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Ethnos360 Bible Institute To Hold February Open House

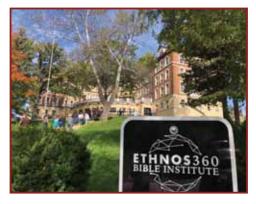
There is a hidden gem perched on a hill just east of downtown Waukesha - Ethnos360 Bible Institute. You may know the main campus building; wrapped about with windows and pillars and trim, it bears an aura of mystery and antiquity. It is the final remaining hotel from a golden age - the Springs Era - when Waukesha was a national destination for Americans seeking rest and rejuvenation. Mary Todd Lincoln herself sought out Waukesha's tranquil healing springs after her husband's assassination.

The real legacy of this place, however, transcends even its undeniably rich history. Resthaven served noble purposes throughout - welcoming weary travelers, mending wounded veterans, sequestering tuberculosis sufferers - but when medicine rendered TB sanatoriums obsolete, it fell abandoned and forgotten, remaining vacant for years.

In 1963, Ethnos360 (then New Tribes Mission) took on this reclamation project, acquiring the hotel-turnedhospital in an unrecognizable state of disrepair. Years



Andrew Royer, President of Ethnos360 Bible Institute, welcomes a room of pastors.



of neglect, after decades of treating the injured and sick, had left a mere shell of the palatial resort that dazzled in 1909. However, New Tribes Mission leaders saw a treasure trove of kingdom potential. They began restoration in earnest, and welcomed Waukesha's first students only months later.

In the six decades since, Ethnos360 Bible Institute (EBI) has fulfilled their vision, faithfully equipping students for life and missions through discipleship and in-depth, chronological Bible teaching. In a world where a love of Scripture and Biblical knowledge are declining precipitously, EBI is steadfastly pushing back the darkness, discipling and training young people in God's Word before commissioning them on to their next steps - sending them into missions training, their local churches, or whatever path the Lord leads them on.

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A Devine Appointment

By Pastor Michael and Joann Harden



Joann and Pastor Michael Harden in Washington, D.C.

My wife Joann and myself were privileged to represent the Christian Courier at the National Religious Broadcaster's convention 2023, along with Ranger Bob Conklin and Joe Kurk. At this NRB convention we met Ms. Star Parker, President and CEO of the Center for Urban Renewal and Education (CURE). She invited Joann and myself to

be her guest's at their 2023 National Policy Summit in Washington DC. An area businessman offered to take care of our plane tickets if we decided to go.

After praying about it and believing that this was God's will, we registered for the CURE convention. The theme of the convention was, Restoring Truth to Advance Freedom. There were outstanding speakers and panel discussions, but two powerful testimonies stood out to my wife and me.

Joann:

Going to the Cure summit in DC was really eye-opening for me. I knew the importance of voting, but I had not thought about the importance of policies. Hearing the speakers share what was going on in our country regarding abortions, and so many other topics, and how the policies that have been establish were not good for Americans, especially African-Americans. Hearing



Georgia State Representative Mesha Mainor speaking at the recent CURE conference hosted by Ms. Star Parker

from Atlanta Georgia House of representative Mesha Mainor, who had switched from the Democrat party to the Republican Party because she could not handle some of the policies that the Democrats were trying to establish. She felt that they were not in the best interest of the people she had been elected to help.

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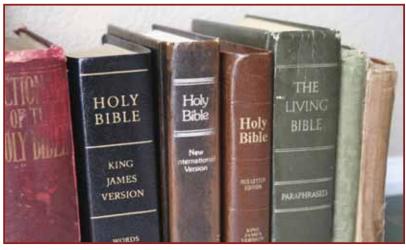
Commentary

COVID-NIV?

By Bob Conklin, Jr.

We all know way more about COVID-19 than we want to and none of it is good. But what about perhaps a precursor, a variant or a strain that hit the Church in the late 1970's taking us all by surprise ... COVID-NIV? Did the New International Version and others like it water down the Bible? Bob, where are you going with this? Since Covid was sprung on the planet, the world has been hit with fallout from censorship on every front, the re-writing of history, watering down our language and vocabulary, open borders, wars and rumors of wars in untold places just to name a few. Well, haven't many of the same things shown up in the churches. Were we prepared when Covid hit? No. Has the church been the proverbial frog in the hot water slowly cooking? How can we get back to basics and return to our roots? How can the true church get together, get "on the same page," start reading out of the same hymnal so to speak and prepare for tuff times ahead?

When talking to someone about what version to buy, John Fisco would sometimes say that the best Bible for a person is the one he actually reads everyday. I received my NIV Study Bible from my parents for Christmas in 1985. I got saved in 1987 and until a few years ago, have read that Bible predominantly ever since. Looking at the copyright, mine is the fourth date starting with 1973. There have been several updates since my version and frankly, I don't like the gender neutral changes and the other edits in the last few revisions. Where are the publishers



going with this? Long out of print, my version is now hard to come by. Is there an agenda to direct the reader, the buyer whether online or in print to the modern version? When will the Woke Alert go off?

Fast forward to today. Now three years into taking our Sunday morning Clark House church online for the guys, we've been bouncing back and forth between different preachers. We watch a lot of Baptist preachers and most of them use the King James Version Bible. We also watch old sermons given back in the 50's and 60's and the Scripture quoted by Billy Graham and other famous preachers is in the KJV. We received a nice donation of hymnals from Southside Baptist Church recently and like to follow along from time to time with the old hymns which of course were written in the KJV type of english. I contend that the old hymns were my main take-away from the mainline churches I attended prior to finally landing in Bible-teaching churches after I got saved.

So what about the person who says, "Well, I just don't like the King James Bible. I can't

understand it." Really? What about all the study materials, helps and search engines? Think about that. The late Howard C. Estep teaches prophecy from the KJV. He treats his Bible with reverence and even talks about not setting other books on his KJV. Brother Roy Bell, whom we like a lot prays often, "Thank you O God for your perfect gift, your perfect Word written down in your perfect book, the King James Bible." Who can argue with that? If you're going to say, "Well, that is just one opinion about one version," are you prepared to find a shortcoming of the KJV Bible? What's wrong with accepting the 1611 KJV Bible as word-perfect and having that as a gift from God that we can totally 100% trust and rely on in unity? I'm all in!

