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## A Clarion Call: Discerning Deception in the Last Days - A Biblical Response to A.I.

By Bob Roman

Isaiah was giving a Clarion call and he responded by taking action!

*"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." - Isaiah 6:8*

This verse reflects the essence of a "Clarion Call" — which is "a compelling invitation to undertake a significant task, often with eternal implications."



Bob Roman

### OUR ONLY ANCHOR IS THE WORD OF GOD

In these last days before the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, Scripture repeatedly warns of a great deception that will ensnare many. As children of the light, we must remain sober and vigilant, anchoring our trust in the immutable truth of God's Word.

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God:

because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1)

### THE COMING WORLD LEADER WILL COME IN "DECEPTION!"

"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." (2 Thesalonians 2:9-10)

### DECEPTION WILL LEAD PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD

With sobering clarity, the apostle Paul warns of a time when deception will run rampant, fueled by the very forces of hell itself. As we look around at the spiritual landscape of our modern age, it becomes increasingly evident that such a time is upon us. Deception is the clarion call of our era, roaring its siren song to lead the masses away from the truth and into spiritual shipwreck.

### DISCERNMENT, DECEPTION AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OR A.I.!

This article aims to equip believers with a biblical framework to discern the rising tide of deception, including the advent of advanced technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) that could be employed for "Information" and being an "Assistant" but it has already been proven that it can also be used for misinformation and manipulation.

Specifically, we will:

1. Examine what Jesus and the apostle Paul taught about the prevalence of deception in the last days.
2. Explore how emerging innovations like AI could potentially be used for good but in the hands of unbelieving mankind it can also be misused to erode truth and lead people astray.
3. Call believers to exercise godly discernment, upholding Scripture as our highest authority.

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## The 2024 Governor's Prayer Breakfast

By Pastor Mike and Joann Harden

The Governor's Prayer Breakfasts are always a blessing to my wife and myself, but this year's event was especially one to remember. There were Democrats and Republicans in attendance. There were liberals and conservatives present. There were blacks, whites, Jews and other ethnic groups present.

Prayed for many times, Governor Evers will hopefully be there next year! Mayor Cavalier Johnson was on the program, Deputy Chief of Staff Tim Schabo representing County Executive David Crowley was on program, and they were great. Everyone loved them!

The Warden for the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections, who I didn't know was African American, was on the program along with other esteemed dignitaries.

The breakfast served by the Wisconsin Club was quite tasty. But amongst all of the great speakers, two were especially uplifting to my wife and myself.

First, the powerful Christian testimony of Tim Schabo, who told us how Jesus Christ saved him and his marriage. He also shared how County Executive David Crowley took a chance on him because of

his Christian faith, and in spite of his criminal past. In our eyes this speaks volumes about who County Executive David Crowley is.

Second, the powerful message by brother Roy Bell. His lifelong journey from criminal to Christ was riveting and inspirational. Anyone with a checkered past, and that's most of us, should go on the ProBuColls YouTube Channel and see for yourselves how the Lord was glorified.

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# Commentary



## My Friend Bob

By Bob Conklin, Jr.

Reading the Obituaries and seeing one of my commercial real estate friends listed, my heart sank. To say I was shocked was an understatement. Bob was older than me, but I didn't realize how much, so at 84 years it was no surprise he would have died. That he died from complications from what is often a minor ailment was sad. But what really hit me hard was that I would never have another opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Bob. My friend and I spent many hours together working on transactions, so being as how Bob liked to drive his vehicle to our appointments, I was usually the passenger. I would talk about Christ in my life. Bob listened. We sometimes talked about politics. That didn't go so well. Bob was a really bright and high IQ guy, so I was out of my league...except when it came to anything eternal. Being as how I try to read the Word of God daily, we talked about eternity and dying and making sure that in this life, we "get our ticket punched for Heaven." I'm sure I did my best to explain John 3:16, Romans 3:23 and John 5:24. It was

never about joining or being a part of a denomination or a man-made religion. I gave Bob the Real Purpose of Life booklet. Bob gave me a Stormy Kromer hat I still wear. We golfed together. As my guest, Bob attended our Leadership Luncheons and Prayer Breakfast events, so Bob heard a similar message from others besides me who had also made a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ and trust in His shed blood on the Cross as full and complete payment for their sin. Bob was a mentor in real estate, especially his area of expertise which was the buying and selling of industrial buildings. Bob once caught me starting to remove my overcoat when we cold called a potential client. He said, "Bobby, what are you doing? We don't want them to think we're going to stay long. Leave your coat on." To this day, when I drop in, I leave my coat on! Bob, though your obituary didn't reference Christ, just the opposite in fact, I hope, old friend, that you made a choice for Heaven. I miss you. Tears...

## MEXICO TRIP

BY DENNIS AND PATTY ST. GEORGE

I sent photos to John Best and thanked him for their Bibles on the Move ministry sponsoring the Bibles.

16 Spanish Bibles were handed out during our March 2024 visit to Mexico.

Upon arrival, the first person I looked for was Eduardo. In 2023 Eduardo asked me for a Bible after I had none left. I told him I would give him one on my next visit. I found Eduardo, and he gratefully received his Bible.

My wife, Patty, and I met a concierge named Laura. Laura believed in God, but she said she wasn't sure about Jesus. We told her about Jesus and quoted John 14:6. "Jesus said, 'I am the Way and the Truth and the

Life. No one comes to the father except through me.' "

Laura explained that she had recently recovered from an illness that left her paralyzed for one month. Her mother prayed for her, and her mother's prayer group prayed for her. She return to good health. She said, "Now you two show up talking about Jesus. I believe there's something going on in my life." We told her the Holy Spirit was working in her and gave her a Bible.

People saw or heard we were passing out Bibles. Three people approached us at different times, and asked if they could have a Bible and we obliged.



Unfortunately, we did encounter two atheists that said they did not believe in God and refused our offer of Bibles.

Since we've visited Mexico, we've handed out approximately 50 Spanish Bibles. Glory be to God!



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# News & More



## Retirement, A Season of Opportunity

By John Di Frances



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Ah finally! After long years of toil. RETIREMENT! My opportunity to relax, kick back and enjoy the 'Golden Years.' Or NOT?

From the world's perspective, retirement represents a life of recreation, disconnection from cares, and ease. But what should it mean to a follower of Christ? As we grow older, we find it necessary to adjust our level of activity to physical limitations that did not previously exist. For some, this means a change of vocation. For others, it may mean leaving a paid vocation

and redirecting their gifts into ministry whether in church or another setting. For many, it takes the form of being available to children, grandchildren, or others needing our help.

Retirement offers the time and flexibility to serve God in new ways

Why is it even necessary to 'work'? Before sin entered the world, God gave Adam and Eve a job to do, that of tending the Garden. They were instructed to glorify God by using their time and talents in meaningful ways. They were to work! Diligently!

