gospel, Dummitt said. And while he's looking forward to one day resuming in-person meetings, the pastor noted that the most successful businesses today master communicating with people both in-person and online. Once, Sunday service was our culture's biggest public space; now, our biggest public space is the internet, he added.

"In the past, we've spent millions of dollars to reach thousands of people. We now have the opportunity to spend thousands of dollars to reach millions of people," Dummitt said.

According to an update on Willow Creek's website, the church has decided to postpone in-person services until 2021. Dummitt did not say when exactly in-person services will resume next year.

To increase membership while doing online-only services, Willow Creek's church body has had to spread the Gospel and form close-knit communities to develop new Christians, said Dummitt. Church must be as much about sending people out as about sending people in, he said. This evangelistic work starts in small groups.

"I don't want us to be a church with small groups; I want us to be a church of small groups," he said.

New church plants will also bring in new members, Dummitt said.

## David Jeremiah Urges Christians To Move Forward Despite 2020 Turmoil

By Jeannie Law

Prominent pastor and Christian author David Jeremiah is encouraging believers to not get stuck in the turmoil of 2020 but believe that God's best for their life is ahead of them through his new book, *Forward*.

"You need to get up every day and realize that the very best thing God has for you is out in front," the pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, California, told *The Christian Post*.

He does not believe that the upcoming election, the pandemic or anything else should cause Christians to miss what God has for them or cause them to veer from their God-given purpose.

"This world needs Jesus no matter who's in the White House," said Jeremiah, also the host of the radio and TV program "Turning Point."

The pastor's latest book highlights how powerful the presence of God is, which helps everyone fulfill their God-given dreams despite the crises America is currently facing. "If we stand firm in God, we can move forward," the book states.

The following is an edited transcript of *The Christian Post's* interview with Jeremiah, where the New York Times bestselling author offers advice on reducing the many distractions, pressing into God's presence, and overcoming depression and reveals what he will do after the upcoming election.

***Christian Post:*** You've written over 50 books in your writing career. What important mes-

***sage are you sharing in Forward that is different from the topics you've discussed in the past?***

Jeremiah: This book is about getting unstuck. You know, so many people have gone through COVID-19, they've been in shelter, their whole lives have been turned upside down. Sometimes when that happens, it's hard for us to regain momentum and get started again and God never intended for us to get blown off course

by this. We have to go through this, but you know, when you go through something you come out on the other side, you don't stay there. I talked to a lot of people who are frightened, they don't know what to do and so they're just hunkering down and in my estimation, it's time for us to start going forward again. We can't stay in limbo the rest of our lives; it's time to move forward and that's what this book is about.

***CP:*** Your book is calling people to dream bigger and have a bright vision for the future but 2020 has been pretty dim. What advice do you have for Christians to march on forward following this year?

Jeremiah: I use an illustration in the book that when you get in your car and you sit down in the driver's seat, you have this great big windshield in front of you to see the future. And you have this little tiny rear-

view mirror to see the past. Yeah. I think what's happening now to some people is still they're living their life in the rearview mirror. They're thinking about how bad 2020 has been. What about 2021? What about the future? If we stay stuck in the problems of 2020 we will never be ready to move forward into the opportunities of 2021.

That's why you have to have this dream about what you believe God wants you to do, what

He's put in your heart to do. You have to believe that dream and you have to cultivate it. I tell people, "Put it in Technicolor so that you see it clearly" because if you don't see that dream, if you don't understand what God wants you to do, you will never be able to do it and you will never be able to get anybody to go along with you to do it either. You have to have this dream fully formed in your mind.

I use the illustration in that chapter of David's dream for building the temple because the Ark of the Covenant was in a tent, and he was living in a cedar paneled house. And he felt like it was right for them to build this beautiful temple. He didn't get to do it himself because God said he was a man of blood and of war. But he enabled his son Solomon to do it and so the result of that is Solomon's temple.





# News Shorts



## FIELD HOSPITAL RUSHED TO THE BAHAMAS

Samaritan's Purse just deployed an Emergency Field Hospital to Nassau, the Bahamas, after a spike in COVID-19 cases has overwhelmed the local healthcare system. Our DC-10 aircraft departed Greensboro, North Carolina, recently with a 28-bed facility, almost 15 tons of personal protective equipment and a team of disaster relief personnel, including doctors, nurses, and other healthcare specialists.

## SAVE THE PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS: 14 US SENATORS SIGN LETTER TO NAME INDIA ONE OF WORST OFFENDERS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Save the Persecuted Christians, which advocates on behalf of hundreds of millions of Christians facing heavy persecution worldwide, applauds the 14 US Senators - 10 Republicans and 4 Democrats - who have signed a letter to US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, asking that India be named a Country of Particular Concern (CPC), following the recommendation of the US Commission for International Religious Freedom (USCIRF).

The letter states that this designation will allow both the Government and USCIRF to "enable the international community to identify atrocities, encourage progress, and develop solutions."

## YOUTH FOR CHRIST RECRUITS SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN AS TUTOR TO STAND IN THE GAP FOR STRUGGLING STUDENTS

School closures related to COVID-19 have pushed marginalized students closer to the brink of failure, but Youth For Christ is standing in the gap through its tutoring program in the communities feeding into the Anne Arundel Public School System feeding into Fort Meade, a U.S. Army installation in Maryland.