Believers are born again of the Spirit of God. Through the Holy Spirit, He illuminates His Word for us and applies the Word to our lives. He is the one who gives understanding of the Word anyway. Just like the role of the church is to equip the saints and strengthen the body, the Word is written for

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A Word from the Heart

By Dan Kachikis

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14

This is an urgent call to action. And, for some of us, it's a call to fun and hamming it up for the kingdom. Children are under attack, and we need to fight for them

There have been lots of surprises in the past seven years. The polarization of our political system, the weaponizing of government agencies, COVID, and agenda-

driven decisions have been sobering. Yet, all of these were somehow to be expected. The raw, shameless sexualization of our children is a shock.

I'm talking about drag shows and gender indoctrination, manipulation, and encouragement toward deciding your own gender. Schools are stocking their libraries with explicit materials and agenda-driven

Not only is this cultural tragedy public, but your employer might get mad at you for speaking against it. We have an entire political party moving in lockstep supporting it. Then, "Walt World" transformed into "Woke World" and became the cherry on top.

In missions, there is the 10-40 window. So, what about the 4-29 window? I never hear people praying about that one. Those are the ages at which most people come to Christ, about 97%. Those between 4-14 are the largest group, and the ongoing destruction of their innocence and trust is satanic.

Jesus said, "It is not the will of my Father in heaven that one of these little ones should perish" (Matt 18:14). I'm sure we need more laws to protect kids, but what we need are more child evangelists. We need people to go outside and influence lost kids in their neighborhoods.

Kids who are churched or have believing parents will get some protection and all sorts of input. That's not the case for children in unbelieving families. They get the drag shows. They hear the lies about gender and the redefining of reality. And who knows what they witness at home. Their parents are lost, too. I asked my daughter, who lives south of Atlanta, if her son had made friends at his new school. She said his 12-year-old acquaintances sit around during recess and watch porn on their phones. Childhood is being stolen.



Dan Kachikis with uncle and Christian Courier contributor, John Duckhorn

So, here's the idea: first, get yourself in shape. Except for the need for naps and arthritis, 70 is the new 50! You need a mission, and it's the Great Commission that will stir the blood and get you moving. Anyone younger should apply this, too. And if you can, do this with someone. Jesus always sent His men out in twos.

Get yourself in the Word and pray like a trooper! Read, or better yet, memorize the first three chapters of Ephesians. You'd probably rather drink a glass of raw

eggs like Rocky did than memorize, but the Word of God is better for you, and your mission is more important.

If you can, walk around your neighborhood and pray for the kids and families. Do this during times the kids are out so they can see you. Do it on Saturdays when families can see you. Pray that the Lord will arrange contact with them and be friendly and helpful (Miss, can I help you lift that out of the car?).

We used to play football in the alley on the South Side when I was growing up. Imagine if two of you younger guys (50 is the new 30) knew some of the kids, went out and played football with them, and organized an "Alley Bowl" with a grill party afterward. Women, you could do something similar with the girls.

If you pray and are active, lots of things are possible, especially if you get to know the parents and they trust you. Of course, you could become a scout leader, Big Brother or church teacher, but if the Lord works with you, He will open natural doors near home.

Many of you baby boomers were crazy people when you were young. Out of love for Christ and moderated by the Spirit, let the crazy out again. So much of the teaching I hear at VBSs is dry. Don't even tell them you're going to teach them. Do something fun with your local kids, and break into a story when you're sitting around. Tell them something Jesus did or a story out of the OT. "You remember last week when we were playing soccer and I stepped in that "stuff." Nobody wanted to be around me. So, this leper comes up to Jesus. Nobody liked lepers, and people stayed away, but not Jesus." Make it fun, humorous, honest to the text, and tell them how much Jesus loves them.

Doesn't this sound more fun than just writing a letter to your Congressman? It's the Great Commission. It's loving your neighbor. It's doing our part so the little children can come to Jesus.

DEVINE APPOINTMENT FROM PAGE 1

Michael:

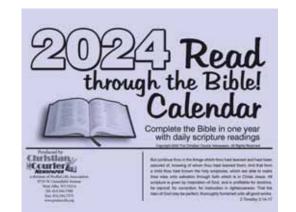
In addition to Mesha Mainor, I was also impressed by Kelvin J. Cochran, Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Fellow and former Atlanta fire chief. After the city of Atlanta terminated Cochran's employment because of his Christian faith and beliefs, AFD represented him in a federal lawsuit. A federal court ruled that the City of Atlanta discriminated against Cochran's religious views and violated his first amendment rights. The city agreed to a favorable settlement for Mr. Cochran.



Fire Department speaking at CURE

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The Lord is good. Shalom.



COVID-NIV FROM PAGE 2

believers. If you're still limiting yourself to the same easy-to-read version you were reading before coming to Christ, try moving the KJV to first place and see what happens. I've been reading and pondering John 15 in the KJV practically everyday for the last several months and it is amazingly fresh every morning. Each person having the same version makes Bible studies much more orderly too.

I think of our friend Howard Honett who at age 98 can still quote a lot of the first chapter of John verbatim. Howard quotes it in the KJV. Take a lesson from the generations and many uncompromising sermons today. The church needs the truth. My good friend Goerge

passed this onto me: "The KJV has everything the other versions have, but the other versions don't have everything the KJV has." Check that out for yourself. Guess who owns the rights to publish the NIV and the New King James Bibles? Zondervan and Thomas Nelson Publishing are ultimately owned by Rupert Murdoch. If you want to write an article and quote scripture from their copyrighted material, be very careful! But, quote the KJV all you want and live in freedom because you don't have a copyright to contend with. Follow the money! Oh and time to blow the dust off your hard copies of the Bible because you never know who is tinkering with your online version overnight...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



ProBuColls Christian Courier will again sponsor the *City Wide Good Friday Service*. Senior Pastor and Teacher of New Testament Church Julius Malone will be speaking this year. As we did last year, we will hold the service at the Italian Community Center. Pizza will be served! See the ad on the back page of this edition of the Courier.

