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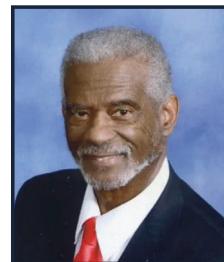
## Mark Your Calendars for the Annual City-Wide Good Friday Service 2026

With spring in the air, remember to mark your calendars for the Christian Courier Newspaper sponsored Annual City-Wide Good Friday Service with Pastor Teacher Julius R. Malone at Noon on Friday, April 3, 2026.

We will be holding the service in the sanctuary of the New Testament Church of Milwaukee located at 10201 W. Bradley Road in Milwaukee. Free and open to all, lunch will be prepared and served downstairs

in fellowship hall following the service.

With leadership by Dr. Debbie Lassiter of the Convergence Resource Center, praise and worship music will start the service hosted and led by Judah.



## Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast 2026

ProBuColls Association is pleased to announce we will again be sponsoring the annual Wisconsin Governor's Prayer Breakfast. Mark your calendars to join us on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7, 2026 at the Wisconsin Club 900 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee 53233 at 7:30 until 9:30 AM.

Our keynote speaker this year will be Jay Seegert. Jay has shared his life story internationally, and all over the US including five visits each to the US Naval Academy, and West Point!

Keep reading this edition of the Courier and call our office or go online to order your table. See you in May!



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Jay Seegert

### NRB TO HOST LIVE CONVERSATION WITH FREEDOM 250 AHEAD OF AMERICA'S SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL, NRB CONVENTION

Public online event to preview historic national celebration, highlight opportunities for engagement for Christian communicators

The National Religious Broadcasters (NRB), the world's largest association of Christian communicators, will host a public, live conversation with Freedom 250 on Friday, February 6, from 1-2 p.m. ET, as part of its lead-up to a major celebration of American independence at the upcoming NRB 2026 International Christian Media Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

The live discussion will feature Rachel Gerli, chief partnerships officer for Freedom 250, and will be hosted by Troy A. Miller, president & CEO of NRB. The event will

stream live on YouTube and Zoom and is open to the public.

Freedom 250 is the national, non-partisan movement driving the celebration of the United States' 250th birthday in 2026, partnering with the White House Task Force 250, federal agencies, and the America250 Commission to deliver iconic events and nationwide engagement activities marking this once-in-a-generation milestone.

"Freedom 250 is a moment to honor 250 years of American freedom and to reaffirm the faith-rooted values that have guided our nation from its beginning," Gerli said.

During the conversation, Gerli will discuss the vision and scope of the Semiquincentennial celebration, opportunities for partnership and participation, and ways organizations and communities can engage through creative storytelling and meaningful collaboration leading into 2026.

"America's 250th anniversary presents a unique moment for reflection, unity, and forward-looking engagement," said Troy A. Miller. "NRB is honored to highlight the work of Freedom 250 and to help set the stage for a national celebration that recognizes faith, freedom, and the role of media in shaping our shared story."

The conversation also serves as a preview of NRB's broader programming planned for the NRB 2026 Convention, where thousands of Christian communicators and media professionals will gather to celebrate America's historic milestone.

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## On Assignment

By Bob Conklin, Jr.

Greetings from South Carolina. Well, the Clark Boarding House is no longer. That's right. You read it here first. Meet the Sunshine House, LLC. The new owners are off to a great start!

Over the last year or so ProBuColls Association had put out a few feelers to see what God might do with our beloved Clark House ministry. Having up to 80 guys at times across our greater PBC housing outreach had become a lot. Then between this past Thanksgiving and Christmas a group came along that really liked how we were doing things at the Clark and the many improvements we had made there over our almost six years of ownership. I talked with my pastor, Mike Harden about the possibility of reducing our housing headcount. Pastor Harden said, "Bob, God gives us assignments. Maybe this one is coming to a close for you and ProBuColls." I took that sermon to heart!

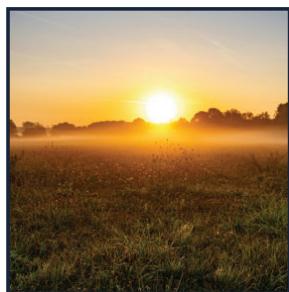
On December 18th, only knowing for sure that Dad's health was becoming more than Mom could handle on her own, I flew to Charleston on a one-way ticket. Dad had recently lost his strength to walk, even with his rollator. Not knowing much more about our potential transfer of ownership, we celebrated Christmas together. December 30th, the call came to prepare a signatory to attend a possible closing in Brookfield. On 12/31, God moved a mountain.



We are thankful to all who are praying for us and are supporting the men in our care. We can't do anything of lasting value without all of you carrying the load with all of us!

Shown in the above photo is Dad, Bob Sr. on the left, my sisters Evann and Melissa, cousin Leslie behind me, Mom to my left and then my brother-in-law Jason in front. We are a volunteer hospice team taking one day at a time committed to finishing this job at home. Having settled his sin- debt over 30 years ago in Houston, Dad is a born again believer guaranteed heaven.

Please keep praying for us. I miss you all and hope to see you again soon. Your friend in Christ, Bob Jr.



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## Your Focus in 2026

By Richard Dassow

We are in 2026, and as we focus on the eternal rather than the temporary, finding life to the fullest through Jesus, and praising Christ as the creator and sustainer of all things. the promises of God's Word and the restorative love of Jesus, are realized in our lives and we praise His greatness.

**WE FIX OUR EYES NOT ON WHAT IS SEEN, BUT ON WHAT IS UNSEEN. ~ 2 CORINTHIANS 4:18**

"As we focus our minds and hearts on Jesus, we find Him shaping us, including how we pray. He enables us to give the gift of true intercession to friends, family members, and even strangers" Amy Boucher Pye in A Hidden Ministry, Jan. 10th, Bless the Lord, O My Soul. Our Daily Bread

### WHAT'S YOUR FOCUS?

When eternity is our primary focus, we are more able to recognize the temporary nature of our troubles. Paul called these "light and momentary: compared to the greater weight of eternal gain and glory they are working for us. 2 Corinthians 4:27i. That's not just another wild claim. It's a promise of God's Word, guaranteed by His power. This we can believe! Joanie Yoder Our Daily Bread. Standing On The Promises. Jan 8,

### WORD'S OF JESUS

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

Jesus is the ultimate expression of God's restorative love, giving peace and rest to any who turn to Him. from the manger to the cross



### Isaiah 60:22

"When the time is right. I the Lord will make it happen."

to the empty tomb, He's the personification of God's desire to call a wayward world to Himself. Read the Bible cover to cover and you'll count the ways" of God's love over and over; but eternal as they are, you'll never come to their end.James Banks. Our Daily Bread. January 2014. Jan. 9th Devotion

### JESUS, WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE

"For in Christ all things were created." Colossians 1:16

In a sacrilegious society marked by ingratitude, little recognition is given to Jesus as the One who sustains "all things by his powerful word" (Hebrews 1:3). We who are saved by His sacrifice for us, though, realize His greatness. Let's praise Him. He is worthy!

