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Pastors and Christian Workers Appreciation Breakfast Adds Reverend Dr. Kingcade to October 26 Line Up

The annual Pastors and Christian Workers Appreciation Breakfast is fast approaching. Call, email, or write to make your reservations for this FREE event sponsored by ProBuColls Bookstore and the Christian Courier newspaper.



Reverend Dr. Willie Kingcade

The event will again be held at the Wisconsin Club 900 W. Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Milwaukee. FREE by Reservation Only! Call 414-344-7300 and/or email: goodnews316@icloud.com. Pastors, we set aside October each year to say, "We need you!" Happy Pastors Appreciation Month! Our theme verse for this year is: "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13



Pastor Erwin Lutzer

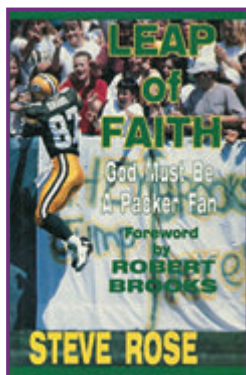


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Leap of Faith: God Must Be a Packer Fan Author Steve Rose to Speak in West Allis on October 12



Author and speaker Steve Rose will be speaking at the Pallas Restaurant at 1657 S. 108th in West Allis on Tuesday, October 12 at 7am. Doors will open at 6:45am. Steve is best known for his 1996 best-selling book *Leap of Faith: God Must Be a Packer Fan* that birthed from his mid-'90s radio and television ministry with the followers of Christ on the Green Bay Packers.

During his presentation Rose will pay tribute to John Fisco Jr., founding publisher of the Christian Courier Newspaper on the 25th anniversary of the release of *Leap of Faith*. Steve recalls how

John was instrumental in helping the book become a success.

"John was just a great guy who was very passionate about helping us get the message out that God could work through a group of men who happened to be football players. The Christian Courier and WVCY Radio were both so instrumental in helping make the book available to so many people and we will always remain grateful for that."

plan for your life—and He wants to fulfill it—regardless of the mistakes you have made.

The Foreword for the book was written by Craig Culver, and has gotten high praise from Chick-fil-A's Dan Cathy and former Orlando Magic Co-founder Pat Williams. Wisconsin endorsements include Wayne Larrivee, Lance Allen, Dennis Krause, Gary D'Amato, Kevin Harlan and Dick Bennett.

If you can't make it to the presentation and signing on October 12 at The Pallas and you would like a copy of *The Peanut Butter Promise* you can order autographed copies and get other information at PeanutButterPromise.com.



Steve and his wife Charlene will be available before and after the event to sign copies of their latest book *The Peanut Butter Promise: Spreading Hope to Fulfill Your Purpose!* The main message of the work is that God has a wonderful



Author Steve Rose with wife Charlene

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Commentary

Are we ready to be Ananias? (Acts 9)

By Bob Conklin

As a believer, I can say, "You Lord are the One who called Saul (Paul). You are the One who called me. I talk with and pray to you daily. I have direction now that I am in Christ." So what about the many others?



Sponsored by a local patriot, many hundreds of copies of this book were handed out free in 2015 through ProBuColls Christian Courier, the Governor's Prayer Breakfast and the Midwest Men's Retreat.

what you are to do."

Now there was a believer in Damascus (the city) named Ananias (you, or me).

But Lord, exclaimed Ananias, "I've heard about the terrible things ..." But the Lord said, "Go and do what I say. For Saul is my chosen

Reading the Living Bible recently, the thought came to mind that the worldwide attempt to contain the Covid 19 virus is a good example of man in his futility. And while the virus blows across the landscape going wherever it wants, man is becoming more and more hostile to each other.

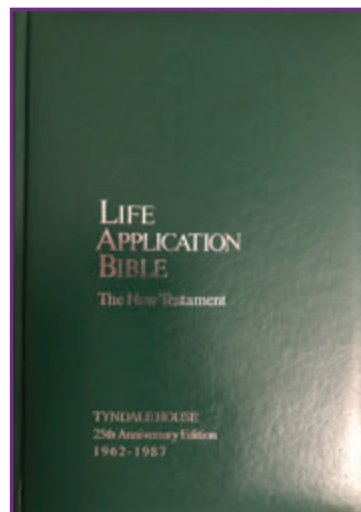
In Acts 9, we read about a futile attempt to stop the spread...of Christianity. Imagine if the voice from heaven said, USA, USA why are you persecuting me? And what if our elected or appointed officials replied with, "Who is speaking sir?" And the same voice replied, I am Jesus the one you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told

instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as the people of Israel. And I will show him how much he must suffer for me."

So Ananias went and found Saul (the official). He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you may get your sight back and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

God is bringing about a worldwide harvest. On the rock of Peter's statement that "Thou art the Christ," He is building His church. And though at times it may seem to the contrary, the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Church, fellow believer, be Ananias. Keep doing your part to proclaim the truth of God's Word. Be strong, abounding in love. Stand against the declining culture. His return is soon! (Heb. 10:37) He is calling you and me for such a time as this.



This copy of the New Testament from John Fisco's collection is personally signed, Blessings! Ken Taylor. Dr. Kenneth Taylor was translator of the Living Bible and Chairman of the Board of Tyndale House Publishers, Wheaton, IL.

Not the goods of the world, but God. Not riches, but God. Not honors, but God. Not distinction, but God. Not dignities, but God. Not advancement, but God. God always and in everything. ~ St Vincent Pallotti



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News & More



One Tip for Maintaining a Disciple's Lifestyle for the Long Haul

By Dan Kachikis

Many people start out well when they are challenged with the call to be a disciple of Jesus. There is adventure, a call, a cost, a mission, people to save and finally, standing before the Lord with the mission completed. What a ride! But the reality is that days and weeks and months and years erode and cloud that decision and vision. How do you keep it going strong?

First, what really is a disciple? What needs to be the focus that we can keep coming back to when life gets ragged?

Matthew 11: 28-30 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (RSV)

Verse 29 is the key. First, it requires taking the Lord's yoke. Surrendering your heart and will to Him. That's a daily thing. Then it requires learning from Him. The word "learn" is the verb form of the word "disciple." A disciple learns from Jesus.

Note that it doesn't say, "learn about me." It says, "learn from me." Is it possible to learn directly from Jesus? I mean, He's in heaven and we're in....Milwaukee! Bummer right? But read John 14:16-23 and camp on verse 20. We can learn directly from Jesus every day.

Learning directly from Jesus in His Word, through His Spirit is different than learning about Jesus through your pastor or some great Bible teacher. That is all second hand. It may be good, but Jesus wants His disciples with Him, at His feet, learning directly from Him. Jesus told Martha that Mary had chosen the menu item that couldn't be taken from her. It was the only thing necessary. Lk 10:42

I think all of us, and even the best of us, are spiritually bi-polar and until we see Jesus we will need our meds every day. Yes, every day. That recognition is important for someone who is bi-polar. How much more for us who acknowledge that we have a major incurable spiritual problem in this body?