On our National Day of Prayer, this year's *Annual Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast* will be held at the Wisconsin Club. Brother Roy Bell from Las Vegas, NV will be sharing his personal testimony. Music will be provided by American Spirit Quartet. Other Program Participants will include Alan Fleming who served 22 years as a Navy Chaplain with the USN, USMC and USCG doing the Tribute To Our Troops. More information to follow in the next issue. See the ad on the back page of this edition of the Courier.



Celebrating the Season at the Clark House

The Clark House main building at breakfast time



Clark House neighborhood leaf cleanup Mikey, Howard and Bob



Clark House neighborhood leaf cleanup Scott, Michael, Melvin and Pastor James



Clark House Christmas dinner hosted by our neighbor across the street, the Five O'Clock Steakhouse



Clark House kitchen crew Tracy and Ray ready to serve the guys Thanksniving dinner

News & More

ETHNOS360 FROM PAGE 1

One look at missions through the lens Jesus laid out ("you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea,

Samaria, and to the ends of the earth") reveals that laborers are desperately needed in all four contexts. EBI is answering that call, equipping young people for a world where the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

Andrew Royer, President of Ethnos360 Bible Institute, extols the multi-dimensional impact that EBI continues to have. "We love to see people go back to their local churches and make a difference in this community and in America, and we love to see them go plant churches around the world among unreached people groups. That is what we're all about. That is who we are and that's what we do."

Over 4,000 students have graduated Ethnos360 Bible Institute, powerfully impacting our world as missionaries in foreign lands, as pastors in our communities, as business leaders who serve with integrity. These graduates leave uniquely equipped to respond to God's call. Not only are they well-versed in God's Word and mentored and discipled in Christian living, they are also completely free from student loan debt... an immense rarity in today's culture.

Yes, you read that correctly: Ethnos360 Bible Institute requires financial freedom for all of its students. The school does not allow students to accrue student loan debt. Mission readiness is a core value and central ethic to Ethnos360 - no matter where God's call leads, financial freedom is vital to answer the call promptly and wholeheartedly. EBI is unflinchingly committed to that ethic.

To accomplish this, school leaders tenaciously limit tuition and take every measure to cut costs. They are uniquely committed to this; Ethnos360 Bible Institute staff do not draw a salary, they are all mis-



Chip Bernhard, Lead Pastor of Spring Creek Church meets with other area pastors at a recent Ethnos360 Event

sionaries, raising their own support from churches and individuals in their networks. That is how seriously EBI takes their responsibility to raise up ready laborers.

Current tuition, including room & board, has been limited to \$5,700 per semester as a result.

Maintaining an austere budget while stewarding a historic landmark and serving nearly 300 students is a daunting task, and requires steadfast support from God's people. To that end, we are inviting those who love the Lord, love His Word, and have a passion for the lost to come learn more about our work. If you would like to get to know us, we have a special gathering - our Friends of EBI dessert event and optional tour - the evening of Friday, February 23rd. We would love to share with you more about our vision, our work, and what is needed to keep fulfilling the Great Commission.

If you would like to attend Friends of EBI, or you want to learn more about/support Ethnos360 Bible Institute, please email Andrew_Moser@ntm.org or reach out to him at (262) 333-6081.

GOD'S WORD GOING FORTH IN LOCAL CHURCHES!



Elmbrook Church hosts a hymn sing on Friday night November 10th with Bruce Fisco on the keyboard. Look for the next gathering!



Pastor Rich Schmidt on a Wednesday night teaching Bible prophecy at Union Grove Baptist Church

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Harvey and Pastor Chris bring more full cartons back from First Baptist Church of Hartland Drop Off



Dick Peterson volunteer for NCW at Layton Avenue Church loading cartons Mary Claire and Linda welcoming boxes and smiling faces during NCW





Thank you Julie and son Stephen Gibbs for helping the crew at ProBuColls Central Drop Off for Milwaukee and Waukesha County



Dietrick from the Clark House and Ranger Kevin Klandrud on cartons



Barb and Patty working hard moving cartons during NCW



With Sue, the crew from Cornerstone Drop Off in Delafield after filling 28' "pup" trailer #3 and waiting on pup #4!



Ralph Story (former Billy Graham crusade team office manager) lends Bob a hand loading Samaritan's Purse cartons during NCW



Longtime volunteer Joni along with Molly, Stephanie and Ranger Dan Wick with Bob at ProBuColls Central Drop Off

News & More



Faithful to OCC: Just a fraction of GG's "Great Gramma's" three generations drop off OCC boxes they packed during their Thanksgiving



The Milwaukee team in prayer on Day 1 of NCW



Bruce Osborn, Spiritual Development Director of the Oconomowoc YMCA with Terry at the Mega Packing Party



Operation Christmas Child 2023: Kyle from Ebert's Greenhouse Village in Ixonia working pallet jack moving a huge load of cartons brought by Pastor Chris, Jeff Stern, Jamie and Aaron from Spring Creek Church during National Collection Week (NCW)



Fun at Kid's Day



The "cast" in Bible character costumes ministering to and evangelizing kids at Kid's Day at ProBuColls



Mikey, Bob and Sue load up "bounty" for Kid's Day at ProBuColls the Alternative to Halloween

By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet. ~ Thomas Merton

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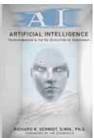
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Christian Book Reviews

Artificial Intelligence, Transhumanism & the De-Evolution of Democracy by Richard R. Schmidt, D. Min., Ph.D.



There is an undeniable movement, both domestically and internationally, to propel humanity toward a new, advanced level of existence! Dr. Schmidt spotlights the rapid trajectory some are seeking in order to change the culture of society. A riveting well-researched work that outlines the lightningswift speed in which our world is changing! While warning of the affects of AI on society, Dr. Schmidt also acknowledges the good AI can do.

Formerly the Sheriff of Milwaukee County, Dr. Schmidt pastors Union Grove Baptist Church, Union Grove, Wisconsin, and with his wife, founded Prophecy Focus Ministries. See him on WVCY TV, Channel 30: a good way to hear about new re-

search in our ever changing world. \$19.99 ProphecyFocusMinistries.com

52 Bible Verses You Should Have in your Heart by Broadman & Holman staffers



Everyone has different ways of learning, and this book is designed to encourage you to memorize Scripture in the way that is most conducive to you. Take it easy and focus on one verse a week for a year. Feeling ambitions? Work on one verse a day. Feeling lost on a certain topic?