After sin entered the world, the curse made work more difficult. The term 'the sweat of your brow,' became the norm. 'Thorns,' the problems that hinder and frustrate our efforts made work more strenuous and for many, far less enjoyable.

However, prior to the curse, work was a part of God's plan for humanity. Why? For our good. Scripture contains far too many admonitions against 'laziness' and 'sloth' for me to elaborate on that issue here.

It is simply 'good for man to work.' It brings us dignity and a sense of purpose as well as reducing the temptation for the sin that comes with idleness. My friend Dr. Basil Jackson, a psychiatrist who splits his full-time practice between adults and children, will in two months reach his 92nd birthday. Note I said 'full-time' practice. And he loves it!

Granted, not everyone enjoys such health and long life, but I would venture that in addition to his genetic make-up, disciplined lifestyle habits, and God's blessing, the fact that Dr. Jackson remains working has prolonged his life. He is mentally, emotionally, and physically active. His work ensures this. He often remarks that he is, "Well paid to help people by telling them of Jesus' love for them."

Another friend of mine worked many years in a physically strenuous construction field building a thriving business. Now, in his sixties, he must limit what his body can endure physically, but that has not stopped him from engaging in daily activities to help others. Nor his wife, who suffers from a debilitating illness, yet continues to run a large ministry.

Whether working for income or not, everyone to whom God has granted life and health can do something, either directly or indirectly, to further the Kingdom. As Christians, that is our calling on earth. But what if you no longer have the health and strength for physical activity? What if you are a shut-in? Then, maybe you are the very person to focus on the most fundamental ministry of all, 'PRAYER.'

We live in a world that is seemingly careening out of control. WWII is a real possibility in both Europe and Asia. Our culture is rapidly

devolving into chaos. Our borders are experiencing an unprecedented invasion. Drugs are killing our young people at a rate of over 100,000 per year. Increasing violence is making our cities too dangerous for many, and America has to date murdered more than 63 Million babies as a matter of 'Choice.'

By Jesus' words, and through all of scripture, it is clear that prayer is the key that unlocks God's working on earth. "You have not because you ask not." (James 4:2) If you are able to do nothing else in your post-working years, you can certainly perform this most important work to further the Kingdom. PRAY! "For it is God who works in you to will and to do for his good purpose." (Philippians 2:13)

From the gospels, it is clear Jesus was engaged virtually every minute. The disciples never retired. Even John, though advanced in age and a prisoner of Rome, remained actively involved during exile on the Island of Patmos writing the final book of God's written declaration, the Apocalypse, the Book of Revelation. Need I also mention, great leaders of the faith such as Abraham and Moses, who were well advanced in years before they even got started?

Look around. Do you see the Church Victorious, prevailing over the forces of evil here in America or anywhere? Sadly, I think not. Then certainly there is much work to be done and scripture exhorts us to be 'workers for the Kingdom and the great harvest of souls' needing new life in Christ.

If we are retired, we have more time. So, let us "... not be conformed to this [world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may [prove what the will of God is, that which is good and [acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

I am not advocating an all-work and no-play mindset. Nor a 'super-spiritual' guilt trip over enjoying life. With today's increasingly pressured lifestyle, periods of restoration, and vacations are indeed necessary, if we are to remain physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy. But a permanent vacation ... the so-called 'good life of retirement?' No!!

We are living in a dying world. All around us, we rub shoulders with people — at the grocery store, at events, and in our neighborhoods who are without hope. They have no spiritual life, no connection with their Creator ... with Jesus Christ. They look lost, and not just spiritually. Loneliness overwhelms them. Many consult with a therapist regularly and a large percentage take prescription drugs just to make it through each day. Our society is experiencing an unprecedented mental health crisis. Suicide, especially among the young, is rapidly increasing. A crisis of 'lost' people with no one to turn to for real answers. The answers they need to truly 'LIVE.'

We are here for a purpose and it is not simply to enjoy our own lives. "For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body." (1 Corinthians 6:20)

Never forget that an incredibly high price was paid for your salvation, the lifeblood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Seek to bear fruit for Him every day and in every season in whatever way He directs and makes possible.

Scripture quoted from the New American Standard Bible 1995 (NASB1995)

**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.**

*Colossians 3:23-24*



# News & More



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## EXAMINING THE WARNINGS ABOUT THE "LAST DAYS DECEPTION!"

Our Lord Jesus Christ repeatedly cautioned His followers about the insidious danger of deception in the last days. In Matthew 24:4-5, He says, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

The apostle Paul echoes this sobering warning in 2 Timothy 4:3-4, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

These prophetic words should resonate deeply within us, as we witness a world increasingly embracing falsehoods and rejecting the truth of God's Word.

## EMERGING INNOVATIONS LIKE AI AND POTENTIAL MISUSE

In our modern age, we have witnessed the rise of powerful innovations like artificial intelligence (AI) that, while offering potential benefits, also carry concerning risks if misused or operating without ethical constraints.

## THE NRB – FEBRUARY 2024 #1 – RESOLUTION FOR 2024.

The National Religious Broadcasters' February 2024 Resolution on A.I. Technology "acknowledges the benefits of AI in various industries but also highlights the potential hazards such as the replacement of human workers, unauthorized replication of images and likenesses, origination of misleading information, and the risk of overreliance on AI." It wisely calls for Christians "to recognize the limitations of technological enhancements and interventions, emphasizing that human redemption and transformation are spiritual goods, not products of technology."

## THE TOWER OF BABEL AND AN ADVANCE A.I. SYSTEM

Advanced AI algorithms and systems can process and generate human-like language, images, and video with unprecedented realism. While intended for productive applications, these capabilities could potentially be exploited to produce misinformation, fake media, and even AI-generated false teachings on a massive scale. As advanced AI becomes integrated with powerful quantum computing, we must be wary of mankind acquiring God-like abilities, just as the Lord warned in Genesis 11:6 - "And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do."

The risk of overreliance and deception through AI severely escalates as these technologies advance unchecked. As Paul warned the Ephesians, we must "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Ephesians 5:11) We cannot remain complacent or naive to the potent ability of emerging innovations to be employed for deception when divorced from biblical truth. Revelation Chapter 13 cannot happen without an Advance A.I. system running on a Quantum Computer monitoring who has taken the Mark of the Coming World Leader and who has not!

## A CALL TO BELIEVERS TO EXERCISE GODLY DISCERNMENT

In the face of such sobering warnings about the deceptions of the last days, how ought we as believers to respond? We must anchor our faith in the unshakable rock of God's Word, allowing it to be "a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path." (Psalm 119:105)

Like the noble Bereans, we must "search the scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11) with a spirit of humility and discernment, measuring every



teaching, philosophy, and innovation against the plumbline of biblical truth. For "the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." (1 Corinthians 3:19)

Let us heed the exhortation of Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Our trust must rest fully in the Lord, and not in the latest technological marvel or human invention that so easily fades.

