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Freedom Rings at the 2023 Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast

By Bob Conklin

Thank you to all who attended the 2023 Governor's Prayer Breakfast. Our emcee this year was longtime Fox 6 Sportscenter Tom Pipines. Speaking to a full Grand Ballroom

fast including eggs and sausage was served and no one left hungry!

A special thanks to Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson who brought greetings and a warm welcome from the City of Milwaukee. Mayor Johnson has been attending the Breakfast since his days as an intern in the Mayor's office. The Mayor made a strong appeal to the faith community and encouraged humility. After another visit with the crowd and giving a hug to former Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, Mayor Johnson departed for a special meeting in Madison where he would join Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley and Governor Tony Evers. On official County letterhead, Tom Pipines read a warm greeting from County Executive David Crowley encouraging prayer from all for all levels of government and leadership. Next, Tom Pipines read a thank you and appreciation from Governor Evers' office giving best regards to all in attendance.



Former NFL wide receiver Don Beebe who earned six Super Bowl rings shares his personal testimony at the 2023 Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast in Milwaukee

at the Wisconsin Club, Tom started off the Breakfast with a warm welcome and introduction of Olivia Rose who led the Pledge of Allegiance and the entire group in singing God Bless America. With his wife Charlene also at the head table, Steve Rose said the Opening Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer. Steve is the author of the book Leap of Faith, God Must Be a Packer Fan and host of the TV program Coincidence or Godincidence. A hearty Milwaukee break-

Representing the Jewish community, our Old Testament reading was from Samantha Abramson who is Executive Director of the Nathan & Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Center on Prospect Ave-



Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson addresses the 2023 Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast

nue in Milwaukee. Samantha read from the book of Leviticus. Also in attendance was last year's Old Testament reader Uria Roth and his guest, the recently arrived Israeli Emissary for the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, Noa Fuchs. Doug Jerving with wife Patty sitting with Tim and Jan Hoeksema at the Susan and Richard Pieper Family table followed with a Prayer for Our Police and the New Testament Reading. Doug honored their son

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Former Fox 6 Sports Anchor Tom Pipines was Emcee of the 2023 Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast. Reach Tom at pipinestom@yahoo.com to find out more about My Faith with Homer and Pip on YouTube.

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Roman Claas, President of the Claas Insurance Agency sponsored over 50 guests at this year's Governor's Prayer Breakfast. Pictured here with Roman (seated in front row and wearing plaid comfort pants) are some of Roman's family, friends, clients, church community and colleagues from 62 years and counting in the insurance business. Roman handed out free Make America Godly Again Jn. 3:16 hats too!





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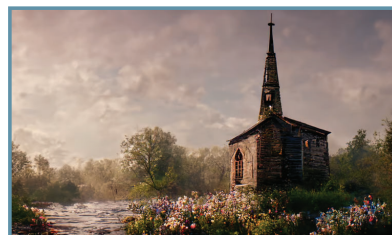
Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

By Bob Conklin

Who hasn't noticed their shrinking bank account, their inflated food bill, and their favorite box of cookies that just got smaller ... selling at a higher price? They call that "shrinkflation!" Anyone thinking person can see that in America, we are being hit on all sides and it's taking a toll. Ask a CEO about his office space. He doesn't need what he used to. Look at the buildings still under construction. Many drive by and wonder, "What are they thinking?" Well, for the Christian believer, we should look at these times with great anticipation. Billy Graham wrote a book about end times prophecy entitled Hoofbeats. Do you hear them? So, while the world is storing away and trying to hang onto whatever they have left, many believers are giving themselves away. We realize that our Lord Jesus prepared us for such a time as this. While nobody is set-

ting dates, Jesus said, "Be ready." Now is the time to have that hard to have conversation with family and friends about eternity and how we each make our own choice, for heaven or hell.

And while many didn't grow up in a Bible teaching home or have the benefit of attending a Bible teaching church, we remember attending church regularly and the influence the church had on our homes, our neighborhoods, our schools, sports and how people treated each other. How we valued the home, the two-parent household and even the big family down the street with lots of kids! Many of the churches sang the old hymns. Who can forget, the old and timeless favorite Blessed Assurance. Jesus is Mine by who else, but Fanny J. Crosby, 1873. The old order of things is fading away, but praise God if you're saved! Jesus said He is the



same yesterday, today and forever. He's got this. Be assured, that He is that deposit guarantying what is to come. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence. Ac 1:5.

While Mother's Day is in the rear-view mirror and with Father's Day fast approaching, remember to say Thanks for the sacrifice they made. Thanks Mom! Thanks Dad!

TONY EVANS, CHUCK SWINDOLL, DONALD TRUMP PAY RESPECT TO CHARLES STANLEY AT LEGACY CELEBRATION

Prominent Pastors Tony Evans and Chuck Swindoll, as well as former President Donald Trump, were among those who paid their respects to the late Pastor Charles Stanley at a legacy celebration held at his church.

The service was held at First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, where Stanley served as senior pastor for nearly 50 years, and featured several musical selections and messages of remembrance given in person and via video.

Evans, the senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship of Dallas, Texas, said in a video message that he wanted "to join the chorus of voices that are celebrating the home-going of Dr. Charles Stanley."

"We have all been impacted, influenced and transformed by his ministry locally, nationally and internationally," said Evans. "Through the hard times and the celebratory times, he has stood on the Word of God, preaching it week in and week out."

"His influence is not just for the time he was here, but should long outlive that time because the Word of God was so poignant and so potent that the truth will keep marching on."

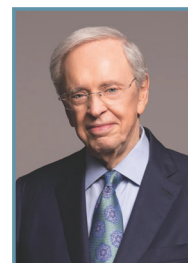
Pastor Chuck Swindoll of Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco, Texas, gave a video message in which he said he "really ad-

mired" Stanley and how the late pastor "handled the Word of God with such ability and such charm."

"His presentations were always lively and on target, accurate and meaningful. I give thanks for his life," Swindoll said. "He is at home with the Lord in that perfect place, in that perfect setting with the Savior he preached and loved and knew so well."

"We say 'goodbye' as Heaven says 'hello.'"

Trump provided a video message for the celebration, giving his condolences and recounting how he "always enjoyed" Stanley's television program and remembered meeting him during his presidency.



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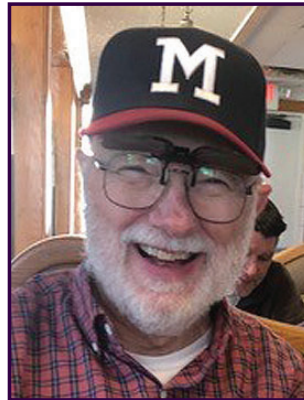
A Word From the Heart

By John Duckhorn

The current political and religious scene is unsettling. We have always known that the gospel message of salvation in Jesus Christ, is seen as exclusive and narrow minded. The gospel message has emphasized "One way salvation" as well as living a life that honors our Savior. We have gone about our daily lives knowing that we can face hostility or rejection from employers, education institutes, or political parties. Those who venture into the messy world of politics and the field of education understand they will face opposition because of their beliefs and personal convictions.

Their conscience can remain sensitive, although those who dislike what Christians believe will not allow them to even hold biblical convictions. The Apostles warned us of allowing our conscience to grow insensitive to moral issues, as well as being molded into the dishonest and corrupt power grab of self-interested people. The last few years have begun to clearly define what those in power actually believe about men in office who hold biblical standards of living. Recent occurrences of this very issue have been troubling. A politician in England and leader of his party has been ousted by party members because he holds homosexuality is a sin. During a TV interview he was pressed to explain himself. The pressure became relentless when a newspaper found an interview from 2007 that suggested he believed that abortion is wrong, although this man was in agreement with many other views of his party. He stepped down as party leader saying, "To be a political leader, in 2017, and to live as a committed Christian, to hold faithfully to the Bible's teaching has felt impossible." He added "I seem to have been the subject of suspicion because of what I believe and who my faith is in." (Wall Street Journal, June 15, 2017) The party welcomes believers insofar as religion can be useful to their political agenda.

Meanwhile in the "land of the free and the home of the brave" a senator, who has been around Washington for years and has become popular and powerful, has relentlessly questioned a presidential



John Duckhorn, longtime Bible teacher at Wauwatosa Chapel, ProBuColls Wednesday night Scanda House and downtown YMCA studies and Missionary to Columbia

nominee about his own Christian convictions. According to the nominee, people who do know Jesus Christ as God's son and redeemer "do not know God." This is a basic Christian Doctrine teaching that faith in the God-Man is essential to salvation. The senator went further arguing that the nominee's views were Islamophobic and hateful. The implication is that a devout Christian can't hold his faith's basic belief and serve in public office. Read the Constitution's Article VI. This important Article makes it clear that there is never to be a test of one's religion to hold a position in government. In England and here it appears that these men are asked not to live by their conscience. To disagree with someone's theology means that you hate them. Nonsense! What ought to be our answer to this destruction of our founding father's document?

The answer to this is found in Paul's writing and especially in First Peter. Christians are not to give up their beliefs to Rome or any other ideas contrary to the Word of God they have learned and put to practice in their lives. The recipients of Peter's epistle would need to be reminded of the work of God through the "precious blood of Christ." Peter reminds them that the new birth came to them through the Word of God. That will mean allowing the Bible to give them discernment regarding the world around them and the need for Christians not to change their lives and convictions.

If the above illustrations are of any importance to us, it appears that the parties involved want to silence our voice and control our conscience. They want us to agree with them or stay out of the way. It seems to me they are asking godly moral people to stay out of the public square. As certain laws are added to the books of law, we, as followers of Christ, might someday be held as law breakers. The wedding cake and flower store owners have already suffered under the weight of laws that ought not to have been written. Be strong in His Grace and the power of His might.