Find powerful verses to meditate on. Need help memorizing Scripture? Cut out the verses from the back of the book and place them around your house, your purse, or on your mirror. Read it straight through, or use it as a reference guide. Use this book as your resource to increase

the amount of scripture you have hidden in your heart. Allow God to draw you closer to Him as you get to know His word. **BH Publishing Group \$9.99**

When Your Way Isn't Working by Kyle Idleman



If you're regularly feeling discouraged, frustrated, or just worn-out, that's a good indication that something in your life is out of sync. Drawing from John 15, Kyle offers a hopeful, Biblical perspective, on overcoming discouragement, fear, and isolation. Jesus told his disciples everything they needed to know to live a fruitful life: "Stay connected to me." In the end the fruit of your life will have nothing to do with your biggest accomplishments but everything with your deepest connections. Zondervan Books \$27.99

Witness to Dignity, The Life and Faith of George H.W. and Barbara Bush by The Reverend Russell J. Levinson, Jr.



This book is for readers who yearn for our public officials to serve with faith and integrity, like the Bushes. But above all else, this book shows how powerful it is when world leaders are humbled before the power that rests above all powers. "Russ Levenson's Witness to Dignity is a beautiful tribute to God and the faith of George H.W. and Barbara Bush that sustained them during their lives" -Dana Perino; "Russ Levenson has eloquently captured the essence and dignity of these two beautiful human beings who remain role models of character, decency, and integrity" - The Honorable James A. Baker III. Center Street, Div. of Hatchett Books

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Renewal Over Resolution

Renewing the mind is a little like refinishing furniture. It is a twostage process. It involves taking off the old and replacing it with the new. The old is the lies you have learned to tell or were taught by those around you; it is the attitudes and ideas that have become a part of your thinking but do not reflect reality. The new is the truth. To renew your mind is to involve yourself in the process of allowing God to bring to the surface the lies you have mistakenly accepted and replace them with truth. To the degree that you do this, your behavior will be transformed. ~ Charles Stanley



THOUGHT TRULY HAS DEPTH (THOUGHTS ABOUT THOUGHT)

- 1. The human eye can see everything except within itself.
- 2. Self is the opaque veil that hides the face of our Creator.
- 3. Sin clouds the lens of the heart and corrupts thoughts.
- 4. You and I are very tiny, and our Creator is very large.
- 5. Discovery can never be totally discovered when pride hinders.
- 6. Contradiction example "I am proud of my humility".
- 7. Humility is the key to being able to stand before our Creator.
- Humility opens the gate into Heaven, for God sees the heart.
- 9. The ocean is never shoreless, but humility and love are!
- 10. Our attitude either opens doors or closes opportunities.
- 11. Bad habits will only die when we die. Few are conquered.
- 12. Our thoughts and habits determine our final destiny.
- 13. Eternity is forever. Our earthly life is a temporary vapor.
- 14. Love is the best preservative for it lasts forever and ever.

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Nard Pugyao, an Isnag believer and the first indigenous missionary pilot, talked about his joy: "I marvel and awe and say, 'God, this is



Dr. Rudy Barlaan, a translator and consultant, emphasized that "everything [God] does is for His own glory and name's sake ... so His plan is always carried out." Mark Pugyao, a co-translator on the project and a local pastor, said that when he reads the Bible in Isnag, his heart feels "like butter melting." He said: "I really understand every single word that the Lord says in His Word."

Thank you again for your kindness and encouragement to our family.

In our lifetime we are likely to see every language community on earth being able to read and listen to the Scriptures in the their own language. The Good News is being preached throughout the whole world!



Thank you for your partnership in this work! Tim and Sharon Scanlon

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What Pastors and Churches Can Legally Do During Election Season



The 2024 election is less than one year away. With campaign season underway, religious leaders and people of faith often ask, "What are my rights when it comes to addressing political issues?"

There are many misconceptions about what rights and freedoms pastors and houses of worship have on political matters. Opponents of religious freedom often manipulate information to make you believe that politics and the pulpit may never converge, making faith-based organizations, churches, synagogues and everyday religious Americans fear legal ramifications if they mention or participate in politics.

But the truth is, that fear isn't based on the law. It's a scare tactic by those who want to silence and suppress people of faith, and keep them from voicing their opinions and voting their values.

Here are some critical facts that you need to know.

4 THINGS CHURCHES AND PASTORS ARE LEGALLY ALLOWED TO DO DURING ELECTIONS

The number of things pastors can do during election season far outweigh the number of things they can't do — in both quantity and importance.

1. It's okay to speak about political issues in the Church

It is a misconception that pastors cannot address political issues — even "hot button" issues like religious liberty, abortion and same-sex marriage — from the pulpit. Any person or entity that attempts to silence a pastor for addressing these issues is violating that pastor's constitutional rights under the First Amendment. Pastors have every right under the First Amendment to talk about any of those issues, and there's never been any case in American history that said pastors can't do that.

Historically in America and in many places around the world, government and religion have never been mutually exclusive concepts; rather, they coexist. America's Founders saw religion as a necessary component to a healthy, moral society — not a taboo topic to bar completely from the political realm; neither was political talk to be barred from churches. Sermons on politics, government and controversial issues were common at our nation's founding, and popular among pastors and churches on varying sides of the political spectrum.

2. Religious leaders can educate their congregation about politics

Religious leaders are tasked with equipping their congregants in works of service, and that includes representing their faith and morality in the voting booth. Pastors are fully protected when it comes to issues like educating members of their church about the political process, handing out non-partisan voter guides and flyers so members can read about each candidate's positions, and even providing the opportunity for members to register to vote.

3. Inviting political candidates to speak at church is allowed

Contrary to popular belief, pastors and churches can invite political candidates to address their congregation from the pulpit, as long as all the candidates in a race are included in the invitation. What if only one candidate accepts the invitation and shows up? No problem!

4. Pastors can participate in politics in their individual capacity

Serving in ministry does not disqualify pastors or other religious leaders from their individual rights as U.S. citizens. Pastors can participate in political campaigns, hold office within political campaigns, and even endorse a candidate in their individual capacity as a private citizen.