"The humble Carpenter of Nazareth was also the mighty Architect of the universe."Paul Van Gorder. Bless the Lord O My Soul. Our Daily Bread. Jan 9th. .

### FOCUSING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS ON JESUS

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### WHAT TO FOCUS ON TODAY. THIS COULD/CAN BE A PRAYER FOR YOU!

Today Lord, I will focus on the theme of finding life to the fullest through Jesus and understanding the promises in your Word.

## Teaching Students to Disagree Without Dividing

By Bill Druliner, Executive Director of Administration, Eastbrook Academy

In an age marked by cultural polarization, one of the most urgent discipleship questions facing the Church is not simply what our children believe, but how they are being formed to live faithfully. The broader culture trains people to pick sides quickly, defend positions aggressively, and interpret disagreement as a threat. Too often, Christians absorb these habits without realizing how deeply they shape our posture toward one another—and toward the world God loves.

Scripture, however, points us toward a different way.

Jesus is unambiguous about truth, yet His posture toward people is consistently relational. He enters difficult conversations with questions (John 4), eats with those viewed as outsiders (Luke 5:29-32), and reminds His followers that love—not ideological victory—will be the defining marker of their faithfulness: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35).

Jesus also consistently challenges those who position themselves as morally superior to the culture around them. His strongest rebukes are not directed at cultural outsiders, but at the religiously confident—those tempted to deliver answers disconnected from humil-



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ity, self-examination, and love (Matthew 23). Truth, in the way of Jesus, is never detached from a posture of repentance and grace.

Christian educators today are therefore forced to wrestle with what it means to pass this way of Jesus on to the next generation. At Eastbrook Academy, what we have found may surprise some in the Church: today's teenagers are not closed to faith. In many cases, they are deeply hungry for meaning, belonging, and purpose. What they are often skeptical of are answers delivered without relationship—certainty that arrives before trust has been established.

This has led us to ask whether the American Church is unintentionally teaching students that faithfulness requires confrontation, withdrawal, or silence—rather than wisdom, courage, and love.

In response, Eastbrook Academy has developed a Framework for Approaching Difficult Questions, grounded in Scripture and shaped by years of pastoral, educational, and communal reflection. The framework begins by reflecting Christ's own approach to difficult conversations: an entry posture of curiosity. Have you ever noticed how often Jesus responds to questions with questions? This posture

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# News & More



## Christian, Is Your Light on?

By Sarah Holliday ([washingtonstand.com](http://washingtonstand.com))

Leaving a light on is still one of the most common, simplest ways to thwart potential burglars. Most thieves are lazy opportunists — they want an empty house, not a fight. A glowing living-room window, maybe a TV flickering or radio humming, screams “someone’s home.” That one detail flips the risk: from easy burglary to messy home invasion, potential violence, a barking dog, and felony charges that can ruin their life. The oldest trick in the book still wins because it exploits the one thing most criminals hate: witnesses.

Now consider this same principle stripped of metaphor and applied to the spiritual battlefield. The most dangerous thing a Christian can do is live with the lights off — not merely dim, not tastefully low, but off. A dark house in the neighborhood of the watching world is an open invitation to every prowling spirit, every lie, every accusation, every slow erosion of hope. The thief does not fear a silent, unlit believer. He fears one whose life is visibly occupied by a living, reigning King.

Jesus’s own words laid forth this principle: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house” (Matthew 5:14–15). Note what He did not say. Jesus did not say, “You can be light if you feel like it.” He did not say, “Try to be a subtle glow when it’s convenient.” He said you are light — present tense, non-negotiable identity. And then, from there, He commanded the placement of that light: on a stand. Elevated. Obvious. Unmissable. The lamp is not meant to be concealed for the sake of humility. It is meant to be lifted so that the entire house — and everyone watching from the street — can see that the house is inhabited.

You see, when your life radiates the unmistakable presence of Christ, you are doing far more than “sharing your faith” or “being a good example.” You are changing the enemy’s operational calculus. You are turning a low-risk infiltration into a high-risk confrontation. Darkness thrives in unoccupied territory. Darkness loves ambiguity. Darkness loves plausible deniability. Indeed, it’s the gray zone where no one can be sure whether the house is truly claimed, whether the owner is awake, or whether resistance is likely that the enemy loves and the world abuses. After all, a Christian whose life whispers, “Maybe someone’s home, maybe not,” is the perfect target. But on the flip-side, a Christian whose life roars, “The King is present, the Spirit is dwelling, the house is garrisoned by the living God,” becomes a very bad investment for the one who prowls like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8).

When the light is visibly, defiantly on, the thief prefers to keep moving. More often than not, he will look for the next dark, quiet, unclaimed house. That said, this does not mean the enemy puts no effort into attacking Christians with strong faith and bright lights.



Sometimes those very Christians become the target because they are the greatest threats. It’s similar to how, even with the lights on, a mansion — likely filled with money, valuable goods, priceless heirlooms — will still be an attractive target for a thief. Most burglars will pass by the well-lit, occupied house to the empty one next door. However, there is another kind of thief who, rather than running from risk, specializes in it.

This thief studies alarm systems. He knows the make and model of the safe. He’s already mapped the cameras. He will cut the power, jam the signal, scale the wall, slip through the skylight of the very house everyone else avoids. He is willing to pay the premium in danger because the reward is so disproportionately high: the crown jewels, the bearer bonds, the private collections. This is the thief who shows up when the light is blazing. He doesn’t come because you are an easy mark. He comes because you are a valuable one.

Consider modern examples. Charlie Kirk, the prominent Christian and conservative commentator, was assassinated in cold blood for unashamedly sharing his faith. Christians in Nigeria and beyond are constantly tortured, kidnapped, and murdered for proclaiming Christ — yet, even so, they refuse to compromise because they know this world is not their home. They know who dwells within them. Conversely, consider the Christians who have shined brightly before only to be attacked and ultimately succumb to the temptations the enemy threw their way. You know, the pastors who fell into adultery, the worship artists who backslid, and the evangelist who waters down the message of the gospel in order to be more palatable to a world that really wants faith on its own terms.

Every attack, be it blatant or duplicitous, is designed to snuff out the light of Christ within us. And so, whether you’re an easy target or a difficult one, we live in this strange, spiritual tension: we are called to be so unmistakably occupied that the lazy thieves pass by quickly, while simultaneously being so valuable that the serious ones cannot ignore us. In the end, there is no safe dim setting. Dim lights get quietly plundered. Blazing lights get attacked — and in being attacked, they testify.

Both the enemy and the world are watching the open windows of our lives. What do they see? A life of quiet integrity, costly obedience, unashamed prayer, bold forgiveness, and joy that makes no sense apart from the gospel? That is the blaze. That is the evidence. That is what settles the rumors that Jesus really does dwell in human hearts, the Spirit really does transform people, and the gospel really does produce lives that cannot be explained by natural causes.

So, leave the light on. When the silhouette of the King lingers behind the curtains, may the world grow curious, may the weary find hope, and may the darkness think twice before it approaches that door tonight.