In addition to teaching your children throughout the day, you must set aside specific, planned times to worship the Lord and learn His Word together. Conducting family devotions requires planning and diligence if this godly practice is to develop and be maintained in your home. - John C. Broger

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The Wait

By Linda Oberbrunner, Author of *Mercy Extended*



Linda Oberbrunner

THE WAIT How long would you wait in line for a highly coveted ticket to an event? One day, a whole month, or even a year? This very question was answered for me the other day during a unique conversation with my friend, Patti. Her story intrigued me and stirred my mind to think about the gift—of waiting and also the gift in—waiting for a prized desire.

It was 1992 and Patti along with many Wisconsinites watched an exuberant and talented new player give his best every weekend, Monday or Thursday during his first year after signing on as a quarterback. Patti was a married mom of two young sons who thought about an improbable dream for her family.

She researched the process for her objective and completed the required paperwork to be placed on an extensive waiting list for coveted Green Bay Packer Season Tickets. It seemed a little crazy at the time to want four designated seats among the other 38,000 season ticket holders to assure guaranteed seats for life. She could picture herself and three chosen family or friends seeing and cheering every home game in Lambeau's 81,441 seat stadium. So in 1992, Patti began to wait.

Every year she received her postcard with updated information as to how many people were waiting ahead of her for season tickets. The initial number of 20,000 ahead of her seemed almost unrealistic. However, the years passed by and the numbers annually changed reflecting her move forward. Patti remained focused and hopeful.

This spring in 2022, after waiting for 30 years, Patti was alerted that IF she wanted tickets for four, she needed to respond and also pay a deposit to secure her season tickets from now until she chooses not to renew. Although this may not be the Packers best year, Patti and her family have already discovered the 30 year wait worth every moment.

For every believer and follower of Jesus Christ, not one knows the time of His return but are forewarned: "You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Luke 12:40

At times, waiting for God's amazing Second Coming may seem long and arduous, yet God's Word is true and trustworthy so we can wait with full expectancy: "So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him." Hebrews 9:28

That's why as this world seems to get darker and more evil prevails daily, we have the opportunity to read God's authoritative promise in the final chapter and verses of Revelation 22:20-21: "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen."

A Voice for Life: Alveda King On Forgiveness, Truth And Transformation



Since the 1980s, Alveda King has been an outspoken advocate for the sanctity of human life. The granddaughter of Martin Luther King Sr., and the niece of Martin Luther King Jr., Alveda grew up in the church, yet her prominent last name didn't shield her from the pain of divorce and other heartaches. But then she was born again, and her views on several key issues began to change as she read God's Word through spiritual eyes. She spoke with Decision about her redemption story, as well as the Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and what it means for the pro-life cause.

Q. You have been an advocate for the sanctity of human life for almost four decades. What emotions did you feel when you heard the high court had overturned *Roe v. Wade*?

A. I ran the full gamut of emotions. I wanted to cry, shout, scream, run, jump, and I did all of the above. I was among a group who had been praying and believing that this would eventually come about. However, I did not see this in the sense of, "We have won, it's over." We are going to have to go state by state, helping to transform hearts

and minds. People have been lied to for so long and told that it's OK to kill a baby in the womb. All of that has to be unraveled. So we have a task before us, but God is still with us.

Q. Even though you were raised in the church, you had several personal experiences with abortion early in life. Could you share that story, and how you eventually came to saving faith in Christ and found the forgiveness and clarity you were seeking?

A. In 1950, my mom conceived me as a freshman in college. She was not ready to birth a baby. She was engaged to my daddy. And she was really going to abort me. My grandfather, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Sr., said, "You can't abort that baby. She's going to bless many people." So my mother listened. My parents were married and I was born the first of five children.

I grew up and got married and I had a baby. Then I got pregnant again. I went to ask for a pregnancy test and my doctor said, "That's too soon. You don't need another baby." He did a local D&C without explaining to me what it was. That was my second baby and my first abortion. Now, I didn't ask for an abortion; I asked for a pregnancy test. And then he referred me to Planned Parenthood. He said, "Go and they'll help you to manage your family."

When I got pregnant again, *Roe v. Wade* had just been decided. This was 1973. And Planned Parenthood advised me to get an abortion. "Oh, you're not ready. You have your whole life ahead of you." So, that's how I had a second abortion. I believed it. They said, "Don't talk to the church or your

family. Don't go to church, don't go to your family. Come to us. We'll help you." So now here I am, pro-choice. And I remained pro-choice for the next several years, until 1983 when I accepted Jesus as my Lord, confessed all my sins, including the abortions, and became a voice for life. And so, I've been a voice for life since then.

Q. Were you converted to Christ while you were in the Georgia legislature?

A. I became born again the last year I was in the legislature. So, I was elected to office and I served two full terms, from 1978 to 1983, as a Democratic state representative in Georgia.

Q. How did your colleagues respond to your change of heart on the abortion issue?

A. Many people in 1983, when I began to ask the question, would say a woman has a right to choose what she does with her body. There were many people in the African American community at that time who agreed with my view because Planned Parenthood had not successfully indoctrinated the community to the level we have reached today. And believe it or not, Jesse Jackson, for example, gave one of the best pro-life speeches that America has ever heard. He later changed because the rabid feminists said, "Well, that's OK. We hear what you said about the babies, but women need a champion, too." So about the time that Jesse became pro-choice, that's the time that I was becoming pro-life.

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Milwaukee Police Department Officer Peter Jerving who gave his life in the line of duty this past February as he and his partner pursued a young man on foot. A friend to all, Peter called Terrell by name twice trying to get him to stop running. Following Doug's testimony, reading and prayer, the crowd responded with a standing ovation. Emcee Pipines comforted the teary-eyed crowd and Peter's parents, saying, "Your son Peter no doubt never tires of the words he is hearing in heaven as his Heavenly Father says to him, 'Well done thou good and faithful servant.'"

First recognizing Governor Tony Evers, Commander of American Legion Post #288 in Cedarburg, WI Dennis Jaeger did a wonderful Tribute to Our Troops. Dennis first asked World War II Veteran Howard Honett, PE US Naval Air Corps 1943-1945 to stand followed by all Veterans in attendance so those who served might receive due recognition for their sacrifice. Dennis gave glory to God for creating us all with life and liberty, citing the New Testament book of Hebrews. Board Member of Luther Manor, Thomas M. Buck, Ph.D. did the Prayer for Leadership reminding us of the blessings of being surrounded by good leaders and those who look to and obey God. In his prayer, Tom gave thanks for our freedom to choose our leaders and look for those who make right decisions according to God's will.

Music this year was performed by the Siegmann Family who left the cows for a few minutes hailing from Rubicon, WI. Running

an organic dairy farm, the Siegmann siblings have been playing music together since traveling with their parents to venues around the State and beyond. It was no time before the audience was clapping and tapping their toes to I Saw the Light and I'll Fly Away. Nothing like their banjo, fiddle, strings and great vocals!



The Siegmann Family from Rubicon, WI entertained all at the 2023 Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast

Next on the line-up was Green Bay Packer great Don Beebe. But, an audible must have been called because Tom Pipines first introduced Don's wife Diana Beebe. Diana told a little about the wonderful life she and Don and their children have had in and out of football. Diana said that like Governor Evers and his wife, she and Don first met in kindergarten! Hear more of Diana's story at the upcoming Leadership Luncheon that will be held at the WI Club on Thursday June 29, 2023 at Noon. Don Beebe recapped his life story giving credit to God for using the many setbacks he experienced in his athletic career to shape him into the teammate, husband, father, and coach he has become. With a shout out to Steve "the Homer" True who was in the audience, Don talked about his 40-yard dash times that opened many doors for him and said his famous play chasing down Dallas Cowboy Leon Lett in the Superbowl came from the instincts and character built into him by his dad and his

relationship with Jesus Christ. Never quit! Don shared stories of playing with Packer greats Brett Favre and Reggie White. Copies of Don's book Six Rings from Nowhere were handed free to everyone in attendance. Additional copies can be purchased at a special Prayer Breakfast price at ProBuColls Christian Literature Center 9733 W. Greenfield Avenue.

Concluding our program was newly elected Milwaukee County Sheriff Denita R. Ball. Standing tall in her uniform, Sheriff Ball gave thanks to Almighty God asking blessings on all the citizens of our greater community including law enforcement and military that we might all do God's will His way. Lord, let our community be unified and be as one in Jesus' name. Amen.



Mary and Ted Cheney Lcdr hosted the Veterans table sponsored by Vice Admiral (Ret.) Dirk Debbink at the 2023 Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast

Tom Pipines gave one last call to pray for our leaders and make disciples of all nations, announcing the date for next year's Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast being on National Day of Prayer May 2, 2024.

Note: The 2023 Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast is viewable on the ProBuColls YouTube channel

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CHICAGO AGREES TO \$205,000 SETTLEMENT IN CASE BROUGHT BY STUDENTS BARRED FROM SHARING THE GOSPEL IN PARK

The city of Chicago has agreed to pay \$205,000 in settlement of a case brought by four Christian college students who were barred from sharing the Gospel in the city's Millennium Park in 2018, Christianity Today (CT) reports.

The case arose when Caeden Hood, Matt Swart, Jeremy Chong, and Gabriel Emerson, all students at the Christian Wheaton College, were ordered by Chicago city park officials to stop preaching and handing out Gospel tracts at the Millennium Park and its famous "Bean" sculpture, CT reports. The officials cited city rules prohibiting "the making of speeches" and passing out of literature in most of the 24-acre park as reasons for the ban.

Believing their First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and religion had been violated, the students reached out to Christian law

firm Mauck & Baker, which is known for helping black storefront churches to stay in their buildings when landowners would seek to zone them out, CT reports. Attorney John Mauck took on the students' case on a pro bono basis, and filed suit against the city of Chicago on their behalf in 2019.



After four years of legal proceedings, the city agreed on Wednesday to pay \$205,000 settlement, including \$5,000 each for the students as well as attorneys' fees for the years-long litigation, CT reports. As part of the settlement, the parties agreed that

evangelizing near the Bean would be allowed, but not handing out tracts. And, in areas where literature is allowed to be handed out, students can hand out tracts once but not again.

The city also changed its rules to clarify it does not "restrict First Amendment activity on the sidewalks throughout the park," CT said.