Every day? Psalm 1 says every day. Joshua 1:8 says every day. Deut. 17:18-19 say every day. It's not law, but haven't we seen enough damage among believers who started out well and lost their way? I need to be at the Lord's feet, learning from Him, every day.

Let me add something here. I think it's important to learn all the Lord has to say. God is an amazing teacher who has said many important things in 10,000 ways. There are stories and poetry and songs and adventures and buildings, and battles and prophets and prophecy and the biographies of men and women. I think we need all of that every year.



So, my suggestion is to read the normal One Year Bible. You get a portion of the OT, the NT, the Psalms and Proverbs, every day. This way, you'll read through the Bible in a year.

For you now, reading the OYB will add some important things. Daily reading is the first. This is discipline. You will read portions of the Bible you haven't seen, maybe in years, or ever. You will finish the Bible in a year. If you do this 5 years in a row it will build up your reading muscles and the Holy Spirit will begin to saturate your memory with the different stories and lessons. He will begin to help you naturally make connections. Reading through the Bible every year is the best Bible study you will ever get, or ever need.

Another important function of the One Year Bible is how it helps you shepherd others into becoming disciples who learn to sit at Jesus' feet, learning from Him, every day.

It's important for you to help others become disciples who can do this. So, instead of just telling people to read the Bible, I think we need to sit with them in groups, helping them catch fire reading the word daily.

This is where the One Year Bible really helps. Most of the people who we disciple will not be super soldiers. They will not be people who can go on long, extended hikes through the wilderness portions of the Word. I know we think that you should begin a book at the beginning and just go "right." Many people get lost in Leviticus or in Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations and Ezekiel. They need to meet Jesus before September. They will need the New Testament, the Psalms and the Proverbs every day.

Jesus told Peter to feed His lambs and sheep, and they need a balanced diet. The One Year Bible will give them that and you're right there to help them.

So, then how do you, as a disciple, keep your heart strong and your vision clear over the long haul? Learn directly from Jesus every day, at His feet, in His Word through His Spirit. There's more, but this is the first essential step in being a disciple who can make disciples, who make disciples.

Lord bless.

If you want more info on this, go to <https://keruxontonlogon.com/disciple-making/simply-disciples/> and download my free book *Simply Disciples*Making Disciples*

Biographical Note: Dan Kachikis grew up on the south-side of Milwaukee in the light of the "Polish Moon" and is the nephew of John Duckhorn. He's a grad of Dallas Theological Seminary and served as a missionary/church planter in Deutschland.

LAST DAYS REVIVAL MINISTRIES LAUNCHES SHOE COLLECTION DRIVE TO RAISE MONEY FOR KIDS IN SE ASIA

Shoe donations will also support micro-enterprises in developing nations and reduce what goes into landfills

Last Days Revival Ministries is conducting a shoe drive from August 17th to October 13th to raise funds for Christian kids' education, food, and medical needs in SE Asia. LDR Ministries' organization will earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected as Funds2Orgs will purchase all the donated footwear. Those dollars will go towards kids' medical, food, and education

expenses. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9am-5pm, at Immanuel Kenosha Church, 6009 Pershing Blvd, Kenosha, WI 53142.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of microenterprise partners in 29 developing nations.

"We are so excited about our shoe drive," said Melody Metz, head organizer of the event, "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like donate to us and help those less fortunate become self-sufficient. It becomes a blessing for everyone."

By donating gently worn, used and new shoes to Last Days Revival Ministries, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a huge difference in these kids' lives.

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News & More



Governments Must Pay \$800,000 in Legal Fees to Church for COVID-19 Overreach

By Matthew Vadum

California officials have agreed to pay \$800,000 in prevailing-party attorneys' fees to a popular Christian megachurch in Los Angeles after state and federal courts in California issued permanent injunctions barring government officials there from ever again imposing discriminatory restrictions on houses of worship.

In the United States, unsuccessful litigants only rarely have to pay their opponents' legal fees, even when their cases are weak.

Although it's common in other parts of the Anglosphere such as the United Kingdom and Canada for the unsuccessful party in civil litigation to be required to pay the legal costs of the successful litigant, it's "very rare" for it to happen in the United States, Paul Jonna, Thomas More Society special counsel, told The Epoch Times.

The Thomas More Society, a national public interest law firm, represented Grace Community Church (GCC) and Pastor John MacArthur in legal proceedings that began in March 2020 when California and local governments initiated a sweeping response to combat SARS-CoV-2, the CCP virus that causes the disease COVID-19. Government officials repeatedly tried to shut down in-person church attendance after the pandemic began.

On Aug. 31, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles voted to approve the settlement with GCC and MacArthur. Under the agreement, the county will pay \$400,000, and an additional \$400,000 will be paid by the state of California as compensation for the attorneys' fees incurred by GCC and MacArthur.

MacArthur was pleased with the settlement on fees.

"We are very grateful for our Lord's protection and providence throughout this past year," MacArthur said in a statement.

"Our commitment to the Word of God and his church has never wavered. We have simply continued to stand firm, as we always have and always will. We put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ who is the head of the church. Over the past year, our congregation has seen his hand of blessing in ways like never before, and the Lord's promise has been realized: 'I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.'"

Thomas More Society special counsel Charles LiMandri said in a statement: "This was a very hard-fought case every step of the way. Pastor



MacArthur and Grace Community Church refused to bow to government tyranny and they finally obtained the excellent result they deserved. Thanks to their courage and perseverance, justice prevailed and the First Amendment was vindicated. No longer can the County of Los Angeles and the State of California treat people of faith like second class citizens. This result is a victory for all Americans who cherish religious liberty."

Had government officials refused to settle on the issue of legal fees after having court orders issued against them, the courts would probably have ordered them to pay a larger sum than they ultimately settled upon, Jonna said.

The other side "knew that they were going to be exposed to significant attorneys' fees if they didn't settle these cases."

"The general rule in American law is that each party bears their own fees," Jonna said.

"In civil rights cases, a prevailing plaintiff who vindicates a constitutional right is entitled to an award of fees, too, and the reason is to encourage people to bring forward meritorious cases that vindicate these important constitutional rights."

In the settlement that was finalized, "no one admitted anything," but "obviously" the actions taken against the church were "very clearly retaliatory," Jonna said.

A year ago, the county abruptly canceled a lease for parking space that the church had been using since 1975, as The Epoch Times reported at the time.

"If you look at the timing, there was no basis to revoke the lease other than to intimidate them," Jonna said.

Officials also tried to intimidate MacArthur, threatening him with jail time and citations, the lawyer said.

The Thomas More Society will use the \$800,000 to help underwrite other legal cases, Jonna said.

The nonprofit law firm "was able to not only protect these important rights, but recover a significant sum to keep basically to finance other future cases."

Chris Tomlin Concert at the BMO Harris Pavilion



Many familiar church songs were on the docket as Chris Tomlin with Bethel Music led worship this summer.



We had nearly a full house at the BMO Harris Pavilion in Milwaukee.



Evangelist Nick Hall of Pulse Ministries presented the Gospel message of the Good News of Jesus Christ during the Chris Tomlin Concert in August.