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# News & More



## WHY DID CHARLIE KIRK TOUCH SO MANY LIVES?

By Kevin Klandrud

Charlie Kirk went from college campus to college campus challenging students. You can look up many videos on Turning Point USA website.

Charlie Kirk emphasized humanity's sin and our need for a Savior. His message on college campuses was mostly political.

He did have an underlying message telling students that they needed to look inward and examine their lives

He challenged their beliefs. He understood that most students did not have a firm foundation for their own Beliefs.

Over time, he stepped more fully into the role of an evangelist, using his platform to point people toward the hope and redemption found in Jesus Christ. His message consistently urges individuals to place Christ at the center of their lives, not merely as a belief but as the foundation for purpose, identity, and transformation. Through this focus, he sought to inspire a renewed commitment to a faith in Jesus and a clearer understanding of the gospel's call

*He was openly Christian.*

*He spoke about Jesus and encouraged faith.*

*He engaged students and challenged their beliefs.*

My question is how can we continue to challenge the youth of America in their need for a savior? How do we replicate the Charlie Kirk phenomenon?

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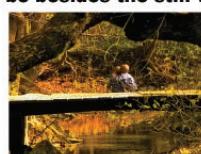
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## Scriptures & Water



**"Jesus answered, Verily verily, I say unto thee  
Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit,  
he cannot enter into the kingdom of God".(John 3:5.)**

**"He maketh me to lie down in the green pastures:  
leadeth me besides the still waters." (Psalm 23:2)**



**And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will,  
let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).**

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to the weak patient. For those that are weak  
spiritually, the living water(Christ) can renew  
your spirit and soul upon seeking forgiveness.  
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Article and photography by Jack Roper RN, Freelance writer

## The Bible



SNOW CRYSTAL

Snow obeys God's word Psalm 148:8  
He gives snow like wool. Psalm 147:6  
If I wash myself with snow water...Job 9:30  
Wash me...I shall be whiter than snow Psalm 51:7  
Have you entered the storehouses of the snow.Job 38:22.  
God commands the snow 'Fall on the earth. Job 37:6  
Though your sins are scarlet they shall be white snow Isaiah1:18  
As the cold of snow in the time of harvest so is a faithful messenger... Proverbs.25:13  
His countenance was like lightning,& his raiment white as snow Matthew 28:3  
His vesture was like white snow... hair on his head like pure wool Daniel 7:9

## My Thoughts About Scripture

There once was a book that I just took a look  
As I took this book seriously, my life shook  
There something further so I continued to read  
It was about a man & Heaven. I started to see  
He died on a cross because of my sins in me.  
For what I read forgiveness was from Thee.  
I looked up & here was a man on a tree.  
People said that He came from up above.  
And that He died for me because of His love  
Then I saw this bird perched & it was a dove.



## Church Attendance Is up in America, and Young People Are Leading the Surge

By Mark Tapscott (washingtonstand.com)

America experienced major changes in the spiritual life of its people in 2025, and the most important of them — the surge in church attendance being led by Gen Zers and Millennials — was also the least expected, according to the Texas-based Barna survey research firm.

Not only are young people leading the growing congregations on Sunday morning, but 2025 is the first time ever since Barna first began tracking such activities that older people are not the most frequently seen people sitting in the church pews, the group found.

“Millennials and Gen Z Christians are attending church more frequently than before and much more often than are older generations. The typical Gen Z churchgoer now attends 1.9 weekend per month, while Millennial churchgoers average 1.8 times, a steady upward shift since the lows seen during the pandemic,” Barna reported in a September 2025 analysis.

“These are easily the highest rates of church attendance among young Christians since they first hit Barna’s tracking,” the study said. The Barna firm was established in 1984, but 1991 was the first year that it began tracking church attendance across the U.S.

“This shift signals a new opportunity for ministry. Younger adults are showing spiritual curiosity and a desire for belonging, but even as they attend more often than older adults, they still attend less than half the time, so every touchpoint matters,” Barna observed.

The least frequent church attenders, according to Barna, are members of the Boomer generation and those in the older Elder generation. The overall average for all attenders was 1.6 weekend per month.

Another of the most important spiritual trends in America during the past 12 months was the growth in interest among young people in Jesus Christ, especially among Gen Z men. In an April 7, 2025, analysis, Barna pointed to a steady trend upward since the COVID pandemic that began in 2020.

“According to Barna’s latest data, 66 percent of all U.S. adults say they have made a personal commitment to Jesus that is still important in their life today. That marks a 12-percent point increase since 2021, when commitment levels reached their lowest in more than three decades of Barna tracking,” the April analysis said.

“This shift is not only statistically significant, it may be the clearest indication of meaningful spiritual renewal in the United States. Commitment to Jesus was lowest in 2021 and 2022 when it bottomed out at 54 percent. Since then, the research shows a steady year-over-year increase in this key indicator,” Barna explained.

Americans were shaken by the September 10 assassination of Turning Point USA Founder and Executive Director Charlie Kirk during an outdoor rally at Utah Valley University. A September 21 memorial service in State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, was attended by President Donald Trump, Vice President J.D. Vance, and numerous other prominent political, media and entertainment figures. The service was broadcast on Fox News, generated more than 100 million viewers, and many of the speakers during the event shared their personal testimony about following Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Barna’s survey research demonstrated in a December 2 analysis that the impact of the Kirk assassination was no temporary phenomenon.

“His assassination … shocked the nation and sparked immediate questions about the intersection of politics, free speech, political violence and faith in American public life. Now a new Barna survey shows that Kirk’s death has prompted nearly three in ten Americans to take some form of action, with spiritual responses far outpacing political ones,” the analysis explained.

“Barna surveyed 5,003 U.S. adults roughly two months after Kirk’s death. While most Americans were familiar with Kirk before his passing, the data reveals his killing has sparked a wave of reflection and action, particularly among the younger generations he had worked to reach and among practicing Christians,” the analysis continued.

Seventy-one percent of the respondents said they had taken no action since Kirk’s death, but among those who did, the vast majority of actions they took were spiritual in nature rather than political, according to Barna.

“These responses were most pronounced among younger Americans and practicing Christians. Among Gen Z, 28 percent reported taking a spiritual action and 13 percent indicated taking a political action — proportions matched by Millennials. Among practicing Christians, 40 percent took spiritual action, and 13 percent chose political action since Kirk’s passing,” Barna noted.

A fourth major spiritual trend documented by Barna in 2025 focused on the status of marriage and family in American life. The results on this topic were not nearly as encouraging as other aspects of the nation’s spiritual condition in the past year.

Barna found in a November analysis that less than half, 46%, of all American adults are married, compared to two-thirds who were married in 1950. “This drop is largely driven by a rise in never-married adults. Younger generations are postponing marriage longer than before. Since 1950, the average age at which adults are first getting married has increased by about eight years — from 22.8 to 30.2 years old for men and from 20.3 to 28.6 years old for women,” Barna said.

The divorce rate among Americans, Barna found, remained steady at 10%. But remarriage rates remain strong, with 55% of divorced adults remarrying, according to Barna.

Unfortunately, the divorce rate among professing Christians is hardly any different than among non-Christians.