WHAT RELIGIOUS LEADERS CANNOT DO DURING ELECTIONS

According to IRS regulations, there are only two things that pastors and churches, when classified as a 501(c)(3) organization, cannot do:

A church entity may not endorse one candidate over another

This does not mean that a pastor — in his individual capacity as an American citizen — may not endorse one candidate over another. A 501(c)(3) church or organization may not, however, as an organization endorse one candidate over another or be publicly against one candidate over the other.

1. A church may not give its money to one candidate over another

This doesn't mean that pastors or church members, in their individual capacities as American citizens, cannot donate to the political campaign of their choice. They can even be the Campaign Chair for a candidate if they want. But an official 501(c)(3) organization may not donate church funds or resources to one political candidate over another.

2. Our responsibility as people of faith to be good citizens

Americans — including people of faith — have a responsibility to be good citizens, active and engaged in our political process. We recognize that religious freedom is indeed one of the greatest blessings bestowed to our country and the first freedom from which all other liberties flow. At the same time, however, we cannot ignore how important other civil rights — such as the right to vote — are to the flourishing and the betterment of our country.

In Romans 13:1, Scripture commands us to be obedient and respectful of authorities and the governmental institutions around us:

"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."

In the American system of government, the government is "of the people, by the people, and for the people." So, showing respect for authority in the United States includes us being an active part of the process and voting. In other words, we can show love for both God and country by consciously participating in our republican form of government. Part of the bargain of living in liberty is a duty to vote and making our voices heard in the public square.

This election season, we encourage every religious American to vote according to their conscience and their values. Every person of faith should know this: protecting religious freedom and all our God-given liberties isn't just a battle that we're fighting in the courtroom. It's a fight that we can also win if we show up at the ballot box.

News & More

The Chamber of Faith

My name is Nick Galezewski, director of BASICS in Milwaukee. For the last 27 years, have been serving the Greater Milwaukee Area through incubating upstart urban missions and Jesusfocused non-profits. We have successfully helped organizations such as The Captive Proj-

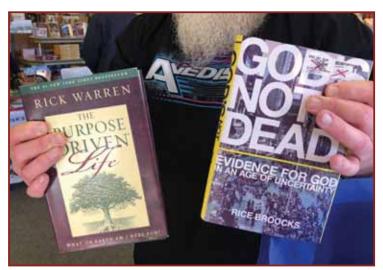


ect, Genesis Lighthouse and Hope Street Ministries launch into standalone entities. Currently we support ministries such as the Milwaukee Police Chaplaincy, Prayers in Schools, Read MKE and many others.

We have made a decision to launch a new venture we are calling "The Chamber of Faith." The vision of the Chamber of Faith is to foster a spiritually thriving Greater Milwaukee through collaborative partnerships. We soft launched in September and are preparing for our Grand Launch Event on January 23rd. It will be a time of networking and connecting with Jesus-centric, Kingdom-minded leaders from all sectors including business, non-profit and churches.

I want to reach out to you today to invite you to our grand launch. I would encourage you to come see what it's all about and prayerfully consider becoming a member. While the event is free, we are requesting registration for head count purposes. The link to the registration is here: https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/q43ra5e

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In the Kitchen With Diane

Diane Fechter, Author



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1 1/2 tsp. salt

1 tsp. Chinese Five Spices or cinnamon

1 tsp. nutmeg

3 c. sugar

4 eggs

1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin

1 c. oil

2/3 c. water

1 c. chopped walnuts

Topping:

2 T. melted butter

2 T. sugar

1/2½tsp. Chinese Five or cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine dry ingredients together; mix well; set aside.

Combine sugar, eggs, pumpkin, oil and water; mix well. Add walnuts. Add to dry ingredients and stir only until incorporated.

Bake in 2 greased bread pans (9x5) for 45-60 minutes, or until tests done with toothpick. Leave in pan 10 minutes; remove. For topping, brush tops of bread with butter. Combine sugar and Chinese Five and sprinkle over butter. Continue cooling on wire racks...

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BONUS RECIPE for a Happy New YearAnonymous

- Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.
- Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.



- Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing— don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution.
- Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor. ENJOY!!!



The Path Forward Defending Life

This past week's election results have been discouraging for the pro-life movement. The hard-fought victory in the Dobbs Supreme Court decision gave Americans the opportunity to defend the unborn at the ballot box. Yet, instead of protecting the most vulnerable among us, the 2022 and 2023 elections proved why the fundamental right to life should never be left to a vote

Over the past few days, GOP pundits have claimed that deceptive advertising and high spending are the reasons Republicans and the life issue have failed miserably, and to some extent, they are correct. Unfortunately, these things are not going to change. Democrats are going to make "a woman's right to choose" the cornerstone of their 2024 election strat-

egy, and major donors like George Soros and Jeff Bezos will continue to fund pro-abortion candidates and ballot initiatives far from their home states.

Still, the pro-life movement cannot be disheartened — and certainly cannot back down. We aren't fighting for a hypothetical or an ideal. We are fighting for people's lives.

The year and a half since Dobbs has taught us that many more people — and perhaps different people — than we realized want to keep abortion legal. It's not only "women in crisis pregnancies;" it's wealthy, educated men and women; it's the men and women we're sitting next to at church on Sunday; it's our neighbors and our friends.

Americans have grown numb to the reality of abortion. But if the pro-life movement is going to succeed in defending life, the path forward begins with presenting an undeniable truth — an unborn child is a person, and an abortion kills her. Protecting the unborn starts with lovingly having this conversation with our friends, coworkers, children, parents, and neighbors.

We should be prepared for these discussions to be difficult. As last week's election demonstrated, hundreds of thousands of people are willing to say they are "pro-choice." A large percentage of those people don't even shy away from labeling themselves as "pro-abortion." But very few people identify as "pro-killing an unborn child." It seems most people don't want abortion, but they have bought into the lie that someday, they or a loved one will need an abortion.

We cannot allow this fear to prevail. Paying for a mother's child to be killed doesn't solve any problem. We need to shake people out of the



illusion that Democratic euphemisms like "women's rights," "reproductive freedom," and "choice" mean anything other than the right to kill an innocent human being, and we need to drive away the fear that abortion is a solution. After all, we aren't for limiting a woman's future, rights, freedom, or choice. We are for protecting a defenseless person from a horrific death and helping her mother flourish.