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Scottish Venue That Canceled 2020 Franklin Graham Event to Pay Over \$100K for Violating UK Equality Act

By Dale Chamberlain



On October 24, a Scottish court ruled in favor of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) in a lawsuit against Scottish Event Campus Limited (SEC), which canceled an evangelistic event at the Hydro Arena in Glasgow featuring Franklin Graham in 2020 on the grounds of Graham's stated beliefs about human sexuality and Islam.

Sheriff John N. McCormick ruled that SEC would be obligated to pay over \$111,000 (£97,000) for violating the UK's Equality Act.

SEC was one of seven UK venues that canceled BGEA events, part of Graham's "God Loves You" tour, in January 2020 after facing pressure from LGBTQ+ advocates. Multiple groups argued that Graham's public remarks regarding LGBTQ+ issues and the Muslim faith constituted dangerous hate speech.

Graham, who is the son of legendary evangelist Billy Graham and president of BGEA,

has often publicly rebuked LGBTQ+ values and has referred to the Muslim faith as "wicked and evil."

In his Monday ruling, McCormick wrote, "Briefly put, if it is correct that the event was evangelistic, based on religion or philosophical belief, then it follows that the decision to cancel was a breach of the Equality Act 2010 in that the event was cancelled as a commercial response to the views of objectors."

McCormick ruled that SEC had discriminated against BGEA "on the basis of a protected characteristic" and would be required to pay \$111,503.19 (£97,325.32) in damages.

Though SEC argued in the case that the cancellation of the event came in light of concerns regarding protests and security, McCormick ruled that these concerns were not the sole reason for the cancellation. While SEC's board did discuss security concerns, they never raised these concerns when meeting with Glasgow City Council.

"I heard no evidence to suggest that Franklin Graham had intended to pursue a toxic or dangerous agenda at the event. On the contrary, it is not disputed that the event would have been an evangelical outreach event for up to twelve thousand people," McCormick wrote. "That is not to say that his opinions are not offensive to some whether in Glasgow or elsewhere. However, the pursuer's right to

engage a speaker at the evangelical event — in furtherance of a religious or philosophical belief — is protected by law."

According to the Christian Post, Graham said he is "grateful to God for this decision," viewing the ruling as "a clear victory for freedom of speech and religion in the UK."

Graham further stated the lawsuit was not about receiving a settlement but "about the preservation of religious freedom in the UK."

"I want to thank Sheriff John McCormick for upholding the law and affirming that Christians must be treated fairly and equally," Graham went on to say. "This ruling will be a great encouragement for Christians and people of all faiths across the UK and many other parts of the world."

A spokesperson for SEC expressed to the BBC that they were disappointed by the ruling and that they are "currently reviewing the extensive documentation to determine whether any further action is required."

Graham's events had been set for May through October of 2020. Ironically, the events likely would have been indefinitely postponed anyway due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The UK leg of the "God Loves You" tour was rescheduled and took place earlier this year.

WISCONSIN CELEBRATES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GOVERNOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

— Jesus Christ (John 8:36)

Historically, the leadership of our nation has turned to God for strength and guidance. It is in this spiritual tradition that we hold the **Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast**. Participants are laypeople representing the leadership of our community. In a busy and troubled world, attendance at this inspiring prayer breakfast demonstrates our dedication to God and our faith in His plan and purpose for each one of us.

Over the years, the National Prayer Breakfast gathering in Washington, D.C., has proved a continuing influence throughout the world by recognizing publicly the privileges and responsibilities of a nation under God. Because of the impact of the National Breakfast throughout America and the world, many cities, states, and countries are making it possible for the leadership on the local level to get together to develop the cause of a spiritual awakening through prayer.

In keeping with the foregoing ideals, the Christian Courier Newspaper, with the cooperation of other interested community leaders, sponsors this Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast.

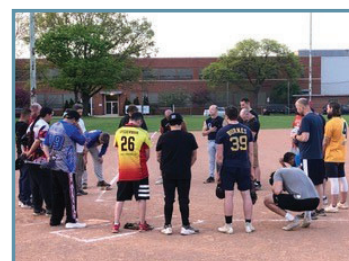
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'23 CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE SEASON HAS STARTED!



After their double header, Brookside Baptist prays with players from Southbrook Church



Mercy Hill Church players join Grace Community Church in prayer following their games last Monday night at West Milwaukee Park



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Q. There are likely women reading this article who have had an abortion and kept it under wraps, perhaps carrying the guilt of their decision through the years. Maybe they sit in church week after week without telling anyone. What encouragement would you have for these women?

A. As a 72-year-old woman, I would encourage any woman who has had an abortion and is troubled in her heart, who has maybe even carried it as a secret for years, if you're having any feelings, any thoughts, go to God. Go to Jesus Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you. Ask forgiveness of God. You can do it by yourself. You can do it with your prayer partners. You can do it with your pastor, your leaders. But ask God to forgive you. There's healing and there is strength when we go to God in prayer.

Q. Abortion seems to have had an outsized effect on the black community, beginning with the old eugenics movement. Do you see more African Americans waking up to this issue as an injustice?

A. The younger generation, including African Americans, young people now who are under 40—the younger they are, the more aware they are that injustices are occurring in this nation. They also understand that abortion is an injustice and a civil wrong.

Margaret Sanger, the founder of the Birth Control League, which became Planned Parenthood, once said that “colored people are like weeds” and they need to be eliminated. But they didn't package it that way. Instead, they began to market abortion as a woman's right.

Thankfully, more black women are beginning to keep their babies, and I'm very excited about that. I'm seeing the numbers go up and I believe that's largely a result of the prayers in church communities like the Church of God in Christ, for example. I'm part of a group, the National Black Pro-Life Coalition, and we labor tirelessly to educate, inform and activate the black community about the civil rights of the unborn and the sanctity of life. We fight very hard to promote that message.

Q. Some people, like Abby Johnson, for example, have voiced their hope for a day when abortion is unthinkable for most people. How can we move in that direction, and what role do we as God's people play in that?

A. We have to admit that we could have and should have been more prepared to serve families who have children and are going to need help. And we're going to have to get the truth about abortion out. It's our responsibility to do that. And so, as we continue to do these things, people's hearts will change with prayer and repentance and compassion. That has to come.

And we have to support elected officials who will support programs to strengthen the family, and by that I mean a dad and mom together having children and raising those children. We have to support getting values and character back in our society and help people value themselves more and plan futures for life rather than death. All of these things are a beautiful opportunity and we can do this together.

FOUNDER OF OPERATION MOBILIZATION DIES

The man who founded the global Christian mission agency Operation Mobilization has died.

George Verwer passed away peacefully at his home near London, England, on the evening of April 14. He was 84 years old.

Verwer founded Operation Mobilization in the 1960s to bring the word of Christ to new communities around the world. He directed the ministry for 45 years. Under his leadership, OM expanded in the 1960s, 70s and 80s

across Europe and into the Middle East, then via volunteers crewing ocean-going ships.

Logos, the first of five vessels, was launched in 1971. Since then, more than 49 million people have visited the onboard book fairs, with more than 70 million religious texts distributed during port calls in 151 countries, the organization said.

Verwer led OM until 2003, then concentrated on special projects, traveling and speaking on global missions around the world, and was “rarely seen without his world

map jacket or inflatable globe.”

Verwer was born in New Jersey in 1938 and made a personal commitment to Christ at a Billy Graham rally in New York City in the 1950s. When he was in college in Tennessee, he and two friends sold some of their possessions to fund a road trip to Mexico, taking 20,000 Spanish-language tracts and 10,000 Gospel booklets.

Verwer was the author of several books, including “Revolution of Love,” “Out of the Comfort Zone,” “Messiology” and “Confessions of a Toxic Perfectionist.”



Diane Fechter, Author

In the Kitchen With Diane



CREAMY CHICKEN WITH BACON

3# chicken tenders*

0.4 oz pkg dry Ranch dressing mix

8 oz cream cheese, cubed

few dashes hot sauce, optional

8 oz shredded cheddar cheese

1/2 pound chopped cooked bacon

4 chopped green onions

In slow cooker place chicken, sprinkle with Ranch dressing, top with cream cheese and optional hot sauce. Cover and cook on high 1 hour then low about 4 hours. Shred chicken using 2 forks. Serve on baked potato topped with cheese, bacon and onions.

Optional: Serve on hot cooked rice, pasta, mashed potatoes or rolls.

*3 # chicken breast can be substituted, but I prefer the tenders.

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A JOKE TO WARM THE HEART

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, “Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt.”

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said “Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming.”

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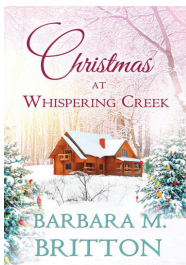
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7:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study: Exodus
Brookside Baptist Church, 4470 Pilgrim Rd, Brookfield, WI
Pastor John - 920-445-1899

8 am Faithwalkers
Saturdays - CrossWay NorthShore Church
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Stan Lind - 414-305-8383

Christian Book Reviews

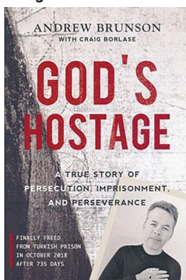
A Christmas at Whispering Creek by Barbara M. Britton



All Samantha Williams wants to do is to use her teaching degree to instruct a classroom of second graders. But, after a breast cancer diagnosis at the age of twenty-three, and failed reconstruction surgery, Sam finds herself without a job and temporarily living with her parents. This isn't the life Sam expected. When a family friend dies and leaves Sam a house and land in Whispering Creek, Tennessee, Sam must decide if leaving Wisconsin for Southern living is in her lesson plans.