Believers who claim to attend church regularly and say their faith is a priority in their lives are just as likely as non-Christians to have experienced divorce. The percentages are 20% among non-practicing Christians and 16% for practicing Christians and non-Christians alike.

“However, Christians are not likely to stay divorced; overall, 58 percent of Christians who have been divorced say they have remarried. The effect is that Christians remain more likely than their peers of other faith groups to be married, whether once or multiple times,” Barna said.





# News & More



**ARE YOU FIRED UP?**  
(After you read this)

Photography by Jack Roper



**Fire:** It has 3 sources; they are heat, fuel & oxygen which causes a chemical combustion when all meet. The sun is a fire ball. It does not use oxygen like nuclear fusion. It is like a "giant hydrogen bomb". Nuclear fusion does NOT need any oxygen to burn. The sun produces nuclear reactions & O<sub>2</sub> is not used and not available in outer space. The nuclear bomb used in WWII did not need O<sub>2</sub> to explode because it was a nuclear trigger reaction & not a TNT chemical combustion which needs oxygen.

Hitler's secret-The Bomb to be used on any & all enemies. God knew the evil in Hitler's heart. The scientists were making "heavy water D<sub>2</sub>O" for a nuclear fire bomb test. Hitler's enemies blew up his world control bomb delusion.

#### GOD HAS MANY PURPOSES FOR FIRE

Fire cooks our food

Fire gives us light and warmth

Fire gives us a night with a campfire

Fires in the forest allows for new growth to spring up.

Fire lights the candles for us to see when walking in the dark

Fire triggers a forest fire

Fire is expressed in the clouds that warns us with the sound of thunder

Fire can kill us if a lightning bolt strikes our life

Fire and brimstone are reserved for the Devil and his co-workers.

Article and photography by Jack Roper RN / Freelance research writer

#### Flame temperature

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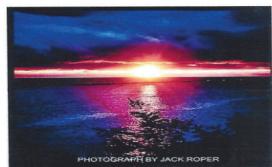
# Fire

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**"He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people"** (Exodus 13:22)

**"When thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned neither shall the flame kindle upon thee"**  
Isaiah 43:2b

**"Is not my word like as a fire saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock."**  
(Jeremiah 23:29)





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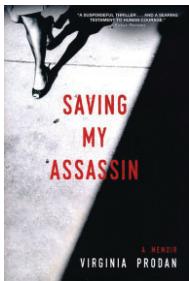
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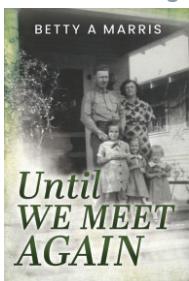
**Saving My Assassin, A Memoir** by Virginia Prodan



"I should be dead. Buried in an unmarked grave in Romania. Obviously, I am not. God had other plans." -Virginia Prodan

"How would you respond to a man sent to murder you? Hopefully most Americans will never have to face that challenge, but Virginia Prodan did, and has and lived to tell about it. .... More important, though, she warns that our nation has stumbled onto a path destined for the darkness she escaped. Read Virginia's book to be inspired. Read this book to learn how to keep America free." - Kevin D. Freeman, CFA **Tyndale House Publishers, \$17.99**

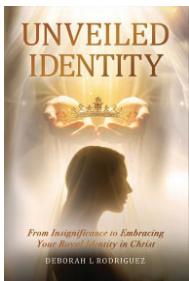
**Until We Meet Again** by Alice Marrs



This is a true story that began with a nine-year-old girl who saw her father go off to war, never to return home. That girl was Betty Marrs, now ninety-four years old with a strong desire to honor her father's memory with an account of his life as she recalls it.

Betty Alice Marrs is a devout follower of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who prompted her with "Post Cards" of inspiration to tell her story. Those post cards are people she met much later in life, who knew her father, or had been in combat very near him in World War II. **Trilogy \$19.99**

**Unveiled Identity** by Deborah L Rodriguez



In Unveiled Identity, Deborah Rodriguez shares her deeply personal journey of transformation—one that began in self-doubt and fear, but unfolded into confidence, purpose, and joy through discovering her priceless worth and her and true identity in Christ. With warmth, wisdom, and vulnerability, Deborah invites you to step into the same freedom she found: the freedom of seeing yourself through God's eyes.

With each chapter, you'll explore themes such as "A Royal Identity" and "Operating Out of Abundance," reinforced by Scripture, key takeaways, and reflective questions designed to deepen your relationship with Christ.

Deborah Rodriguez is an author, pastor's wife of 25 years, caregiver of her cherished aging parents, and a veteran home educator of her six talented children. **Self-published. \$10.00 paperback, \$15.00 hard cover**

### WHO? ME?

See Deborah's message to her readers on the next page!

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES



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**Two Worlds - A Journey Through Their Vast Differences**  
by Michael C Herber



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This is a story about love arriving in the middle of wrong roads and calling us by name anyway. This is how the world begins to shift. One soul at a time, interrupted by light, remade by the voice that still speaks.

Michael Herber is a finalist in the Kingdom Restoration Impact Award Finalist a National Award for his book The Master of Broken Lives. Kingdom Book Awards. **Self Published \$5.00 special**

### BOOK REVIEW FOR TWO WORLDS BY MICHAEL C HERBER

Rooted in the piercing truth of Romans 12:1-2, Two Worlds is not just a book—it's a spiritual reckoning. Michael invites readers into a raw, reflective journey where the tension between flesh and spirit, culture and kingdom, is laid bare. With poetic depth and theological clarity, he explores the divine call to present our bodies as living sacrifices and to resist the seductive patterns of this world.

Each chapter unfolds like a mirror—revealing the subtle compromises we make and the sacred renewal we're offered. Michael doesn't preach from a pedestal; he writes from the trenches, where pain and mercy collide. His insights are drenched in scripture, yet accessible to anyone wrestling with identity, purpose, or the ache of unhealed wounds.

What makes Two Worlds unforgettable is its urgency. It doesn't just interpret Romans 12—it embodies it. The book challenges readers to examine their loyalties, renew their minds, and embrace the transformation that only Christ can bring. It's a wake-up call for believers who feel stuck between the world's noise and God's whisper.

In a culture obsessed with self-preservation and worldly gain, Two Worlds dares to ask: What does it mean to truly surrender? What happens when we stop conforming and start transforming? Available at Pro-Bu-Calls, Amazon.com in, E-book, paperback, and hardcover. Free Audiobook vouchers are also available as well.

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### WHO? ME?

"Deborah, you should write a book." I slumped into my chair, as I heard these words for the third time in 5 years, and whispered under my breath, "Wow! It really is you God." Going home from church that day, I pondered, "What could I have said that prompted this charge from God?" In all three instances, I realized I was sharing insights from my life experiences when I took care of my elderly father the summer he had a stroke. I was his caregiver, but God in His pursuing love, positioned me to learn something about myself that needed to come to wholeness.