While we work to remind our friends and family what abortion actually does, we must also remind our "pro-life" legislators what it means to be worthy of that title. Legislation that focuses on protecting life after a gestational age without a plan to move forward from that point is not pro-life; it is pro-compromise. And as Nellie Gray, founder of the March for Life, said, "On this basic subject of life ... there is no compromise. You're either for or against it. I was just rereading the Scriptures the other day seeing that is exactly where Christ was. ... There is no neutrality and there is no in between. You can't have a little bit of abortion. You can't be a little bit pregnant. You must understand that life must be protected in total."

Certainly, this does not mean that the pro-life movement must totally abandon an incremental approach to completely protecting the unborn. In some states, the incremental approach is saving lives. But the goal of every piece of pro-life legislation — especially at the federal level — must be protecting every unborn child from the moment of conception and working for the day when Americans are no longer voting on whether an innocent unborn child can be killed.

Legislation that seeks to find "common ground" with Democrats should be abandoned, since their version of "common ground" has killed millions of innocent babies. Instead, pro-lifers should champion legislation that points to the fact that the unborn child is a

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FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL: PRAYER PLEDGE FOR SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE REP. MIKE JOHNSON

In this increasingly intense and significant time for our nation and the world, I commit to pray for our elected leaders, specifically Speaker of the House Mike Johnson and his family as he seeks to lead the House of Representatives in accordance with biblical truth and righteousness. I will consistently pray for...

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"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." - James 1:5

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Discernment

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"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." - Ephesians 4:3

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"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." - Philippians 2:3

Integrity

"The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trust-worthy." - Proverbs 12:22

Courage

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9

Guidance

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." - Psalm 119:105

Perseverance

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." - Galatians 6:9

Justice

"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow." - Isaiah 1:17

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THE PATH FORWARD FROM PAGE 12

person, and we care about that person and her mother. Pro-life politicians must highlight how dangerous the abortion drug is for women and demand that existing federal laws protecting unborn babies and their mothers from this drug are enforced. Similarly, pro-life candidates must call for investigations where there is evidence that unborn children's lives were destroyed through the gruesome, illegal practice of partial-birth abortion. Highlighting these cases forces

Democrats to contend with what abortion actually does.

Pro-life presidential candidates must commit to signing any democratically passed legislation that protects unborn children, appointing pro-life judges and members of the administration, and ensuring that American taxpayer dollars are not used to fund abortion. And all of this must be done alongside a commitment to working towards a country where every single person — including those in the womb — is valued as a member of society with limitless potential.

For 50 years the pro-life movement fought for the opportunity to defend the unborn. The 2022 and 2023 elections were anything but a step forward. But as we head into the 2024 election, we must remember who we are working for and why we are defending unborn babies and their mothers. Democrats have shown they will fight with lies and money. Fighting with unyielding truth and love is the best possible response.



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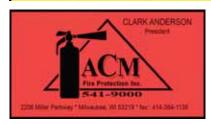


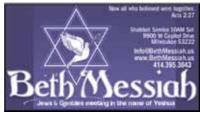


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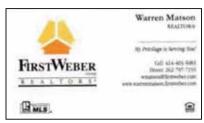




















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Stan Lind always active in sports is shown here after Achilles surgery

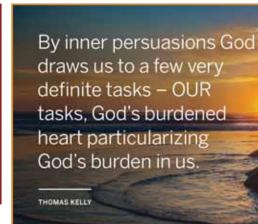


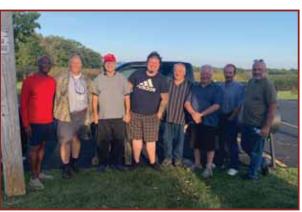
Oscar Johnson is shown on the lower right at a recent gathering with Dr. Basil Jackson, Pastor Julius Malone, Pastor Joe Helm and a host of other friends





SIGN OF THE MONTH





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Churches Breaking New Ground: Filled with Broken Families, Lives

By Ron Tewson (The Christian Post)

The other day I read an article that opened with these words: "Churches must work to restore healthy marriages and fatherhood to combat a growing decline in Christianity, according to a survey released by a faith-based group." The article went on to detail how the decline in resident fatherhood and the collapse of marriage are likely explanations for the increase in religious non-affiliation throughout the United States.

While this is certainly bad news, it also reflects some good news: "Overall, the survey found that 80% of church attendees grew up in a home where their mother and father stayed married, a trend that remained true regardless of age." Although this number is in decline, it is still much higher than the national average and shows the impact the power of the Gospel of Jesus has on the family. The point of the article was to encourage churches to take the strengthening of marriage and family more seriously because it has a profound effect on the next generation. It was a good reminder and challenge.

But as I read it, I felt an ache in my soul for a very different reason: Christianity has become more about being generational than the breaking of new ground. While the national average for kids having parents who stay married is only one in two, in the church it's four in five. The insiders stay insiders, while the outsiders remain far from the healing power of God, generation after generation.

The first churches were made up exclusively of those born and bred in the shadow of the Old Testament Law: Jews. This created a common culture of values that kept the community pure and the survey results looking good. But then the Gospel began moving out to those who had a long history of pagan practice and dirty laundry: the Gentiles. The survey results took a beating.

Yet the heart of God from the beginning has been for broken people with broken backgrounds to experience the power of His redemption and restoration. While the leaders of Jesus' day pressured Him to stay within the limits of His Jewish culture, He kept pushing the edges to engage those outside the circle: "It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:31-32).

In Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonica, he reminded them they had "turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ..." (I Thessalonians 1:9). When he took the Gospel to the city of Ephesus, many who engaged in sorcery and pagan worship left their ways to follow Jesus (Acts 19: 19, 23-27). The survey question, "How



many of you came from families that practiced sorcery and idolatry?" Would have had embarrassing results. Yet Heaven was smiling as new ground was being broken.

But the city of Corinth tops them all: "Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor those habitually drunk, nor verbal abusers, nor swindlers, will inherit the Kingdom of God. Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God" (I Corinthians 6:9-11). That must have been quite a congregation! New ground was being broken.

God's intent for the Church has always been that it be a place where lost people get found and the broken get put back together — a place filled with "weres" who are learning to build new lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.