News & More



Get Still to Know That He is God

By David Peter Oblak

The question came to me this morning: Where-in does the hope of America lie? Or to put it another way, Ps. 11:3 "When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" The answer, in my opinion is this: We can pray! We must pray! "Unless The Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. Unless The Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in pain." Ps 127:1.

We in America, in the spiritual sense, are like the words of Nehemiah after he surveyed the ruins of Jerusalem. "You see the distress we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire." Neh 2:17 America is a nation under siege. And the biggest, most powerful siege is in the realm of the unseen. Powerful, relentless demonic forces are working feverishly behind the scenes to destroy American from within. And the church is the only hope we have, through her powerful prayers, to hold back or even better, turn the tide against this evil horde.

I mentioned powerful prayers a moment ago. That is what we so desperately need and sadly, powerful prayers are so desperately lacking.

I believe the devil knows better than anyone the power and importance strategic, focused consistent prayer is on this battlefield. And, based upon the observation and experience I have had with the majority of 'church people', prayer is one of the least used weapons in the arsenals of most believers. Our 'smart devices' are highly effective tools the devil sometimes uses to keep us both extremely busy and very, very distracted.

Powerful, intercessory prayers take time. And to be most effective, those kinds of prayers need to be made mainly in private, in solitude. And the question remains, who does that anymore? Out of a congregation of 200 people, how many true 'prayer warriors' might we find there?

And for all of you busy pastors, teachers, elders, priests and long term believers, why are so few in attendance at the prayer meeting? And how many churches are even holding prayer meetings anymore?

One of my favorite men of God is A.W. Tozer. It is noted that in his lifetime, Tozer had the reputation of having spent more time alone with God than with any human relationship.

The supreme example of the importance of prayer of course, is the sterling example of The Lord Jesus Himself. He is constantly reported as going off by Himself, long before the sunrise to a secluded

natural setting to pray. If the Son of God, The One clothed with full power from on high, sought out a private audience with The Father of Lights, how much more should each and every one of us be diligent about The Father's business in this realm?

In II Timothy 3, it describes the characteristics of the last days. In verse 5 it says, "They have a form of godliness, but deny its power." How does one deny power? Turn off the circuit breaker, cut the wires coming into the house. And that's exactly what the devil has done to some believers. He seeks to cut us off from the true power of God, and has provided us instead with little battery powered, highly sophisticated robots called smart phones. They were supposed to be our servants, but through the incredible power of the Internet, the World Wide Web (both prayer catching devices), our little robot machines have become our masters. Artificially Intelligent (there is nothing artificial here in the devils domain) devices wake us up in the morning, interrupt us constantly, nag us if we don't obey them, cater to our tendency toward mental laziness (how many phone numbers can you recall from memory?), and too often rob us of quiet, solitude and uninterrupted one on one time with God and others.

Perhaps the single most strategic spiritual move any soldier of the cross should make is this: Turn off the phones, turn back to Jesus and renew our love for God. Don't be distracted by the devil's never-ending supply of electronic toys in the attic. God help us see the error of our ways, and may millions who read this turn

back to you. I Thess. 1:9b: - We need to turn from these modern day idols, to serve the living and true God. In closing,

Ps 135:15-18 talks about the idols of man, like silver and gold. They have mouths, but don't speak, eyes but don't see, ears but don't hear, and there is no breath in their mouths. Those who make them are like them, so is everyone who trusts in them. Sounds like a description of our smart phones. Oh, by the way, without the silver and gold conductors in a phone's circuitry, your phone won't work. Who's your prayer partner? God or your plastic robot idol? As for me and my house, I will serve The Lord not my phone.

Here endeth the lesson!

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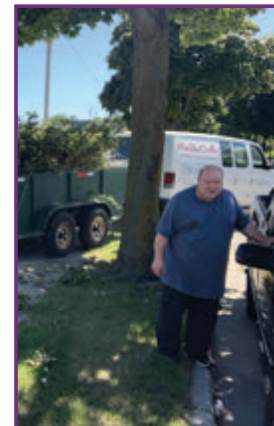
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Jack Kinney hard at work cleaning up on W. Kilbourn Ave.



ProBuColls helping clean up storm debris, a happy neighbor says of our crew from the Clark House, "I thank God for people like you."



In front of 947 N. 24th Street, Kenny Contois with his pickup truck is always a big help!



News & More



Christian Alternatives To Boy Scouts And Girl Scouts Sees Membership Spike As BSA And GSA Take A Nosedive

by Julia Pierce



Christian families across the US say they are “disappointed and dismayed” by the changes in the culture and policies of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. What once began as programs that helped to raise up young men and women of strong faith and godly character have become more casualties bowing to the growing idol of godlessness in American society, the families say.

Due not only to COVID, but also financial struggles, lawsuits, and the

policy changes the United States had seen in recent years, such as including girls in the Boy Scouts and allowing homosexual youth and adults leaders to participate, membership has fallen from about two million in 2019, to about 762,000 in 2021.

There are alternatives to BSA and GSA which claim to be “unapologetically Christian” whose founders say they seek to instill faith and truth into the next generation of youth.

Trail Life USA describes its program as a “Christ-centered, boy-focused, character leadership and adventure organization.” The Trail Life oath begins, “On my honor, I will do my best to serve God and my country, to respect authority...”

Trail Life USA CEO, Mark Hancock, told CBN News, “The Boy Scouts kind of lost their way; they were an organization that has given us presidents and senators and astronauts and community and civic leaders. They had a magic sauce; they had the magic for how to grow boys into good strong men, but they began to abandon those traditions...” Hancock continues, “... we want an organization that understands that boys and girls are different...”

Hancock says that Trail Life USA saw rapid growth last year, with a 70% increase. They now have over 30,000 Trailmen across all 50 states, and the emphasis on Christian faith continues to remain as strong as ever.

American Heritage Girls, the sister organization to Trail Life USA, is every bit as Christ-centered and focuses on character development based on Christian faith and morality. Founder, Patti Garibay says, “We were started in 1995 as a result of the changes in the Girl Scout program.”

After 13 years of volunteering in the Girl Scouts, Patti felt the need to develop AHG when the Girl Scouts removed or replaced God from their recited oath, and Patti’s attempts to affect change in her troop and in the organization proved fruitless.

Twenty-six years later, AHG troops now operate in all 50 states and in 15 other countries.

AWANA is another evangelical boys and girls group, that churches work with at a variety of ages. See AWANA.org for further information.

Christian Service Brigade is another organization that works with Christian boys. See csbministries.org for further information.

Recapturing Our Joy in the Lord

By Carol Round

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”—Romans 15:13 (NIV).

Time spent with my grandchildren brings this grandmother, known as Nana, great joy. My youngest, now three, recently spent a few hours with me while her daddy and older brother went to a movie.

Although I was tired from mowing my lawn earlier in the day, I gave in when Ruby wanted to play outside. Barefooted, we stepped into the backyard to enjoy the waning days of summer. She wanted to blow bubbles, so I grabbed a couple of bottles stashed in the garage.