The writing journey began and the publish date was December 2nd, 2025! To God be the glory! The writing process has transformed me in ways I didn't expect. One being, overcoming imposter syndrome. "Who am I to write a book, especially since I'm still learning how to walk in the truth God so lovingly unveiled in a miraculous way?" His answer was: "Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy..." (Psalm 107:2). The focus was no longer on my shortcomings and failures, but on the work God had begun (and will complete) in me through my miraculous healing and how the message God wrote on my heart needs to be shared with others who need it too.

Although the book has been newly published with 5 star reviews, it has already been featured in the Victorious Women in Christ magazine, the King's Cup Christian Coffee Shop, in Mount Pleasant, WI and now, The Christian Courier. You can scan the QR code to find it on amazon here:



Or go to amazon.com and search for: Unveiled Identity: From Insignificance to Embracing Your Royal Identity in Christ by Deborah L. Rodriguez

Or see my website: <http://authordeborahrodriguez.com>

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## Snow Flake Crystals

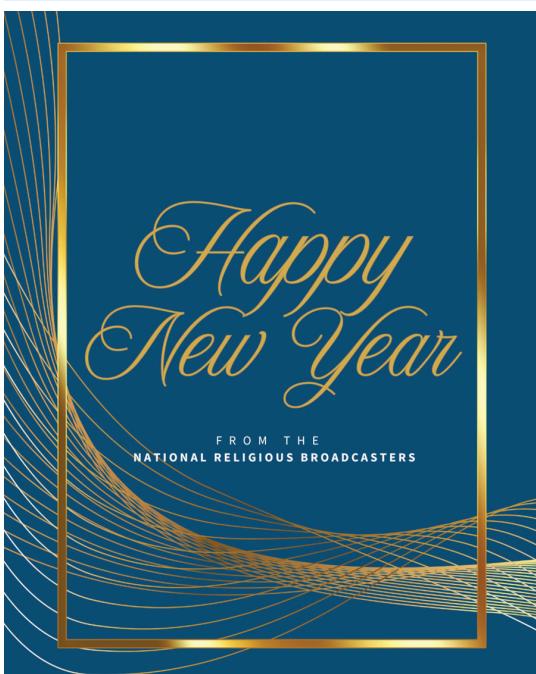


Article and photography by Jack Roper

Wind plays an important roll in the structural formation of a snowflake crystal. As the wind blows the tiny molecule around, the wind in its blowing determines how fluffy or how hard the flake crystal will be. The factor here is when the wind is blowing a developing flake into a cold cloud pocket, a crystal's branches will grow. In other words the six arms of the new crystal expands thus forming the beautiful designed flake. Now the question is how does the wind which has no freewill or personality, choose a one of a kind flake to go where the flake is sent? Depending on the cloud temperature & humidity & cloud location & contents & the flake's stage of development, how does the wind know where to send the flake that needs to be finalized? We need to also remember that each flake is unique & one of a kind & counting the number of snow flakes is uncountable and impossible. Wm Bentley, a meteorologist & photographer studied snow flakes for 50 years. He stated that "no two snowflakes are exactly alike" (Source: Wikipedia). That quote is impossible to prove or disprove. There is only one person that would know that answer was when God was talking to Job "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow?" (Job 38:22) There are treasures that God does not want us to know.

There are treasures that are hidden-hidden in the clouds It's white snow.

Snow has a way of protecting plant root from very cold winters because of the ground covering snow gives. The winter without snow leave the ground open to the killing of microbes that live in the soil. Some of those microbes are algae which are photosynthetic and produce oxygen for the soil microbes



### THE NEW ERA OF CHRISTIAN MEDIA STARTS NOW.

As we enter 2026, the primary challenge facing Christian communicators is no longer technological. Access, scale, and distribution are readily available. The challenge is whether we possess the conviction to speak truthfully (1 Peter 3:15-16) in a culture where biblical truth is labeled "extremism" and clarity is punished as "intolerance."

Will Christian communicators exercise courage or default to self-censorship in the new year?

In 2025, thousands gathered at the NRB International Christian Media Convention to be sharpened as iron sharpens iron: to be equipped, encouraged, and inspired to proclaim truth to a hostile culture and decaying world.

As we step into a new year and the 250th anniversary of American independence, we do so with clear-eyed resolve. This Nation was founded on Christian principles: that our rights come from God, not government; that truth is fixed, not fluid; and that liberty depends on moral restraint. Communicators have a responsibility to defend and advance these biblical truths in the public square, not retreat from them.

Our 2026 priorities reflect that responsibility, and we're excited to further that mission at the NRB 2026 Convention in Nashville. Together, let's step boldly into this new golden era, confident that influence follows faithfulness and God's truth continues to transform lives and shapes nations.

*From all of us at NRB, we wish you a Happy New Year.*



# News & More



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Bill Druliner, Executive Director of Administration, Eastbrook Academy

reflects Micah 6:8's call to "walk humbly with your God." Curiosity is not moral indecision; it is a refusal to reduce image-bearers to arguments. As Proverbs reminds us, "To answer before listening—that is folly and shame" (Proverbs 18:13).

From there, the framework asks first: What does the Word of God say? Scripture anchors our convictions within the larger gospel story—God's rescue plan for humanity. When we understand that creation, fall, redemption, and restoration (Genesis 1; Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Revelation 21) are all true at the same time, we gain a more faithful lens for interpreting the world around us. This "now and not yet" tension invites humility, patience, and hope.

Jesus repeatedly warns against using truth as a tool for self-righteousness. He reserves His strongest rebukes for those most convinced they have everything figured out, while offering patient correction within the context of relationship.

The framework also insists that difficult conversations belong best within relationship. Paul exhorts believers to "speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15)—not as a slogan, but as a relational discipline. Too often, Christians quote the warning, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths," while neglecting its full instruction: "but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs" (Ephesians 4:29). Students are taught to see the person before the issue, to ask why someone believes what they believe, and to recognize when wisdom calls for pausing rather than pressing forward.

Another crucial element of the framework is the call to remain in community even when disagreement persists. Matthew 18:15–17 outlines a process for addressing conflict that assumes ongoing relationship, not immediate separation. In a fractured culture, the Church has an opportunity to model something profoundly countercultural: unity without uniformity.

When students learn that disagreement does not require division, they are freed to engage the world faithfully rather than fearfully. They discover that conviction and humility are not opposites, and that peacemaking is not passivity but active obedience: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

If we want the next generation to carry the gospel into a complex world, we must teach them not only what to believe, but how to live those beliefs with wisdom, courage, and love.

I welcome dialogue and feedback from readers wrestling with these same questions.