A.I. can be used as an Assistant, a Tool, but it cannot replace our spending time alone with God in his Word, spending time alone with God in prayer and spending time with like minded believers in fellowship.

As we navigate these perilous times, may we be "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16), discerning truth from falsehood, and upholding the eternal, life-giving Word of God as our highest prize.

"Trust and Verify" everything, A.I. is challenging the existence of "Reality", what is real or true! What is one definition of Insanity, "The inability to distinguish "Reality" from "Deception" or "Fantasy!"

## WE NEED TO PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD DAILY!

For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but "against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12) Let us put on the whole armor of God and wield the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, that we may stand firm in these last days.

"If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle." Sun Tzu, The Art of War

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). May we ever look to Him, the author and finisher of our faith, that we may not be tossed about by every wind of deception, but remain steadfast, immovable, and abounding in the work of the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

As the apostle Paul solemnly warned in 2 Timothy 4:3-4, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

Paul also prophesied in 1 Timothy 4:1-4 of a coming apostasy and departure from the faith: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

May we heed these sobering prophetic exhortations and cling wholeheartedly to the sound doctrine found in God's unchanging Word. Let us be that faithful remnant who endures and perseveres, keeping the faith in these last perilous days of deception. Our Lord is coming soon – may we be found unspotted and blameless, abiding in Christ alone, by God's Word only!

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# News & More



## Good Friday City-Wide Service Notes Compilation

### A Practical Use of AI

By Bob Roman

I used mainly two A.I. Programs:

1. **Otter.AI** – to record the message and create the transcript.
2. Then I copied the text into **Anthropic Claude**. I created, “Prompts”, like “Create an Introduction, a Summary, and an Outline, of the Sermon, by Pastor Julius R. Malone.

#### INTRODUCTION:

On Good Friday, March 29, 2024, Pastor Julius R. Malone delivered a sermon at the Italian Conference Center for the city-wide Good Friday service sponsored by the Christian Courier Newspaper, a division of ProBucolls Association. The sermon was titled “Observations: The Necessity of the Crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ” with the main text from Mark 8:31-33. However, Pastor Malone’s message covered a wide range of topics beyond just the necessity of Christ’s crucifixion. I used Otter.AI to transcribe the audio recording and then utilized Claude, an AI assistant from Anthropic, to help summarize and outline the sermon contents.

#### SUMMARY:

Pastor Malone began by emphasizing the importance of God opening our spiritual eyes to understand the Scriptures, drawing from passages like Psalm 119 and Luke 24. He encouraged memorizing Bible verses and meditating on God’s Word according to Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1.

He discussed the role of the Holy Spirit, human spirit, and demonic spirit, using examples from Matthew 16 with Peter being influenced by both the Holy Spirit and Satan at different points. Solitude, silence, and stillness were highlighted as ways to discern God’s guidance.

Pastor Malone then explored how God judges nations when their “cup of iniquity” is full, giving examples like Sodom’s homosexuality or Israel’s idolatry and profanity. He affirmed life begins in God’s mind before conception based on Jeremiah 1:5.

Shifting to Christ’s work, he explained the necessity of Jesus living perfectly to transfer his righteousness (2 Cor 5:21), suffering as the substitute taking humanity’s punishment, and dying to satisfy God’s justice, mercy, wrath and love simultaneously.

He refuted ideas that there are many ways to God besides Jesus (John 14:6, Acts 4:12) or that good deeds can outweigh bad for salvation (Eph 2:8-9). The various divine judgments were described - believers’ judgment for rewards, sheep/goat judgment for the millennial kingdom, and the Great White Throne for hell based on opened books (Rev 20).

After some illustrations, Pastor Malone gave an invitation to salvation through Christ alone by faith, not good works. He had the congregation pray to receive Christ and closed with an Aaronic priestly blessing.

#### OUTLINE:

##### I. Understanding Scripture

- A. God opening spiritual eyes (Psalm 119, Luke 24)
- B. Memorizing and meditating on God’s Word (Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1)
- C. Role of the Holy Spirit, human spirit, demonic spirit (Matthew 16)

##### II. God’s Judgment on Nations

- A. The “cup of iniquity” being full
- B. Examples: Sodom, Israel’s idolatry/profanity
- C. Life beginning in God’s mind before conception (Jeremiah 1:5)

##### III. Necessity of Christ’s Work

- A. Living perfectly to transfer righteousness (2 Cor 5:21)
- B. Suffering as the substitute
- C. Dying to satisfy God’s justice, mercy, wrath, love

##### IV. Refuting False Ideas

- A. Many ways to God? (John 14:6, Acts 4:12)
- B. Good deeds outweighing bad for salvation? (Ephesians 2:8-9)

##### V. The Divine Judgments

- A. Believers’ judgment for rewards
- B. Sheep/goat for millennial kingdom
- C. Great White Throne - Books opened for hell (Revelation 20)

##### VI. Invitation to Salvation

- A. Through Christ alone by faith, not works
- B. Congregational prayer of salvation
- C. Closed with Aaronic priestly blessing

## A Mother’s Day Poem

In cradled hands, a life unfurls,  
A gift from heaven, a beating heart,  
A mother’s love, a love that swirls,  
Mirroring God’s own tender art.

She guides and soothes, a patient soul,  
Through scraped knees, tears, and sleepless nights,  
Her strength unfolds, to make them whole,  
A gentle hand that sets things right.

So on this day, let praises ring,  
For mothers who reflect God’s grace,  
The love they bring, the songs they sing,  
A sacred role in humanity’s space.

Like this poem? (It was written by Google’s AI engine *Gemini*)

It produced this poem by entering the prompt:  
“Write a 3 stanza poem about Mother’s Day speaking  
to how important motherhood is to God.”



# News & More



## We Should Plan. But It's God Who Decides.

By Rob Schwarzwald

As we plan for the events of life, whether a picnic or retirement or anything else, we are wise to consider carefully what might happen. Yet as we all know, an unexpected rainstorm can ruin a basket lunch in the park, and an economic downturn can suddenly diminish, if not destroy, long-term savings.

The Bible has a lot to say about preparation for the future. "The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty" (Proverbs 21:5), Solomon tells us. Yet while this wise counsel should inspire us to work hard and save prudently, it is not an ironclad guarantee of financial success. Many believers around the world work with great energy and try to sock away whatever little they have left over from daily expenses, but they still live in relative poverty because of limited opportunities or repressive economic conditions.



The apostle James offers us a sobering warning about the pretense of thinking we can control our lives as we wish. "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit'— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring." Instead, James writes, "You ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that'" (James 4:13-15). This is not to say that every time you go to the grocery store, you need to tell yourself, "If the Lord wills, I'll buy salmon for dinner." Rather, James is reminding us that any confidence we have in our own ability to predict with certainty the outcomes of our lives, whether in the short- or long-term, indicates unjustified arrogance and a rejection of an inescapable reality: God is in command, not us. This is why Solomon reminds us that while "many are the plans in the mind of a man ... it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand" (Proverbs 19:21).