Nashville native, Cole Donovan, left his family's electrical business to write country music. When Cole's song-writing partner and girlfriend dumps him for a country music star, Cole abandons Nashville to hole up in Whispering Creek and compose one more song. The last thing Cole expects to find in the sleepy small town is a deceased friend, estate squabbles, and a Northern beauty. Will the chaos in Whispering Creek help create a bestselling song for Cole and possible help him find a life-long collaborator? **Pelican Book Group - Christian Fiction \$15.99**

God's Hostage: A True Story of Persecution, Imprisonment, and Perseverance by Andrew Brunson with Craig Borlase

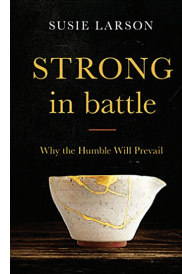


In 2016, Andrew and Norine Brunson were arrested in Turkey after serving as missionaries for 23 years. God's Hostage is the incredible true story of Andrew's imprisonment, his brokenness, his faithfulness...and his freedom in 2018, after a worldwide prayer movement and significant pressure from the US government.

The Brunsons were recently in Milwaukee at the ProBuColls Pastor's and Christian Workers Day. You can see them at:

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Strong in the Battle by Susie Larson

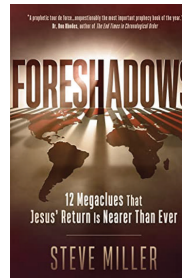


What you believe about God and your place in his kingdom has everything to do with how you'll fare in the battles of this life. Jesus has won the war. We're on the winning side. Though it seems at times that the enemy is winning the day, God himself will have the final say.

The book includes practical strategies for getting back to peace even when you are in the midst of battle. When you employ these tactics, you are not vulnerable to the enemy's schemes, and you arise victorious with a stronger sense of who you are and what you possess through Jesus Christ.

Baker Publishing Group/Bethany \$17.99

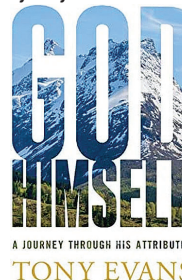
Foreshadows: 12 Megacues That Jesus' Return is Nearer Than Ever by Steve Miller



"This book helps us to interpret current events in the light of biblical prophecy, reminding us that whether the return of Christ is near or far, the stage is being set for His arrival. ARE WE READY?" - Erwin W. Lutzer

Foreshadows explores 12 major trends that point toward Jesus' ever-nearing return and illuminates how God's faithfulness, wisdom, and sovereignty are on display all around us. **Harvest Prophecy \$17.99**

God Himself A Journey Through His Attributes by Tony Evans



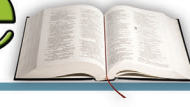
Join Tony Evans as he dives into the character of our awesome God—one attribute at a time. Dr. Evans offers insights about the character of God that will challenge you to pursue greater intimacy with Him.

Moody Publishers \$12.99

Genesis 8:22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.



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Communism Poses Greatest Threat To Christians Worldwide Says Former Member US Commission On International Freedom

by Karen Faulkner (Worthy News)

A Christian leader and former member of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom has stated that communism, not Islamic terrorism, presents the greatest threat to Christians worldwide, the Washington Times reports.

The co-author of a new book published by Tyndale and titled "The New Book of Christian Martyrs," Rev. Johnnie Moore told the Washington Times: "The number one persecutor of Christians around the world is not the Islamist terrorist. It's communism," he said. "The communist countries are still the main persecutors of Christians."

On May 1, the USCIRF published its annual report on the state of religious freedom worldwide, and focussed especially on the crackdown on Chinese Christians and house churches by China's ruling Communist Party regime, the Times reports.

"Under current circumstances with the regime in China, we have a full-on relapse [of] the Cultural Revolution targeting every single Christian not only in that country, but in every country it's linked to," Moore told the Times in commenting on the USCIRF findings.

Moore went on to say he believes American Christians should be taught about the history and the vast reach of persecution around the world. "Christians in America have come to think that somehow their faith should be accepted and not controversial and being a Christian means that everybody will like you and the story of 2,000 years of Christian history is that through most of history, it was pretty controversial to be a follower of Jesus. It just comes with the territory," he said.



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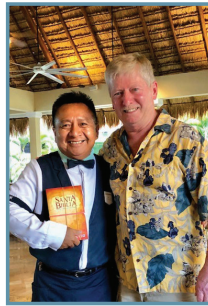
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Bibles in Mexico

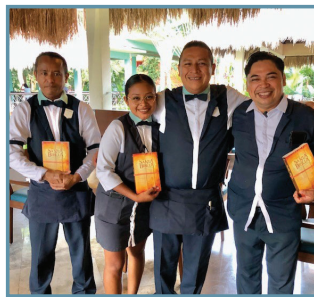
Email from Dennis and Patty St George (Colgate, WI)
to Bob Conklin at ProBuColls



Here are photos of Bibles that I gave out in Mexico. One I gave out last fall to a Mexican unbeliever in Wautoma, Wisconsin. He said his family believed, but he did not, and they did not have a Bible. He told me he would read it, and I said I would pray for him that he comes to Christ. I found that approximately 30% of the Mexicans that I spoke with do not have Bibles. However, almost all Mexicans that I spoke with are Christians, believers of Jesus Christ. One of my strangest encounters was when I came across a Mexican Jehovah witness. She told

me she had the Bible app in her phone and that she had read the Bible. I spoke with her for a while and said no one comes to the Father except through the Son, Jesus Christ. She said she would read the Bible again. I hope she will convert.

Bob, I can't thank you enough for sponsoring me with a case of Spanish Bibles. My Cuban pastor down in Mexico told me that on average a Mexican worker makes \$10 per eight hour day. When it comes between feeding the family and paying bills or buying a Bible, which is expensive, they feed the family. I said I'm sure that's what the Lord would want anyway. Lord, willing, my wife and I will be visiting Mexico in March 2024. If you would like to sponsor me again with another case of Bibles, I will gladly go down there to serve and witness for Christ. Thank you again, so very, very much for serving the Lord in this way!



Romans 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

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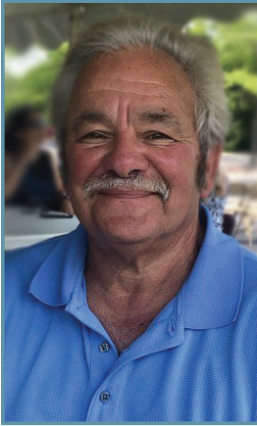


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The Good Old Days

by David Oblak



There is an old Beatles song lyric that goes: "I read the news today, oh boy." That lyric defines my reaction to the news I read regarding Camp Timberlee being purchased by Greg Kunes of Kunes Auto & R.V. Group. That, in my opinion, VERY good news. Because it means that Timberlee will continue its legacy as a Christian Camp.

And the article got me to thinking. Thinking about "The Good Old Days." And a lot of my favorite memories are those good old days of camping. All kinds of camping experiences. Hunting camps in the fall. Family camping with my wife and children.

And, above all - Christian camps with fellow believers. Sometimes family camp, sometimes men's retreats, couples retreats, and some of my all time favorite camping memories, father and son camping.

Some of my best times I have had with my sons have been out in God's magnificent adventure playground. The Great Outdoors. And I have one entire scrapbook of memorials that I owe to a great group of guys who were some of my closest companions for a while. I'm talking about a program called Boys Club. Its roots were set down at Elmbrook Church, in Brookfield, Wisconsin. And like the old song says, "These were the days my friend, we thought they'd never end." And how I wish those days of Boys Club, Crystal River Trips, Father/Son Fall Camp at Timberlee Christian Center, would have never ended. There is a truly special bond that develops between men and boys in rugged outdoor shared adventures. Where there is a certain degree of danger. A certain degree of unpredictability involved with grabbing an old tent that may end up leaking like a sieve in an unsprayed for downpour that soaks every last dry piece of clothing you brought along. A certain degree of risk for men and boys who have had no previous camping experiences prior to their first Crystal River Trip, rubbing shoulders with other fathers and sons who seem to be woods wise, and pioneering as Daniel Boone or Davey Crockett.

And the beauty of the whole experience is how the "battle hardened" fathers and sons who live for their next camping adventure - take the lesser experienced, the "greenhorns" under their wings and share their knowledge, their tips and even their provisions with the fathers and sons who are new in this part of their faith journey. And I see in these scenarios, what real discipleship actually looks like in a pure and natural environment, God's great outdoors.

And all this got me to thinking, reflecting. Reflecting on how the good old days of camping reflect back to some real Old Good Old Days and some not so good days of the campers, in Old Israel where people lived in tents. Where they lived off the land. Where they saw God provide for them in a way that could only happen in a wild, untamed setting. Where people functioned like a family. Like a tribe where every person mattered.

And I think about Jesus and His disciples. Surely, Jesus and His men slept out under the stars together as they journeyed between cities. They enjoyed "fish and chips" numerous times on seashores. Sometimes just The Lord and His disciples alone together. Sometimes, the

family camp of 5,000 men along with the wives and kiddos. And the coolest part is —Jesus Himself seems to have a knack for cooking up broiled fish and baked bread on shore with His fellow campers where the outdoor air created a hunger and special appreciation for tasty food like always happens to me whenever I have a camping adventure.

And let's not forget the Lord's own personal, most consistent example, of a man of the outdoors. He is constantly reported as rising a good long while before the day, to "escape" to a mountainside, a lakeside, or garden, or a quiet, remote, deserted place to pray and connect most deeply and intimately with His Father above. Smack dab in the middle of God's living, breathing, creation.

What is it about communing with God alone or together in the great outdoors, that seems to make it so much easier to have true fellowship with one another? I think it's the way God's creation levels the playing field for all of us. It brings us back to the simple basics of life. The things that matter most to all of us. "With food, clothing and shelter we shall be content." "He makes the sun to shine on all people - the evil and the good" or "He makes the rain to fall on all of us." Beautiful, sunny days at Timberlee, Fort Wilderness, Camp Awana, Spencer Lake Bible Camp, Silver Birch Ranch and many others are there for the taking and for the sharing for all of us. And jogging shoes, wet blankets, and pillows and sleeping bags are the sometimes shared fate for all of us wayfaring strangers to the great outdoors.