We took turns blowing bubbles and chasing them across the freshly mown grass. Ruby’s giggles and loud laughter carried over the fence and into the neighbors’ backyards. Her joy was contagious and lifted my spirits and infused my tired body with new energy. It also reminded me the simple things in life usually bring the most satisfaction.

AS WE GROW OLDER

As we grow older, we lose our innocence. Burdened with the responsibilities of being a grown-up, we forget how to enjoy what God has given us.

Instead, we’re focused on either surviving, making a living, or spending our hard-earned money on things that really don’t matter, like the latest tech gadgets. Our focus turns away from the true source of joy, Jesus.

With our noses buried in our cell phones, we overlook the blessings from our Heavenly Father. When difficult times arise, we usually forget to turn to Him. But spending time in His Holy Word can help us delight in the Lord again and renew a right spirit within us.

A RENEWED SPIRIT

True joy is rooted in who God is. It’s not fleeting nor based on our circumstances. It can only be realized in heartfelt gratitude for God’s love, mercy, and grace. It’s not based on circumstances, or in the purchase of a new gadget or other possessions.

Scripture encourages us to rejoice in our blessings and give glory to God in all things. “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope” (Romans 15:13).

Author S.D. Gordon once said, “Happiness is the result of what happens of an agreeable sort. Joy has its springs deep down inside.



And that spring never runs dry, no matter what happens.”

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS

No matter what happens in our life, as Christians, we should rejoice in knowing our hope is in our Heavenly Father. Whether we’re facing trials or have just come out of one, as Paul reminds us in Romans 5:3-4, “...we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”

When our hope is in God, we can experience a joyous life. Even when everything around us—natural disasters, wars, and pandemics—we don’t have to worry. Although these things are serious, we can’t take them so seriously that we forget who is really in charge of this world—and it’s not us.

We can rejoice every day, not because life is always good, but because God is. Be more light-hearted. Kick off your shoes and go barefoot in the grass. And if you feel like it, blow bubbles, even if you don’t have a child to share them with.



News & More



The Complicated Relationship Between Adult Children and Their Parents

By Jim Newheiser

As a biblical counselor, one of my passions is to point my counselees to helpful biblical resources related to their struggles. Long after our one-on-one conversations are over, I want them to have tools in their hands for continued growth. An issue carries special urgency for me if I can't find much written about the particular topic. More than once this lack of resources has motivated me to search the Scriptures to find helpful and wise answers which I can share with others.

Recently as I have encountered many adult children who are struggling in their interactions with their parents, I have realized that there are few resources to help them to wisely navigate the challenges they face. It is very common for parents to seek counsel about their relationships with their children, and there are many excellent books which help equip parents at all stages of parenting. There are not, however, many resources which speak to the challenges adult children commonly face in their relationships with their parents. Let's look at some of the many scenarios you may be facing and how you can begin to wisely think through these dilemmas.

IT ISN'T UNUSUAL

Do you find yourself in one or more of these most common situations?

- You are a single adult in your twenties or thirties whose parents are still trying to micromanage your life, not recognizing that you are "of age" (John 9:23) and responsible to make your own life decisions. This challenge is compounded when you still live with your parents.
- You are married but your parents continue to make excessive demands of your time and attention, failing to respect that you have left father and mother to be joined to your spouse (Genesis 2:24).
- You are reluctant to leave your children alone with grandparents who refuse to follow basic rules (for a humorous take watch this).
- Your parents separate or divorce after you've grown up and then pressure you to take sides.
- You wonder what kind of relationship you should have with parents who engage in destructive sins such as drunkenness, hoarding, gambling, and sexual immorality.
- Your financially irresponsible parents expect or demand monetary help.
- Your elderly parents insist upon maintaining their independence by continuing to drive a vehicle even though by doing so they put themselves and others at risk.

- You are overwhelmed as you serve as caregivers for your elderly parents who live with you.
- You do not know how you should interact with parents who abused you or failed to protect you from abuse in the past.

IT GETS COMPLICATED

While we are convinced that the Bible is sufficient to give us wisdom to navigate these relationships (2 Timothy 3:16-17), we sometimes find biblical principles in tension with one another.

On the one hand, we are called to honor our parents (Exodus 20:12), which includes caring for their needs as they get older (Matthew 15:4-6; 1 Timothy 5:4, 8). We imitate Christ when we sacrificially consider the needs of others above our own (Philippians 2:3-4).

On the other hand, adult children are no longer under parental authority and thus are ultimately responsible to God for the choices they make (John 9:23). Furthermore, we should not allow ourselves to be manipulated by giving in to inappropriate parental pressure, perhaps to the detriment of our own families or our calling in life.

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONDING

1. Be prepared to quietly overlook many faults and slights, both past and present.

We honor God when we graciously ignore certain unkind comments and inconsiderate actions. "Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense" (Proverbs 19:11) and, "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8).

2. When your parents' sins against you are more serious, it may be necessary to gently confront them (Galatians 6:1).

This is necessary when there are weighty unresolved issues, past or present, which significantly affect your ongoing relationship with your parents or their relationship with the Lord. Before confronting them, pray for the right opportunity and the right approach to take (Proverbs 25:11). I also encourage you to carefully plan what you will say (Proverbs 21:5). Most importantly you should come with an eagerness to be reconciled, forgiving them as Christ has forgiven you (Ephesians 4:31-32).

3. Do not please your parents at the expense of your responsibilities to God and/or your spouse.

Some of us are so eager for others to be happy with us that we can be manipulated into giving in to whoever exerts the most pres-



sure. Scripture warns, "The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe" (Proverbs 29:25). For example, if your parents are too controlling or if they are disrespectful to your spouse, you may need stand up to them. Our first aim must be to please God (2 Corinthians 5:9).

4. Sometimes it may be necessary to put limits on your relationship with your parents.

For example, if grandparents will not follow the rules to keep the grandchildren safe, then they cannot be left alone with them. Or if a parent becomes inebriated or verbally abusive at a family event, it would be appropriate to leave and to set restrictions upon future gatherings.

5. If you feel stuck in your relationship with your parents, keep pursuing peace (Hebrews 12:14).

Seek godly counsel from church leaders (Proverbs 11:14) who may be able to help you to see the logs which are in your eye (Matthew 7:1-5) or offer other helpful advice. It also may be appropriate to seek mediation between you and your parents from mutually agreed upon counselors (Philippians 4:2-3).

6. There are rare circumstances in which estrangement from your parents is unavoidable.

I have known adult children who have been completely shunned because they refused to be controlled and manipulated by their parents. In other cases, adult children have had to significantly limit contact with their parents for their own safety and/or for the safety of their family.

7. Even if your pain and weariness seem overwhelming, I encourage estranged children to continue to make efforts to move towards their parents, to the extent they can safely do so.

For example, if being together physically is out of the question you may express love by sending cards, photos, and gifts (Romans 12:20-21). "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all" (Romans 12:18). And keep praying that they will be reconciled to the Lord and to you.