These truths are as relevant to the political as to the personal. Psalm 146 is a vivid reminder that placing our hope in any political leader is not just a form of idolatry but really quite pathetic. "Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation." This is about as clear and declarative a statement as anyone could make. Why? Because whatever good a leader does in the short-term, he is like the rest of us — mortal, transient. "When his breath departs, he returns to the earth: on that very day his plans perish."

Does this mean we should greet the current political season with a shrug? Not at all. Followers of Jesus are to "seek the welfare of the city" where He has sent us and "pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in

its welfare [we] will find [our] welfare" (Jeremiah 29:7). We must both stand for truth and seek to advance righteousness, whether in our personal lives or service as Christian citizens.

Rather, we need to remember that no election will bring about a permanent resolution of the crises of our time. Not only are virtually all desired political changes achieved incrementally, but we delude ourselves if we believe any public figure will fulfill all his or her promises or realize all of our political hopes. Consider the psalmist's reminder of Who actually does these things (146:5-9):

"Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, Who keeps faith forever, Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin."

The repeated emphasis is it is the Lord Who accomplishes all these things. Can we be His instruments in doing these things? Yes, certainly. For example, many of the readers of The Stand are adoptive or foster parents, faithful and loving men and women who have brought "the fatherless" into their homes and hearts. Moreover, we are right to support candidates whose character and convictions reflect fidelity to God's priorities for political and social life.

But this brings us back to the central issue: We are right to consider probable outcomes, to anticipate and plan wisely. But we simply can't bank on a candidate, a party, or any other human being or institution to complete the work the King reserves for Himself alone, nor should our hope in anyone be so desperate that we ignore his or her failings and failures. The Lord "brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness," we read in Isaiah 40. "Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when He blows on them, and they wither."

This is why Psalm 146 concludes with words that should both brace and comfort us: "The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!" To Him belongs all sovereignty and glory, in things from picnics to elections.

To which, I hope, all of God's people can say, "Amen!"

## Jimmy's Circle of FRIENDships

The comic strip is done by a lady we met at the NRB Convention named Zelma Loseke. Zelma and her husband Jim run a farm in Vermont. She is reachable at [zelmasfarm@gmail.com](mailto:zelmasfarm@gmail.com).

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# News & More



## That Was Awesome!

By Bob Conklin, Jr.



Brother Roy Bell was the Featured Speaker

My friend Jeff Pyzyk summed this year's Prayer Breakfast up well..."That was awesome." Attending the Governor's Prayer Breakfast this National Day of Prayer was a spiritual highlight!

The Emcee for the morning, Chaplain Charles Wallace wove humor, prayer and personal accounts together with introducing each speaker. The American Spirit Quartet led the Pledge of Allegiance for this Patriotic event and followed with leading the

singing of God Bless America. Karen Wimmer led the Opening Prayer returning thanks for the wonderful Milwaukee style breakfast and the many kind and considerate servers.

Mayor Cavalier Johnson shared his heart for the City and its residents and welcomed the many guests and faith leaders making a difference in Milwaukee encouraging us to live out Biblical faith per the book of James. County Executive David Crowley's Deputy Chief of Staff, Tim Schabo, read a letter from David Crowley thanking Governor Tony Evers and the organizers for making this Governor's Prayer Breakfast possible. Before reading



Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson

Mr. Crowley's letter, Tim shared his own personal faith journey having found Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior and how God orchestrated his marriage to his wife Niki who was joining him at the head table and the blessing of their growing family with another child arriving soon!



Chaplain Charles Wallace was the Emcee

Mrs. Noa Gerassi is the Cultural Emissary from Modiin, Israel to the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

After thanking everyone for their prayers for her many friends, family and the community back home, Noa read Ps. 20 in Hebrew and then in English. Iraq War Veteran Eduardo M. Garza, Jr. CEO of Center for Veterans Issues shared the love he has for returning Veterans and their families reading from the book of Ephesians.



Karen Wimmer led the opening prayer

The Tribute to our Troops was delivered by LCDR Alan Fleming, USN CHC (Ret.) naming American war heroes who relied on their faith and prayer as they fought and endured in battle giv-



American Spirit Quartet provided the music

ing glory to Almighty God. Chaps Fleming assured us that, "When prayer is all you have, prayer is enough." Ralph Story of Prudential Financial opened his Prayer for Leadership by starting, "Good morning God, ..." offering prayers for Governor Evers and President Biden and others in leadership.

Chaplain Wallace gave guests a chance to stretch their legs and enjoy the Quartet again. Then came a testimony from our keynote speaker, Brother Roy Bell. Roy directed guests to his Gospel tract (additional copies are available at Pro-BuColls Bookstore), website OldSchoolBibleBaptist.com and Roy's YouTube channel for the "rest of the story."



Deputy Chief of Staff Tim Schabo



LCDR Alan Fleming USN (Ret.)

Brother Roy gave a brief account of his life of crime to time, dope to hope and stressed to blessed. Roy powerfully delivered the Good News of Jesus Christ that changed his life and equipped him for the calling God has on his life today to teach the Bible having been released from prison early due to the Covid pandemic. Air Force veteran, prison ministry volunteer and friend Shawn Trylick who now lives in Wisconsin and had a huge impact

on Brother Roy visiting Roy in NV prison was part of the "amen corner" as Brother Roy had numerous Amens and applause from the audience! Warden Steven R. Johnson from the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections did the Closing Prayer. Warden Johnson of the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility pointed out to Brother Roy that though Roy escaped prison twice, "Roy couldn't escape the Lord Jesus Christ" and that brought the biggest Amen of all!



Ralph Story of Prudential Financial led a prayer for leadership

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# Books & More



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## Christian Book Reviews

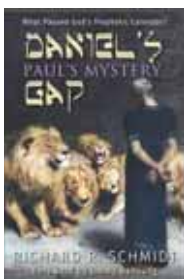
*The Master of Broken Lives* by Michael C. Herbert



Jesus is the one who brings healing to broken lives. He is the master of restoration, taking the broken pieces of our lives and making them new. From physical ailments to emotional wounds, Jesus has the power to heal. He brings comfort to those suffering and hope to those in despair. He is the one who turns brokenness into wholeness and who can take the most hopeless cases and make them whole. No matter how dark the situation may seem, Jesus is the one who can restore and heal, bringing life and joy to those who are in need. He is the master of broken lives and the one who restores that which was taken.