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**Identity produces service. Insecurity produces performance. When identity is unclear, service becomes exhausting. We strive, compare, compete, and measure ourselves against others. We serve with tension, driven by the need to be noticed or affirmed. But when identity is secure, service becomes joyful. There is no pressure to impress, no fear of being overlooked, no anxiety about position. We serve because love compels us, not because approval demands it. ~ Worthy Brief**



## In the Kitchen With Diane

Diane Fechter, Author



### ITALIAN SOUP

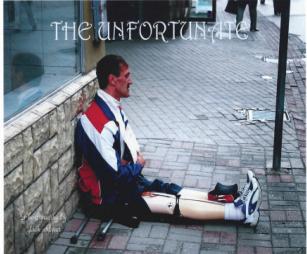
**1 lb. Italian sausage  
1/2 c. chopped onion  
1 (8 oz.) block cream cheese, softened  
1 can Rotell  
4 c. low-sodium chicken broth  
1/2 c. heavy cream  
1 tsp. Italian seasoning  
1/2 tsp garlic powder  
1/4 c. chopped sundried tomatoes in oil, optional  
10 oz cheese tortellini  
3 c. fresh spinach  
Fresh grated parmesan or asiago cheese, optional**

*In a large pot, cook sausage and onion until brown. Drain grease. Add cream cheese, stirring until melted. Add Rotell, chicken broth, cream, Italian seasoning, garlic powder and sundried tomatoes. Bring to a boil. Add tortellini and cook gently until done, about 3 minutes. Add spinach and stir until wilted, 1-2 minutes. Serve with grated cheese, if desired.*

*For more recipes and tips see [www.recipesforafull-filledlife.blogspot.com](http://www.recipesforafull-filledlife.blogspot.com)*



# OTHERS?



While walking down a street in Europe, this is what I saw. What I saw was me. How this unfortunate person had plastic legs hoping for someone to drop a few coins to keep him going for another day. We never know what our next day will be like. We can end up dead or in a nursing home being cared for. As of now I have been very independent & blessed. As I look in a mirror, what do I see? A person that has had many trials! I almost drowned 3 times. I ended up on a hospital cardiac unit for a week as a patient. The list goes on. And in those trials I am still able to walk and talk. Having been for many years, a Registered Nurse, I have worked on a trauma unit for 8 years. I have seen suffering and have truly experienced it. I have seen patients in pain and was one of those patients. But I am able to still talk and walk. I have been very fortunate in life. Having seen what I have seen, I have often come to appreciate the value of self-reflecting. How good God is!

The heart loves the ride of pride. Haughty eyes ( Proverb 21:4) which is sin can be seen facially. Pride can not be seen but its results are noticeable by the end results. God knows as written in His Word. The heart of the person knows of its wickedness (Jeremiah 17:9) by the heart's outcome. Pride is at the heart of being selfish. Pride loves wickedness because pride is at home with wickedness. Humility is the antidote that plows through the triplets of pride, wickedness and selfishness. Humility ( Proverbs 11:2, 1 Peter 5:5 and Philippians 2:3) opens up the door to mercy and grace received, Godliness, honesty, purity, inner peace and personal growth in the Lord. With these extrinsic features others around you start to notice a difference in your life. Humility opens up the door to clean smiling more often, a quite moral attitude, clean language when others are swearing that are around you and nonconformity to the world's debauchery. Your working partners notice that there is something different about you as you have changed from immorality to morality. Humility also deals with the heart. Out of a clean heart are words that will change you and can change those around you. Humility changes your personality from roughness to meekness from gross language to reservation of what words to speak. This is called wisdom. Your experiences can supply you with earned wisdom. Humility can also supply you with discernment in what you are going to say and how you say it because you start to think carefully of what you have been thinking before you speak. That is the begining of discerning wisdom. Others can be changed as they get to know you because you are in the process of being changed and this change does not end because the Word of God will change you as you daily read His Word. The Word will illuminate your mind how to you live before you die. When others notice your change you can share how you have been changed through His Word. His Word is sharper than any 2 edged sword (Heb 4:12). Your final blessed destination is Heaven for Hell is a forever sin suffering doom.



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## The Writebols Review 2025 and look ahead to 2026

*Psalm 126:3 "The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy!"*

We always look at the turning of a new year as an opportunity to look back and reflect on the people God has given us the privilege of meeting and serving and the things He has given for us to do. We hope you enjoy these reflections and stories of God at work through your faithful prayers and gifts to us. We look forward to what the Lord will do in 2026.



Graduates from the Rafiki Village, Zambia: (l. to r.) Evelyn, Samuel, Nancy, Jeff, David, Lemmy. Inset: Jeff, Eva, Samuel, Lemmy, Luka, Rafiki Village, July 2007

### 1 YOU REACHED CHILDREN IN LIBERIA AND SOUTH AFRICA

Churches in urban areas, compounds, and communities in Liberia and South Africa are often called to minister to children who have experienced the horrors of violence, abuse, neglect, and more. Equipping the children's ministry leaders to respond to these traumas is important to the ministry of the church, and to the children. Nancy spent several weeks this year (and last year) equipping many of these leaders. What a joy to see the Trauma Healing ministry grow and become a vital part of the church's mission. Children's Camps brought numbers of participants and facilitators to encounter help and healing through Trauma Healing. Many have found a new relationship with Jesus Christ.

Nancy also spent many hours this year as part of the Revision Team for the Children's Program material. It was a joy to pilot the new material this year in South Africa.

### 2 YOU CONTINUED GOD'S WORK IN ASIA, NEPAL, MALAYSIA, VIETNAM, SINGAPORE, THAILAND

"How do you cope with all the travel you do?" That's a question we are asked frequently. Naturally, we feel the effects of our age, but we also are thankful for the strength and stamina that God gives us. Each country or region that we visit holds a special place in our hearts. We give thanks for the people we work with and rejoice in the growth and progress they are making in the ministry. They become precious friends and family in the Lord.

### 3 YOU EMPOWERED MINISTRY LEADERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD INCLUDING ZAMBIA, CANADA AND THE U. S.

Over three hundred workers in Trauma Healing met in Nairobi, Kenya for three days in October 2025 at the Global Community of Practice. Nancy and the SIM Regional Coordinators for Trauma Healing attended, hearing featured speakers, attending break-out sessions, and networking with other practitioners from across the world. It was encouraging to be able to present new translations of materials in Vietnamese, Afrikaans (Children), and French. The conference rejoiced and prayed over other new language copies as they were presented.

### 4 YOUR SEED, GOD'S HARVEST

While we were in Zambia in early September, we reconnected with some of the children we received and cared for at the Rafiki Village eighteen years ago. These have graduated from high school and are now completing their college experience. We thank God for their godly character and how they have grown up, desiring to serve God with their lives.

We thank God for the gift of supporters and prayer partners like you who have faithfully given and prayed for us over the past 28 years. Each picture in this newsletter tells a story of great things God has done.

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Each Area Team meeting, phone call, hour served at a Drop-off Location and every moment in between allow for growth on a national scale. We pray you can look back on 2025 and praise God for each milestone. Rest assured that God is using your faithful obedience to bring His Gospel to over 100 countries. We are so grateful for your partnership in ministry.