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Christian Book Reviews

Something Needs to Change: An Urgent Call to Make Your Life Count by David Platt



During a trek through the Himalayas, David Platt encountered people with urgent physical and spiritual needs: A man whose family had died of oak of medicine...a body burning on a funeral pyre - a person who'd died without hearing about Jesus. Shaken, David was forced to ask hard questions about the oppressed, the exploited, the poor, and those with no access to the gospel.

You don't have to travel the world to find answers. Join bestselling author David Platt on a soul-searching journey to discover how each of us, starting right where we are, can play an active role in bringing good news to a world in need. Because something really does need to change if people are

to be reached with the hope of God. And, by God's grace, that change needs to happen in and through us. **Multnomah, updated with discussion questions, 2021. \$16.00**

Unplanned Grace by Brittany Smith and Natasha Smith

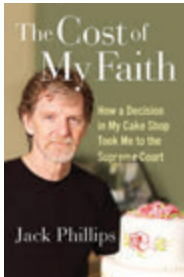


A compassionate conversation on life & choice... Though a child may be conceived in trauma, its life does not need to be filled with it. When a woman receives an unexpected pregnancy test, abortion often seems like the best or only option for her to have a fulfilling future. Unplanned Grace beautifully challenges that belief, equipping you to support women and men with a love that values life in every way. It covers the enormous potential churches have to support women in crises.

Brittany Smith and Natasha Smith work with Save the Storks, a nonprofit ministry that exists to inspire cultural change by empowering strategic partners, like pregnancy resource centers and churches, to serve and value every life. They believe that to end abortion, people must be educated on its realities and equipped to respond with compassion and love. **David C Cook publisher. \$17.99**

(Evangelical Child and Family Agency, 262-789-1881; info@ecfawisc.org stand ready to help through unplanned pregnancies or adoptions.)

The Cost of My Faith by Jack Phillips



How a Decision in My Cake Shop Took Me to the Supreme Court

Why not just make the cake? In this inspiring book, Jack answers that question in his own words, hoping his story will inspire and strengthen the many who will encounter challenges, however fearsome, to living out their faith.

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Sermonettes, Illustrations, and Prayers - Volumes 1 & 2 From a United Methodist Country Preacher by Rev. Leslie "Les" Goode



During our entire earthly life, we are faced with a constant barrage of situations requiring decisions—some small and some gigantic. The way they are resolved shapes who we become. Each decision can have either a positive or negative result on our life depending on how we decide which path we want to take in the challenge of decision making.

For the present troubling times, the author builds a convincing position that belief and trust in God are complete and satisfying answers both now and for eternity. No matter your faith even, challenges for even a stronger belief will confront you from these pages. Be open to a deeper faith, realizing that a lot is riding on who you partner with in your decision process.

The guidance, wisdom, and strength needed can readily be found in trusting God, having faith in God's present through the Holy Spirit and studying the principles of God found in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Risen Christ. **Self Published. \$14.99 - Prices may vary by on-line outlet.**

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A Teacher's Heart

By Amy Parks

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My loving eye on you." – Psalm 32:8

Supporting students means supporting the environments where the students are learning, growing, and interacting. Teachers, paraprofessionals, and professors impact these school environments by the way they structure their classrooms and interact with their pupils. Their important influence means they need our prayers daily!

For Heather Kohnen, being a teacher isn't just a job—she firmly believes God has uniquely called her and created her to be an educator.

"As teachers, we truly work with the whole child, and as a Christian teacher, I see each student as a little eternal soul," Kohnen said.

Kohnen splits her time between teaching and ministry with half her time teaching in a public elementary school, and the other half serving with Christian Educators International as a Director of the AWAKE Project. AWAKE stands for—Ambassadors Working as Kingdom Educators, with the purpose of encouraging Christian educators in their calling.

With over 20 years of experience directly in schools coupled with ministering to the hearts of educators, Kohnen has felt a heavy burden for educators over the last year and a half. She has seen seasoned educators step away from their profession exhausted and hopeless.

"They're questioning whether or not they are making an impact, which leads to hope-

lessness," Kohnen said. "This is the root of the burnout."

Her experience and tender heart for classrooms across America give her unique wisdom to know how to pray for these education leaders.

PRAYING FOR ALL EDUCATORS

Many states have academic standards that students must meet, and while standards help increase knowledge, it can create pressure to focus on test scores rather than the whole development of the student.

"I would pray that teachers would be reminded that their students are eternal soul, and not just test scores," Kohnen said. "So that if the test scores aren't what they want them to be due to the pandemic, teachers know they have an eternal impact on kids. They are making a difference."

PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

Teaching is full of minute-by-minute decision making: deciding how to best motivate students and how to respond to challenges in front of students to model healthy resilience; all of it requires the Holy Spirit to guide every interaction and lesson to reach the fullest impact.

"Pray that teachers would be reminded that they can't and aren't doing this alone; they're reminded that the Holy Spirit is in them and with them," Kohnen said.

PRAYING FOR EDUCATORS WHO ARE NOT YET BELIEVERS

This is a perfect opportunity to put prayer/care/share into practice! Pray for the teacher, find ways to support and serve the teacher, and share about praying for them out of an abundance of faith in God.

"First of all, love that teacher and be the source of encouragement for them," Kohnen said. "Teachers often hear from society about what's not going well in schools, so ask the Lord to show specific ways to affirm that teacher and encourage them."

If you are an educator or know a Christian educator and want to learn more about the encouragement and support available through Christian Educators International, check out their website at <https://www.ceai.org/>

LET'S PRAY:

Jesus, Your disciples called you Teacher when You were on Earth, and we look to You as the ultimate source of knowledge and wisdom. We ask that You fill the hearts of teachers as they instruct and nurture young minds around the country—fill them with wisdom on what to teach, how to teach it, and how to make a lasting impact on their students. Open their hearts to be receptive to Your Holy Spirit as they speak with students and fellow educators.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Peace and blessings,
Amy Parks
Communications Coordinator

Christian Persecution and How Christian Communicators Can Serve

By Marissa Postell

On August 20 Todd Nettleton, radio host of Voice of the Martyrs Radio joined Dan Darling, Senior Vice President of Communications at NRB, for NRB Live at Lunch to discuss Christian persecution in Afghanistan and around the world.

Nettleton serves as a voice for persecuted Christians, inspiring Christians with the faithfulness of Christ's followers in 70+ nations where they face persecution for wearing his name. During more than 20 years serving at VOM, Nettleton has traveled the world and conducted face-to-face interviews with hundreds of Christians who've endured persecution in more than 30 nations.

He described the situation in Afghanistan as heartbreaking.



"We don't have to wonder how the Taliban treats Christians," Nettleton said. "We don't have to wonder how Afghanistan will be under their control because we've seen it before."

While there is a lot of uncertainty over what exactly will transpire over the next days and weeks, it is clear that Christians will be targeted.

But stories of faith are being written in Afghanistan as Christians prepare for what they know is coming.

Nettleton said that VOM has heard from Christians there who know that the Taliban is coming and know that they are going to overtake their cities or towns. But they are confident that God has placed them there, and they are choosing to stay rather than to

run or try to escape. They are trusting that God will be with them even when the Taliban is there.