It's time for surveys to tell us that churches are breaking new ground and being filled with those from broken families, broken relationships, and broken lives. But they should also tell us churches are doing all they can to break the downward cycle of family dysfunction and restore health to marriage and fatherhood. Only then can people step into the life God has for them, and only then can they be part of God's heart for breaking new ground through the power of the Gospel.

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes ..." (Romans 1:16).

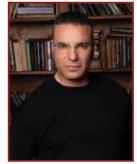
BEHOLD ISRAEL WITH AMIR TSARFATI

Shalom from Israel! This week around the Christian world, Christmas will be observed. Not surprisingly, it is not a well-observed celebration in my country. There is only a small fraction of us in Israel who recognize that the Messiah has already come, being born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. Don't get me wrong, there is a growing movement of those anticipating the coming of the Messiah. Soldiers can be seen gathered together singing, "I believe in the coming of the Messiah, even if he tarries." They believe in a messiah. They just don't believe he's already come.

On the other side of the coin are those who claim to believe that the messiah has come, but they spread

lies about who he is. "Jesus was a Palestinian," they shout, totally ignoring the genealogies of the Gospels and Jesus' clear lineage as a Jew. "Bethlehem wasn't in the land of the Jews when Jesus was born," they assert. This is simply foolish. Bethlehem was a small but important town to the Jews. It was from this shepherding village that the lambs used for sacrifices in the temple would be gathered.

But these lies fit our times. Our world is not into facts anymore. Instead, we are surrounded by deception. The head of a hospital in



Gaza who was actually a leader in Hamas. He used his position to ensure the terrorist organization could use his facility as a front for their terrorist activities that took place above and below the ground. This conning of the UN and the humanitarian watchdog agencies took place in hospitals, clinics, and schools throughout

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians the following warning:

The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that

they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

This is the time we are living in. The delusion is incredibly strong. We are feeling the soon rise of the antichrist. His spirit is already here. People's gullibility to the lies of the enemy will only increase as time goes on. Our blessed hope is our soon rapture.



Disappearing Motherhood: Who's to Blame?

AND GOD BLESSED THEM, AND GOD SAID UNTO THEM, BE FRUITFUL, AND MULTIPLY, AND REPLENISH THE EARTH, AND SUBDUE IT: AND HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA, AND OVER THE FOWL OF THE AIR, AND OVER EVERY LIVING THING THAT MOVETH **UPON THE EARTH. [GENESIS 1:28]**

A British tabloid carried a grim headline Monday announcing "America's fertility crash," over an article detailing the precipitous drop in the U.S. birth rate during the last 15 years. The decline was greatest in Utah, whose birth rate fell by more than a third despite the Beehive State's reputation for large families.

Ignoring such a dire long-term trend that harms the health and happiness of the American people, our media have spent most of 2023 promoting entertainment aimed at single young women, starting with Barbie. That blockbuster movie featured an unmarried woman without children, with merely a cameo appearance by one pregnant character who is portrayed as an

The Barbie phenomenon is joined by the female pop star Taylor Swift, whose record-setting concert tour caused an unprecedented meltdown at Ticketmaster. Now the film version has broken the box office record for a concert movie, drawing mostly young women to theaters where they dance on chairs and sing off-key rather than merely watching.

Taylor Swift, herself childless and nearly 34 years old, was asked when she turned 30 whether she wants to have children. She curtly replied, "I don't really think men are asked that question when they turn 30, so I'm not going to answer that now."

LO, CHILDREN ARE AN HERITAGE OF THE LORD: AND THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB IS HIS REWARD. AS AR-ROWS ARE IN THE HAND OF A MIGHTY MAN; SO ARE CHILDREN OF THE YOUTH. HAPPY IS THE MAN THAT HATH HIS QUIVER FULL OF THEM: THEY SHALL NOT BE ASHAMED, BUT THEY SHALL SPEAK WITH THE EN-EMIES IN THE GATE. [PSALMS 127:3-5]

A man's fertility, of course, doesn't begin falling at age 30. But every young woman should be warned how much more difficult it becomes to have children as she moves through her 30s.

Taylor Swift won't need children to support her financially in her old age, due to her fortune. But the future of our country and the "Swifties," as her followers are called, is less rosy in our increasingly childless society.

The percentage of women under 45 having children has fallen to barely half today. Childless young adults will eventually become an elderly population dependent on public support, but Social Security works only if there are enough young workers to fund the system on a continuing basis.

For the most part, Swifties have not been attending these concerts on dates with young men. An estimated 90% of these concert fans are women, an imbalance so severe that it has caused havoc with the availability of restrooms at performance venues.

Our nation already has a record number of women and men who are single in the 18-29 age group: 34% of women and 63% of men. Many of them have given up on seeking a relationship

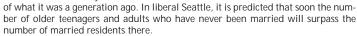
This isolation is not healthy for our society, or for young women. Single women are obese at a rate of 7-12% more than married women, and Taylor Swift had to remove a reference to "fat" in one of her music videos last year to appease her fans.

Meanwhile, the number of men who have no close friendships has increased five-fold in the last 30 years, to 15%. The hordes of young men and women who are unmarried today are having difficulty finding partners

who share their political views, while Democrat politicians play gender-gap politics for their benefit.

Married women typically vote Republican as married men do. But single women vote overwhelmingly for the Democratic candidates, in part because Democrats spend billions of dollars advertising to them.

The percentage of 18- to 34-year-olds who are married today is less than half



Educated women are deciding not to have children at all. About 25% of women nearing the end of their childbearing age who hold at least a master's degree are

The decline in the birth rate is something that President Trump and the Republican Congress addressed over Democrat opposition back in 2017, by instituting a \$2,000 annual tax credit for each child under age 17. But this child tax credit has fallen in real value due to inflation, and a boost in it during Covid was not extended beyond

This child tax credit is paltry compared with the benefits that every newborn American contributes to our country over a lifetime. In addition to military service and other sacrifices, the average American will pay \$500,000 in taxes over his life, so the child tax credit should be far higher than \$2,000.

Other countries have changed their policies to encourage more childbearing. Communist China replaced its one-child policy with a two-child policy in 2016, and then ended its two-child policy in 2021 in favor of promoting having three children.

Poland's conservative-leaning government was just ousted from power in part because it allowed Poland's birth rate to decline to its lowest level since World War II.