In this book, you'll find God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The people written of in the chapters were real people facing life-threatening circumstances. What he was able to accomplish in the broken lives of people in the bible he is still able to do today. I have also included some poetry and hymns to conclude the chapters. **Barnes & Noble Press**

*Daniel's Gap, Paul's Mystery* by Richard R. Schmidt



Daniel's Gap, Paul's Mystery carefully outlines the dispensational distinctive between the Old Testament and the New Testament, between Israel and the church, and between the Law and the Gospel of Grace. These distinctive, combined with a careful exegesis of Daniel chapter 9, explain the "pause" between the 69th and 70th weeks of Daniel's prophecy into which God placed the Church Age in His program. **Self Published**

*Fierce Mercy* by Abby Johnson with Cindy Lambert



In *Fierce Mercy*, Abby calls you to experience a transformation of your own. Against the backdrop of her first decade involved in the prolife movement, Abby helps you discover God's unrestrained mercy at work in your own life and take steps toward becoming a channel of that life-changing mercy in the world around you. She shows you how to model God's mercy, freely offer mercy to those who seem undeserving, respond with mercy when others err or offend, and bear witness to God's unrestrained compassion so that others may know him.

"...In this book, Abby will challenge you to learn how to intentionally model God's mercy with a fearless dedication to love broken people. I hope you will accept her challenge. We need *Fierce Mercy* now more than ever." — Janet Marshall **BakerBooks \$16.99**

*Men of Character Bible (Christian Standard Bible) Notes* by Gene A. Getz



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## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Dennis Rainey, "A Father's Presence"

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# News & More




## TOTAL ATHLETE SHOWCASE

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We want athletes to come to understand that they are made for more, realizing their purpose extends beyond their sport.

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Call Athletes in Action at (937) 352-1234 for more information!



Aaron Schneider from WVCY's Trail Ridge Camp teaching attendees about Homesteading from Prov. 12:27 at the recent "Homeschooling Summit" in Wisconsin Dells. Check out [www.CHEW24.org](http://www.CHEW24.org) for more about this amazing annual gathering!

### MORE GOVERNOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST PICTURES BY JACK ROPER



Noa Gerassi, Modiin, Israel read from the Old Testament



Iraq War Veteran Eduardo Garza, Jr. read from the New Testament



Warden Steven R. Johnson led the closing prayer



A few of the guys from the Clark House with Brother Roy.



# News & More



## A Message of Hope from Kirk Cameron and Riley Gaines: Setbacks Lead to Spiritual Comebacks

By Sarah Holliday

Some verses that Christians commonly refer to in times of struggle include Romans 8:18, where the Apostle Paul wrote, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us." In another popular verse, John 16:33, Jesus states, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

There are countless passages in Scripture that affirm the fact that Christians will face persecution and trials, in addition to the inevitable discomfort of living in a fallen world. But more abundant are the biblical proclamations of victory that no matter our circumstances, we serve a King who has already won. And these truths are always vital to remember, but especially in a culture that slanders and attacks those who speak the truth.

Actor Kirk Cameron and former NCAA swimmer Riley Gaines have bravely decided to use their platforms to proclaim truth — but not without experiencing their fair share of backlash. Both figures were invited on The Washington Times' podcast "Higher Ground" to discuss their experiences fighting for truth in our hostile climate, as well as the hope that can be found within the storm.

When Gaines, who was 20 at the time, decided she had to speak out against the '64 trans-identifying swimmer Lia Thomas, she had no idea what was in store for her. "[L]et me be very clear on the stance that I have taken [on] the gender ideology movement," she said. "What I'm saying here is there are two sexes. You can't change your sex, and each sex is deserving of safety, privacy and equal opportunity." This is the biblical and scientific conviction Gaines fights for every day. "But merely for saying that and for standing for objective truth," she pointed out, "You are met with some of the most violent, hateful attacks you could possibly imagine."

The former University of Kentucky All-American explained how what started as "merely name-calling" quickly escalated into physical altercations, stalking, being held for ransom, and threats of violence against her and her family. "I've been in multiple scenarios where I have wholeheartedly feared for my life," Gaines said, sighing. "They want you silent so desperately," and she admitted she was "naïve" to have felt in the beginning she was "immune" to being affected by the cultural bullies.

Cameron chimed in, explaining that Christians "understand that the heart is sick and desperately in need of healing from within." This is the central drive behind the intolerance and anger seen from cancel culture. They need their hearts to be healed, Cameron urged, "And it's God who does that. God ... heals the heart and ... soul," and He gives us "eyes to see the truth and ears to hear it."

As he went on to explain, we live in a society consistently "drifting away from God and from His Word in the Bible." And what's the result? "We end up calling good evil and evil good," Cameron stated.

He continued, "We're prisoners and enslaved to the worst forms of ourselves. And people will take advantage of others in the name of doing good to advance their own agenda. And what we need to do is get back to curing the root problem, which is the heart, and then the fruit of the nation and society will begin to be sweet again."

But the question, host Billy Hallowell asked, is why have so many grown silent? Adding, "You don't get to this place if people are speaking out." In Cameron's opinion, it's as simple as fear. "We're afraid of what people are going to say. And worse, what people might do."

He emphasized, "We all feel fear. It's a natural response when we think something bad [is] going to happen to us." But to counter fear, he said, we must commit to being courageous, because "courage is



a decision." And it's choosing courage and bravery that "begins to wake other people up," he said. Seeing an act of bravery from one person helps others "come out of this frozen prison of fear and say, 'Wow, ... if somebody else can do it, I can do it.' ... And that's where you see strongholds being broken and ... revivals begin to happen. Great awakenings take place. And everybody knows, God knows, we need one of those in our country right now."

The opposite of that courage, Cameron pointed out, is the intolerant mobs who are "regressing back to barbaric, pagan ... [and] animalistic tactics to get what [they] want." And it's because, Cameron said, "if you rip the root that nourishes all these good values out of the ground — and that route is those biblical values — ... you're not with the law of the land anymore. You're back with the law of the jungle." Which is why Hallowell said, "Christians need to be involved in every area."

And so, in these dark realities of society, where is the hope?

Well, as Gaines reminded everyone, "We know the outcome, right? ... We know who has already won the war." Knowing that Jesus claimed victory on that cross "is what keeps a smile on my face," she said. "That's why I can do this with an incredibly light heart. That's why I'm grounded. That's what propogates me forward." And referencing Romans 8:18, she explained that "the present sufferings, the name calling, whatever it might be, it pales in comparison when you know what you're fighting for and more importantly, who you're fighting for."

On top of that, Cameron said that looking back at history is what encourages him. "History gives me great hope because I see that there is a story that is playing itself out and the Author is amazing. History is His story, the story of God from the very beginning to the end."

He continued, "The tsunami wave of God's goodness and His providence is behind us, and we're moving in the flow of that current. And ... at the end of the day, goodness and truth is growing. It's not shrinking." Ultimately, "it's times like this where I believe we experience national setbacks that turn out to be divine setups for spiritual comebacks."

But above all things, "God is a promise keeper. God ... never lies and has never failed to keep a promise," Cameron cheered. "He says He's working all things together for good for those who love him," and that is something all believers can cherish until the day we see Him face-to-face. And to conclude, Cameron put emphasis on the example of David we have in Scripture. He said, "[David] understood that Goliath wasn't the giant. There was one who dwarfed Goliath, and that was the God of heaven, the Almighty, who fought on his behalf because David's heart was surrendered to him."