"The number one thing we can do is to pray for our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan," Nettleton said.

Despite the horrible circumstances that are unfolding in Afghanistan, Nettleton is hopeful that as young people see this face of Islam, they will not be okay with the violence and oppression but that they will seek other options and ultimately find Jesus Christ. There are radio ministries, television ministries, digital ministries, and ministries on-the-ground in Afghanistan that are ready to share the gospel when the soil is ready for the seeds.

There will be a time for delivering help, encouragement, and aid in Afghanistan, but for now as everything on the ground there



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When God Says Stop Praying

By Robin Schumacher

The Bible says we are to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17); that we should be “devoted to prayer” (Rom. 12:12; Col. 4:2) and “pray at all times in the Spirit” (Eph. 6:18), with one of Jesus’ parables specifically focused on the fact that we “ought always to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1).

And yet, surprising as it may be to hear, there are a number of places in Scripture where God says to stop praying. Given the verses above, what gives?

Let’s take a look at three cases that stand out to me.

THE ALREADY-SUPPLIED BELIEVER

I’m sure you know the story of Israel crossing the Red Sea that’s chronicled in Exodus 14 very well. You remember how Pharaoh had a what-have-I-done moment about letting Israel go and pursued them into the desert.

We’re told, “As Pharaoh drew near, the sons of Israel looked, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they became very frightened; so the sons of Israel cried out to the Lord” (Ex. 14:12).

At first blush, that seems like a reasonable thing to do; however, earlier in the book, God had promised the people His protection and that He would specifically take care of Pharaoh and his army. Israel already had God’s promises and everything they needed, so instead of praying, they needed to act.

This is why we read, “Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward” (Ex. 14:15). In other words, “Get up and do what you’re supposed to.”

As believers, we’ve already been given so much by God that we fail to employ and yet we pray for it as if we didn’t already possess it. As just one example — consider the Holy Spirit who has been given to every Christian (John 14:17).

John MacArthur reminds us: “If you want comfort, God gives the Comforter. If you want help, He gives you the Helper. If you want truth, He gives you the Spirit of Truth. If you want guidance, He gives you the Guide. If you want power, He gives you the Spirit of Power. If you want wisdom, He gives you the Spirit of Wisdom. You ask for patience, love, kindness, joy, peace, etc., and He gives you the Spirit who bears that fruit. You ask to be useful in service to God, He gives you the Spirit who bestows gifts for service.”

THE HARDENED UNREPENTANT

Three times in the Old Testament God tells Jeremiah, “As for you, do not pray for this people, and do not lift up cry or prayer for them,

and do not intercede with Me; for I do not hear you” (Jer. 7:16; cf. 11:14, 14:11). The reason God commanded the prophet not to plead for Israel was because they were unrepentant in their sin and so God had determined to give them over to judgment.

We see this in the New Testament as well. Concerning the Pharisees, Jesus told His disciples, “Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit” (Matt. 15:14). It may sound odd to read Christ telling His disciples not to evangelize someone, but it’s likely because He knows it will be throwing pearls before swine (Matt. 7:6).

THE ‘THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS’ ONLY BELIEVER

When a tragedy occurs today, it’s common for people to say that those affected are “in their thoughts and prayers.” Make no mistake, as Christians, we know how effective prayer can be, but to those outside the Church, such a declaration is increasingly being viewed as meaningless where practical help is concerned.



Addressing the topic in an article for CNN, A.J. Willingham says: “The further it’s [‘thoughts and prayers’] embedded in our post-tragedy lexicon, the more it’s mocked as a form of civilian slacktivism, and more recently as a form of political obfuscation.”

The book of James says, “What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?” (James 2:14-16).

John says simply in his first epistle: “Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth” (3:18).

Don’t misunderstand — I’m not suggesting we don’t pray for others. Rather, I’m saying we don’t stop at prayer if it is within our power to pragmatically assist as well.

Historian Antonia Tripolitis argues that Christianity’s sense of community and its universal charity were a major reason, if not the most important single reason, for its growth and subsequent victory over the empire and other competing religions and philosophies of that day. They changed the world by living out the statement commonly attributed to St. Francis: “Preach the gospel — if necessary, use words.”

We can do the same thing today.

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remains so fluid, the Christian’s call is to pray. Nettleton specifically asked believers to pray for fellowship for the believers in Afghanistan. Many believers there are secret believers who are very isolated from other brothers and sisters.

“We pray that every Afghan believer can experience fellowship with another believer even under the Taliban,” Nettleton said.

While Christians in Afghanistan are at the front of many people’s minds right now, persecution around the world is ongoing. Nettleton encouraged Christians to think about

their persecuted brothers and sisters not as broken or forlorn but as people experiencing the joy of the Lord—even experiencing prison as “a wonderful time.”

Nettleton told of a woman in China whom he interviewed shortly after she had spent six months in prison for hosting a house church in her home. When he asked her about her time in prison, she responded with what Nettleton described as a heavenly smile.

“Oh yes, that was a wonderful time,” she said.

And she meant it. Her definition of a wonderful time was contingent upon experiencing the presence of Christ and engaging in the ministry he placed before her.

Nettleton challenged believers to consider what in their lives could be a “wonderful time” if we had that attitude.

“We shouldn’t lose sight of the evilness of this regime, but we also shouldn’t lose sight of the fact that in the midst of that, God is at work, the church is growing, and people are coming to faith,” Nettleton said.



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Each Strand Numerable & Valuable

By Linda Oberbrunner, Author of Mercy Extended



Years ago when our children were in grade school, our family always looked forward to the annual science fair. Truthfully, I probably was the most excited. Beginning in January, I would spend hours thinking of unique experiments and hypotheses to test out, which might be fun and interesting for our four children to explore. Our goal was to do our best whether we won a prize or not. Often our ideas and projects would also involve our neighborhood.

One year our scientific question centered around hair. Could a person actually tell the age and gender of another person simply by looking at and touching a small sample of an individual's hair? The final results were surprising.

Our homemade display consisted of 12 small baggies attached to a colorful poster board. Each baggie held professionally cut snippets of hair available for examination by the science fair attendees. Each person could write down their guess of gender and age and then compare with the factual data hidden on the back. The hair specimens had been obtained from the local hair salon across the street from our home. The kind staff were all on board to participate for a period of six weeks with their clients who gave permission for their cut hair to be shared. The hair strands we received with gender and age identifiers represented so many different textures, waves, curl patterns, colors, coarseness, and wispy samples. Final selections were chosen from six male and six female participants. The ages ranged from one year all the way to one-hundred years!

On the night of the science fair, many people started drifting over to our table as the guesses became quite competitive within family units. After the fair concluded, we tallied all the responses, and

not even one person scored 100%. Most of the individuals answered incorrectly since the texture and color of the hair samples misled many. We received a prize for most unique project. However, something else happened. My personal awe of God exploded. I suddenly appreciated His unique creation of unlimited varieties of hair. It was so astonishing to experience God's handiwork.