## LOCAL ALBANIANS SHOW OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO "TIME TO TALK" TV PROGRAM GEARED TOWARD YOUNG PEOPLE

The Tide (www.TheTide.org) ministry, which broadcasts the Gospel message in 27 languages in nine countries using local languages they refer to as 'heart languages,' continues its life-altering ministry through radio and TV broadcasts in Albania. They spread Christ's

hope and wisdom, reaching not only those who already put their faith and trust in Jesus, but also those who may be far from Christ or not yet introduced to His love and grace.

"The Tide ministry has been honored to share the Gospel in Albania for the past five years, first over radio airwaves in partnership with Radio 7, then through media players, livestreaming, and, most recently, through a television program geared toward young people," said The Tide Director Don Shenk.

## THE HEBREW HERITAGE BIBLE

A new translation of the Bible, called the Hebrew Heritage Bible Newer Testament by Dr. Brad H. Young - a Hebrew University-trained scholar who taught biblical literature for over thirty years at Oral Roberts University in the United States is highlighting the Jewish roots of Christianity.

"Rather than employing the standard translation technique of simply selecting the most appropriate English word for the Greek," noted Young, "I asked the question, 'What is the Hebrew thought and wording underpinning the Greek text?'"

## AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION RELEASES COMPELLING NEW FILM, 'IN HIS IMAGE,' ON GENDER AND SEXUALITY

American Family Studios (AFS), the film division of American Family Association (AFA, www.afa.net), released a powerful new documentary on October 20, 2020, that challenges the growing sexual and gender anarchy in America today. The film answers that confusion with biblical truth and compassion.

The feature-length film, 'In His Image: Delighting in God's Plan for Gender and Sexuality,' is available to view free online. Those who partner with AFA to spread the redemptive message of 'In His Image' will receive a free two-disc DVD set containing the feature length documentary and over three hours of special features including deleted scenes, extended interviews, and biblical answers to commonly asked questions.

"'In His Image' proclaims the truth with both courage and compassion," says AFA president Tim Wildmon. "We will not be silent. We must clearly proclaim the truth of Scripture with the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

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### Wauwatosa Bible Chapel

2200 N 67th Street  
Wauwatosa 53213  
Sunday Lord's Supper 9AM  
Family Bible Hour 10:30AM  
Wednesday 7PM  
414.771.1030 or  
WauwatosaBibleChapel.org

### WeatherStone Church

1500 S. West Lane  
New Berlin 53146  
Sundays 9am & 10:45am  
weatherstonechurch.org

## REGIONAL (AREA 4)

### Berean Family Worship Center, Inc.

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N112 W17655 Mequon Rd  
Germantown, WI 53022  
Sunday 11 am  
Tuesday 6:30 pm prayer, 7 pm service

### Blessed Hope BIC Church

4949 State Highway 38  
Franksville, WI 53126  
Sunday at 9:00 am  
(262) 822-0826 (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  
clcfport.com

### Cornerstone Church Lake Country

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

### Covenant Connection Fellowship Church

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

### Delavan Christian Reformed Church

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

### Eagles Wings Nazarene Fellowship

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

### Faith Christian Fellowship

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

### Faithlife Victory International Church

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

### Foundational Biblical Baptist Church

6224 22nd Ave.  
Kenosha, WI 53143  
Sunday School 10am  
Morning Service 11am  
Main Service 6pm  
262-654-4665 www.fbckkenosha.org

### Family Chapel

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

### Grace Bible Chapel

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

### Hillside Community Church

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

### Journey Church Burlington

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

### Journey Church Kenosha

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

### Lake Country Bible Church

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

### Northbrook Church

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

### Oconomowoc Faith Bible Fellowship

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

### Open Door Church

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

### Orchard Hill Assembly of God

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

### Praise Fellowship Church

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

### Summit Harvest Church

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

### Terrace Shores Ev Free Church

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

### Transformational Ministry

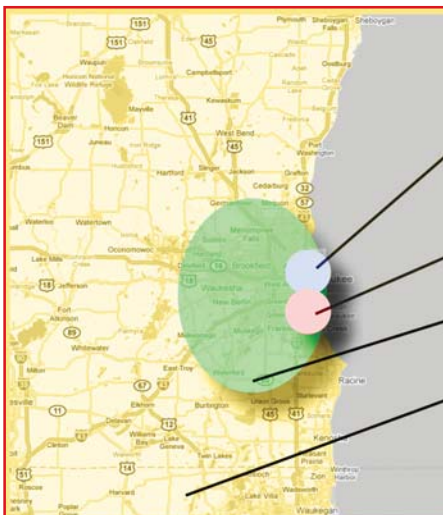
1123 Center St.  
Racine, WI 53403  
Sundays Worship: 2pm  
224.656.1803

### Watertown Community Church

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

### Zion Christian Assembly

Zion Chapel 319 Cedar Street  
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085  
Sunday Lord's Supper 9:30AM  
Bible Ministry 11:00AM & 6:30PM  
Wednesday 6:30PM  
920.458.4137  
920-889-7064  
believers@ZionChristianAssembly.org



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