And here's the truly remarkable sense of humor of our Lord regarding the "nightmare" camping experiences. Some of my best memories are those that are well described by Joe Walsh in a song, "And these times that I thought - or my kids thought- were the end of the world, didn't turn out so bad after all." And some of my greatest joys come when I reflect back on soggy bottom bays, sifting muddy, matted hair and all, eating hot dogs and "s'mores" around a roaring fire, singing songs and giving The Great Camp Counselor Himself —The Lord Jesus Christ —praise and thanks for bringing us together like a family, as we learn to appreciate the finer things in life that matter most. Good Food, Good Times, Good Friends, a warm dry sleeping bag, clean clothes, a hot shower, or refreshing dip in the Crystal River. And even the fiberglass itch from the canoes at Dings Dock.

Yes sir, let's roll out those Lazy Hazy Crazy Days of Summer and shut off the phones, the television sets, the computers, and all these 'devish' distraction devices, and get back to the memory maker places like Timberlee. If you live in the Southeastern portion of Wisconsin, I suggest you give the folks at Timberlee a call. Even if you are totally new and inexperienced to this whole 'camping thing!' I know that these good folk would be happy to have you come and share the great outdoors with them and other families just like yours.

Remember, yesterday's Good Old Days, were once tomorrow's uncharted waters of a camping adventure waiting, like a story to unfold.

Many thanks and much appreciation to the Kunes family and their courage to dream and resurrect a refuge that can still be the birthplace of what true family fellowship looks, acts, and sounds like. Well, I gotta go - I think I hear the Crystal River calling my name.

Here endeth the lesson - let's make sure the "good old days" never end!

HIRE THAT MUSICIAN!

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But,

you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."



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Around 400 Baptist Churches in Ukraine 'Lost' Due To Russian Invasion: Seminary President

By Michael Gryboski

Around 400 Baptist churches based in the occupied parts of Ukraine cease to exist due to the Russian invasion, according to a seminary president who lives in the Eastern European nation.

Yaroslav Pyzh, president of Ukrainian Baptist Theological Seminary in Lviv, told the Baptist Press in an interview published Monday that "about 400 Baptist churches" had been "lost."

The seminary leader confirmed the number of lost congregations to The Christian Post and outlined how he arrived at that estimate.

"This estimate comes from territories that have been occupied or are occupied," he explained to CP. "As well, it includes some of the churches where I pastor and people just move out of the country. Also, this is the number that Baptist Union of Ukraine is using."

Pyzh defined "lost" as meaning "the churches that ceased to exist because of war-related circumstances," with this sometimes meaning the "buildings are destroyed," but ultimately that in "all cases people left," either being "displaced in Ukraine" or moving to "other countries."

The seminary president suggested that the denominational affiliation of the churches may have been a factor in the hostility they faced since Russians have been known to consider Baptists to be "agents of the West."

"But in most cases, people were leaving because it is impossible to live in the war-torn territories," Pyzh added.

On Feb. 24, Russia invaded its neighbor Ukraine, claiming it was seeking to protect territory in eastern Ukraine that had declared independence. Since then, the United Nations estimates that over 10 million refugees have fled Ukraine.

Although the Russian military has superior numbers and resources, the Ukrainians have offered stiffer-than-expected resistance under



the leadership of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Many churches have been damaged or destroyed due to Russian aggression in eastern Ukraine.

In June, it was reported that All Saints Monastery of the Svyatogorsk Lavra, a historic Orthodox monastery that has existed since the 1500s, was destroyed by Russian artillery.

Dan Upchurch, a missionary with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention who

serves in Eastern Europe, told CP that some churches have disbanded due to the war" but "other church leaders who have relocated and are working to establish or re-establish churches, including leaders working to gather scattered believers."

"Despite the chaos the war has produced, many churches across Ukraine have seen new people coming to faith over the past six months and being baptized this summer," Upchurch asserted.

Pyzh believes the "biggest challenge of this war" will not be "rebuilding buildings and infrastructure" but rebuilding "leadership capacity."

"I believe that God placed UBTS in the right spot in the right time with the right people," stated Pyzh. "This crisis also brought a lot of new opportunities. A lot of new people will step into the position of leadership. For UBTS, [the] mission [is] as clear as ever to train and equip leaders. This is what we will do."

As indicated on its website, UBTS "has halted classes and is now using all of its facilities to provide humanitarian aid to people who are fleeing west to L'viv – most of them women and children."

UBTS has provided more than 250 metric tons of humanitarian aid to 10 regions in Ukraine, in addition to serving more than 10,000 refugees in Lviv and serving more than 420,000 meals in since the invasion began.

Suffering Churches Help Earthquake Victims

By Stefan J. Bos (Worthy News)

Suffering churches in one of the areas hardest hit by last month's devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria are still "delivering aid and letting people know they are not forgotten," a spokesperson said Thursday.

Brian Orme, chief communication officer at Global Christian Relief told Worthy News that his aid group works with Christians who themselves lost loved ones.

"We met Mr. John, the relief director at St. George Church in [the Turkish port city of] Iskenderun, one of the hardest-hit areas. Tens of thousands of lives lost just in this one city," Orme said.

"Many of our loved ones are under the rubble. Everyone has lost someone," Orme quoted the Christian leader as saying. "Everyone we spoke with was grieving while simultaneously trying to survive," Orme added.

The latest difficulties come amid ongoing reports of persecution of Christians in at least some areas of Turkey, Worthy News established.

In comments shared with Worthy News, Mehmet, a father of four young children who lost his home and lives in a tent camp, said he was happy with the support from Christians in the heavily Muslim nation.

A Christian local aid worker, only identified as Ninve amid security concerns, said that she saw that even small relief or words of encouragement mean much in this crisis. "A small move can change a whole life," she noted in comments sent to Worthy News. "Not just for one person, but for a whole village. We don't want to feel abandoned. We need to know that all Christians are with us."

Orme asked Christians "to remember the people in Turkey and Syria who have lost so much and still have urgent survival needs. They need our prayers and our generous support today."

He said, "on the ground, you see so much after such a horrific event." But he added that "God is using prayers and support to bring hope and help the churches be salt and light to their hurting communities."

Authorities said this week that more than at least 51,000 people are already known to have died, including more than 45,000 in Turkey and thousands in Syria. The earthquake and subsequent powerful tremors injured more than 108,000 in Turkey and left millions sheltering in tents or seeking to move to other cities, aid workers and officials say.





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HOMESCHOOLING: A Creative Alternative to Education

by Frances Arthur

When the world turned upside down in the early spring of 2020, parents were left scrambling to determine ways to entertain their families while they were “locked down” for an estimated two weeks. Two months later, those same parents were wondering how their children could legitimately finish the school year without getting “too far behind” and being prepared for the next grade. Many families chose to embrace the situation by that fall and began the journey as homeschoolers.



It is estimated that there are 2.5 million homeschooled students in the United States. What some parents don't realize is that homeschooling is so much more than just a means to educate children. If you do it right, it is a way of life. Just as much as choosing to eat only kosher foods, training for marathons, or being actively involved in your place of worship, being a homeschooling family can affect every decision you will make in your household. For my house, choosing to homeschool our children was the third-best decision I made in my life.

If this is something that piques your interest, there are a few things you will need to do before you begin. The first step is to research the laws for homeschooling in your state. Homeschooling is legal throughout the United States, but laws among them are different. The best way to learn the parameters for your state is to contact the state home education association. Homeschooling parents love to talk to and share what they know with other parents who are interested. Be sure to ask about the registration requirements, attendance, vaccinations, and grade reporting systems, as well as any other details with which you are unfamiliar. It is wise to make a list of questions before you make contact, but even then, you won't know everything to ask. That's okay! You will learn! I promise!

One of the most common questions asked is how to find the right curriculum. This is where the beauty of homeschooling lies. With few exceptions, the parents get to choose the curriculum that works best for them. When parents ask me, “What is the best curriculum for my fifth grader (or any other age)?” I reply, “The one that works best for YOUR fifth grader.” Then I try to help them determine what that might be. Children are not a batch of cookies that all come out of the oven looking the same! While it can be difficult to decide, rest assured that only you are determined enough to find which one will best serve your child. In a public or private school setting, unless your child meets criteria for needing some intervention, every child uses the same books.

There are many online resources to help you find textbooks – one of my favorites is <https://www.christianbook.com/>. The Homeschool tab at the top of the page provides many options. Another great place to look is at a homeschool expo or curriculum fair. Some areas even have “used curriculum” fairs. You can also look on social media outlets for curriculum sale pages in homeschool groups in your area. When you are trying to decide, keep these questions in mind:

- How does my child learn best? Reading about something? Observing others? Doing an activity? While listening to music? When the room is completely silent?
- Does my child seem to learn differently from other students? Does he/she have trouble learning some subjects while easily grasping others?
- What is my student's attention span? Can he/she focus for long periods of time? Is it easier for him/her to learn things in small pieces of information?
- What things interest my child? What things does he/she strongly dislike?

As you peruse each textbook, keep these questions in mind and allow them to guide your decisions. Also keep in mind that you probably won't get it right the first time. Therefore we recommend buying used books to help you keep costs down.

Another common question is what a typical “day in the life” looks like for a homeschooling family. The answer is.... there is no typical day! Every family is different and has different dynamics that guide them. For example, I was often chastised for not doing a Bible lesson at the beginning of each day. But only I knew my sons. They were most often awake long before I was, had eaten breakfast, done their chores on our farm, and were playing outdoors before 8 AM. Most days we didn't begin schoolwork until 11:00 or noon. They would come inside when it was too hot, cold, or rainy, and they would do schoolwork for a couple of hours. After lunch, they would play for a bit longer and then come back inside to complete their lessons before dinner, baseball games, 4-H meetings, or church. Their Bible lessons were done at night because that was the time when I didn't have to compete with chores, a dog who wanted to play fetch, or a pretty day. I had their undivided attention.