Recently, I explored all the scripture verses focused on the word "hair" thinking there might be a handful. Instead, I came across over a hundred references for hair, hairs, and hairy. Hair was described on men, women, the rich, poor, a humbled repentant, a leper, the three thrown in the fiery furnace, an arrogant son caught in the branch of a tree, a foolish Nazirite who lost his strength, 700 marksmen, sailors fasting for 14 days who travelled with Paul, and even the complimentary statement by a lover comparing his beloved's hair to "a flock of goats". How marvelous to recognize God's Word always reveals who He is.

Think about His loving nature toward His chosen, as we read verses from two gospels regarding His account of every single strand of YOUR hair:

"But even the hairs of your head are all numbered." Matthew 10:30

"Why even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows." Luke 12:7

God's Word clearly expresses His steadfast and unfathomable love even on the days or seasons we may feel unlovable. Can you take a moment right now to express YOUR thankfulness to Him? He alone is worthy!

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Leadership Luncheon

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

12 noon to 1:15 p.m.



Speaker: Billy Crone, Founder of Get a Life Ministries, Inc.

Billy Crone is an author, filmmaker, and pastor of Sunrise Bible Church in Henderson, NV. He is regularly interviewed on national TV and radio programs. Titles of Billy's productions include: *Attack of the Crones*, *Skynet is Coming* and *The AI Invasion, It Isn't Coming, It's Already Here*. Billy will be sharing his personal life story, a testimony of starting his career in electronics, computers and technology on his way to finding the real purpose of life through Jesus Christ. On his website, www.getalifemedia.com, most of the media is offered free of charge either through downloads or online viewing.

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In the Kitchen With Diane

Diane Fechter, Author



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LOOK UP UNTIL.....
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Fond memories of the late Dr. Jimmy DeYoung. Randy Melchert of Academy of Excellence provided this photo of the program from services for Dr. DeYoung, held recently in Chattanooga.



News & More



Prayers and Conversations that Ignite Movements

by Jerry Wiles

In 1806, Samuel J. Mills, Jr., a student at Williams College was one of five participants in what became known as the famous “haystack prayer meeting.” It was a catalyst for a good number of significant mission movements. Mills also led in the formation of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the American Bible Society, the United Foreign Missionary Society, and several other organizations. He is a great example of how one or a few can impact so many.

Consider what it takes to ignite a movement, build a business, or grow a church or organization? What are the principles, methods or strategies that enable each of us, as followers of Jesus, to make the greatest possible contribution to advancing the Kingdom of God? These are important questions to ponder, and I suggest there are some very simple and understandable answers.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Another example in Church history is Daniel Nash (1775-1831) who served as Charles Finney’s personnel intercessor. He was key to the revival that followed Finney’s ministry. We can all look at the life of Daniel Nash and see an example of how important prayer is in advancing the kingdom of God. When God would direct where a meeting was to be held, Nash would quietly go into the town and seek to get two or three people to join in a covenant of prayer with him. They would pray fervently for God to move in the community.

The lives and influence of those like Mills and Nash should inspire each of us, as followers of Jesus, that we too can be used to ignite and foster movements of God. Scripture affirmed that we have access to the throne of grace and are invited to come to Him in times of need.

LITTLE THINGS CAN HAVE BIG IMPACT

The parables of Jesus about mustard seed and yeast are a couple of examples of Kingdom principles that help us understand how we can be salt and light in society, even be catalysts to start or promote movements that change the world. From these parables, we learn that little things can have major impact. Biblical examples would be the Samaritan Woman at the Well, the demon possessed Gerasene, and Phillip’s encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch. These show how God can use one person to impact a community, a region or even an entire nation.

In the natural realm, think of the fact that every major river starts with a small stream. A small snowball can cause an avalanche. A

seed is the beginning of a tree that produces much fruit. Consider how many major corporations started out in someone’s kitchen or garage. Megachurches, as well as major church planting/disciple making movements, have started in living rooms, coffee shops, storefronts and under trees.

PASSION FOR SHARING THE GOSPEL

During the “Jesus Movement” of the 1970s, there was a popular song titled, “It Only takes a Spark to get a Fire Going.” Many students and young people were ignited with great passion during those days for sharing the Gospel on college and university campuses around the country. In my own journey, I have experienced how influencing one person, or leading someone to Christ, can result in hundreds of others coming to the Lord.

A couple of years ago I reconnected with a friend I had some ministry with more than 30 years ago. We were in Washington, D.C. after a White House briefing waiting for a taxi on a nearby sidewalk. It was raining and a kind lady standing close by offered to share her umbrella with us. While we waited together for the taxi, I engaged her in conversation, asked a few questions and shared the gospel

with her. She was interested and open and we had prayer together, and she confessed her faith in Jesus. The whole encounter took less than ten minutes.

MULTIPLYING IMPACT

Not realizing it at the time, but that experience had a significant impact on my friend Brian and inspired him to be more proactive in reaching out to share Christ with others. He recently told me that he has consistently shared the gospel with others since then, and on average, seen two or three people a week come to the Lord. Brian is an example of how the Lord honors our sowing the Seed of the Word of God into the lives of others. When we do so, we can expect that occasionally it will take root in good soil.

In the 1970s and ‘80s a few mission and church leaders became interested in and began discussions about Orality, Oral Cultures and Oral Learners. Those discussions were about what it will take to complete the Great Commission and how to reach the unreached and Bible-less people groups of the world. It was from those conversations that resulted in creating the Oral Bible Task Force during Amsterdam 2000. Then four years later it became known as the International Orality Network, in collaboration with the Lausanne Movement.



Thousands of High School Students Across the US Bow Their Heads to Pray in Unison

By Jack Davis

In groups large and small, with thoughts said aloud and others held close in silence, America’s students began the day in prayer at the annual “See You at the Pole” event.

As noted by CBN News, this was the 21st year of the student-led event, which takes place around the world at school flagpoles in the morning before classes begin.

This year’s theme came from the New Testament:

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. – James 4:10

At Croatan High School in North Carolina, about 25 students gathered to pray, according to the Carteret County News-Times.





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"There is just so much going on in our country and in our leaders. It's so important that we pray for our country," freshman Faith Eilertson said. "The leaders need wisdom because they are facing so many situations."

One student noted the importance of prayer at this time.

"We need to gather around and pray because this country has done so much for us. I'm praying for the students and the country. I'm praying for our military because of Afghanistan," freshman Brody Weihrauch said.

In Pikeville, Kentucky, students at Shelby Valley High School gathered together to pray.

"It makes me feel like I have a connection to everybody in this room, or everybody in the circle while I'm praying," Collier Fuller, a sophomore, said, according to WYMT-TV.

At Tyler Legacy High school in Tyler, Texas, about 200 students gathered, according to KLTU-TV.

"I think it really does help our school system and it just helps us as believers just to really put God into our hearts and into our school system," a freshman named Lillian said.

"I would like to say that this very much impacts the school. I want people to understand that we care about each other. We actually are praying for you," said Jaren, a senior.

Christians from around the country shared images from their schools.