For us today, it's crucial to understand that Big Tech, Big Hollywood, Big Pharma, and Big Sports are not the giants. Rather, Cameron underscored, "We have someone who dwarfs all of them, and He's on our side."



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## In the Kitchen With Diane

Diane Fechter, Author



### APPLE CRANBERRY CHICKEN SALAD

- 4 c. cooked chopped chicken (I like using a rotisserie chicken)
- 3/4 c. dried cranberries
- 1 chopped apple
- 1/4 c. chopped green onions
- 1 rib celery, diced
- 3/4 c. mayonnaise
- 2 tsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. pepper

Salt to taste.

Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Enjoy!

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Mark and Diane Fechter

Diane is a regular contributor to the Christian Courier providing delicious recipes in the column, "In the Kitchen with Diane".

Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for God has already approved what you do. Ecclesiastes 9:7



# News & More



## Does God care where we give? - National Christian Foundation

By David Wills

We tend to give in areas of personal passion or to places we care about. But is it possible we have this a bit backward? Isn't it important to put God at the center of the equation and see what he thinks? How do you decide where to give?

And how do we determine what God wants of us, in our time, right now?

God cares about each of us. He allows us to steward financial resources for his glory and our good. He knows that as we glorify him out of gratitude for his gifts to us, we experience true life. And he desires that we reflect his generosity through our giving.

If we make obedience to God and reflecting his love to the world our supreme motivation, then giving comes into view as an excellent context to glorify God. So, what are the things we can support from the resources he has entrusted to our care to glorify him?

### WHERE DOES GOD TELL US TO GIVE?

God's Word is not silent on this topic. I see three geographic areas for us to target and two things to support in six specific areas. Acts 1:8 gives us a glimpse of three areas where we will be witnesses for Christ. Picture this as concentric circles: Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and the ends of the earth.

This is instructive for us when we're thinking about our giving, too. Jerusalem identifies what is local. Judea, for Jesus' disciples, meant going further and broadening the scope of their work to bring the message of the gospel to everyone. Samaria meant going somewhere they wouldn't have gone had Jesus not chosen to send them, and the ends of the earth was as far as they could go.

What about you? Are you strategic enough in your giving to think where you are giving locally, nationally, and internationally? God has a heart for all three.

Next, there are two things that God's Word tells us will last forever. We can safely assume that God cares deeply about both of them. Those two things are God's Word and people.

We can give toward God's Word, by supporting the translation, distribution, teaching, and preaching of the Scriptures. We can give toward God's people by supporting workers spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to those who have not yet heard it (3 John 5-8). Such giving undoubtedly glorifies God.

### TO WHOM DOES GOD TELL US TO GIVE?

While the Bible does not spell everything out in as much detail as we might like, when it comes to people, it does give us a few more clear instructions about where (or to whom) we should give. In the Bible, six groups of people surface repeatedly as recipients of giving. God seems to have these groups on his heart. Perhaps we should, too!

#### Care for the poor and oppressed

God has a special concern for the poor "in need," especially those within the Christian community (1 John 3:16-17 and many other



texts). Specifically, Scripture identifies orphans and widows (Deuteronomy 10:18-19; James 1:27), the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, prisoners (Matthew 25:34-40), the poor (Deuteronomy 15:7-8; Proverbs 14:31, 19:17), the refugee (Leviticus 19:33-34; Matthew 25:35), and also victims of calamity (Luke 10:30-37; Acts 11:27-30).

#### Christian workers

We give to provide financially for pastors and teachers (Galatians 6:6; 1 Corinthians 9:7-14; 1 Timothy 5:17-18) and to support missionary work (Philippians 4:15-19).

#### Family members

We must care for our immediate family (1 Timothy 5:4, 8, 16) and remember our larger Christian family (1 Timothy 6:6-8).

#### Government officials

We should give what we owe to the government, even if we think our taxes are unfair. God has put civil "authorities" in place, and we empower them financially to do their jobs (Romans 13:6-7).

#### Those who advance God's kingdom

This brings us full circle to any other giving that reflects the love of Jesus. For example, the Jerusalem collection showed Christian care to the ancient world (1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8-9).

#### Where he calls you

There may be times when you sense God's strong call to give to a certain cause, whether through a Christian-run or secular organization, or even directly to a person. When you walk with God, you may sometimes develop a very sharp sense for where he is asking you to share financial resources. See how this sense grew sharper for one giver as he obeyed God's nudge.

Finally, there is a group we are called on to show our generosity through prayer. This type of giving sets Christian generosity apart. Jesus gave to us when we were his enemies. He calls us, in turn, to love our enemies, to do good to them and pray for them (Luke 6:27-36). This includes even those who may oppose us (Romans 12:20).

### ALIGNING YOUR HEART WITH GOD'S

As you focus on laying up treasure so that your heart aligns with God's, remember these categories don't exhaust the things to which a Christian may give. But they point you to support what God cares about locally, nationally, and internationally while giving you room for creative freedom. And more creative thinking may be needed when God is calling you to something specific.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). So, my best advice is to focus on laying up treasure in such a way that it aligns our hearts with the heart of God. I'm not sure there is anything that could lead to greater joy.

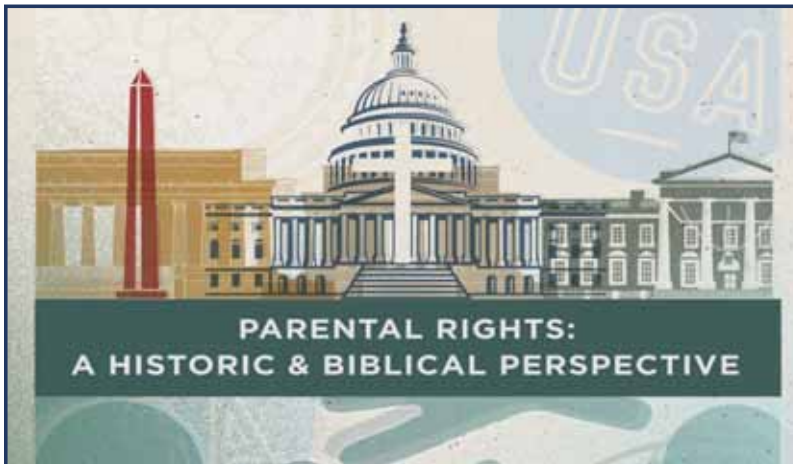
Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10



# News & More



## Winning the Battle for Parental Rights



Parents have won hard-fought battles for parental rights in education when it comes to private schools and homeschools. Thanks to the ongoing work of organizations across the nation, these victories remain and are — for the most part — unchallenged. However, for parents of children in our nation's public schools, the battle continues. While numerous lawsuits work their way to the U.S. Supreme Court, there are opportunities to fight and win the battle for parental rights in public schools right now.