It is important to note that this method would have been disastrous in the homes of some of our friends. Many families thrive on consistency and rely on schedules. Mine is

not one, and I ceased feeling guilty about it a long time ago. Today my two adult sons (ages 30 and 25) are two of the most amazing young men I have ever known. They both have served our country in the military, have full-time work, earn excellent salaries, have no debt, vote in every election, pay their bills on time, and are generally excellent members of their communities. I truly feel that our homeschooling experiences together prepared them to be successful adults today.

Just like every other homeschooling family, ours is a unique story, and one that I would not change for anything. You can read more about it, as well as some of the best tips I learned in my homeschool journey, in my book, *Pearls of Wisdom for Homeschooling Moms*. It can be found at <https://francesarthur.com/>.

HOW TO SUPPORT FRIENDS WHO HOMESCHOOL:

- Offer to watch their children so that mom can go to doctor's appointments and tend to other self-care needs.
- Do NOT act as the testing agent for their children; you do not know what, how, or when they are learning different things.
- Do NOT offer homeschooling advice unless it is requested from you.
- Be an encouragement and blessing to them as the Lord provides opportunity to do so.
- Share the links below with parents who are interested in learning more about homeschooling their children.
- Reach out to your state home education association president and set up a meeting to learn more about what they do. The homeschool community can be very helpful to Eagle Forum, and we can be extraordinarily helpful to them. Currently, most homeschooling families share the same traditional Judeo-Christian values as Eagle Forum. Work together to preserve our mutual interests.
- Offer to speak at homeschool events such as career fairs, conventions, and days they gather at the state capitol.
- Provide opportunities for homeschooled students to shadow you when you are lobbying at your state capitol.
- Pray diligently for the homeschool community, and specifically for those you personally know. Our nation is in a dire condition and if change is to come for the better, it will begin with those who love the Lord, love our country, and are well-educated to speak on important issues. Homeschoolers fit that description.



News & More



For Those Who Belong to God, Joy And Sorrow Make Sense

By Steve Brown

As I write this, the people of Florida face the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Ian. The damage was relatively mild in Orlando, where I live, with some flooding, wind damage, and power outages. In other parts of Florida, though, the damage was horrendous. So many have lost everything they owned, to say nothing about injuries and the loss of lives. It is a time of great lament and sorrow.

Along with believers all over the country, I'm praying for those who have lost so much.

Hurricane Ian also brings back a whole lot of memories. While living in Miami years ago, we went through Hurricane Andrew. At that time, it was one of the greatest natural disasters the country had ever faced. Several of us at Key Life—the ministry where I serve—were scared spitless during the hurricane, fearing for our lives. We lost our homes. And the newly constructed Key Life building's lobby, with glass on both sides, blew away. (Beforehand, we planned an "open house" the Monday after Andrew. Friends said that lent new meaning to "open house.")

So, I can somewhat identify with those in our state who face very dark circumstances. I've been there, done that, and have the T-shirt. They will survive, eventually rebuild, and return to a normal life. Right now, they aren't so sure, but they will. I felt exactly the same after Hurricane Andrew, but our lives are better now in some ways than they were

before Andrew. Even if it doesn't feel like it now, this, too, shall pass.

When I look back to those days after Hurricane Andrew, I remember the contractor who stole some \$50,000 from our insurance, our "almost" bankruptcy, a thief who stole my car, our period of homelessness, and looking ahead to a very dark future. (And to make matters worse, my mother died during that same period of time.)

But my most poignant memory stands out: the morning after the hurricane. It was a time of great laughter and joy (believe it or not). All the many Christians in our neighborhood met one another in the street between our destroyed houses. Of course, we were relieved. (Winston Churchill said that there was nothing more exhilarating than to be shot at without result.) But we were also laughing at one of our atheist neighbors . . . who had prayed all night. We decided that before something like that ever happened again, we would make sure that our neighbors heard the Gospel.

And then we had a party.

It was absolutely incredible. We took all the frozen food from our dead refrigerators, fired up the grills, and got together for a real feast. We celebrated our survival with joy. And even more than that, we celebrated God's faithfulness, knowing he was good and good all the time, and we belonged to him.



I just read Pastor Jeramie Rinne's letter to his Sanibel Community Church congregation following Hurricane Ian. Sanibel was, by far, one of the hardest hit areas in Florida. He described the horrible devastation they all faced, and then he "preached" one of the best sermons I've ever heard (read) on God's faithfulness. Rinne wrote that letter from a mall in another Florida city where he had become a "Sanibel refugee." He joined others as they watched the hurricane's devastation on a television screen. A store employee approached Rinne and said, "I have to ask . . ." The employee asked the pastor how he could be so calm and nonchalant after losing everything. Pastor Rinne wrote that he started to explain that he was a Christian and a pastor, but before he could finish, the employee's face lit up, and he said, "Of course! You have God. I got it! It all makes sense." Then he walked away, smiling.

He got it!

For those who belong to God, joy and sorrow make sense.

Christian Astronaut Will Pilot NASA's First Crewed Moon Mission in Over 50 Years

A devout Christian astronaut will pilot NASA's first crewed trip around the moon in over 50 years as one of four people from two countries slated to make the trip next November.

In an announcement earlier this month, NASA named the crew for the Artemis II mission, which will include NASA astronauts Christina Hammock Koch, Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, and Canadian Space Agency astronaut Jeremy Hansen. The mission is a 10-day-long flight test of NASA's Orion spacecraft.

Glover, who will be the pilot for the mission, was a former U.S. Navy commander who flew combat missions in Iraq and served as a legislative fellow to the late U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., before he joined NASA in 2013.

At the NASA event in Houston announcing the Artemis mission earlier this month, Glover said that he wanted "to thank God for this amazing opportunity,"

Glover believes the celebration is about "so much more than the four names that have been announced."

"We need to celebrate this moment in human history," he said, adding the mission is meant to be "the next step on the journey that gets humanity to Mars."

"I pray that God will bless this mission, but I also pray that we can continue to serve as a source of inspiration, for cooperation and peace — not just between nations, but in our own nation," he added.

Glover is a member of the Churches of Christ in the Houston area, having been profiled in The Christian Chronicle in 2020 when the astronaut was training for a six-month mission to the International Space Station.

"I want to use the abilities that God has given me to do my job well and support my crewmates and mission and NASA," he told The



Astronaut Victor Glover

Chronicle in 2020. "That's really the thing I think the most about."

Glover brought a Bible and communion cups to the station, saying he planned to engage in "virtual service, virtual giving, reading my Bible and praying."

In addition to Glover being the first African American to fly to the moon, Koch will be the first woman to do a lunar mission, while Hansen will

be the first Canadian.

The first NASA moon landing occurred in July 1969 through the Apollo 11 mission. The last crewed mission to the moon was Apollo 17, which was in December 1972.

The crew of four scheduled to lift off next November will collaborate on work during the trip to execute a set of demonstrations for the flight test.



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PREVALES IN COURT**

Devout Christian Cathy Miller, owns Tastries Bakery in Bakersfield, California. | (Photo: Freedom of Conscience Defense Fund)

A court has ruled that the Christian owner of Tastries Bakery in California acted lawfully when she refused to make a wedding cake for a lesbian couple and instead referred them to a different bakery, citing her sincere religious belief that marriage is intended to be between one man and one woman.

Catharine "Cathy" Miller's "only motivation, at all times, was to act consistent with her sincere Christian beliefs about what the Bible teaches regarding marriage," Kern County Judge Eric Bradshaw wrote in the verdict, The Bakersfield Californian reported Saturday.

"That motivation was not unreasonable, or arbitrary, nor did it emphasize irrelevant

differences or perpetuate stereotypes," the judge added, concluding that the state's Department of Fair Housing and Employment failed to prove Miller intentionally discriminated against Eileen and Mireya Rodriguez-Del Rio five years ago in violation of California's Unruh Civil Rights Act.

"It's been a long five years," Miller was quoted as saying. "I'm hoping that in our community we can grow together ... and we should understand that we shouldn't push any agenda against anyone else."



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BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION TO OPEN RESEARCH CENTER AND ARCHIVES AT BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY

A 30,000-square-foot, \$12 million archive and research center will open at the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, N.C. on Nov. 8, a day after what would have been the 104th birthday of America's most famous evangelist.

The facility will house all of Billy Graham's papers and artifacts in one location for the first time, consolidating artifacts that were loaned to the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College, items from Graham's home office in Montreat, N.C., and materials from his ministry's former offices in Minneapolis, per Christianity Today.

The archive and research center will be adjacent to the property housing the Billy Graham Library, Graham's boyhood home and gravesite, and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association headquarters.

Researchers will be required to make an appointment at least 14 days in advance to access the archives.

Franklin Graham, president and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, said the purpose of the new facility is to not only preserve his father's records but also to give future generations a place where they can study the work of evangelism.

"There is a generation that doesn't know Billy Graham, they don't know Jesus Christ or anything about God," Franklin Graham said. "We want to inspire and equip future leaders to carry out the Great Commission as they study my father's written, audio, and video materials from decades of ministry to learn what God did through Billy Graham and how God did it."



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The availability of the Bible resulted in restoring liberty of conscience and an eventual establishment of civil government in the United States of America to protect it.

Martin Luther is celebrated on October 31 for his brave stand against the sale of indulgences by nailing 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. He represents a long line of Reformers to whom we owe our liberty today.

The story is an exciting one; it is a tale of one man's tenacious quest for truth against an all-powerful authority determined to stamp out that truth.

But behold, the truth always wins! Martin Luther's stand changed the church forever by ushering in the Protestant Reformation. From that time, Christians have lifted their voices crying:

Sola Scriptura! Soli Deo Gloria! Sola Christus! Sola Gratia! Sola Fide!
[Only the Bible! Glory only to God! Christ only! Grace only! Faith only!]



News & More



Americans' 'Health May be Undermined' by Not Going to Church: Surgeon General

By Ben Johnson (The Washington Stand)

In a recent official government report, the Biden administration has warned that Americans' "health may be undermined" due to their "decline in participation" in church services and other religious activities.