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*"We always give thanks to God for all of you, making continually mention of you in our prayers; We constantly keeping in mind your work of faith and labor of love, and perseverance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters, beloved by God, His choice of you; for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in with the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake." - 1 Thessalonians 1:2-5, NASB*



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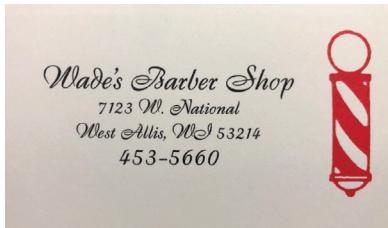
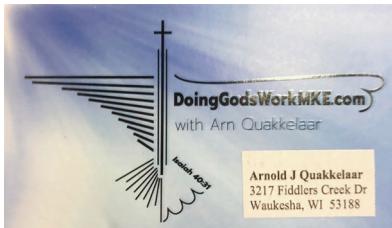


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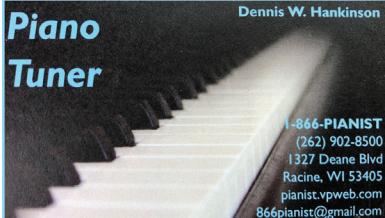
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## FINISH THE YEAR BY BLESSING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ATHLETES!

For most of her life, Danielle believed her performance defined her.

At the young age of 5, tennis consumed her childhood: hours of daily training, missed family moments, even holidays sacrificed. In fact, she and her family moved from Chicago to Florida so she could train at the prestigious IMG Academy.

By the time she reached college, the pressure had made her anxious, discouraged and searching for something more ... but not knowing where to find it.

Then, on her way to the University of Iowa, God met Danielle in an unexpected place: an airport.

A brief conversation with a stranger opened the door to coffee with an Athletes in Action (AIA) staff member. And in that space, through intentional conversations and community, Danielle was seen as more than an extraordinary athlete, but as a person to be loved.

While attending Bible studies, Danielle learned a truth she had never known before: Her worth wasn't something she had to earn!

And that truth, that salvation is by grace through faith, changed everything.

Danielle realized she had been living out of her own strength. When the invitation at an AIA camp was given to place her faith in Jesus, she stepped forward and surrendered everything.



Her identity was no longer tied to wins or losses, but to Christ!

Today, Danielle is a missionary, serving athletes through Athletes in Action and helping them discover that their identity goes far beyond their sport.

As she puts it, "I didn't get the career I wanted, but I met Jesus in exchange, and now I get to help other athletes experience and encounter the love of Christ."

Danielle's story didn't happen by accident. It happened because generous partners like you made it possible for her to have access to discipleship and community!

It changed her life ... and now it's changing others.

## Dazed and Confused on Illegal Drugs

By Tony Perkins

Has the Trump administration staked out a paradoxical position on illegal drugs?

On December 15, President Trump issued an executive order declaring illicit fentanyl a weapon of mass destruction. With that declaration, the administration elevated fentanyl from a public health crisis to a national security threat — opening the door to expanded military engagement against drug traffickers and transnational cartels.

That designation is not without justification. Over the last five years, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has linked illicit fentanyl and related synthetic opioids to more than 300,000 American deaths. A CDC-cited analysis estimates the annual societal cost of illegal opioid use exceeds one trillion dollars, factoring in health care, lost productivity, criminal justice costs, and premature death. Few threats have inflicted this level of devastation.

Yet just three days later, on December 18, the president signed another executive order reclassifying marijuana from a Schedule I drug to Schedule III. While the move stops short of full decriminalization, it significantly loosens federal restrictions, reduces criminal penalties, and opens the door for banks and investors to more freely participate in the so-called medicinal cannabis industry. Wall Street reacted immediately — cannabis stocks surged following the announcement.

This shift did not occur without warning. Prior to the order, nearly two dozen members of Congress urged the president not to move marijuana toward decriminalization. Several signatories were physicians. Their argument was direct: Schedule I drugs are addictive and lack accepted medical value, and marijuana, they said, still fits that definition.

Their concerns are supported by extensive research. A major review by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine found substantial evidence that cannabis use increases the risk of developing other substance use disorders. For many users — especially adolescents — marijuana functions as a gateway drug, increasing for some the path to harder drugs, addictions fueling the demand that is at the core of the fentanyl crisis.

Compounding the risk is the dramatic change in the drug itself. Today's marijuana averages four to five times the THC concentration of cannabis from the 1970s, undercutting claims that modern use is comparable to past recreational use. Studies also show adolescent cannabis use is linked to permanent IQ loss and altered brain development, particularly in areas governing impulse control, judgment, and risk assessment.



Tony Perkins from the Family Research Council

The real-world consequences are already visible. States like Colorado that have legalized marijuana have seen increases in traffic fatalities involving drivers testing positive for THC. Emergency room visits tied to marijuana have also risen, especially for acute anxiety, paranoia, and psychotic episodes. And legalization has not eliminated criminal activity. According to DEA reporting, major drug cartels remain deeply involved in marijuana trafficking — even in states with legalized markets — supplying untaxed and unregulated demand while using cannabis profits to fund broader criminal operations.

The administration's drug policy is incoherent.

The federal government is waging a shooting war against drug traffickers in the Caribbean while simultaneously decriminalizing marijuana and normalizing its use at home. You cannot tell our troops these substances are dangerous enough to light up drug boats with missile strikes, while suggesting to teenagers that lighting up a joint in the backyard is no big deal. That contradiction isn't just confusing — it's dangerous.



# News & More



## AUDIENCE OF FUN: RECLAIMING JOY IN YOUTH SPORTS

From [www.athletesinaction.org](http://www.athletesinaction.org)

Why the best thing you can do for your young athlete might just be... cheering from the right place.

The scoreboard was close, and the sideline was loud. A six-year-old girl stood near midfield, frozen. Her coach was shouting from one side. Her dad was waving his arms and yelling from the other. Her mom stood tensely, whispering play-by-plays to another parent. And then, with the most honesty a child can muster, the little girl turned to her coach and asked, "Can I just go home now?"

It's easy to forget what sports feel like through a child's eyes. For them, it started with a spark of joy—the thrill of chasing a ball, hearing teammates laugh, wearing a jersey. But somewhere along the way, adult voices—though well-intentioned—can drown out the fun.

Here's the truth: 9 out of 10 young athletes say they play sports because it's fun. And the number one reason they quit? It stopped being fun.

As parents and coaches, we often become the unintended audience our kids are performing for. We want the best for them, but sometimes, without realizing it, we contribute more to the pressure than to the joy.

So how do we shift the atmosphere? How do we become champions of joy instead of critics of performance?

### What It Means to Be in the "Audience of Fun"

Picture a game where the sidelines are filled with people who don't just want to win—they want to witness joy. They clap for hustle plays. They high-five effort. They cheer when someone gets back up after falling. They're not fixated on stats; they're focused on smiles.

That's the kind of environment kids thrive in.

Being part of the Audience of Fun doesn't mean we stop caring about competition. It means we elevate enjoyment as a priority. Because when kids love the game, they stick with it longer. They learn more. They grow into athletes who are both passionate and resilient.

### 5 Ways to Keep the Joy Alive in Youth Sports

Cheer with your face, not just your voice.

Your body language matters. Smile more. Relax your shoulders. Celebrate their presence on the field, not just their performance.

Ask better questions after the game.

Instead of "Did you win?" or "How did you play?", try "Did you have fun?" or "What made you laugh today?"

Take breaks from the pressure.