At Copperas Cove High School in Copperas Cove, Texas, student-athletes were given a break from football practice and went to pray in their uniforms with about 100 other students, according to the Killeen Daily Herald.

"It makes me feel a lot closer to them, to be honest," football player Aleczander Patterson said of having his teammates attend the event. "I know a lot of them probably have struggles in their life that probably they need to ask God for ... it just means a lot to see them open up like that and show who they are."

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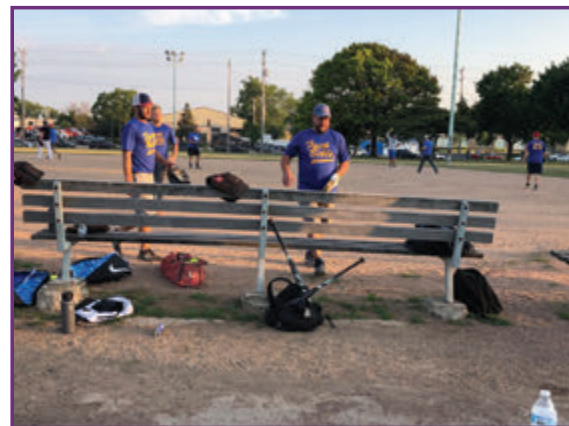
Southbrook Church had two teams in the League this year. Southbrook Blue won the championship.



Every game closes with prayer requests from both teams. Here outfielder Tim Bruce leads prayer for Southbrook.



With Mix One teammates praying a fellow player back to UW Platteville as the season starts to wind down.



Infielder and long ball hitter Pastor Ty Angles of Faith Bible Church has made many a trip around the bases!

5TH CIRCUIT UPHOLDS TEXAS DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION BAN, SAYS PROVIDERS CAN'T 'SET THEIR OWN RULES'

The full U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit has ruled that a Texas law banning second-trimester dismemberment abortions can be enforced, reversing earlier rulings.

In an en-banc decision released Wednesday, the 17-member circuit court upheld Texas' Senate Bill 8, which bans the dilation and evacuation abortion procedure. Critics of the law argue that what is commonly referred to as dismemberment abortion is the most common abortion procedure for terminating second-trimester pregnancies.

Physicians that violate the law can be punished by a minimum of 180 days to a maximum of two years in jail.





News Shorts



AFGHANISTAN: CHRISTIANS ARE BEING MURDERED BY TALIBAN SAYS RELIGIOUS RIGHTS EXPERT

The director of the Hudson Institute's Center for Religious Freedom has stated that Christians in Afghanistan are being killed by the ruling Taliban Islamic extremists, Christian Today reports. Nina Shea made her remarks after the Taliban took over Afghanistan again on August 15, and as US troops prepared to leave.

Shea confirmed the situation of Christians in Afghanistan is so dangerous because most of the 8,000-12,000 believers are converts from Islam. "And that is considered in the Taliban's eyes to be apostasy that must be punished with death," Shea said.

JOEL OSTEEN'S LAKEWOOD CHURCH SHELTERS OVER 100 EVACUEES OF HURRICANE IDA

Televangelist Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church in Houston, Texas has provided shelter to over 100 people evacuated and forcefully displaced from their homes by Hurricane Ida, a Category 4 storm that made landfall in Louisiana.

Over 140 people from storm-stricken areas in New Orleans and other parts of Louisiana have sought overnight shelter. Many others have received food and much-needed supplies from one of the largest churches in America.

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DANNY GOKEY'S NEW ALBUM RALLIES CHRISTIANS IN A 'BROKEN WORLD': 'WE NEED JESUS PEOPLE TO STAND UP'

Award-winning Christian singer Danny Gokey released his new full-length studio album, Jesus People, last week and hopes that his music will charge believers to reflect Christ in these "End Times."

"For me, it starts with a prayer. I do this every record. And I feel like ... as I keep growing, [God's] downloading more. I pray, 'Lord, You're the greatest lyricist of all time. I want to say what You're saying. I want to speak what You're speaking,'" Gokey told The Christian Post in a video interview that can be viewed below.

"By faith, I get ready to receive. I don't hear audible voices. I just, by faith, receive that God's going to speak and write through me, and I start paying attention."

Gokey, a beloved voice in contemporary Christian music and an "American Idol" alum, said he pays attention to what he is picking up in "the Spirit" and that his "songs are birthed that way."

FEDERAL JUDGE BLOCKS OBAMA-ERA MANDATE REMOVING PRO-LIFE CONSCIENCE PROTECTIONS

In a major victory for pro-life health care providers, a federal court has blocked a mandate requiring physicians to participate in abortions as instructed by their employers or face steep penalties. The Obama-era mandate was previously blocked by courts but the Biden-Harris administration attempted to resurrect it.

On August 9th, Judge Reed O'Connor of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas granted a permanent injunction to the "Christian Plaintiffs," described as a Catholic hospital and Christian health care association, who sued against the mandate on the grounds that it violated their conscience protections in the case of Franciscan Alliance, Inc. et al. v. Xavier Becerra.

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262.782.1777
PoplarCreekChurch.org

Poplar Creek Church - Wauwatosa
201 N 121st St,
Wauwatosa 53226
Sunday Worship 10:00AM
262-782-1777

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, WI 53225
Meeting at Comfort Suites
10831 ParkPlace
Milwaukee, WI 53224
Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am
414-369-3359
rightwaychurchministries@yahoo.com

Risen Savior Bible Church
8556 W National Ave
West Allis 53227
Sunday Worship 9AM
414-617-0347 or
RisenSaviorBibleChurch.org
Shows 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

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Berean Family Worship Center, Inc.
ON CHURCH IN TWO CITIES
N112 W17655 Mequon Rd
Germantown, WI 53022
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Blessed Hope BIC Church
4949 State Highway 38
Franksville, WI 53126
Sunday at 9:00 am
(262) 822-HOPE (4673)
http://www.blessedhopebic.org

Christian Life Church
309 Lakeview Drive
Belgium, WI 53004
Sundays 10:30 AM
Thursday Bible Study 6:30 PM
text: 936-488.0080
christianlifechurch.us

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 RacineFCF.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.fbckenosha.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 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 & 10:45am
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

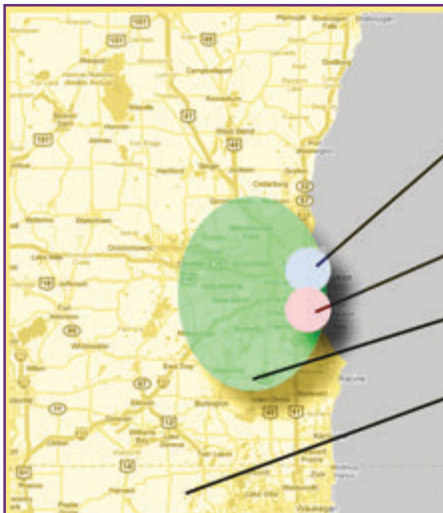
Summit Harvest Church
888 Thackerway Trail #209
Oconomowoc 53066
Sunday Worship 10AM
262.560.0765
SummitHarvestChurch.org

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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