Surgeon General Vivek Murthy issued the first-ever government advisory on the "epidemic of loneliness and isolation" earlier this month, calling persistent isolation an "urgent public health issue" that impacts the physical and mental health of millions. "Research shows that loneliness and isolation are associated with a greater risk of heart disease, dementia, stroke, depression, anxiety, and premature death," says Murthy in an online video released to coincide with the report.

Loneliness is as bad for individuals as smoking 15 cigarettes a day — a pack-and-a-half daily habit — and harms physical health "even greater than that associated with obesity and physical inactivity," the report notes.

Unfortunately, Murthy writes, Americans have become disconnected from one of the institutions that can forge deep and permanent social connections: church attendance. "Religious or faith-based groups can be a source for regular social contact, serve as a community of support, provide meaning and purpose, create a sense of belonging around shared values and beliefs, and are associated with reduced risk-taking behaviors," Murthy writes. "As a consequence of this decline in participation, individuals' health may be undermined in different ways."

The percentage of millennials who attended a church worship service, either in-person or online, dropped by seven percentage points over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, says the study from the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University (ACU), where Barna is director of research.

The retreat from faith has devastated young people, Barna told "Washington Watch with Tony Perkins" recently.

Separate ACU polls found that 75% of millennials "say, 'I don't know why I should get out of bed in the morning,'" said Barna. A majority "admit that every day they're struggling with mental health issues, severe depression, anxiety, fear," and "the highest suicide rate of any generation we've ever seen."

That's roughly the percentage of millennials who do not attend religious services: Only 28% take part in services in any way.

Conversely, Americans who believe in God and value marriage are more likely to be "very happy" than isolated secularists, according to a Wall Street Journal-NORC poll taken in March.

Young adults' isolation persists despite the fact that millennials desperately yearn for meaningful social interactions at a core level. "They believe that relationships are vitally important. They want to be connected. They want to belong. They want to be part of a community," Barna told Perkins. "But they say it's not working. It's not happening."

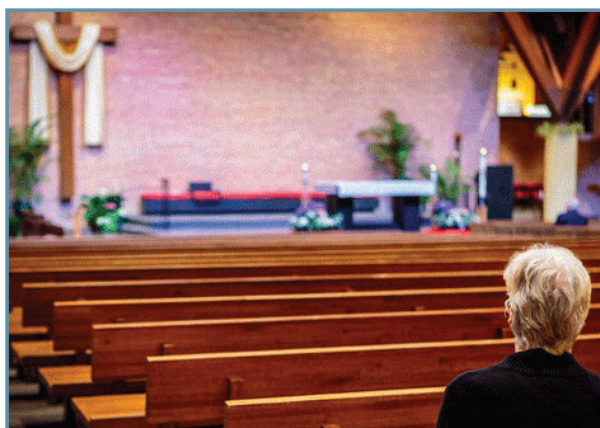
In part, Americans became disconnected from churches because of the churches — and government policies shutting down churches while allowing marijuana dispensaries to remain open.

"The last three years have been a time of high anxiety for tens of millions of adults. It was an ideal time for the Christian church to pro-

vide wise guidance and emotional calm. Unfortunately, most churches agreed to the government's dictate that they close their doors and remain mostly silent," says Barna in a statement accompanying the ACU's research.

"Obviously, that has not worked out so well," Barna observes.

Millennials were not the only demographic to give up congregational worship. Generation X saw their church attendance fall 13 points, from 41% to 28%. Although 53% of the oldest American generation attends church, that's a three-point drop from 2020. Only Baby Boomers became "more likely now than they were before COVID-19 to read the Bible, praise and worship God, seek and do God's will, and attend church services," says the report.



During the pandemic, "every generation turns to their worldview to navigate the challenges," says Barna. "As a nation, we may be past the danger of COVID-19, but we're in the thick of the danger brought about by people relying upon syncretism as their dominant worldview. Biblical churches must see this as a time for an urgent response to the direction society is taking."

The surgeon general is not the first to find that frequenting a church increases longevity and improves overall health. "[A]ttendance at religious services had a dose-response relationship with mortality, such that respondents who attended frequently had a 40% lower hazard of mortality," wrote researchers at Emory University in a 2017 research paper.

The correlation between a strong faith and psychological well-being is well-attested by social science. "Young-adult Gen-Xers in the strongly religious class across the three measurements generally reported better mental health when they reached established adulthood than those in the nonreligious class," reported a 2022 study by a team of analysts from Syracuse University. "Findings suggest that religiosity may serve as an important resource for mental health in the transition to established adulthood."

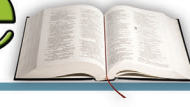
Barna says this is a perfect time for the church to proclaim the Christian message, for Americans' spiritual and physical health. The Bible encourages deep connections to fellow believers across the boundaries of time, space, and culture. Scriptural anthropology begins with the observation that "it is not good that man should be alone" (Genesis 2:18). The New Testament exhorts Christians to "consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

The full section of the surgeon general's report reads:

Membership in organizations that have been important pillars of community connection have declined significantly in this time. Take faith organizations, for example. Research produced by Gallup, Pew Research Center, and the National Opinion Research Center's General Social Survey demonstrates that since the 1970s, religious preference, affiliation, and participation among U.S. adults have declined. In 2020, only 47% of Americans said they belonged to a church, synagogue, or mosque. This is down from 70% in 1999 and represents a dip below 50% for the first time in the history of the survey question. Religious or faith-based groups can be a source for regular social contact, serve as a community of support, provide meaning and purpose, create a sense of belonging around shared values and beliefs, and are associated with reduced risk-taking behaviors. As a consequence of this decline in participation, individuals' health may be undermined in different ways.



News & More



An Open Letter to Governor Newsom

by John MacArthur

Sir,

Almighty God says in His Word, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). Scripture also teaches that it is the chief duty of any civic leader to reward those who do well and to punish evildoers (Romans 13:1-7). You have not only failed in that responsibility; you routinely turn it on its head, rewarding evildoers and punishing the righteous.

The Word of God pronounces judgment on those who call evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20), and yet many of your policies reflect this unholy, upside-down view of honor and morality. The diabolical effects of your worldview are evident in the statistics of California's epidemics of crime, homelessness, sexual perversions (like homosexuality and transgenderism), and other malignant expressions of human misery that stem directly from corrupt public policy. I don't need to itemize or elaborate on the many immoral decisions you have perpetrated against God and the people of our state, which have only exacerbated these problems. Nevertheless, my goal in writing is not to contend with your politics, but rather to plead with you to hear and heed what the Word of God says to men in your position.

"Let all kings bow down before Him, all nations serve Him" (Psalm 72:11).

"He who rules over men righteously, who rules in the fear of God, is as the light of the morning when the sun rises" (2 Samuel 23:3-4).

"It is an abomination for kings to commit wicked acts, for a throne is established on righteousness" (Proverbs 16:12).

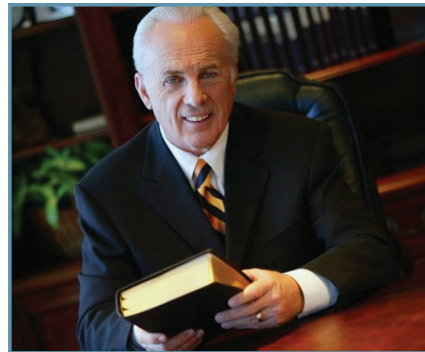
What God said to Cyrus is a truth you should take to heart: "I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides Me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known Me; that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that there is no one besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other" (Isaiah 45:5-6).

In mid-September, you revealed to the entire nation how thoroughly rebellious against God you are when you sponsored billboards across America promoting the slaughter of children, whom He creates in the womb (Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 45:9-12). You further compounded the wickedness of that murderous campaign with a reprehensible act of gross blasphemy, quoting the very words of Jesus from Mark 12:31 as if you could somehow twist His meaning and arrogate His name in favor of butchering unborn infants. You used the name and the words of Christ to promote the credo of Molech (Leviticus 20:1-5). It would be hard to imagine a greater sacrilege.

Furthermore, you chose words from the lips of Jesus without admitting that in the same moment He gave the greatest commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). You cannot love God as He commands while aiding in the murder of His image-bearers.

Psalm 50:16-19 speaks to people who pervert the Word of God for their own sinful ends:

**But to the wicked God says,
"What right have you to recount My statutes
And to take My covenant in your mouth?
For you hate discipline,
And you cast My words behind you.
When you see a thief, you are pleased with him,
And you associate with adulterers.
You let your mouth loose in evil
And you harness your tongue for deceit."**



Pastor John MacArthur

My concern, Governor Newsom, is that your own soul lies in grave, eternal peril. "Each one of us will give an account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). One day, not very long from now, you will face that reality. Nothing is more certain. "It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). You will stand in the presence of the Holy God who created you, who is your Judge, and He will demand that you give an account for how you have flouted His authority in your governing, and how you have twisted His own Holy Word to rationalize it. As you look over the precipice of eternity, what will your answer be? When you look ahead of you and see that nothing awaits you but eternal misery—the just punishment for your sins—what will all the clever rationalizations and political talking points avail for you then? And by then it will be too late for any remedy or redemption. "It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:31).

My plea to you, Sir, is that you would not let it come to that—that you would not go to that day of judgment apart from receiving forgiveness and righteousness through faith in Christ alone. In Psalm 50, after rebuking the wicked for uttering God's words in a profane way, Scripture makes this promise: "Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there will be none to deliver. He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifies Me; and he who orders his way, I shall show the salvation of God" (vv. 22-23).

So there is salvation for those who repent. Christ purchased full redemption for all who will turn from wickedness, forsake their evil thoughts and actions, and trust fully in Him as Lord and Savior.

Our church, and countless Christians nationwide, are praying for your full repentance. Please respond to the gospel, forsake the path of wickedness you have pursued all your life, turn to Christ, ask for forgiveness, and use your office to advance the cause of righteousness (as is your duty) instead of undermining it (as has been your pattern).