Every once in a while, skip the post-game breakdown. Go get ice cream. Talk about something completely unrelated to sports.

Let them lead.

Ask your child what they enjoy most about their sport—and look for ways to protect that joy. If they love defense, don't only praise their offense.

Be the calm in the chaos.

When the game gets intense, resist the urge to coach from the stands. Let the coaches coach. Your job? Be their biggest fan.

### A Final Thought

When we focus too much on outcomes, we risk missing the most important part of the game: our kids' hearts. We all want them to improve, to compete hard, and to succeed. But joy is not the enemy of growth—it's often the fuel for it.

So the next time you head to the field, court, or track, ask yourself:

"Am I contributing to chaos... or to joy?"

If we can consistently answer with "joy," we're not just raising better athletes—we're raising kids who are more likely to carry confidence, creativity, and love for life far beyond the game.



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*Vietnam Veteran and longtime right hand boiler repairman to Howard Honett, PE*

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# News & More



## Bibles Behind Bars and the Gospel Truth Jail Ministry are working hard to give thousands of inmates in north Georgia the gospel and a King James Bible

2026 started off with a bang, having received requests for King James Bibles and books from Orange County Corrections in Florida, Delta Regional Unit in Alaska, Monroe Correctional Complex in Washington, Tomoka Correctional Institution in Florida, Clallam Bay Corrections in Washington, and the Montana State Prison. That's what I'd call a fast start for Bibles Behind Bars. But today I want to draw your attention to the amazing discipleship work being done in North Georgia by the Gospel Truth Jail Ministry.

*"Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me." Psalm 142:7 (KJB)*

Recently they reached out to us with an update on the thousands of Bibles we supply to them, and lay preacher Jamie Baker said this "I gave out a Certificate from New Life in Christ Bible study to an inmate that had completed One of the studies. He broke down in tears saying that was the first thing he ever had completed in his life. It was like a moment of joy and tears. What a blessing it was. Bibles Behind Bars ministry is making a difference in the lives many people. Thank you for providing God's Word to the inmates!" Can you imagine being sent to the front lines without a sword to do battle with? So many preachers and chaplains around the country tell us how hard it is for them to get King James Bibles, and a lot of the times they preach



Members of the Gospel Truth Jail Ministry for both the men's and ladies jails

but have no Bible to leave with the inmates. Bibles Behind Bars solves that problem by providing all the Bibles they need no matter how large the jail or prison is. We've never yet had a request that was so large we couldn't meet the need, because of all of you who pray and donate.

Chaplain Roger says

"We are very grateful

for the Bibles Behind Bars ministry, for making Bibles available for the men and women of Catoosa County Jail, in Georgia. They are regularly asked for, by inmates. It is encouraging to see them following along during preaching time. More will be done while we are not there, just by the Word of God being in their hands." Christian, the Gospel Truth Jail Ministry is a very large coalition of chaplains, pastors, lay preachers and volunteers who minister to thousands and thousands of inmates. Bibles Behind Bars is there to make sure that every inmate who wants a Bible will receive a Bible, and that's where you come in. It takes a lot of people to do this work, and it takes a lot of money to supply them with the Bibles, books, scripture portions and gospel tracts that they need. Please pray for the dozens of preachers, workers and volunteers as well as the thousands of inmates who are ministered to. If God has prospered you, prayerfully consider making a donation to keep this vital end times work alive. As the end times darkness rises, we need you now more than ever, come help us!

*"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 'The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' ~ Matthew 25:37-40*

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WorshipService 10am  
414-164-1651  
[rightwaychurchministries@yahoo.com](http://rightwaychurchministries@yahoo.com)

## Risen Savior Bible Church

8556 W National Ave  
West Allis 53227  
Sunday Worship 9AM  
414-617-0347 or  
[RisenSaviorBibleChurch.org](http://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](http://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 Independent Bible Fellowship

PO Box 481, Oak Creek, WI 53154  
Meeting Sunday 9:00 am @  
the Oak Creek Community Center  
8580 S Howell Ave  
(414) 822-HOPE (4673)

### 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](http://christianlifechurch.us)

### Hillside Community Church

S93 W30580 County Rd NN  
Mukwonago 53149  
Sunday Worship 9AM  
Call for Bible Studies  
262.363.8025 or [HillsideMuk.org](http://HillsideMuk.org)

### Journey Church Burlington

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

## Cornerstone Church Lake Country

354 N. Oakwood Ave  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
Sunday Celebration 10am  
Wed. Catalyst Youth Group 7pm  
262-569-0001  
[cornerstonelakecountry.com](http://cornerstonelakecountry.com)

## Covenant Connection Fellowship Church

(Inglewood 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](http://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

## Emmaus Bible Church

220 N 6th Ave  
West Bend WI 53095  
Sun School 9 AM  
Sun Worship 10:15 AM

Sun Old Testament Survey Class  
6:30 PM  
E-Mail: [ECBWestBend@gmail.com](mailto:ECBWestBend@gmail.com)  
848-226-4306

## Faith Christian Fellowship

1200 Racine St.  
Racine 53403  
262.637-6220 or [RacineFCF.org](mailto:RacineFCF.org)  
<http://www.orchardhilllag.com>

## Faithlife Victory International Church

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

## Foundation Biblical Baptist Church

6224 22nd Ave.  
Kenosha, WI 53143  
Sunday School 10am  
Morning Service 11am  
Main Service 6pm  
262.654-4665 [www.fbbckenosha.org](http://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  
262.654.9631 [GBC-Kenosha.org](http://GBC-Kenosha.org)

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## Journey Church Burlington

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

## 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](http://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](mailto:believers@ZionChristianAssembly.org)



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Metropolitan Milwaukee  
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**Thursday, May 7th ~ National Day of Prayer**

Time: 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.



**Governor  
Tony Evers**

**Featured Speaker:**

**JAY SEEGERT**

He is an author, international speaker, and the Founder and Managing Director of The Starting Point Project. Before that, Jay put his engineering and physics degrees to work for A-C Compressor (of Allis-Chalmers), Wisconsin Electric, and Briggs & Stratton. A walking Bible, Jay has given over 3,700 lectures in the US and internationally including the UK and Russia.



**Author  
Jay Seegert**

Will be held at the **Wisconsin Club**, 900 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**For more info: [www.WisconsinGovernorsPrayerBreakfast.com](http://www.WisconsinGovernorsPrayerBreakfast.com)**

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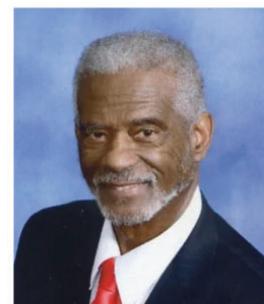
**12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m.**

**Message by Julius Malone**

**Senior Pastor of New Testament Church**

**Worship music by Judah**

Service in the Sanctuary followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall,  
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The book cover features a portrait of Drew Hensley on the left and the title and author information on the right. The title 'INVISIBLE GRIEF' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, the author's name 'DREW HENSLEY' is written in a smaller, white serif font. At the bottom, it says 'FOREWORD BY JUSTIN S. HOLCOMB'.

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