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Texas Rangers, only MLB team that doesn't hold 'Pride Night,' wins World Series

(LifeSiteNews)

On Wednesday night, MLB's Texas Rangers defeated the Arizona Diamondbacks 5 to 0 in Game 5 of the World Series, becoming champions for the first time in franchise history. Not initially considered likely to be a 2023 World Series winning team, the Rangers are perhaps best known among conservatives as being the only MLB team to refuse to host a "Pride Night" game in celebration of sodomy and the LGBT agenda.

"Apparently, there's no pride in Texas," a liberal contributor to Fan Nation, which is owned by Sports Illustrated, said in June of this year after the franchise refused to go along with the league's "Pride Night" efforts.

Once owned by former president George W. Bush from 1988 until 1994, the team has steadfastly resisted pressure from LGBT groups and hostile media outlets to host a "Pride" game. It did, however, invite homosexual athletes to its stadium in 2003, a move that prompted massive backlash at the time. It has also released public statements in recent years in promotion of the LGBT agenda, while also contributing money to LGBT-oriented sports initiatives.

"Our commitment is to make everyone feel welcome and included in Rangers baseball," the team said in a statement earlier this year. "That means in our ballpark, at every game, and in all we do - for both our fans and our employees. We deliver on that promise across our many programs to have a positive impact across our entire community."

In 2022, the Rangers were a platinum sponsor of the "Gay Softball World Series" in Dallas. Approximately 900 rainbow-clad players from the tournament attended a game at the team's Globe Life Field.

"This is another example of how the Rangers strive to make everyone feel welcome and included in all we do," spokesman John Blake said at the time

On October 21, 2021 - so-called "Spirit Day" - the Rangers' social media account tweeted support for "inclusion." The day was created by a Canadian teenager in 2010 to bring attention to "bullying" of "LGBTQ+ youth."



In 2021, the team released a statement informing The Athletic that members of the Rangers' front office volunteered at the pro-LGBT Resource Center in Dallas "to help with preparations for their Teen Halloween Party."

Fox News also reported that Rangers COO Neil Leibman told The Dallas Morning News in 2020 that the Center helped him adopt changes that made the organization "more inclusive in hiring practices."

Earlier this year, MLB commissioner Rob Manfred reportedly directed teams to not wear rainbow-themed jerseys during any "Pride" games, which are held at the discretion of team owners. The league's 29 other teams have all hosted "Pride" games, with the Chicago Cubs being the first in 2001.

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

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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
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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 Blessdeliverance@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 SundayWorship10am 414.395.7777 or cornerstonemilwaukee.com

<u>Divine Shepherd Lutheran</u> 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 Surday 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

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Parklawn Assembly of God 3725 N Sherman Blvd Milwaukee 53216 Sunday Worship 8, 11AM 414.442.7411

Restoration International Min-Nestoration international wine-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.

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 Oby Sunday Service: 10:30am Wednesday Service: 6:30pm 414-464-9643 WOGF.mke@gmail.com





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Cornerstone Bible Church 11321 St. Martens Rd. Franklin, WI 53132 Sunday Bible Study 9:30AM Children's/Jr Church 10:30AM 414, 232,3158 or www.cbcfranklinwi.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 AM1340 12:45PM 414.423.0700 or Jubilee-Christian.

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.BRBCMke.org

Body of Christ Ministries KimSorgentMinistries.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

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Family Prayer & Worship Center 2370 S. 75th Street West Allis, WI 53219 414.216.FPWC (3792) Worship Sundays10AM 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

Mew 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 New Polisping International Intl.

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

Jesus Christ Is Lord Congregational Bible Church 2931 S Kinnickinnic Ave (Bay View) Milwaukee, WI 53207 Sunday Worship12:30PM Wed. Bible Study: 7PM 414-210-6104 davidfann188@gmail.com

Layton Avenue Baptist Church 9600 W Layton Avenue Greenfield, WI 53228 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:45am 414.425.1616 www.laytonavenuechurch.com

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 \$ 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

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.

RightWay Church Ministries
POBox242232
Milwaukee, W153225
4016 W Silver Spring Dr.
Milwaukee, W 53209
(In the Tinity Miracle Church building)
SundaySchool 9am
WorshipService 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.
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N112 W17655 Mequon Rd
Germantown, WI 53022

Sunday 11 am Tuesday 6:30 pm prayer, 7 pm service

Blessed Hope BIC Church 4949 State Highway 38 Franksville, WI 53126 Sunday at 9:00 am (262) 822-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 cornerstonelakecountr.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 Fellowship
609 Sandy Acre Drive
West Bend, WI 53090
262-334-7124
www.whbaz.com
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Monday Ladies Bible Study
10:30 am
Wednesday Service 6:30 pm fr

Wednesday Service 6:30 pm for adults and children Faith Christian Fellowship 1200 Racine St. Racine 53403 262.637-6220 or RacineFCF.org

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

Foundational Biblical Baptist Church 6224 22nd Ave. Kenosha, W153143 Sunday School 10am Morning Service 11am Main Service 6pm 262-654-4665 www.fbbckenosha.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 Wednesday Prayer 7PM 262.654.9631 GBC-Kenosha.org

Hillside Community Church S93 W30580 County Rd NN Mukwonago 53149 Sunday Worship 9AM Call for Bible Studies 262.363.8025 or Hillsidemuk.org

Journey Church Burlington 740 Center St. Burlington, WI 53105 262-767-3649 Sun. 9 &10.45 Wed. 6:30

Journey Church Kenosha 1000 75th St 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

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.0DBCport.org

Orchard Hill Assembly of God Np590 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

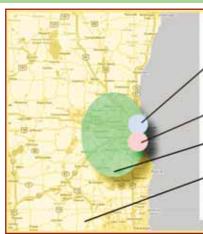
Summit Harvest Church 888 Thackerway Trail #209 Oconomowoc 53066 Sunday Worship 10AM 262.560.0765 SummitHarvestChurch.org

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

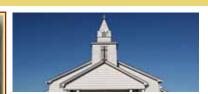
Watertown Community Church 106 E Madison St Watertown 53094 Sunday Worship 10AM Call for other meetings/studies 920.206.0599 or WatertownCommunityChurch.org

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



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