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:6-7)

Governor Newsom, "now is the acceptable time, behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

For the Master,

John MacArthur, Pastor-Teacher

If there were no tribulation, there would be no rest; if there were no winter, there would be no summer. ~ John Chrysostom



News Shorts



ISRAELI RESEARCHERS SAY MAGNETIC FIELDS PROVIDE WAY TO SECURELY DATE BIBLICAL EVENTS

An interdisciplinary team of Israeli scientists and archaeologists may have come one step closer to “proving” the historical veracity of the Bible.

Through archaeomagnetic dating, archaeologists can now combine the holy trinity of modern biblical archaeology — the biblical text’s account, extrabiblical historical sources and scientifically excavated artifacts — to do precise dating of destruction layers from military conquests described in the Bible.

The method utilizes excavation layers that have already been reliably dated to create baseline anchors for the archaeomagnetic data, which can then be applied to other sites that until now had been impossible to confidently date. The more anchors are created, the researchers say, the more finely calibrated the dating method will become.



UKRAINE: BAPTIST PASTOR AND WIFE ABDUCTED BY RUSSIAN MILITARY, STILL MISSING

A Ukrainian Baptist pastor and his wife are still missing after being kidnapped in Russian-occupied Mariupol on September 21 by armed men wearing Russian army uniforms, Church Leaders (CL) reports.

Members of the Council of Churches Baptists, Pastor Leonid Ponomaryov, and his wife Tatyana were abducted from their home in the Kalmiushy District of northern Mariupol, CL reports.

Local Mariupol Baptists told the Forum 18 news outlet that in addition to searching the Ponomaryovs’ home, Russian soldiers had also searched their church, known as Kurchatov Street Baptist Church. The soldiers removed religious literature from the church building before sealing it shut, CL reports.

Russian officials reportedly claimed the couple was involved in “extremist activities.”

CHRISTIANS RUSH TO HALT EBOLA OUTBREAK IN AFRICA

Christian aid workers are rushing to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to east and southern Africa after an outbreak of Ebola, the highly deadly contagious disease that has already killed scores of people in recent weeks.

Barnabas Fund told Worthy News it is involved in transporting the PPE donated by Ireland for Christian hospitals in five African nations.

“Around 50 million pieces of PPE, worth around \$33 million, were donated to Christian hospitals in east and southern Africa by the Irish government,” Barnabas Fund said.

“Distribution of the PPE is ongoing in Kenya and Zambia and is about to commence in Zimbabwe. The equipment is currently on its way to Uganda,” where the death toll from the Ebola epidemic declared in late September has reportedly climbed to 44, the group explained.

MINISTRY DELIVERS 225K BIBLES TO NORTH MACEDONIA, WHERE MANY CAN’T ACCESS SCRIPTURE IN THEIR LANGUAGE

A Texas-based Christian ministry that once smuggled Bibles into the Soviet Union delivered the largest donation of children’s Bibles to the Eastern European country of North Macedonia, where many children don’t have access to Scripture in their own language.

Founded in 1961, Eastern European Missions (EEM) prints and distributes free Bibles to Eastern Europe and surrounding nations, delivering them to youth camps, schools, refugee centers and other places in need of the Holy Scripture.

The organization began when a small group of missionaries started sneaking Bibles into the Soviet Union and has continued providing access to Scripture in seemingly unreachable places.

EEM recently delivered over 225,000 children’s Bibles to North Macedonia after the nation’s government, having heard about EEM’s work, gave the group permission to deliver Bibles in the region. The group’s Bibles for Kids fundraising campaign made the donation possible.

MINISTRIES DIRECTORY

MILWAUKEE (AREA 1)

Agape Harvest Fellowship Ministries Church of Engle- burg

4620 W North Avenue
Milwaukee 53208
Sunday Worship 10AM
414.449.2390

Apostolic Missionary Church

2686 S 12th Street
Milwaukee 53207
Call for times 414.645.7383

Berean Family Worship Cen- ter, Inc.

ONE CHURCH IN TWO CITIES
3920 N. 51st Blvd
Milwaukee, WI 53216
Sunday 8 am
Wednesday 6:30 pm prayer, 7
pm service

Beth Messiah Congregation

9900 W Capitol Drive
Milwaukee 53222
Saturday Worship 10AM
414.395.3043

Blessed Deliverance M.B.C.

2215 N. 23rd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53205
414-344-9645
Sunday School 8:45 am
Worship 10 am
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm
Blesseddeliverance@aol.com

Central Assembly of God

5511 W Burleigh St
Milwaukee 53210
Call for times 414.445.0755

Christian Faith Fellowship

Church East

724 S. Layton Blvd.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215
Sunday Worship Time: 10 a.m.
Sunday Night Ministry Training
6:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
www.cffceast.org

Cornerstone Church Milwau- kee

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

Divine Shepherd Lutheran

9741 W Beloit Rd
Milwaukee 53227
Sunday Worship 9AM
414.321.0730

Eastbrook Church

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

Grace Christian Fellowship

9900 W Capitol Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53222
Sunday Worship 10:00AM
Wed. Youth Programs 7PM
414.464.9220

Greater St. Lukes

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

Holy Cathedral COGIC

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

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Kingdom of Heaven Christian

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

Lakeshore Church

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

New Beginnings Seed Faith

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

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

2433 West Roosevelt Drive;
Milwaukee, WI 53209
Sunday School: 8am
Sunday Worship: 9:30am
Wed. Bible Study: 6:30pm
414.871.0350
www.nhmbchurch.org/

Newport Missionary Baptist Church

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

Parklawn Assembly of God

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

Restoration International Min- istry, Inc.

5017 W. Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210
414-499-7961
Christian Educ Sunday 12:30 pm
Worship Service Sunday 1:30 pm

Souls Harbor Baptist Church

3800 S Howell Ave
Milwaukee 53207
Sunday School 10AM
Worship Services 11AM, 1PM
Thursday 7PM
414.342.1234 or SoulsHarborBaptist.org

Spiritual Healing & Restora- tion Ministries

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

Trinity Community Church

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

Word is God Worship Center

3320 W Vliet St
Milwaukee 53208
Sunday Worship 11AM

Word of Grace Fellowship

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



Ministries



SOUTH SUBURBS (AREA 2)

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

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

Harvest Community Church
6612 S Howell Ave
Oak Creek 53154
Worship Service 9AM, 10:45AM

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

Milwaukee Victory Church
2110 W National Ave
Milwaukee 53204
Sunday Worship 10AM
414.645.7496

Life Restoration Church
2422 W National Ave
Milwaukee 53204
Sunday Worship 10AM
414.383.2280

Oak Creek Assembly of God
7311 S 13th Street
Oak Creek 53154
Sunday School 9:30AM
Worship Service 8, 10:30AM
Sunday Evening 6PM

St John's Lutheran Church
4850 S Lake Dr
Cudahy 53110
Call for times 414.481.0520

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

WEST SUBURBS (AREA 3)

Beloit Road Baptist Church
8337 W Beloit Rd
West Allis 53219
Sunday Worship 10AM
414.395.0635
www.BRBChkne.org

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

Brookfield Christian Reformed
14135 W Burleigh Rd
Brookfield 53005
Sunday Worship 9:30AM
262.784.1125

Calvary Bible Church
1459 S 81st Street
West Allis 53214
Call for times 414.778.2253

Elmbrook Church
777 S Barker Rd
Brookfield 53045
Worship Services
Sunday 9, 10:45AM
262.786.7051

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

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

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

Lifeline Church
3285 N Calhoun Road
Brookfield, WI 53005
262-783-2900
www.vifonline.org

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

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

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

New Song Church
2323 S 109th St.
West Allis, WI 53227
Sunday 10AM
414-546-1234

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

Northtown Church
A multi-ethnic church
7000 N 107th St
Milwaukee, WI 53224
Sunday Worship and Bible classes 10 am
414-353-5588
www.northtownchurch.org

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

Poplar Creek Church
17770 W Cleveland Ave
New Berlin 53146
Sunday Worship 8:30 Traditional,
9:00 and 10:45 Contemporary
Wednesday 6:45PM
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
POBox 242232
Milwaukee, WI 53225
4016 W Silver Spring Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53209
(In the Trinity Miracle Church building)
Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am
414-376-1651
rightwaychurchministries@yahoo.com

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

Showers of Blessing
8544 W National Ave STE #28
West Allis, WI 53227
Sunday School 10:00AM
Sunday Worship 10:30AM
414.502.7584

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

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

REGIONAL (AREA 4)

Berean Family Worship Center, Inc.
ON CHURCH IN TWO CITIES
N112 W17655 Mequon Rd
Germantown, WI 53022
Sunday 11 am
Tuesday 6:30 pm prayer, 7 pm service

Blessed Hope BIC Church
4949 State Highway 38
Franklinville, 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
cornerstonelakecountn.com

Covenant Connection Fellowship Church
(Ingleside Hotel; Upstairs, Rm 1)
2810 Gulf Rd
Pewaukee, WI 53072
Worship: Sunday at 10am
262-650-9433

Delavan Christian Reformed Church
850 Oak Street
Sunday Worship 9:30AM 6PM
262.728.6801

Eagles Wings Nazarene Fellowshipship
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 & 10:45
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

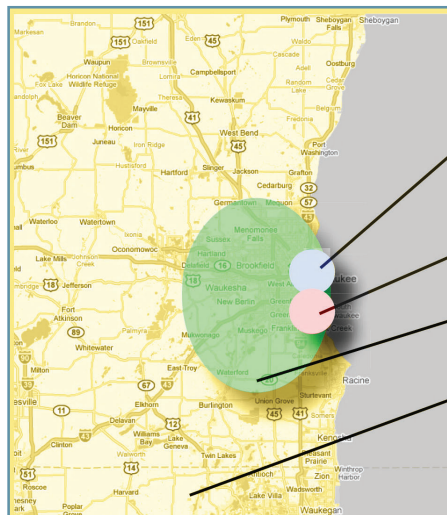
Summit Harvest Church
888 Thackerway Trail #209
Oconomowoc 53066
Sunday Worship 10AM
262.560.0765
SummitHarvestChurch.org

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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~ Genny Monchamp

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