Let's take a look at four key ways parents can reclaim their children's public school education.

### RUN FOR SCHOOL BOARD SEATS

First, and most importantly, are local school boards. Why? A local school board has more day-to-day impact on the future of children attending the local public school than does the president of the United States, yet school board elections are an afterthought to most voters.

This must change. Parents and grandparents need to run for school board seats. Citizens need to donate to candidates for school boards, go door to door for candidates for school boards, and attend candidate forums. It is imperative that we step up and prioritize these elections.

### RECLAIM SCHOOL BOARD POWER

Second, local school boards need to reclaim their power. This may not be easy — and state laws vary widely on how much power a school board has. But local school boards must seek competent legal advice, they must educate themselves on their power as elected representatives of the voters, and they must act accordingly.

### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS PARENTS

Third, get educated about parental rights in your state. State legislators have great power. Did you know that 16 states have enshrined parental rights as a fundamental

right in state code? These laws allow governors, attorneys general, statewide secretaries of education, and other state officials to act to protect parental rights. These laws also allow local school boards to adopt policies to protect parental rights more broadly to bring local school board policies into line with state law—and potentially allow parents to file suits in state court for violations of their parental rights.

### CALL ON STATE LEADERS TO ACT NOW

Fourth, even if a state has not yet passed a law enshrining parental rights as fundamental in state code, statewide elected officials can act now. For example, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita's office recently published a Parents' Bill of Rights Toolkit, relying on federal and state judicial precedents. This example should be emulated by state attorneys general across the nation.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING PARENTAL RIGHTS

The heart of parental rights is that children need loving guidance. They are not yet mature enough to handle the decisions, pressures, and cares of life. They will only receive this guidance from one of two places: loving parents, either biological or adoptive; or from the state, through the actions of government employees. In a pluralistic, free country like the United States of America, we must respect the decisions made by a loving parent. The state taking actions using the force of government to break the sacred parent-child bond is a far worse alternative. We must affirm, once and for all, that loving parents know better than the government how to raise a minor child.

## Feeling Overwhelmed? Preach the Gospel to Yourself!

by PJ Glavey

Identification truths are one of the best ways to enter the rest of God. "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest," as Hebrews 4 states. Let's comfort ourselves, together, by preaching the gospel to ourselves:

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# News & More



## “On the Ground” Podcast Takes Listeners Around the World with Samaritan’s Purse - NRB

(nrb.org)



For half a century, Samaritan’s Purse has helped minister to the needs of disaster survivors, victims of war, displaced communities, and others facing crisis—all with the purpose of sharing God’s love through Jesus Christ. This week, Kristy Graham, host of the “On the Ground with Samaritan’s Purse” podcast, spoke with NRB about how Samaritan’s Purse is using podcasting to highlight how God is using their outreach. While their vehicles of ministry change depending on each situation, the mission remains the same: sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with a broken world.

After marrying Edward Graham, son of Samaritan’s Purse and Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) president Franklin Graham, Kristy got a glimpse of Samaritan’s Purse response work in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Graham continued to learn about the ministry by doing remote contact work with donors for two years. Much like her childhood experience with a parent in the U.S. Army, Kristy and Edward moved constantly because of Edward’s military service, priming her to work best while building relationships throughout the world.

In winter of 2018, Edward felt called by the Lord to return home and serve full time at Samaritan’s Purse, settling down with their four kids and giving Kristy even more time for involvement in the ministry.

After asking questions and getting to know the staff and ministry better, Graham saw a missing piece in how Samaritan’s Purse got the word out about their ministry and stories of the people they encountered. Though she had hesitations and doubts, Graham eventually felt confident God had called and equipped her to help start the podcast project in 2019.

“There was already a great team, support, and like-minded people,” Graham said. “It’s also great to hear from the pilots or the national leadership staff... that are doing the daily grind on the ground. We realized the podcast is a great vehicle to share all the different voices.”

One of Graham’s favorite stories came from a series that interviewed people who, as children, had benefited from Operation Christmas

Child, a Samaritan’s Purse project that distributes shoeboxes full of donated gifts throughout the world. Yves Dushime received a shoebox as an 11-year-old in Togo, where he and his family finally settled after fleeing from the atrocities of the Rwandan Genocide. The shoebox contained school supplies, a scarf, and a sticky note that simply said, “God loves you. Jesus loves you. I love you.” After the hardship he had experienced, the thought that a stranger loved him softened his heart. Later that year, Yves gave his life to Christ.

“I’m here to encourage those who are packing boxes that their work isn’t in vain; it’s touching real people’s lives,” Yves said in the episode. “The ripple effects are causing the Gospel to seep into communities that have never heard it before.”

“At Samaritan’s Purse, we do help physically, but we know that will fail,” Graham said. “They’re going to need food again the next day. They’re going to need medicine. If we don’t do our work with the Gospel, it’s meaningless and empty. That gives me hope and encouragement, to know that we are giving something that’s lasting.”

Recent episodes included coverage of Samaritan’s Purse operations helping first responders in Israel, recovering treasured belongings in Maui after wildfires, building schools for communities in Cambodia, and providing aid after a deadly earthquake in Turkey. Samaritan’s Purse had a correspondent on the ground in Ukraine just days after the war broke out, bringing listeners to experience the first 72 hours of war zone response.

“I like conveying the natural raw work and heart of the Gospel, to just hear from somebody directly, because Samaritan’s Purse has so many vehicles and ways that we bring the Gospel,” Graham said.

The podcast highlights the various aspects of Samaritan’s Purse operations—crisis response, disaster relief, medical care, and more. Each episode is rooted in Scripture to encourage listeners in their own walk with God and to include them in prayer for the Gospel message to prevail to the ends of the earth.

“The news often moves on, but the tragedy does not,” Graham said. “There are places that we’ve been involved where a war is over, but the trauma and the effects last forever.”

She feels honored and privileged to hear and share the stories of people who are in the depths of sorrow and adversity.

“Sometimes being naive is easier, not knowing what’s in the world,” Graham said. “You can see the headlines of Ukraine or Israel and it is hard. But one of the most humbling things is when somebody lets you into the worst part of their life. It’s freeing for them to be able to share it and to be able to be seen and heard and known.”

Kristy speaks with members of their response teams throughout the world and many others who work in the countries where they are involved in ministry. She travels a few times a year, conducts interviews over the phone, and receives recordings from correspondents on the ground involved in Samaritan’s Purse operations.

“I love this medium that truly does connect the world and it allows us to hear directly a voice that we may never meet here on earth,” Graham said. “I can’t wait in heaven to hear the full story.”



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## John MacArthur: Christians Have a Biblical Obligation to Protect the Jewish People

By Michael Foust

Author and pastor John MacArthur says Christians in the U.S. and the world have a biblical obligation to protect the Jewish people and that God warned the nations they will be cursed if they don't.

The host of the popular radio ministry Grace to You commented at his church, Grace Community Church in California, during a recent Q&A when he was asked if Christians are "obliged to stand with the nation of Israel."

"I think we are obliged to stand as protectors of the Jews. That's Genesis 12. You bless the seed of Abraham, you're blessed. You curse them, you're cursed," MacArthur responded. "God puts the whole world on notice: These are my chosen people. I have a plan for them. Yes, they have followed idols. Yes, they have been punished and judged. Yes, they rejected their Messiah."

"Jews are living and dying and going out of the presence of God forever, now. But still, God has a future plan for the Jewish people. And we have to be protectors of them," he added.

Genesis 12 records God's words to Abraham: "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great,



and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Any nation "that tries to eliminate the Jewish people has made a bad, bad decision," MacArthur said.

"Because the Bible is filled with the promises of God that no one will annihilate them. And anyone who tries will be annihilated. Now, this doesn't mean that we are required to give them money for what they do politically or militarily. I think that's a different issue. But we are

to understand that God has a plan for Jewish people and that we want always to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the preservation of the Jewish people until the time when they see their Messiah and salvation comes to Israel. So, it's not the governmental entity of Israel that we support. It's the Jewish people. And they're constituted now, obviously, globally, in their own nation. And so we should be protectors of that people and that nation."

MacArthur concluded: "There is a warning from God to be sure you're protecting Jewish people. And if you do that, God promises to bless you."

### CHARLES STANLEY MINISTRY LAUNCHED FREE ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM ON ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH BY MICHAEL GRYSOSKI

The ministry once founded and led by Southern Baptist Pastor Charles Stanley launched a free online Christian education platform on the first anniversary of his death.

In Touch Ministries, which Stanley founded in the 1970s, launched the Charles Stanley Institute on April 18.

In a statement emailed to The Christian Post, In Touch Ministries said the initiative

will "become the disciple-training arm of ITM, providing seekers and believers with in-depth biblical instruction based on Dr. Stanley's more than fifty years of inspirational messages."

"In each class, students will begin with his sermons and then dive deeper into the spiritual truths he presented through new Scripture-centered materials — instructional videos, Bible studies, and leader guides — that explore his points further," the ministry added.

ITM COO Seth Grey said in a statement shared with CP that his organization "want-

ed to honor the day Dr. Stanley saw Jesus face to face in a way that shows we're still 'all in' — that the mission he passed on to us continues."

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# News & More



## Proposed State Department Rules Could Limit Work of Christian Humanitarian Groups – MinistryWatch

By Kim Roberts

Several Christian ministries are raising concerns about a proposed addition to Department of State regulations that would limit the employment decisions of those accepting foreign assistance.

The Accord Network, Samaritan's Purse, Christian Legal Society, and the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) of the Southern Baptist Convention, along with others, filed an official comment about the proposed changes.

The proposal "expressly states that recipients and subrecipients receiving Department-funded foreign assistance funds must not discriminate on specified bases against end users of supplies or services (also referred to in this rule as beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries) or in certain employment decisions."

The Christian ministries agree that they should not discriminate against beneficiaries, but have serious "concerns" about the rules governing employment decisions.

Many of these faith-based humanitarian ministries make employment decisions that are guided by religious beliefs to which they adhere.

According to the ERLC, the rules would "not allow [faith-based organizations] to consider sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in the hiring process in order to remain eligible for foreign aid funding."

"Hiring staff members that reflect the religious beliefs of an organization is a long-standing pillar of religious liberty protections," the ERLC stated.

Samaritan's Purse president Franklin Graham said, "These proposed State Department regulations could be used to force faith-based organizations like Samaritan's Purse to hire staff who disagree with our core biblical beliefs about God's design for marriage, sexuality, and gender in order to be eligible for government grants."

"Samaritan's Purse is a Christian organization and we will not compromise on the fundamental principle of hiring like-minded Christians who share our calling, our stand on the authority of God's Word, and our statement of faith," he added.

Faith-based ministries play a key role in the foreign assistance work of the United States. Religious groups make up 50 of the largest foreign assistance grant recipients and received \$613 million in funding in Fiscal Year 2023.

The groups have provided water, sanitation, hygiene products, refugee support, counter trafficking efforts, health care, and justice system support in over 100 countries around the world, the comment memo stated.

They ought to be able to continue this work and "compete on a level playing field with secular organizations for federal financial assistance," the comment memo reads.

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Only about 6% of Samaritan's Purse funding comes from government grants and even



less from the State Department, Graham said.

"But with those grants, we are able to assist tens of thousands of people around the world. We do all of this without placing any conditions or requirements on the aid. We help those who are in need, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or anything else," he noted.

The faith-based groups asked the Department of State to make some changes to its proposed rules regarding nondiscrimination.

First, the groups ask the regulations to state clearly that the State Department recognizes that laws such as the First Amendment, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act protect the rights of faith-based groups from the proposed employment nondiscrimination rules.

Second, rather than have a waiver process, the groups ask that a "categorical exemption" of religious organizations be adopted.

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**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.fbnewberlin.org

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

**Life 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

**Jesus Christ Is Lord Congregational Bible Church**  
2931 S Kinnickinnic Ave (Bay View)  
Milwaukee, WI 53207  
Sunday Worship 12:30PM  
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 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

**Norhtown Church**  
A multi-ethnic church  
7000 N 107th St  
Milwaukee, WI 53224  
Sunday Worship and Bible classes 10 am  
414-353-5588  
www.norhtownchurch.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**  
POBox242232  
Milwaukee, WI 53225  
4016 W Silver Spring Dr.  
Milwaukee, WI 53209  
(In the Trinity 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

**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  
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.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.fbckkenosha.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Oconomowoc Faith Bible Fellowship**  
25 McBowell Court  
Oconomowoc 53066  
Sunday Lord's Supper 10AM  
Family Bible Hour 11AM  
262.567.7234

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

**Prayer House Assembly of God Church**  
1525 24th Avenue, Kenosha WI 53140  
Sunday Worship: 10:00am. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm  
262.595.0500  
www.prayerhouseag.org

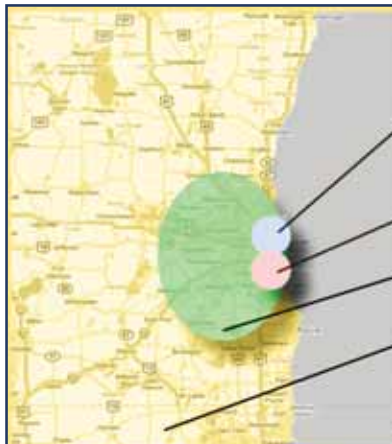
**Summit Harvest Church**  
888 Thackerway Trail #209  
Oconomowoc 53066  
Sunday Worship 10AM  
262.560.0765  
SummitHarvestChurch.org

**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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